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PLANE CRASH REPORT OUT

No cause listed; victim's iPhone videos studied

By Lyn Riddle

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There is no determination yet on what caused the airplane crash that killed two Greenville families.

That will likely come within the next four months, a spokesman for the National Transportation

Safety Board said Wednesday.

But reports released by the NTSB after a 14-month investigation offer a glimpse into the life of the man who owned the charter airline company, the last moments of the family members and what was happening as the airplane banked right and slammed into the ground

seconds after takeoff less than half a mile from the airport in Soldotna, Alaska.

Pilot Walter "Willie" Rediske died, along with Greenville doctor Chris McManus, his wife, Stacey, and their two children, 17-year-old Meghan and 15-year-old Connor, and Melet and



FILE/AP

An NTSB report on the crash of a plane in Alaska that killed two Greenville families offers no conclusions on the cause.

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Libya panel pushes safety

Issue is now learning
lesson from Benghazi

By Mary Orndorff Troyan

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WASHINGTON — The special House committee investigating the 2012 terror attack in Benghazi debuted Wednesday in less confrontational style than previous congressional hearings on the issue.

The panel's first public hearing focused mostly on whether the State Department has learned its lesson about security.



Rep. Trey
Gowdy, R-S.C.

U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, the panel's Republican chairman, said the State Department has a history of resisting change despite hundreds of attacks on American facilities and personnel around the world.

Democrats on the Benghazi committee largely agreed, which is why Wednesday's hearing lacked the drama of previous partisan fights over whether the attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya was mishandled for political reasons.

In his opening statement, Gowdy addressed Democrats' latest criticism that the special committee is unlikely to break new ground after two years of analysis.

"An attack takes place, we commission a group to study how to make sure it doesn't hap-

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EUPHORIA BRINGS HOME THE BACON



MYKAL MCLEOD/NEWSSTAFF

Anthony Gray, executive chef at Bacon Bros. Public House, will be one of the chefs at Euphoria's Sunday Supper. Gray says food festivals offer a good opportunity for chefs to learn from one another. Below, Gray shows off a hot pepper grown at the restaurant.

Food, wine
and music
event having
impact on
dining scene,
economy

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There's an anecdote Carl Sobocinski likes to tell about the early years of Soby's that sums up how much Greenville's food scene has changed in the past 17 years. Then, Soby's had been in

business a couple of years and was drawing some attention for its New South cuisine, and other local restaurants were starting to hum along, too. And yet, Sobocinski couldn't get the quality wine he wanted from the state's distributors.

"They would tell us, 'those wines, we only get five cases a

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YOU CAN GO

For ticket information for the Euphoria festival, today through Sunday, go to www.euphoria-greenville.com.



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FSU QB to miss first half against Clemson

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S.C. confronts tragedy of domestic violence

BY GLENN SMITH
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COLUMBIA—A variety of experts lined up Wednesday to tell state lawmakers how to combat South Carolina's deadly toll from domestic violence. But a Lexington prosecutor said the major hurdle will be overcoming a culture that has allowed the problem to fester for decades.

Nicole Howland, a domestic violence prosecutor, told a House committee that a judge recently asked her whether a man accused of repeated abuse might

Till death do us part

himself be the victim of a vindictive woman looking to "set the poor guy up." It's attitudes like that, Howland said, that explain why the state can't shed its status of one of the deadliest in the nation for women.

"I challenge everyone in this room: What's your first thought when you hear domestic violence? Because if it's 'vindictive woman,' then you

have some work to do," she told the 10-member Criminal Domestic Violence Reform Committee. "It's about safety and accountability; then you are on the right train."

Howland's comments came as the committee began hearings to help devise a strategy for improving the state's domestic violence laws by the time the next legislative session begins in January. The meeting came one week after the Washington, D.C., based Violence Policy Center ranked South

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Beating victim hopes horror of her story will spur reforms

BY DOUG PARDUE
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Carrie Cassidy never traveled much more than 20 miles out of her Corbin, Ky., home in the heart of Appalachian coalfields until earlier this year when she moved to Myrtle Beach with her boyfriend.

She confesses they had some fights in an up-and-down relationship over the past four years, but she thought the move, and his new job in maintenance at a Grand Strand hotel, would be a new beginning.

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Critics say Sullivan's suit shouldn't stay in shadows

Some say battle over beachfront shrubs belongs in court, not mediation

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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SULLIVAN'S ISLAND—A judge has ordered mediation to resolve a suit challenging town rules for beachfront homeowners who cut back shrubs on public land.

Some residents are concerned that the issue will now be decided out of the public eye.

"I would like to see the mediation thing stopped. Take it to trial," said islander Larry McElwain. He spoke at a Town Council meeting on Tuesday where islanders were updated on the 5-year-old litigation.

Attorney Brady Hair, who is defending the town, said the issue is whether Sullivan's, through its zoning, can tell homeowners how low they can cut down vegetation on a swath of public land in front of their residences. The plaintiffs in the suit claim the growth of the maritime forest has devalued their homes by blocking their ocean views.

