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MALAYSIAN FLIGHT DOWNED OVER UKRAINE

295 DEAD, NO SURVIVORS

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It was 'not an accident, it was blown out of the sky.'

VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN

WHAT HAPPENED

Ukraine said a passenger plane with 295 people was shot down Thursday as it flew over the country, killing all aboard. **Page 1B**

WHAT'S NEXT?

The deadly incident has the U.S. and other nations considering what impact it may have on sanctions against Russia. **Page 3B**

People walk near debris of the Malaysian Air plane crash on Thursday near the village of Grabovo, Ukraine. **DMITRY LOVETSKY/AP**

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CAMPUS SMOKING

Clemson tobacco ban faces questions

Enforcement, smokers' rights concern trustees

By Ron Barnett

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CLEMSON — A proposal to ban tobacco on the entire campus of Clemson University hit a snag Thursday, as several members of the board of trustees expressed misgivings about a "soft enforcement" policy that calls for no consequences for violation except for indoor smoking.

Some trustees also said they didn't like the idea of the university taking away the right of people to light up in areas where no one could be bothered by their second-hand smoke.

"Our government today is finding ways to take away our rights, and I don't want to teach young people they ought to give up their rights," said trustee Joe Swann of Greenville.

The proposed policy calls for disciplinary action to be taken against students, faculty and staff who violate the policy indoors. But more than 25 feet from buildings, they would simply be

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A tobacco-free campus plan is drawing concern at Clemson. GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

Student among regional finalists in international Google Science Fair



Keith Coffman is one of 90 regional finalists hoping to advance in the Google Science Fair. The soon-to-be freshman at Georgia Tech developed a levitation and propulsion control system using superconductors. **HEIDI HELBRUNN/STAFF**

TEEN'S IDEA PROPELS HIM INTO CONTEST

By Donna Isbell Walker | Staff writer | dwalker@greenvilleonline.com

Keith Coffman will start his freshman year at Georgia Tech next month with an accomplishment about which few college freshmen can boast.

Coffman, 17, is one of 90 regional finalists in the Google Science Fair, an online science and technology competition for kids between the ages of 13 and 18.

Coffman's project, "Superconducting Levitation

and Propulsion Control System," was chosen from thousands of submissions by teens in more than 120 countries, and he's in the running for the grand prize, which includes a \$50,000 scholarship and a 10-day National Geographic Expedition to the Galapagos Islands.

Coffman, one of 30 finalists from the Americas region, also is a finalist for the contest's Comput-

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Officials: No indication migrants taken here

Rumor sets off inquiries, plans for protests across SC



Jeff Duncan, both South Carolina Republicans, said they had been stonewalled in their

cated to South Carolina.

"It is unacceptable for the people's representatives to be denied access to

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Haley: Feds not bringing immigrant kids to S.C.



Haley

Still, one group is planning weekend protests in some S.C. cities

By JAMIE SELF
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Unaccompanied migrant children who entered the United States illegally

through Mexico are not being sheltered at S.C. facilities or military bases — and there are no plans to bring them here.

That is according to a letter Gov. Nikki Haley wrote Thursday to U.S. Homeland

Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, thanking him for an update on the nation's border crisis.

Haley spoke to Johnson on Wednesday, after news media reported migrant children from the border crisis were rumored to be in the state, sparking plans for

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MILITARY APPOINTMENT

S.C. Honor Flights founder, local restaurateur named state's civilian aide to the Army



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Bill Dukes was inspired to start the Honor Flight program in Columbia after taking his father to Washington to see the WWII memorial.

DUKES EXPANDS ROLE IN SERVICE

FEDERAL POST IN S.C.

Scott joins opposition to judge's nomination

Congressional leaders show concerns over S.C. judge's record in courtroom

By ALI WATKINS
McClatchy Newspapers



Lee



Scott

WASHINGTON — More than a year after President Barack Obama nominated S.C. Judge Alison Renee Lee to a federal post, congressional concerns over her judicial record apparently have stymied the at-large circuit judge's chances of making it through Congress.

South Carolina's junior U.S. senator, Republican Tim Scott of Charleston, is the most recent lawmaker to voice concerns over the nomination, saying he won't support Lee's rise to a federal judgeship.

"Sen. Scott continues to have significant concerns about Judge Lee and her time as a South Carolina circuit court judge," Scott's office said last week. "After serious consideration and

a thorough evaluation of all the available information, Sen. Scott will not support her nomination to the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina. As vacancies on South Carolina courts occur, he plans to work with the White House and Sen. Graham to ensure that they are filled."

Scott's decision not to support Lee's nomination effectively might thwart almost any chance that the Tulane Law School grad has of making it through

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TURMOIL AROUND THE WORLD

Did Ukraine rebels down jetliner? A Malaysian jetliner crashes in Ukraine, killing 298. **Page A4**

Israel hits Gaza Strip: Israeli forces backed by artillery barrages and airstrikes launched a major ground offensive into



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Fired officer may impact criminal cases

Solicitor advises re-evaluation of cases tied to detective accused of sleeping with suspect's mom

BY CHRISTINA ELMORE,
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The firing of a Charleston County detective accused of sleeping with the mother of a murder suspect is sending ripples through the legal community.

Detective Charles Lawrence was fired last week after lying about the relationship to superiors, county court documents reveal.

Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson sent out a message to attorneys this week advising them to re-evaluate any case in which Lawrence might be a witness.

