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## **SC Front Pages – Monday, December 6, 2013**

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**5** Things to read today



## Haley wins award

Gov. Nikki Haley was recognized as one of two recipients of the Roger Miliken Defender of Manufacturing Award at the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance awards dinner Thursday night. Jerry Beasley, the former executive vice president of the S.C. Textile Association, was the other recipient. He died on Oct. 1, and the award was accepted by his wife, Ann. **PAGE C1**

## Fast-food protests

Fast-food workers and labor organizers marched, waved signs and chanted in cities across the country on Thursday in a push for higher wages. By late afternoon, it was unclear what the actual turnout was or how many of the participants were workers. **PAGE A3**

## Budget battle

With hopes of a "grand bargain" gone, congressional negotiators now are seeking a more modest deal before year-end to ease the automatic spending cuts that are squeezing both the Pentagon and domestic federal programs. **PAGE A5**

## Doctors honored

For the first time in the 70-year history of the award, the Spartanburg Kiwanis Club extended its top honor to two recipients for their collaborative work in cancer research. On Thursday, the club named Drs. James Bearden and Julian Josey as "Citizens of the Year." **PAGE C1**

## Doubling in size

An industrial coatings company with global ties will expand its footprint in Spartanburg County. Trimite Powders Inc. said Thursday it will invest \$3.7 million to double its existing facility. **PAGE C4**

Weather

# Economy surges into holiday season

## Experts: Jobs report may test momentum

By JOSH BOAK

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy is growing faster, corporate profits are rising and companies are laying off the fewest workers in six years.

The latest government reports point to economic momentum in the midst of the critical holiday shopping season.

"The momentum looks strong,"

said Chris Rupkey, chief economist at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi.

Encouraging as the latest figures are, hopes for a robust finish to 2013 hinge on strong hiring. And that depends, in part, on what the government's November jobs report shows when it is released today.

The recovery from the recession that ended 4½ years ago has come in fits and starts. Unemployment remains high at 7.3 percent. And growth has yet to reach the acceleration that defined U.S. economic recoveries for much of the

past half century.

Even Thursday's government report that the economy grew at a robust annual rate of 3.6 percent from July through September was hardly cause for celebration.

Nearly half the growth came from businesses building up their stockpiles, a temporary factor. Excluding stockpiling, annual growth last quarter was a mere 1.9 percent.

Unless consumers step up spending during the holiday season, stockpiling is likely to slow.

Most economists foresee a

sharp slowdown in growth during the October-December quarter as businesses do less stockpiling. Early estimates for economic growth are at or below an annual rate of 1.5 percent.

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, cautioned that a drop in fourth-quarter growth might not necessarily signal a weakening economy. Ashworth noted that the report on third-quarter growth showed that business sales surged, corporate profits rose, income grew and Americans saved more.

NELSON MANDELA: 1918-2013

# Death of a freedom fighter



DENIS FARRELL/AP FILE

Former South African President Nelson Mandela is shown in Johannesburg in 2005. The iconic leader has died at 95 after a lengthy illness.

## Former leader of South Africa stood up to apartheid, mourned by millions worldwide

By MARCUS ELIASON

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG

Nelson Mandela was a master of forgiveness. South Africa's first black president spent nearly a third of his life as a prisoner of apartheid, yet he sought to win over its defeated guardians in a relatively peaceful transition of power that inspired the world.

As head of state, the former boxer, lawyer and inmate lunched with the prosecutor who argued successfully for his incarceration. He sang the apartheid-era Afrikaans anthem at his inauguration and traveled hundreds of miles to have tea with the widow of the prime minister in power at the time he was sent to prison.

It was this generosity of spirit that made Mandela, who died Thursday at age 95, a global symbol of

Mandela's stature as a fighter against apartheid — the system of white racist rule he called evil — and a seeker of peace with his enemies was on a par with that of other men he admired: American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. and Indian independence leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, both of whom were assassinated while engaged in their callings.

Mandela's death deprived the world of one of the great figures of modern history and set the stage for days of mourning and reflection about a colossus of the 20th century who projected astonishing grace, resolve and good humor.

Dressed in black, South African President Jacob Zuma made the announcement on television. He said Mandela died "peacefully," surrounded by family, about 8:50 p.m.

"We've lost our greatest son. Our nation has lost

## Encounter in Atlanta inspired Upstaters

By LINDA CONLEY

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On a hot summer day 23 years ago, some Spartanburg residents traveled three hours on a bus to have an experience that comes along once in a lifetime.