"We believe the town has unlimited authority. The town owns it. The front beach property owners do not," Hair said.

The first mediation session happened in late July. Hair said he is prohibited by law from talking about what went on during the meeting between the opposing parties.

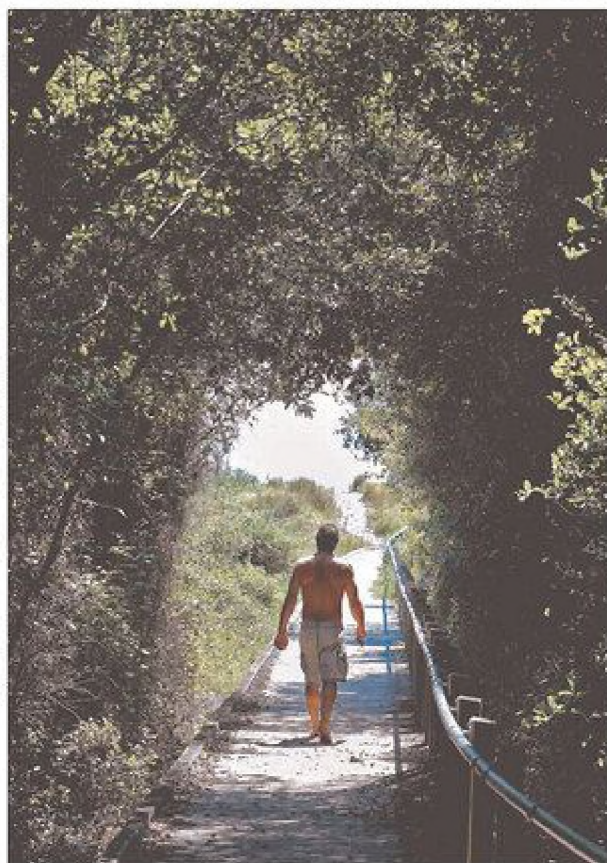
"The case is not resolved. The case is still pending with the master in equity," he said.

Hair said the situation is of great public interest on the island. "There are very few folks who don't have an opinion as to what should happen."

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Poll

Should homeowners on Sullivan's Island be allowed to cut or trim maritime woodlands on town property?
Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.



PAUL DOELLER/CAP

A beachgoer on Wednesday passes through a tunnel created by the trees of the maritime forest on the way to the beach at Station 1B on Sullivan's Island.

Accused officer resigns

Child porn case has no apparent link to Summerville High job

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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A resource officer at Summerville High School resigned Wednesday after authorities accused him of dealing in child pornography.

Patrolman 1st Class Carlisle Johnson Floyd, 40, had been arrested Tuesday on three felony counts of second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. Each charge is punishable with between two and 10 years in prison.

A three-year employee of the Summerville Police Department, Floyd was free on \$30,000 bail Wednesday when he resigned, town human resources manager Cynthia Brown said.

An arrest affidavit offered few details about the reported crimes that took place more than two weeks before the school year began. SLED spokesman Thom Berry said he had no information about whether the case involved the school. But district officials said that no evidence indicated such a link and that Floyd had an exemplary history at the high school he graduated from more than two decades ago.

The Summerville resident and father does not face charges related to official misconduct.

Floyd recently was removed from his duties as a resource officer and as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach at the 2,800-student school "pending a criminal investigation," said Pat Raynor, a spokeswoman for Dorchester District 2. A mother officer will be assigned to the school, she said.

"At this time," a district statement said, "there has been no indication of criminal activity connected to his position."

Raynor said the school had not fielded any complaints about Floyd during his time there.

No one had lodged any complaints with the police either, the department's spokesman said. Beyond confirming that Floyd no longer worked for the town's police force, Capt. Jon Rogers offered no further comment.

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LEXINGTON COUNTY TRAGEDY

Did Jones fear kids would kill him?

Warrants say father said they were going to chop him up, feed him to dogs

By **TIM FLACH**
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Accused killer Timothy Ray Jones Jr. told investigators he believed his five young children planned to kill him, records made available Wednesday show. Jones "believed the children were going to kill him, chop him up

and feed him to the dogs," according to arrest warrants on file in Lexington County courts.

No other details were given, including when he made that statement to investigators.

It's the first suggestion of why the killings of the children—Merah Gracie, 8, Elias, 7, Nahtahn, 6, Gabriel, 2, and Elaine Marie, 1—might

have occurred. Jones, 32, is charged with five counts of murder.

When Jones was stopped Sept. 6 in Mississippi, his SUV contained "a large amount of blood and handwritten notes with directions to kill and mutilate bodies," the docu-

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Trooper's, driver's records not spotless

SLED probe of Sept. 4 shooting now in hands of prosecutors

By **CLIFF LeBLANC**
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The Highway Patrol trooper who shot a motorist during a traffic stop over a seat belt violation two weeks ago has violated department policy twice, had two complaints dismissed and has a current complaint that is being investigated, authorities said.

In another development in the closely watched Sept. 4 incident, the State Law Enforcement Division turned over its findings to 5th Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson late Tuesday afternoon, a spokeswoman for Johnson said.