"After Lawrence's termination, I heard from sources outside of my office that Lawrence may have had other instances of questionable conduct while employed at the Sheriff's Office," Wilson said in the email to attorneys. "We made inquiry to the Sheriff's Office and they revealed in-

ternal Affairs findings dating back to 2007 where Lawrence was found to be untruthful. Furthermore, Lawrence had at least three findings of Conduct Unbecoming of an Officer." Wilson said Thursday that her office is still evaluating Lawrence's firing. "It is too soon to tell the impact that

Lawrence's actions will have on the cases he worked," she said. "The effect will largely depend on his role in each individual case and whether the information he provides is or was corroborated or verified."

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'We are the bull's-eye'

Future events might shake us up, according to quake maps that put Charleston in a high-risk zone, but area is prepared

BY BRENDA RINDGE
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Alarms aren't going off in South Carolina after the U.S. Geological Survey updated its earthquake hazard maps for the first time since 2008, but the Charleston area is considered a high risk spot for future tremors.

"It looks fairly familiar," said Steve Jaume, seismologist at the College of Charleston. "We are the bull's-eye on the East Coast, and we were on the last one too."

The maps show the most current understanding of where earthquakes will occur, how often they will occur, and how hard the ground will likely shake. They increase the risk in about half of the United States.

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Earthquake hazards

The U.S. Geologic Survey recently updated its National Seismic Hazard Maps, which reflect the most current understanding of where future earthquakes will occur, how often they will occur, and how hard the ground will likely shake as a result. Locally, the risk has not changed much, but the lowcountry remains at the highest risk on the East Coast.

The buildings at 167-169 East Bay Street (below) were among those damaged in the 1886 earthquake, which was estimated to be more than a magnitude 7.

(COURTESY OF THE CHARLESTON MUSEUM)



Business owners battle bar plan

Riley argues for midnight closing

BY DIANE KNICH
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To hear Charleston Mayor Joe Riley tell it, if the city doesn't act quickly to prevent the spread of bars in the peninsula's nightlife district, other kinds of businesses will refuse to locate there.

But the majority of people who attended a packed public meeting on a midnight closing ordinance for new establishments in that area that sell alcohol adamantly disagreed with him. Many of them commented on the problems that could arise if the city established two different closing times for bars.

"It's unfair. How can you have one bar up the block open until 2 a.m. and another open until midnight?" said Chuck Lauer, a board member from the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association.

He also said the ordinance would make it even more difficult for new bars and restaurants to succeed. Already about one-third of such new businesses fail, he said.

But Riley said that cities are ecosystems. "To remain healthy, they have to be nourished and they have to be carefully managed."

If the ordinance passed the way it's

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Poll

Do you think Charleston City Council acted too quickly on the midnight bar closing ordinance? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

Israeli ground troops invade Gaza

Military, political stakes high; Hamas strikes tone of defiance

BY KARIN LAUB and IAN DEITCH
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP — Thousands of Israeli soldiers backed by tanks invaded the Gaza Strip on Thursday, escalating a 10-day campaign of heavy air bombardments to try to destroy Hamas' weapons arsenal, rocket-firing abilities and tunnels used to send mil-

itars from the Palestinian territory into Israel. Israel had become increasingly exasperated with unrelenting rocket fire, especially following Hamas' rejection of an Egyptian cease-fire plan earlier in the week.

However, a ground offensive could quickly lead to military and political entanglements for Israel, especially if it

leads to more Palestinian civilians being killed. More than 240 Palestinians have already died in the air campaign, including 19 children under age 12 killed over the past two days, according to Palestinian health officials. One Israeli also died and several were wounded in Hamas rocket fire since July 8.

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Smoke from flares rises Thursday over Gaza City. In the northern Gaza Strip, Israel launched a large ground offensive in the Gaza Strip, escalating a 10-day military operation.

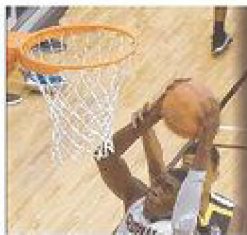


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Lawsuits predicted

Edisto residents upset over use of river water

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Local resident Robin Saunders made a prediction that, in the next

six to 12 months, lawsuits will begin popping up over the Edisto River controversy.

An employee of Dave's Grill and Grocery in Wagener, Saunders said

it seems like all customers can talk about is Walker Farms — a potato farm that got approval in April 2013 from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, or SCD-

HEC, to withdraw up to 805 million gallons of water per month from the South Edisto.

Public outcry and a lawsuit filed by Friends of the Edisto pushed the farm

to sign a compromise in January to cut its initial surface water withdrawal registration in half.

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Fostering the future

Training facility becomes reality

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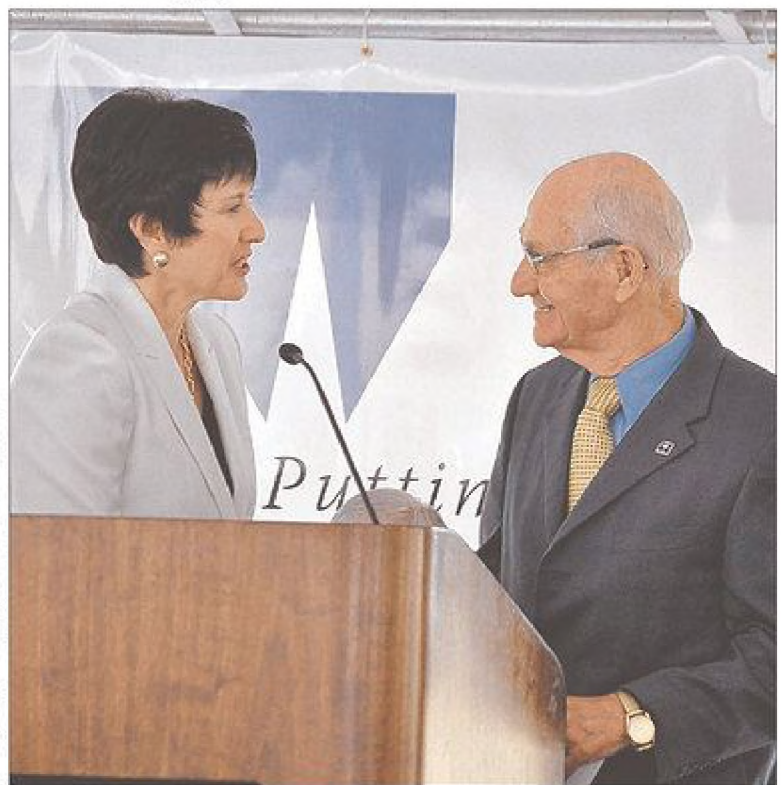
Thirteen years ago, Aiken Technical College and its still-new president, Dr. Susan Winsor, dedicated the opening of the Manufacturing and Technology Training Center on campus.