Cindy Ball and James "Butch" Greer were among 27 people who took a one-day trip to Atlanta to see South African anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela. At the time of the June 27, 1990, event, Mandela was in the middle of a 12-day, eight-city U.S. tour. Four months earlier, Mandela had been released from prison after serving 27 years for fighting against racial segregation in his country.

Mandela, who had been in fragile health for the past several years, died Thursday at age 95.

"I was so impressed with him because he talked about the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., like his accomplishments didn't measure up to King's," Greer said. "He is one of those people you never want to see go away. Definitely, he is one of the world's greatest leaders of all time, especially for the people of Africa."

The local group left Spartanburg early in the morning because no one wanted to miss the chance to see Mandela. His appearance in Bobby Dodd Stadium on the campus of Georgia Tech wasn't scheduled until the afternoon.

Ball and Greer joined thousands of people crowded into the 50,000-seat stadium waiting for Mandela. They said it was one





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## Haley: SRS needs proper funding

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Gov. Nikki Haley said she made it clear to Department of Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz that the 37 million gallons of waste at the Savannah River Site has to be taken care of. Haley spoke with the secretary in a face-to-face meeting in Washington, D.C. this week.

After the meeting, Haley spoke about her visit in a phone interview with the *Aiken Standard*. Haley said Moniz appears to be equally concerned with the SRS budget shortfall. Currently, environmental

operations at the Site are financed by a \$318 million continuing resolution; SRS requested \$1.2 billion for the fiscal year.

"He made it very clear that in this next budget, he's working to push SRS waste cleanup and will do what it will take to get things back to their proper place at SRS," Haley told the *Standard*. "He is very well engaged in the Site and realizes the value of it."

Haley also shared the DOE secretary's views on the MOX facility. According to Haley, Moniz admitted that generating funding for the MOX facility is more difficult than



S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley

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other projects at the Site. "We also spoke about the MOX facility, and that issue seems to be a

little more difficult. He's concerned about the movement of it, but is working to find answers," Haley

said.

Other topics the two discussed included the potential use of small modular reactors – or SMRs.

The reactors have an electricity output of less than 300 megawatts and are touted by supporters as a way to allow for less on-site construction and a way to increase economic efficiency.

SRS has recently been vying for a grant to bring SMRs to South Carolina. Haley, several other legislators and SRS representatives have all vocalized their support of SMRs.

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## Aiken Standard publisher Hunter honored for service



STAFF PHOTO BY AMY BANTON

Aiken Standard Publisher Scott Hunter was presented with the Order of the Silver Crescent on Thursday evening. Pictured, from left, are S.C. Reps. Bill Clyburn, Don Wells and Roland Smith and Publisher Scott Hunter.

### Hunter humbly receives Order of the Silver Crescent

BY AMY BANTON  
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Aiken Communications President Scott Hunter is known as a modest man by many, but he was the center of attention on Thursday evening after receiving one of the state's top honors. S.C. Reps. Bill Clyburn, Don Wells and Roland Smith presented Hunter with the Order of the Silver Crescent during his retirement celebration held at the Aiken Standard office.

The award is given to honor South Carolina residents for outstanding contributions and achievements within their community. It's the state's highest award for volunteer work or community service, according to Gov. Nikki Haley's website.

Hunter is the longest-serving daily newspaper publisher in the history of the state and will retire at the end of this year.

"Scott is very deserving, and he has offered a wonderful service to the people of Aiken, as well as the state," said



STAFF PHOTO BY AMY BANTON

Aiken Standard Publisher Scott Hunter with his daughter Eleanor during his retirement celebration held on Thursday night.

Haley in a phone interview Thursday afternoon. "We're proud of him, and we as a state are happy to present him with the Order of the Silver Crescent." A native of Maryland, Hunter is a graduate of the University of South

Carolina and the University of North Carolina.

Hunter's career with the *Aiken Standard* began in 1973 as a sports writer. He later served as sports editor, news editor, managing editor and general

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manager before he was named *Aiken Standard* publisher and president of Aiken Communications in April of 1989.

"This is all very humbling," Hunter said on Thursday evening. "I've had a wonderful career, but it was with the help of many people who were here tonight. I'm just very blessed."

Hunter was surrounded by family, friends, community leaders, corporate officials and his employees as they celebrated his 40-year career.

Retired *Aiken Standard* Editor Jeff Wallace, who helped gather letters from the community to support the award application for the Order of the Silver Crescent, said that he's had the pleasure of having Hunter as a boss as well as a friend.