Spokeswoman Nicole

Holland said the prosecutor's review of the findings began Wednesday, but she does not know when a copy of the dash-cam video of the shooting will be released to the public.

The driver that Lance Cpl. Sean Groubert pulled over and then shot, Levar Edward Jones, was convicted previously on a marijuana possession charge that stemmed from a May 2011 traffic stop in Richland County, records show. He also paid a \$617 fine in the Orangeburg County town of Eutawville in 2012 for failing to show up for court on speeding

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THE DISCOMFORT OF DYING

A new study finds overly aggressive treatment and not enough focus on patients' desires increase pain and costs for Americans. **Page A4**

BENGAZI HEARING



House Select Committee on Benghazi chairman Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., second from right, gestures as he speaks Wednesday on Capitol Hill during the hearing on Benghazi.

Feds say they've fortified embassies in high-risk nations

House panel, led by S.C.'s Gowdy, holds first public hearing into attack

By **ALI WATKINS**
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — In the two years since Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were killed in an attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, the State Department says it has overhauled its strategies for protecting high-risk diplomatic posts

overseas.

At the first public hearing of the House Select Committee on Benghazi, led by U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., officials said the State Department has enacted nearly all of the nearly 70 recommendations provided to it in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2012, at-

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House bill looks to fund SRS

Short-term proposal seeks to prevent government shutdown

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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U.S. House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers recently introduced a bill for a short-term continuing resolu-

tion that would prevent a government shutdown and keep operations going at the Savannah River Site and all other government agencies.

In President Obama's budget proposal for fiscal year 2015, SRS is in line to

receive \$1.28 billion in federal funding — about \$27 million more than the Site received in the current fiscal year.

The opportunity to fund site operations under a full budget will end on Sept. 30, which is why Rogers, R-Ky.,

proposed the resolution.

The resolution would provide funding until Dec. 11, and the idea is to make sure the Site has funding until a final federal budget is passed for the next fiscal year.

"We have reached the point where a continuing resolution is necessary to keep the government functioning and avoid another shutdown."

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THROWBACK THURSDAY

Kalmia Lake was the spot for recreation, relaxation



What's it look like now?
For an updated photo of this location, see page 5A.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

This photo shows a gathering of people at the pavilion of Kalmia Lake, which is known today as the Old Robinson's Pond Site in Hitchcock Woods.

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Editor's note: This is one in an occasional series in which the *Aiken Standard* delves into the history of an old photograph taken in Aiken County.

Ask any Aiken resident today about the best lakes around and you're likely to hear Richardson's Lake, Lake Therman and — if you're willing to drive a little further — Lake Murray. But, situated in what is now Hitchcock Woods was once a body of

water known as Kalmia Lake. Several years ago, some local history buffs contacted the Aiken County

What is Throwback Thursday?

Throwback Thursday is a term that was born on social media sites, in which users post old photographs on Thursdays.

The photographs are usually identified by the inclusion of the hashtag #tbt.

On Thursdays, anyone can partic-

ipate in the Throwback Thursday trend by posting a photo on social networking sites such as Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr or Facebook to remember a past event.

Submit your local Throwback Thursday story ideas by emailing editorial@aikenstandard.com.

picture of what was called "Kalmia Lake," which was advertised as "recreation and amusement for all."

Kalmia Lake or Robinson's Pond?

Documents provided by the museum put a timeline on the body of water, which is identified on a map of Hitchcock Woods as the "Old Robinson's Pond Site" near the Dibble Road entrance.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Former solicitor enjoys creativity

BY DEDE BILES
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Editor's note: This is one in an occasional series in which the *Aiken Standard* catches up with notable figures from Aiken's past.

2009, she left that post, but her plan wasn't to slow down and take it easy.

"I didn't retire," Morgan said. "I got the opportunity to renew, refresh and restore. I didn't really have a bucket list, but there were times in the middle of the night, when I was preparing for a trial involving the death penalty or a serious

she wanted to learn. She took classes at USC Aiken in such subjects as documentary photography, painting and drawing. She also helped friends with home remodeling projects, sewed, refinished furniture and designed and built a barn.

In addition, Morgan embarked upon



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Live on the Green

Bruce Hornsby to go solo in Saturday's concert at Barnet Park *escape*



Winston punished

FSU quarterback benched for 1st half against Clemson *B1*

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Converse facility

Converse College President Betsy Fleming calls the new Marsha H. Gibbs Field House a game changer. A dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting was held Wednesday at the 14,000-square-foot, \$3.3 million building, which opened to athletes at the start of the semester. **PAGE C1**

OK to train rebels

The Republican-controlled House voted grudgingly to give the U.S. military authority to train and arm Syrian rebels on Wednesday. **PAGE A3**

Keeping rates low

The Federal Reserve signaled that it plans to keep a key interest rate at a record low for a considerable period because a broad range of U.S. economic measures remain subpar. The Fed said it planned to keep its benchmark rate near zero as long as inflation remains under control. **PAGE C4**