On Thursday, ATC held a groundbreaking event for the future Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing — a facility intended to bring the college and the community further into the 21st century. Winsor once again hosted the ceremony.

The new center will complement the 2000 facility — constructing new housing for programs in the areas of technology, manufacturing and energy.

"We have a vision of more than just the construction of a building on campus," Winsor said.

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At a groundbreaking ceremony for the future Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing, Dr. Susan Winsor, the Aiken Technical College president, presents a plaque and proclamation to S.C. Rep. Roland Smith, R-Warrentonville, honoring him for his 26-year legislative service and his support to the college.

Missile takes down jet over Ukraine

BY JULIE PACE AND
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — American intelligence authorities believe a surface-to-air missile took down a passenger jet in eastern Ukraine on Thursday, a U.S. official said, but the Obama administration was still scrambling to confirm

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"not an accident" and described the Malaysia Airlines plane as having been "blown out of the sky."

Among the unanswered questions was whether

discuss the matter publicly by name and insisted on anonymity.

The U.S. has sophisticated technologies that can detect missile launches, including the identification of heat from a rocket engine.

President Barack Obama, speaking during a trip to Delaware, made no mention of who might be responsible for the crash of the plane carrying 295 people, and called the incident a "terrible



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Ukraine: Pro-Russia rebels downed plane

Malaysian jet had 298 people aboard; separatists deny accusation

By PETER LEONARD
The Associated Press

HRABOVE, Ukraine — Ukraine accused pro-Russian separatists of shooting down a Malaysian jetliner with 298 people aboard, sharply escalating the crisis and threatening to draw both East and West deeper into the conflict. The rebels denied downing the aircraft.

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the plane down Thursday but were still working on who fired the missile and whether it came from the Russian or Ukrainian side of the border, a U.S. official said.

Bodies, debris and burning wreckage of the Boeing 777 were strewn over a field near the rebel-held village of Hrabove in the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine, about 25 miles from the Russian border, where fighting has raged for months.

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden described the plane as having been "blown out of the sky."

The aircraft appeared to have broken up before impact, and there were large pieces of the plane that bore the red, white and blue markings of Malaysia Airlines — now familiar worldwide because of the carrier's still-missing jetliner from earlier this year.

The cockpit and one of the turbines lay at a distance of more than a

half-mile from one another. Residents said the tail was about six miles farther away. Rescue workers planted sticks with white flags in spots where they found human remains.

There was no sign of any survivors from Flight 17, which took off shortly after noon Thursday from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur with 283 passengers, including three infants, and a crew of 15. Malaysia's prime minister said there was no distress call before the plane went down and that the flight route was declared safe by the International

Civil Aviation Organization.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko called it an "act of terrorism" and demanded an international investigation. He insisted his forces did not shoot down the plane.

In Kuala Lumpur, several relatives of those aboard the jet came to the international airport.

A distraught Akmar Mohamad Noor, 67, said her older sister was coming to visit the family for the first time in five

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FIRST F-35B ARRIVES

MORE ONLINE: For a photo gallery, go to <http://bit.ly/1pr4WM>.

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Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort's F-35B training squadron got its first Joint Strike Fighter on Thursday.

VMFAT-501 commanding officer Lt. Col. Joseph Bachmann landed a F-35B Lightning II, the first to be stationed at the base, at about 1 p.m., according to air station public-affairs officer Capt. Jordan Cochran.

Bachmann flew the jet from Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, where VMFAT-501 currently trains. The flight took about 30 minutes.

Training in Beaufort is expected to begin in October, and the training squadron is expected to have 15 F-35Bs on premises by next July.

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CPL. ANESHEA S. YEE • U.S. Marine Corps
U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Joseph Bachmann, commanding officer of Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501 at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, lands the first F-35B Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter to call the air station home on Thursday. The fighter's arrival marks the official homecoming of the Warlords to MCAS Beaufort.

Festival to begin with a bang

By ERIN MOODY

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After a year of planning, the 59th Beaufort Water Festival starts with a bang to night in Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.

Gates open at 6 p.m., and admission on opening night is free. The opening ceremony kicks off at 7 p.m., which

MORE INSIDE
Find your face in William Rhett III's official Water Festival painting. 3A

Republican congressman Mark Sanford is scheduled to attend. The Parris Island Marine Band will perform, and there will be a fireworks display at dusk.

The 10-day festival will continue this weekend with events "on both land and sea," Commodore Brandy Gray said, counting off activities that range from raft races on the Beaufort River to the Saturday night concert by country artist Craig Morgan.