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AP PHOTO/JOHANN GIBBERN, FILE  
Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first president, passed away on Thursday.

## Mandela: Mourned around the world

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The death of Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black president who fought apartheid both as a prisoner of that system of white rule, and later as a political

leader, drew an outpouring of messages from around the globe. Here are some of the reactions:

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who fought for human rights advances around the globe during his administration, said he and wife Rosalynn were saddened. Carter had worked closely with the former South African president as part of a group of world leaders formed by Mandela in 2007.

"The people of South Africa and human rights advocates around the world have lost a great leader. His passion for freedom and justice created new hope for generations of oppressed people worldwide, and because of him, South Africa is today one of the world's leading democracies," Carter said in a statement released by the Atlanta-based Carter Center.

In Washington, the first African-American president of the United States, Barack Obama, declared that the world has lost an influential, courageous and "profoundly good" man with the death of the anti-apartheid icon.

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#### AREA DEATHS

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#### WEATHER

## Hitchcock Parkway plans criticized, commended

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER  
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Price remains a sticking point with critics of plans to widen Hitchcock Parkway, but supporters and their asso-

ciates design presentations, tracing their finger over the gold line, rather than the yellow line, to figure where the new right-of-way would be. Representatives of both S.C. Department of Transportation and the consultant firm measured

theran Church. A concern remains over the price tag of the project, which Pixie Baxter said was one of her main issues with the widening plans.

"I think it will devastate the down-

ing this particular corridor. For me, though, it's the aesthetic and ambience that is Aiken."

Resident John Kirkman said the City could easily kill a \$40 million project that would take four years to complete





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## SOUTH AFRICA'S 'POLITICAL SAINT'



Nelson Mandela arrives for the funeral of his great-granddaughter Zenani Mandela on June 17, 2010, in Sandton, South Africa. Mandela died Thursday at age 95. SPH/NE SIBENKOP/GETTY IMAGES

By William M. Welch USA Today

**N**elson Mandela, whose successful struggle against South Africa's apartheid system of racial segregation and discrimination made him a global symbol for the cause of human rights and earned him the Nobel Prize, died Thursday. He was 95.

Mandela spent 27 years in South African prisons before his release in 1990. He negotiated with the nation's white leaders toward establishing democracy and was elected South Africa's first black president in 1994, serving one term.

"He probably will be remembered both inside and outside South Africa as a political saint," said Michael Parks, the former editor of the Los Angeles Times who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1987 for his coverage of Mandela and South Africa's struggles.

"He had flaws that he had to overcome. He had a temper

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*I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.*

NELSON MANDELA

## Demand for food aid rises

Agencies fear more SNAP cuts will increase need

By Ron Barnett

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On a dreary, drizzly late November morning, a steady stream of cars is turning off White Horse Road into the parking lot of Harvest Hope Food Bank.

It's so busy that a volunteer is directing traffic. From the opposite direction, people are pushing grocery carts filled with food to feed their families for a few days.

Officials of Harvest Hope, which distributes food to more than 100 relief agencies in the Upstate, decided they needed to open this emergency pantry at their Upstate headquarters because of a growing need in the Westside community.

Federal funding for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly called food

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Jessi Blake, community development and events coordinator at Harvest Hope, says the agency saw 800 families on the first day its emergency food bank opened. MYKAL NICEDOWN/STAFF

## I-526 work gets OK to proceed

Harrell voices support; critics say it isn't needed

By Tim Smith

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COLUMBIA — The state's highway commission is moving forward with an agreement with Charleston County to begin the construction of a \$558 million extension of Interstate 526, after House Speaker Bobby Harrell voiced his support of the project to the board.





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debuts as iconic  
car turns 50, B4



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## Spurrier likes the land of Cotton

But Capital One Bowl would be nice too, C1



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## MIDLANDS' FOOTBALL DROUGHT ENDING

Dutch Fork or Sumter  
will be the first area school  
to win the 4A title since 1990

### WEEKEND OF CHAMPIONS

FRIDAY'S GAMES  
*At Benedict*

**Class 2A, Div. II:**  
Batesburg-  
Leesville vs.  
Silver Bluff,  
5:30 p.m.

**Class 2A, Div. I:**  
Fairfield-Central  
vs. Dillon, 8:30  
p.m.

SATURDAY'S  
GAMES

*At Williams-  
Brice Stadium*

**Class 4A, Div. II:**  
Stratford vs.  
Northwestern,  
noon

**Class 3A:** Daniel  
vs. Myrtle  
Beach, 3 p.m.

**Class 4A, Div. I:**  
Dutch Fork vs.  
Sumter, 6 p.m.

### INSIDE

Dutch Fork  
coach Tom  
Knotts has a  
history of  
winning. **C1.**

By CHRIS DEARING  
*Special to The State*

When the closing seconds of the 2013 high school football season are ticking off the Williams-Brice Stadium clock Saturday night, one thing will be certain — Dutch Fork or Sumter will end one of the longest droughts in Midlands football history.