Citizenship test

Three former South Carolina governors are pushing for high school students to take the same test that immigrants must pass to become a U.S. citizen. **PAGE C3**

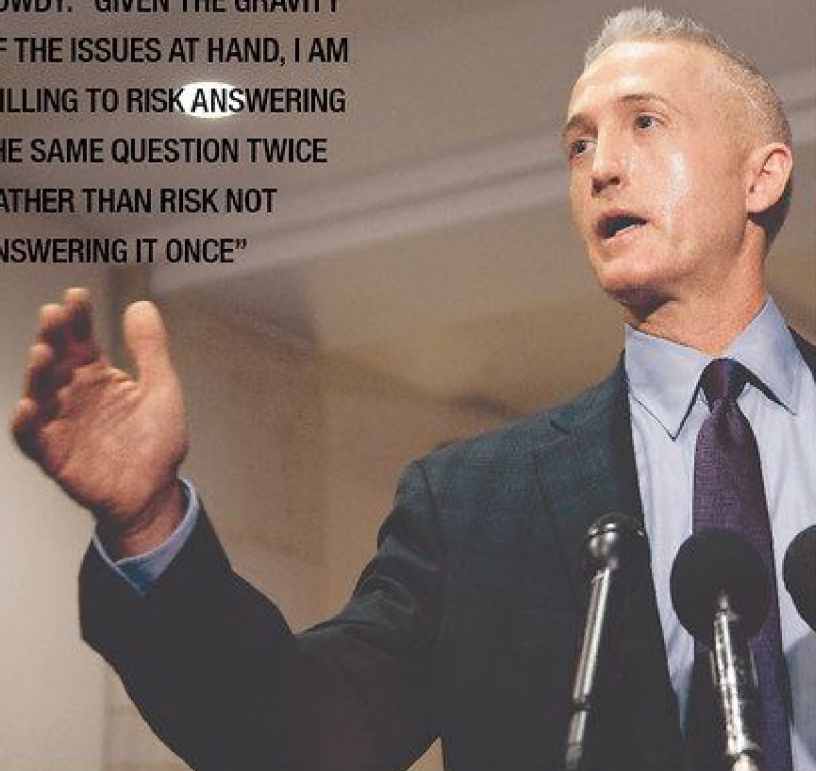
Big vote in Scotland

For Scots, Wednesday was a day of excitement, apprehension and a flood of final appeals before a big decision. In a matter of hours, they will determine whether Scotland leaves the United Kingdom and becomes an independent state. **PAGE A10**

BENGAZI PANEL

Investigation to extend into 2016 presidential election

GOWDY: "GIVEN THE GRAVITY OF THE ISSUES AT HAND, I AM WILLING TO RISK ANSWERING THE SAME QUESTION TWICE RATHER THAN RISK NOT ANSWERING IT ONCE"



Rep. Gowdy vows to pursue the facts in 2012 attack

By BRADLEY KLAPPER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican chairman of a special House panel on Benghazi charted a course Wednesday for his investigation to stretch deep into a 2016 presidential election that former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton seems likely to enter.

Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina vowed to pursue the facts wherever they lead him. Opening his committee's first public hearing,

"Given the gravity of the issues at hand, I am willing to risk answering the same question twice rather than risk not answering it once," said Gowdy, a former federal prosecutor leading Congress' eighth investigation of the deadly Sept. 11, 2012, attack in eastern Libya.

Congress is still seeking documents from the Obama administration related to the attack, he said. More witnesses are being interviewed and individuals who've participated in congressional investigations will be questioned again.

The special investigation was created to "find all of the facts, and I intend to do so."

U.S. diplomatic post and, hours later, fired on a CIA compound nearby. The incident became immediate political fodder given its timing in the weeks before President Barack Obama's re-election.

Some Republicans argue the military held back assets that could have saved lives and that Obama and Clinton lied to the public about the nature of the attack.

Democrats deride the interest in Benghazi as a right-wing effort to keep talk of scandal fresh and harm a potential Clinton bid for the presidency. They say notions that U.S. forces were ordered to "stand down" during the attack or that Clinton played

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Victims asking for help

Local crisis center seeing more people since Ray Rice video

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SAFE Homes Rape Crisis Coalition Executive Director Lynn Hawkins has noted two things since video of suspended NFL player Ray Rice dragging his wife from an elevator was leaked — a surge in people seeking help and more dialogue about the problem.

Hawkins said 22 victims came to SAFE Homes for therapy from Sept. 1 through Sept. 16 — up 77 percent from Aug. 15 to Aug. 30. There also is a 57 percent increase in the number of people in the shelter for the same period — 10 women and 12 children as of Monday.

Hawkins said more people personally examine domestic violence any time there's increased media attention.

"I think they are hearing it, and it is resonating with them, and it's causing them to take steps," Hawkins said of victims.

Around the time when O.J. Simpson was charged, tried and acquitted of murdering his wife, Hawkins said the shelter housed 651 people. That was a 22 percent increase over the previous year.

Hawkins said it's easy to downplay the magnitude of domestic violence. She said a victim may say their partner hit them, but that admission may not reveal the extent of her injuries — the bruising, cuts and blood.