Today also brings the start of the arts and crafts market on the promenade by the Beaufort Downtown Marina, which will run every day of the festival. There are 50 vendors in the market this year.

Opening ceremonies will be a little bittersweet, Gray said, as organizers plan to honor three past commodores who died in the past year.

They are Gray's great-uncle, third Commodore Sammy Gray; ninth Commodore Ray Kearns; and 57th Commodore John Gentry.

"It's a very close (festival) family, and we've been through a tough year," Gray

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BUCKWALTER PLACE DEAL

Developer moves on despite Bluffton's withdrawal

By MATT McNAB
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BY THE NUMBERS

buy 34 acres in Buckwalter Place.

Parcel 6 LLC's news release said

The town was asked to contribute \$750,000 toward the purchase

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Darlington County

Council considers industrial park bond

BY JIM FAILE

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DARLINGTON — At its last regular meeting on July 7, Darlington County Council sought to move forward with making infrastructure improvements to a planned county-owned industrial park at Interstate 20 and State Road 340.

Council is considering borrowing up to \$3,575,000 through a general obligation bond, a portion of which would be used to begin adding infrastructure improvements at the site.

Those needs include correcting some drainage issues on the site and building a road into the site.

Council had first reading on an ordinance authorizing a general obligation bond for up to the \$3,575,000.

Another \$750,000 is included in the state budget for the industrial park project. County Administrator Dale Surrent said state Sen. Gerald Malloy was instrumental in getting that money into the budget.

The Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority has also indicated it plans to seek a grant to help pay for getting water and sewer infrastructure on the site, Surrent said.

"The first order of business is to get a dirt road in there," said Darlington County Economic Development Partnership Executive Director Frank Willis.

Willis said just starting the work could take up to six months. A lot, he said, depends on the weather.

Another portion of the general obligation bond money will be used to fund activities related to the courthouse such as demolition of buildings, site preparation, environmental studies, engineering and architectural services and the possible purchase of property near the courthouse.

The county already owns some downtown property on Main Street near the courthouse.

Surrent said county officials are exploring their options with regard to renovating the courthouse and possibly building a new office building or annex nearby.

In other business, council accepted a grant award from the



Students in Black Creek Arts Council's Camp Creative get creative with Play-Doh.

PHOTOS BY ADRIAN ARVIDSON/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

Art camp keeps little minds busy

BY ADRIAN ARVIDSON

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Keeping children engaged intellectually and creatively during the summer months can be challenging for parents, especially those who work outside the home. To help them find ways to keep little minds busy, numerous camps are being held in Hartsville this summer. Whether your child is athletic or artistic, likes to read or to act there is camp to stimulate their learning.

This week, Black Creek Arts Council is sponsoring its fourth week of art camp at the Black Creek Arts Center.

Fifteen children from age 6 to 9 have been honing their creative skills in Camp Creative drawing, painting and molding clay. Their hands and minds have been busy creating "masterful" works of art.

Art Instructor Adrianna Lovato, in her second year at Camp Creative, said she has tried to introduce the children to various art mediums.

"We have explored different types of art," she said. "The children have made projects out of clay and paper mache; they have painted with watercolors and acrylics and done printmaking."

Lovato said if they finish their art projects before time to go they get playtime, which usually means



Camp Creative instructor Adrianna Lovato holds up some of the printmaking art done by the 6- to 9-year-olds in Camp Creative this week.





TIGER ROARS BACK

In the hunt at the British Open after his first round;
Rory McIlroy is early leader B1

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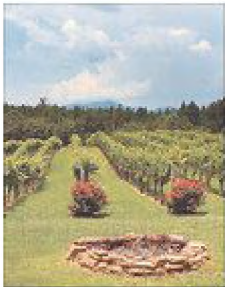
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Winery expanding

A husband and wife team are investing \$300,000 to expand their Polk County, N.C., vineyard and winery operation this year thanks in part to growth already attributed to the nascent Tryon Resort. **PAGE C1**

Microsoft job cuts

Microsoft announced the biggest layoffs in its history Thursday, saying it will cut 18,000 jobs as it streamlines its Nokia mobile device business to focus on using the Windows Phone operating system. **PAGE C5**

Tax breaks

The House passed a package of tax breaks Thursday designed to boost charitable donations by seniors, private foundations and procrastinators. **PAGE A3**

USC picked to win

The University of South Carolina football team was picked as the favorites to win the 2014 SEC Eastern Division title, according to a poll by those attending SEC Media Days in Birmingham, Ala. **PAGE B1**

Blues legend dies

Texas blues legend Johnny Winter emblazoned himself into the world's consciousness with his tattooed arms churning out lightning-fast guitar riffs and his striking long white hair flowing from under his cowboy hat. Winter died Thursday in Switzerland. He was 70. **PAGE C3**

Weather

Rebels accused of downing jet

Ukraine says pro-Russia separatists shot down Malaysian plane with 298 aboard

By PETER LEONARD
The Associated Press

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This video image shows part of the wreckage of a passenger plane that was carrying 298 people and was shot down Thursday over Ukraine near the village of Hrabove. Malaysia Airlines tweeted that it lost contact with one of its flights as it was traveling from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur over Ukrainian airspace.

QUESTIONS ARE BUBBLING UP

Would Sunday alcohol sales be legal in cities, towns or only in unincorporated areas?

By FELICIA KITZMILLER
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A proposed referendum on alcohol seems to have caused a fog before a Sunday drop's been served.

Officials disagree whether a proposed Spartanburg County referendum on Sunday alcohol sales, if approved by voters in November, would apply to cities and towns.