The video of Rice knocking out his then-fiancee, now wife, provided the public a look at an act often perpetrated in private.

Hawkins has helped battered people for 36 years. She said the national attention has fostered a more open discussion with men.

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SC should take firearms from abusers



Moore stars on both sides for Eagles, **Sports 1B**

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PATRIOTISM IN THE CLASSROOM



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Fifth-grade teacher Traci McKee asks her students who would like to sign the class constitution they created Wednesday at Mathews Elementary.

D50 students celebrate Constitution Day



Fifth-grade students in Traci McKee's class sign their own classroom constitutions Wednesday morning at Mathews Elementary as part of Constitution Day.

By KATE HRUBY
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What took America's Founding Fathers nearly four months in the fly-ridden, oppressively hot assembly room of Philadelphia's Independence Hall, Greenwood School District 50 students accomplished in a matter of hours. Well, kind of.

More than 200 years since the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787, students of Mathews and Merrywood elementary schools on Wednesday celebrated Constitution Day, creating their own classroom constitutions, albeit under much less environmental duress.

At Mathews, Traci McKee's fifth-grade students recalled the conditions that led to the creation of the Constitution as well as the conditions that participants faced. After watching a video of School House Rock's famed "Preamble," students proceeded to discuss a classroom constitution drafted by McKee.

Students agreed on five classroom rules relating to positivity, honesty, hard work, participation and respect. Twenty-five of McKee's

students then signed the document, a large, unrolled scroll of paper pinned to the front wall of the classroom. The goals of the constitution were to ensure students could "have a fun, safe place to think, dream, believe, and achieve," a take on Mathews' mission statement.

Mathews principal Amy Hildebrand said the creation of class constitutions was a school-wide endeavor that was based on the Responsive Classroom initiative that strives to build engaged school and classroom communities.

"It fits very well with the philosophy of Responsive Classroom," Hildebrand said. She said a group of teachers met and researched what techniques would work best to tailor the study of the U.S. Constitution to each grade level, making the old document comprehensible to young children of various ages.

Additionally, Hildebrand said the project included the integration of the state-mandated social studies curriculum, regarding U.S. and South Carolina history.

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■ SC CIVICS

Ex-governors urge citizenship test for students

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Three former South Carolina governors are pushing for high school students to take the same test that immigrants must pass to become a U.S. citizen.

Former Gov. Dick Riley said civics education must become a higher priority, calling it critical for the country's future that teenagers gain a basic knowledge of American civics. The citizenship test is a practical way of stressing its importance, he said.

"This is not a partisan issue. It is an American issue," said Riley, Democratic governor from 1979-1987, who also served as President Bill Clinton's U.S. education secretary.

He helped launch the "South Carolina Civics Education Initiative" on Wednesday, the 227th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Other co-chairmen of the effort include former Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges (1999-2003) and former Gov. James Edwards, who in 1975 took office as the state's first Republican governor since Reconstruction.

They want the Legislature to pass a bill letting high school students boost their final grade point average by passing the test. The details have yet to be worked out, and the backers don't yet have a legislative sponsor to introduce the measure for the session that starts in January.

But the idea is to encourage students to learn the basics of America's founding and how government works so they become engaged, voting citizens.

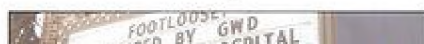
As currently envisioned, the proposal would not require South Carolina students to take the test, but would give them incentives to do so and allow them to take it as many times as they want. A passing score on the 100-question test would be 60 or higher, said Shell Suber, a spokesman for the initiative.

Immigrants take the test verbally from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officers. Applicants must answer at least six of 10 questions correctly, and the test stops as soon as the sixth correct answer is given, according to the Department of Homeland Security's website.

Suber said the cost of having

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Community Theatre creates a Footloose Scavenger hunt for tickets



By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY
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GCT's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/greenwoodcommunitytheatre>

said. "It's all about kids having fun and dancing. I wanted a fun way to give away

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Council passes firefighting equipment, Rembert water system project resolutions

BY JOE KEPLER
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Sumter City Council passed a pair of resolutions at Tuesday night's meeting, authorizing the purchase of a new cost-effective fire truck and a contract awarded for the completion

of the Rembert Water System improvements and High Hills Rural Water System connection project.

The shiny new truck will be pulling into Sumter Fire Department Headquarters in the near future, as a resolution was passed unanimously for the purchase of a new 77-foot aerial ladder truck, made by Ferrara Fire Apparatus Inc. in Louisiana. Chief Karl Ford spoke on behalf of the purchase to the council, citing major economic value the truck can hold for the city. The truck will cost \$599,136.00 and was

purchased through the U.S. General Services Administration. Already in the budget for \$670,000, the purchase will not only offer immediate savings, but also will save taxpayers even more through a more efficient truck.

"We're running a 107-foot (aerial ladder) truck downtown right now, and the truck we have now weighs approximately 83,000 pounds," Ford said. "We have to run this truck on any major calls, and by running this truck so much, it's costing us an average of possibly \$30,000 a year in tires."