"I think at this stage of the game, everyone is gathering legal opinions," said Doug Burns, town administrator for Duncan and Inman and deputy director of the Appalachian Council of Governments. "I don't think anyone knows whether it does or doesn't."

municipalities if the county approved Sunday alcohol sales. The S.C. Association of Counties and the S.C. Municipal Association concurred with her interpretation.

Duncan Mayor Lisa Scott and the city manager and city attorney for Woodruff said they understand the measure would only apply to unincorporated areas, not cities and towns.

According to the S.C. Attorney General's Office, they are all right — sort of.

In a February 2011 opinion, an attorney in the state office wrote that municipalities are not required to comply with county ordinances — even those based on county-wide referendums, as in the case of permits

What's happened so far: Spartanburg County Council has approved two readings of an ordinance that would allow voters to decide in November whether bars and restaurants would be allowed to serve alcohol on Sundays.

What's in dispute: It's unclear whether, if approved by voters, the referendum would apply to all of the county's towns and cities, or only unincorporated areas. Officials have differing opinions about whether town councils would be required to give their consent to on-premise, Sunday sales.

What's next: County Council is expected to vote for a third time on the Sunday sales

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Duke Energy strives to give back, empower community



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Theo Lane, government and community relations manager for Duke Energy, speaks with Craig Campbell, 28, at Goodwill's Job Connections Center as Campbell reviews his resume to apply for a job in Greenwood.

By COLIN RIDDLE
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During the past five years, Duke Energy South Carolina has distributed \$1,292,692.80 to businesses, charities and various programs in Greenwood County.

In 2009, Theo Lane arrived in Greenwood as a government and community relations manager for Duke Energy, and started looking for opportunities to help Greenwood's residents.

"Investment in the communities you serve is critical," Lane said. "You have an obligation to give back."

Energy costs have risen for Greenwood residents during the past few years because of additional costs utility provid-

ers are seeing through federal regulations, alternative energies and advancements in technology. Although a separate issue, Lane remains dedicated to help grow and develop the community.

Duke Energy is a familiar name in South Carolina, serving 30 of 46 counties in the state. Behind the scenes, the utility giant has quietly been issuing funds across the county from the Festival of Flowers to the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce. Lane's philosophy: "If we invest in the communities who become successful, we in turn can become successful."

Duke Energy invests money in the Partnership Alliance and its AdvanceSC Program to help influence economic

and community development in the area. Their goals are to bring business, create jobs, increase the quality of life and educate.

The Duke Energy Site Readiness Program aims to identify, assess, improve and increase awareness of industrial sites in the area, as well as advance these sites to a state of readiness for new business. After sites are ready, the company assists in product development, utility tax credits, grants and job prospecting to help start and complete projects. This is to encourage the creation of new industry in the area.

"They have positioned themselves in a philanthropic way to be involved in that life

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■ GRAY COURT

Cyclist dies in wreck

From staff reports

A bicyclist died after colliding with a vehicle early Thursday morning in Laurens County.

Laurens County Coroner Nick Nickles identified the 29-year-old Gray Court victim as Adam Wayne Doolittle, of 460 Carousel Road. Officials expect to perform an autopsy on his body today.

The crash took place about 4:45 a.m. Thursday in the 4000 block of Fairview Road, about two miles north of the man's residence.

Authorities did not release details about the wreck as an investigation remains ongoing by the South Carolina Highway Patrol's MAIT Team. According to Lance Cpl. Tony Keller, the collision involved a 2004 Chevrolet pickup truck being driven by a 31-year-old Fountain Inn man who suffered no injuries.

Doolittle was airlifted from the scene to Greenville Memorial Hospital, where he died at 8:26 a.m. Thursday.



A crane towers over Self Regional against the bright evening sky during the hospital building's upgrades.

MADDY JONES / INDEX-JOURNAL

'Alive at 25' program begins at Ninety Six High School

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Students learned defensive driving skills at the first session of the South Carolina's "Alive at 25" program hosted by Ninety Six High School on Thursday.

the course, Brewer pointed out that although this age group only makes up 14 percent of the United States' driving population, it causes 27 percent of all collisions, leading the nation in collisions.

Brewer said the program concentrates on teenagers who are just

adolescents.

"You have to think of your own safety and other people's safety," Brewer said.

The course, sponsored by the South Carolina chapter of the National Safety Council, addresses safety through a collision prevention

■ ELECTIONS



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South Carolina state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, listens to

the Sumter ITEM

High school choirs prepare for trip to Carnegie Hall **A3**

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Democrats convene on Sumter for new HQ opening

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Politics and food are always a good combination, so Saturday's grand opening of Sumter Democrats' new headquarters should be filling on both fronts.

The public is invited to the

grand opening of the Sumter County Democratic Party's HQ for the fall election campaign, where they can grab some light refreshments, check out the facilities and get to meet the party's candidates for the ballot's top offices.

Festivities begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at 577 Bultman Drive, where the party has al-

ready started work on winning the election in November.

"We're going to be doing phone-banking, holding meetings, canvassing and door-knocking," said Allen Bailey, chairman of the Sumter County Democrats. "We'll also be accepting donations and have literature available

from all the candidates."

The highlight of Saturday's event will be an appearance by state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, who is running against Gov. Nikki Haley for a second time this fall. Sheheen narrowly lost to the Republican incumbent in 2010.

Sheheen will be speaking to

the party faithful at 1 p.m. to inaugurate the new headquarters. The open house will continue until about 3 p.m.

Several other statewide and federal candidates will be on hand for the event. Both Democratic candidates for the U.S. Senate will greet voters in the

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2 wanted in June assault

Suspects reportedly pinned man between vehicles, dragged him

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Authorities are looking for two people in connection to a vehicular assault that hospitalized a Sumter man on June 27.