The current 107-foot truck will be transferred to the fire department's Stadium Road Station because there is still need for the 107-foot model because of the large industrial parks in the area. By using the new 77-foot Ferrara truck for day-to-day operations, though, Ford said there will be noticeable savings in not just tires, but also in fuel costs and maintenance. He added the department has already cut repair costs, not including tires, that

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CONSTITUTION DAY MARKS 227 YEARS OF DOCUMENT



Helen Mahon, as Founding Father James Madison, rings bells in celebration of Constitution Week at Wednesday's Sumter Home Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting at Patriot Hall in Sumter. Morris College faculty, staff and students also celebrated the day by reading the entire Constitution aloud. Patricia Ali, the event coordinator and a history professor at Morris College, said, "They're dressed in red, white and blue, and everyone gets involved."

'Power to the people' celebrated on anniversary of our Constitution

Boys & Girls Club needs new leader

Bailey's retirement among recent changes for group

BY JADE REYNOLDS
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Ben Bailey is no longer the executive director of The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club.

"I want to thank the community for all its support in the 20-plus years I've been here," he said. "I really appreciate the staff and volunteers that I had the opportunity to work with, the businesses and organizations, the corporations that gave willingly with open hearts to our kids. I really appreciate them accepting me, a person who wasn't reared here, (and) embracing a philosophy of what we wanted to do with children. A special thank you for the parents who entrusted their kids in our care."

"I wish whoever it is that carries on the best. I feel saddened that it had to end this way. I gave everything I had for 21 years. Now I'm on to new endeavors, whatever they may be. And to all my kids, I'm going to miss them."

According to the commander of the Sumter-based unit that also serves Clarendon and Lee counties, Bailey retired.

"Ben did an excellent job while he was here," Maj. Robbie Robbins said. "It is time for us to go on. This command (unit) has not stopped this program in any shape or form, (and) the best has kept on. We hope to have more kids. We hope to grow."

The club currently serves 41 children by providing transportation as well as a safe place for the youth to do their homework, eat snacks and have fun, he said.

"I told the board today (Wednesday) that it is so much more than an after-school program," Robbins said.

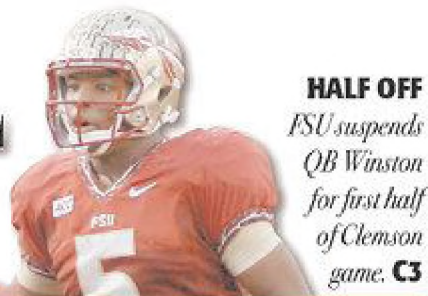
His office manager, Rita Blake, agreed. "We teach kids as they grow up to be respectable and honorable young women and men," she said.



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Man guilty in Clemson student's murder

Despite testimony, man gets 50 years for killing

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

PICKENS — Lester Devaria Mosley Jr. told a Pickens County jury Wednesday he wasn't

one of the four people who invaded a Central apartment nearly two years ago, so he couldn't have murdered Clemson University student Steven Grich.

However, a 12-member jury didn't believe his story. They found Mosley guilty of murder in the third day of his trial at the Pickens County Courthouse on Wednesday after about 90 minutes of deliberation.

In addition to the murder charge, Mosley was also found guilty of first-degree burglary, two counts of attempted armed robbery and

possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Mosley was sentenced to 50 years in prison for the murder charge, an additional 50 years for the burglary charge, 20 years for each of the attempted armed robbery charges and five years for the weapon charge. The sentences will run concurrently. Mosley will



A Pickens County jury found Lester Devaria Mosley Jr. guilty of murder and other charges in the 2012 killing of Clemson University student Steven Grich on Wednesday.

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'Political payback'

Attorney: Airplane lawsuit 'ginned up' over grudge

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Oconee County has filed a lawsuit against brothers Jerry and Steve Edwards, owners of The Journal, claiming a fee-in-lieu agreement they entered into with the county in 2001 was unauthorized and seeking \$315,675 in unpaid taxes.

The dispute stems from a lease the Edwards brothers signed with the county to build a corporate hangar at the Oconee County Regional Airport in exchange for tax incentives on an airplane.

The 27-page lawsuit was filed against the Edwardses and 25 EP Corp., which owned the plane, as well as two other associated entities — BDS and Hangar

FOR MORE

To read a related editorial, turn to page A4. To view the legal documents related to the case, click on this story on upstatetoday.com.

"tax collection matter," with councilmen Paul Corbell, Reg Dexter and Joel Thrift in favor. Greenville attorney Randle Moody filed the suit, which demands a jury trial, Tuesday.

The Journal previously reported county auditor Ken Nix claimed the corporation is delinquent, and the lawsuit alleges the lease was never passed as a county ordinance or examined by the sitting council.

Lane Davis, the attorney for 25 EP Corp., issued a statement on the lawsuit Wednesday.

"In league with the county auditor, certain Oconee County Council members have decided to abuse their elected offices so as to sling mud at their own constituents merely because they hold differing political views," the statement read. "The 'tax' dispute ginned up by these individuals has neither legal nor factual merit. When the dust settles



Paul Corbell



Reg Dexter

'I think they are mad at the newspaper because the newspaper didn't support them during the election.'

Wayne McCall
District 2 Oconee County councilman



Ken Nix



Joel Thrift

WALHALLA — Wayne McCall says he warned his fellow Oconee council members about going forward with legal action in the county's name on the basis of political vendettas.

His words apparently went unheeded.

The lawsuit in question was filed Tuesday, and McCall believes the councilmen who voted in favor might be at risk for potential litigation themselves.

"If for some reason you act outside your scope of office — say I used my position as an elected official to try to do harm or get even with somebody — then you've crossed the line, and the insurance reserve fund doesn't cover you," he said. "You're on your own now."

And one of the defendants in the lawsuit, Jerry Edwards, along with brother Steve, owners of The Journal, said they plan to take their own legal action.

"We take our credibility very seriously, and we have directed our attorney to immediately begin drawing up personal multi-million dollar lawsuits against Paul Corbell, Reg Dexter, Joel Thrift and auditor Ken Nix," Edwards said. "These individuals have acted outside of their scope as elected officials with this politically motivated lawsuit, and we want to ensure the taxpayers do not have to foot the bill for defending them."

After an executive session at its July 15 meeting, county council voted 3-2 for Administrator Scott Moulder to proceed with legal action on a "tax collection matter."

Corbell, a council member, made the initial motion, and chairman Thrift seconded it. Paul Cain and McCall voted against the lawsuit, but Dexter joined Corbell and Thrift in favor.

On Tuesday, the lawsuit was filed with the Oconee County Tenth Judicial Circuit court. McCall confirmed to The Journal the matter in question was the one voted upon July 15.





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Little bit of NYC in LC

'World-class' Goya exhibit opens Saturday

From staff reports

LAKE CITY — Art lovers in the Pee Dee don't have to go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art this fall to see a quality exhibit.

Beginning Saturday, Francisco Goya's "Los Caprichos" etchings will be on display at the Jones-Carter Gallery in Lake City.

"Something of this caliber ... is just an amazing opportunity for this community to come and see world-class art in Lake City," said Ray McBride, executive director of the Community Museum Society in Lake City.

"Like we say, it's like a little bit of New York City in Lake City."

The exhibit will be presented through Jan. 3. The opening coincides

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A look at the annual South Carolina Tobacco Festival, which starts today in Lake City. **1B**

with the 60th annual South Carolina Tobacco Festival, which starts today and ends Sunday in Lake City. Lake City is the sole South Carolina host for the Goya works.

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Jamison Mady (left), gallery assistant and Art 101 at 1 lecturer, and Hunter Deas, facilities and rental manager for the Community Museum Society, work on final details of the Goya exhibit installation Tuesday at the Jones-Carter Gallery in Lake City. The free exhibit opens during the 60th annual South Carolina Tobacco Festival at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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WEDNESDAYS @ CENTRAL



Buzz Rogers sings and plays guitar Wednesday night in the sanctuary of Central United Methodist Church.

Stories, retold

Buzz Rogers performs folk and bluegrass songs at Central United Methodist

BY VEASEY CONWAY
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FLORENCE

With a guitar balanced on his lap, Buzz Rogers sat onstage Wednesday in the Central United Methodist Church.

He listed the contents of the mug sitting beside him. "Hot tea, lemon and honey," Rogers said. "Because we're in the sanctuary, I didn't put anything else in it."

The lack of whiskey in his cup didn't diminish the authenticity

of Rogers' performance, though, which included an array of covers of folk, bluegrass and Americana songs about love, loss and the open road.

"I'll have to warn you," Rogers said, "I'm not a polished musician."

Between songs, Rogers explained the history of the historic guitars he used, which were carefully resting below him.

One was a 1955 Gibson J-45, partly made of mahogany. Another was from 1944 and made of rosewood.

Others came from 1939, 1957 and 1952.

"You never really own one of these guitars, you're just a guardian of it," Rogers said.

One displayed the fingernail marks of a previous musician.

Rogers also deconstructed songs, explaining their musical and narrative features.

"Put your thinking caps on," Rogers said to the audience. "Pay attention to the rhyme scheme. I want you to listen to the choice of words. It's so down-to-earth, real."

Rogers' son, Frank, is a multiple award-winning songwriter who has worked with many big-name musicians.

"Generally, they have about three minutes to tell a story, so the choice of words is what makes them special."

Rogers' performance included renditions of "City of New Orleans," originally by Steve Goodman, "Emma Jean's Guitar," and Darrell Scott's "You'll Never Leave Harlan Alive."

Florence County

New fire millage rate to receive second reading

Council meeting in Lake City to kick off the Tobacco Festival

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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WANT TO GO

» **WHAT:** Florence County Council
» **WHERE:** Bean Market, 111 Henry St., Lake City
» **WHEN:** 6 p.m. Thursday

FLORENCE — For the 25th year in a row, the Florence County Council will hold its September meeting Thursday in Lake City and will help kick off a weekend of Tobacco Festival festivities.