Jennifer Lynn Sharp-Adams, 32, and Charles Yingling, 41, both of 4105 Zachary Road, are each wanted for assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and were listed among Sumter's wanted fugitives on Thursday as investigators continue to look into an incident that injured a 28-year-old man.



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SHARP-ADAMS

According to reports, officers responded to a parking lot in the 3300 block of U.S. 15 South about 9 p.m. on June 27 in reference to an altercation in progress. When they arrived, the father of the victim said his son was arguing with the drivers of two vehicles, one a red Dodge pickup and the other a blue sedan.

Once the argument stopped, the drivers took off, pinning the victim between them and dragging him down the roadway. Officers noted a severe laceration to the victim's right calf.

The victim was then transported to Tuomey Regional Medical Center, where he was treated for his injuries. Eventually, the victim came forward and gave authorities the names of the people involved.

"The victim knew both of these people,"

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Ugh ... 3 million square feet to clean



RAYTEVIA EVANS / THE SUMTER ITEM

Alger Davis, who has been with Crestwood High School for almost four years, cleans the floor of one of the classrooms Wednesday morning. Maintenance and custodians complete a number of tasks the minute school is out to prepare the school for students and teachers to return on the first day of school in the fall.

Custodians, maintenance work hard to prepare for 1st day of school

BY RAYTEVIA EVANS
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Before the school year begins, teachers and administrators have prepared their curriculum, planned to implement new programs and strategies and have also endured orientation with the district to make sure they're ready to teach and mold the minds of Sumter County youth. However, what's being taught and the way schools go about their day-to-day operations are not the only things to consider before the doors officially open

for the 2014-15 school year.

The moment the last bell rings and school is out for summer vacation, the maintenance department for Sumter School District does the majority of its heavy lifting for the year. After students have spent the majority of the year socializing in the halls and learning in the classrooms, the facilities may have a lived-in feel that maintenance works hard throughout the summer to eliminate in preparation for the coming year — simply to get back that welcoming atmosphere.

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BY THE NUMBERS

- Six layers of wax for school hallways and four layers for classrooms
- 204 custodians in the district
- 300 to 400 desks repaired and/or replaced each year
- 1,304 teachers (equivalent to classrooms that are stripped and cleaned in the district during the summer)
- 3,204,211 square feet of space to be cleaned and ready for a new school year (includes district office, annex and warehouse spaces)

Israel sends ground troops to Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel launched a large-scale ground offen-

Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, an Israeli military spokesman, said that the operation is

lowed a brief truce earlier Thursday in which Israel held fire to allow Gazans to



FAMILIAR FACES

Clemson coaching staff shows rare continuity. **C1**

SHINING STARS: Summer theater camp finale tonight at Walhalla auditorium. **B1**
'TRAGIC DAY': Officials say rebels shot down Malaysian plane in Ukraine. **D1**



SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
 Katie Cook has been at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, Ga., since a May incident in which her husband, Jacob Daniel Drotning, was charged with attempted murder.

'She is going to survive this'

Mother talks about attack on Seneca woman

BY NORMAN CANNADA
 THE JOURNAL

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Her daughter fights for her life in a Georgia hospital with third-degree burns over 70 percent of her body and her son-in-law faces an attempted murder charge after an attack in May, but Ruby Cook has found some room for hope.

"She's on every life support machine you can think of; the damage done to her body is something you can't imagine," Cook said. "But I really, truly

believe that she is going to survive this."

Cook's daughter, Katie, has been in the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta since May 16. Her husband, Jacob Daniel Drotning, of 8044 Utica St. in Seneca, is being held without bond at the Oconee County Detention Center on charges of attempted murder and second-degree arson.

Investigators said Drotning told them he had used gasoline to start a

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Contractor accused of defrauding motel

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
 THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — A Greenville contractor who went missing from a roof job after pocketing thousands of dollars from the owner of the Walhalla Motel is facing fraud charges.

Mark Tensley Thom-

as, 36, of 129 Rivanna Lane in Greenville, turned himself in to Walhalla Police this week on a case that has been under investigation since May. Police



Thomas

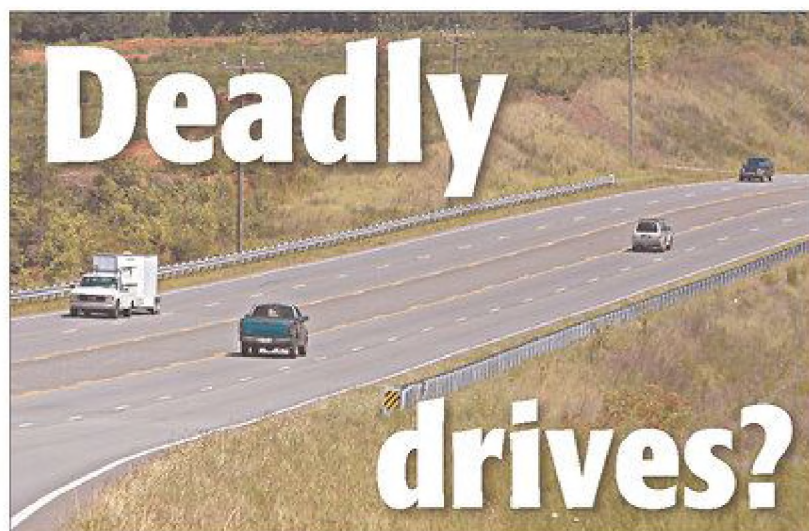
charged Thomas with breach of trust with fraudulent intent with a value of \$10,000 or more and not carrying the correct state builder's license for the amount of work he was undertaking.

Authorities booked Thomas into the Oconee County Detention Center

on Wednesday, and he was released the same day after posting \$15,000 personal recognizance bond.

Innkeeper Hiren Patel told police that in February Thomas gave him a quote of \$41,050 on behalf of Precision

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State Sen. Thomas Alexander, who represents Oconee and a portion of Pickens counties, named Sheep Farm Road, pictured above, as one of the few rural roads in the state that have seen improvements in recent years. A TRIP study released late last week ranked South Carolina number one in the nation as far as having the highest rate of fatalities on rural roads.

Rural South Carolina roads named most dangerous in nation

BY GREG OLIVER
 THE JOURNAL

Poor road conditions in South Carolina have been the subject of much discussion in recent years, and a national study released last week has shown just how dangerous roads in the Palmetto State actually are.

Conducted by TRIP, the study found that in 2012 non-interstate rural roads in South Carolina had a traffic fatality rate of 3.99 deaths for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel. According to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group based in Washington, D.C., the rate is the highest in the nation and nearly six times higher than the rate of 0.68 fatal-

ities on all other roads in South Carolina.

Eric Dickey, chairman of the South Carolina Alliance to Fix Our Roads, said the study showed that the conditions of the state's roads that were federal-aid eligible had deteriorated from 31 percent poor in 2008 to 50 percent

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Coroner, sheriff's facility under construction on OMC campus

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
 THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Construction began Thursday on a building that will house facilities for the Oconee County coroner's office and sheriff's office on the Oconee Medical Center (OMC) campus.

The two facilities came together in one building when the hospital approached the county ask-



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 The current sheriff's office substation trailer located on

The sheriff's substation will be used for deputies assigned in that area and include a conference room and two offices, while the coroner's office will move its operations into the facility.

"Right now, (coroner Karl Addis) has no cooler, he has no lab equipment, he has no trays (and) he has no storage capability," Moulder

Home sales stay ahead of last year's pace

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
 THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Midway through the year, the local housing market is trending modestly ahead of last year's pace, but some real estate professionals are just fine with that.

Second-quarter housing market information released this week by South Carolina Realtors has no sizzling numbers that indicate the market is on fire, but rather continues

how the market is behaving.

"I think we have a very healthy, stable market right now," Webber said Thursday. "If people price their homes right, they're getting them sold."

For the second quarter covering the months of April, May and June, 1,022 homes were sold in the tri-county area, which is an increase of 4.5 percent over the 978 sold during the same period a year ago.



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Man convicted in 1974 murder released

Muhammad Abdullah was initially sentenced to death after killing a man in robbery

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FLORENCE — The man convicted of stabbing a 70-year-old man to death with an ice pick during a 1974 robbery at a Florence liquor store has been granted conditional parole.



Abdullah

Muhammad Abdullah, now 71, was convicted of murder in the slaying of John Robert Temple and assault with intent to kill on 41-year-old Gene E. Hall during a Nov. 29, 1974, robbery at Hall's

Package Store on North Coit Street in Florence.

Temple, a retired engineer with the Atlantic Coastline Railroad, was helping Hall at his store that day when two men came in just before 1 p.m., armed with a gun. They held the two men at gunpoint, made them lie on the floor and then stabbed both of them repeatedly before fleeing the store with \$6,000 in cash.

An employee who was reporting to work saw the two men run out of the store with paper bags in hand. He testified during the trial that the men locked the shop door on the way out, leaving Hall and Temple for dead. But Hall managed to

stagger to the front door and open it.

Temple was stabbed 18 times in the chest and abdomen and died in the store. Hall was stabbed multiple times in the neck and back but survived the attack.

Hall later identified the attackers as brothers Lawrence and Sammie Davis. At the time of his arrest, Abdullah's name was Lawrence Davis, but he converted to Islam while in prison and changed his name to Muhammad Abdullah.

At trial, Abdullah claimed mistaken identity. He said he was either at his sister's house or purchasing heating



The top headline in the Nov. 30, 1974, edition of the Florence Morning News was the murder of John Robert Temple.

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REDWOLVES RAISE CANCER AWARENESS



PHOTOS BY JONDI RUSSELL/MORNING NEWS



INSIDE

For more on the game, see page 1D.

Cancer survivors (front to back) Myra Bazen, Maureen Bell and Ronald MacDonald high-five the players after the survivors walk around the bases on Cancer Awareness Night on Thursday during the Florence RedWolves/Asheboro Copperheads game.

LEFT: RedWolves players Joseph Bialkowski and Jacob Millman, along with other players, listen to the national anthem as the team wears pink for Cancer Awareness Night.

North Vista on track; Royall build lags behind

BY ELLEN MEDER
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FLORENCE — The new North Vista Elementary School building is in the homestretch leading up to the new school year, while the new Royall Elementary project has fallen behind due to weather.

At Thursday's monthly Florence School District 1 board meeting, district assistant superintendent of administration Lionel Brown gave members an update on several building projects that are in the works.

North Vista Elementary has gained its partial certificate of occupancy and will be evaluated by a deputy state fire marshal one last time on July 25. Right now crews are working on the finishes of the interior of the more than 110,000-square foot building, including assembling furniture and painting.

Brown said everything is on track to have the building ready for teachers to move in three weeks from now. He noted that North Vista has been the most challenging build yet because during most of the 14-month process school was in session at the old building on a site off North Irby Street, but that with space for 1,200 students, it will be the largest elementary school in the district.