The council will hold the second reading of an ordinance that will adjust millage rates in the rural fire districts in the county's new unified fire protection district to compensate for the loss of revenue after West Florence Fire became its own special purpose district. This will push up millage rates from 22.4 to 31 to fund the \$3.8 million budget.

The third reading of that ordinance, if approved, will be held next Thursday along with a public hearing.

Similarly, council is introducing an ordinance, by title only, to issue \$3.5 million in bond anticipation notes with the understanding the county will obtain a bond next year to consolidate \$2.5 million in

outstanding bonds from three of the former fire districts, \$400,000 in loans from two other fire departments as well as legal fees.

Florence County Council Chairman James Schofield said if passed, it will nix the debt service from the fire district millage rate of 31 this year, lowering it to 27.5.

"There was some financing of fire trucks. There were other bonds obligations of the fire taxing districts to roll up into one concise package," Schofield said. "And because we don't know until the suit is settled at court, we don't know what the bond millage rate is set at. To do a bond anticipation note means we'll do a bond next year. That's the best we can do, trying not to over tax somebody but still take care of that anticipation."

The county hasn't released any dollar figures on what the ongoing legal battle over the constitutionality of the WFED



Schofield

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FMU Constitution Day program looks at 8th Amendment

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FLORENCE — Francis Marion University's Department of Political Science and Geography

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» Three former South Carolina governors want students to take citizenship tests. **3A**

» A look at some questions on the U.S. citizenship test. **3A**

Jepertinger said if others have seen the things he's seen over the course of his legal career, they would probably feel the same way he does.

"If I did something else for a living, I probably wouldn't be,"

Richardson said. "You get to choose the way you meet your end."

According to the South Carolina Department of Corrections, there are 44 inmates sentenced to the death penalty in South

Carolina. The department said that the death penalty can result in cases of murder accompanied by certain aggravating circumstances. Circumstances include but are not limited to: criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping, physical torture, multiple homicide, rape with



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Authorities are working to determine what happened to a man found dead inside his Dodge Magnum at an Orangeburg hotel early Wednesday. Police had the vehicle towed to an impound area.

RICHARD WALKER/T&D

Body found in car

Man found dead outside hotel had apparent gunshot wound

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

An Orangeburg man was found dead in his car at a local hotel early Wednesday morning by police doing property checks.

Police found 30-year-old Ricardo Sprinkle covered in blood inside his Dodge Magnum early Wednesday at the Econo Lodge Inn and Suites on John C. Calhoun Drive.

Orangeburg County Deputy Coroner Sean

Fogle said Sprinkle's immediate cause of death is pending an autopsy to be held Thursday in Newberry.

According to an incident report, however, police noticed "a small area on the subject's left chest, which appeared to be the entry hole of a small-caliber weapon."

"One of our officers patrolling the parking lot found the car around 4:30 a.m.," Orange-

burg County Deputy Coroner Sean

HIT BY LIGHTNING, LIVES THROUGH IT



An employee of Domino's Pizza on Russell Street was taken to the hospital after being struck by lightning, fellow employees say. **Visit this story at TheTandD.com to see video from the scene.**

T&D CORRESPONDENT RICHARD AED

Domino's employee struck
'so hard it made his hair spike up'

By GENE ZALESKI

p.m., during the height of a thunder- of the incident, occurred.

Project to improve intersection slated to begin by year's end

By RYANNE PERSINGER
T&D Correspondent

DENMARK — The shooting death of a 2-year-old Denmark boy on Sept. 13 has prompted the city's mayor to call for stronger firearms ordinances.

Hayden Mayes died of a gunshot wound, according to Bamberg County Coroner Billy Duncan. The child was visiting a neighbor's residence a few yards from his home on Mill Street about 3:30 p.m. Saturday when the shooting occurred.

Denmark Police Chief Leroy Grimes said the case was turned over to the State Law Enforcement Division to determine the circumstances that led to Mayes' death. A relative has said the family believes the child may have found a firearm in the home and picked it up, accidentally discharging the weapon. However, authorities have not yet released a report on the shooting.

At Monday night's Denmark City Council meeting, Mayor Gerald Wright asked the police committee to strengthen the city's ordinances on firearms.

Mayes' father is a city

employee.

"I'm going to ask that we demonstrate and really consider what can be done from the city to avoid this from happening again," Wright said. "We have city ordinances that speak to the firearms and guns. I think we can strengthen those ordinances."

Wright encouraged the police committee to act quickly to update those ordinances.

"In the past, Chief Grimes has requested some changes ... but let's get that done," the mayor said.

"We can refer to it as the Hayden Mayes Ordinance," Wright said. "I think working on that ordinance would be meaningful."

Also during the meeting, council got good news about a project to improve the safety of the intersection of U.S. 78 and 321 that's been in the planning stages for more than four years.

The Denmark Streetscape project, which will condense the lanes and add aesthetic upgrades at the newly named Harrison Crossroads intersection, is slated to start by the end of the year.

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S.C. Rep. Gowdy begins
new investigation on
fatal Benghazi attack

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