One wing is still missing four classrooms on the end, which the district's architect, Joey Goforth, anticipates being completed in October.

This summer the board has discussed various dates to hold a dedication ceremony for North Vista, but said Thursday that such an

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Councilman: County employee raise to be addressed next year



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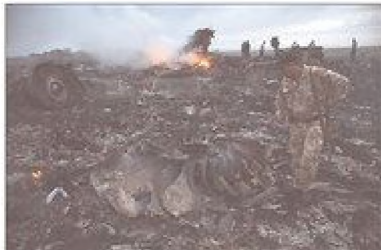
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WORLD TURMOIL



AP/DAVID LOVETSKY
People walk among the debris at the crash site of a passenger plane near the village of Hrabove, Ukraine.

Malaysian plane shot down, appears all aboard are dead

By PETER LEONARD
Associated Press

HRABOVE, Ukraine — Ukraine accused pro-Russian separatists of shooting down a Malaysian jetliner with 298 people aboard Thursday, sharply escalating the crisis and threatening to draw both East and West deeper into the conflict. The rebels denied downing the aircraft.

American intelligence authorities believe a surface-to-air missile brought the plane down but were still working on who fired the missile and whether it came from the Russian or Ukrainian side of the border, a U.S. official said.

Bodies, debris and burning wreckage of the Boeing 777 were strewn over a field near the rebel-held village of Hrabove in the Donetsk

region of eastern Ukraine, about 40 kilometers (25 miles) from the Russian border, where fighting has raged for months.

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden described the plane as having been "blown out of the sky."

The aircraft appeared to have broken up before impact, and there were large pieces of the plane that bore the red, white and blue markings of Malaysia Airlines — now familiar worldwide because of the carrier's still-missing jetliner from earlier this year.

The cockpit and one of the turbines lay at a distance of one kilometer (more than a half-mile) from one another, residents said the tail was about 10 kilometers (six miles) farther away. Rescue

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AP/LESTER PEARSON
Smoke from fires rises in the sky in Gaza City in the northern Gaza Strip, on Thursday. It was the first major Israeli ground offensive in Gaza in just over five years.

Israel invades Gaza after Hamas rejects brokered cease-fire

By KARIN LAUB

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No tax increase for city

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

Orangeburg City Council is considering a \$17.9 million budget with no tax increase. Also being discussed are raises for employees and demolishing buildings.

This is the third consecutive year the city's budget will not include a tax increase, Orangeburg City Administrator John Yow said.

Yow met with council Tuesday night to

review budget proposals for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, which will begin Oct. 1. They will discuss the budget again on Aug. 5.

■ Current budget

Yow provided an update on the current year's budget, estimating the city will collect about \$18.2 million in revenue and spend \$17.4 million by the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30.

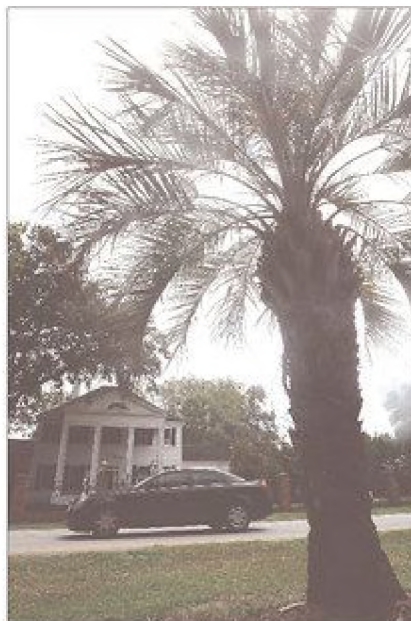
That includes the pending sale of a seven-acre parcel to Cypress Equities for

approximately \$1.3 million. The company wants to build a Walmart Neighborhood Market store on the land, which is located behind the CVS with access to both Stone-wall Jackson Boulevard and John C. Gal-houn Drive.

Council has approved first reading of an ordinance to sell the parcel, but two more readings are required.

Yow said money from the sale will be

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CHRISTOPHER HUFF/TAO

This Palmetto tree in the median of U.S. Highway 301, a few miles north of Orangeburg, was planted by Margaret Williams as a memorial to her husband, the late state Sen. Marshall Williams, who served as a legislator for 49 years.

100 OBJECTS IN 100 DAYS

Special Palmetto tree
stands as memorial
to late state senator

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T&D Staff Report

The lone Palmetto tree in the median of U.S. Highway 301 a few miles north of Orangeburg stands as a memorial — a tribute to the late Sen. Marshall Williams.

"My husband was a true statesman so I felt the state tree, the Palmetto tree, would be the perfect monument to him," Mrs. Marshall (Margaret) Williams said of her desire to plant the tree across from the front door of her home in honor of her late husband.

Sen. Williams served the public for 49 years — six years in the state House of Representatives and 43 years in the state Senate.

Williams was the longest-serving state senator in the nation when he died in December 1995.

Williams' son, Orangeburg attorney Charles Williams, had given two Palmetto trees to the late Clara Evans, a lady who lived on the Williams' property and cooked for the family for more than 40 years.

The trees had special meaning to the Williams family and for this reason, Mrs. Williams had one of them transplanted.

Mrs. Williams is well known for her many tree-planting projects.

One of the more significant projects was when Mrs. Williams, at the age of 70, raised \$25,000 for the Yoshino cherry trees that stand in Edisto Memorial Gardens and throughout the city, also in memory of her husband, Marshall, and daughter, Mary Ashley (Gardner).

She has also worked throughout the years with city and county officials to have Bradford pear and crepe myrtle trees planted in Edisto Memorial Gardens and along major thoroughfares in the area.

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