Sumter is the last team from the area to claim a Class 4A, Division I state championship in football, winning in 1990 against Rock Hill.

Since then, it's been tough sledding for Midlands programs. Upstate powers such as Byrnes, Gaffney, Spartanburg, Dorman and Rock Hill routinely have won titles in the state's highest classification.

But with Fairfield-Central and Batesburg-Leesville also playing for state titles during the Weekend of Championships starting Friday, the Midlands might be closing the gap on the rest of the state.

"When I got here, (former Lexington coach) Scott Earley said Midlands football was soft," Dutch Fork coach Tom Knotts said. "I didn't really see that. I saw some good football teams that always got bad draws when it came to the playoffs and were elim-

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### VILLAGE AT SANDHILL

## One-third of land likely to be auctioned for taxes

By RODDIE BURRIS  
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A third of the sprawling Village at Sandhill on Clemson Road in Northeast Richland will go up for auction next week, unless more

than \$500,000 in back taxes is paid Friday.

The 2012 taxes are owed on two pieces of vacant land behind the Super Bi-Lo, according to court records. Unless a guaranteed form of payment for the tax bal-

ances is made by 5 p.m., the properties are destined for the public auction block Monday or Tuesday, county officials said.

The auction is another blow to Columbia developer Alan Kahn, a major

Southeastern shopping center developer who has said he considered the 300-acre lifestyle center — with shops, restaurants and condos — to be his

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### NELSON MANDELA, 1918-2013



Nelson Mandela, in 2005, in a jovial mood at the Mandela Foundation in South Africa

## Prisoner to president, he healed his country

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## S.C.'s small farms may cure some economic ills

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## Vote gets I-526 out of slow lane

Date of project kickoff uncertain; compensation issues remain

BY DIANE KNICH  
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COLUMBIA — Nobody knows when work will begin on the completion of the Mark Clark Expressway across Johns and James islands, despite the leap-forward the project took Thursday.

But it will be years.

The state Department of Transportation Commission voted unanimously in favor of a revised contract for the completion of Interstate 526 at a meeting Thursday. The vote marks the first concrete step forward for the long-stalled project since Charleston County

Council voted to move ahead with it in December 2012.

But many steps remain for the project. The S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank board still must approve the three-party contract, the state's Joint Bond Review Committee must approve the final \$130 to \$150 million, and

various agencies need to approve four environmental permits.

Conservation groups have said they possibly will file lawsuits to attempt to stop the permits from being issued. Citizens could file lawsuits over compensation as well.

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### What's next for I-526

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No dates have been set for these steps, and the project may require other steps as well.

## What a vet really does

High-schoolers learn 'spectacular,' stomach-turning truth



Charleston Animal Society employee Paul Aytes (left) holds a dog and co-worker Bobby Blasingame draws blood as they show Goose Creek High School students what happens when a dog or cat arrives at the shelter.

BY KATIE COURAGE CASEY  
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Veterinarian Brittany Tina held the euthanized dog's lungs in her hands and invited students to feel them.

"It's like organic bubble wrap," one student said.

Tina laughed and agreed, and

she encouraged the group to use all their senses to make observations. Any student who wanted to feel the organs could.

"It was kind of crazy to see an open dog and how it is," said Sarah Kelly, a sophomore at Goose Creek High School, afterward. "We never do field trips like this... This was great. Awesome, actually."

The demonstration necropsy at the Charleston Animal Society was one element of a comprehensive program that is attracting attention nationally. The society's education team developed the Veterinary Science Initiative, which is offered throughout low-country classrooms in an effort to expose students to veterinary science and

the shelter's work.

"There aren't a lot of resources in shelters, so if you're going to invest time and money, you better make sure it's effective and it has multiple goals," Tina said. "The primary focus is getting kids interested in science."

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## Fast-food workers hungry for raise

Locals add voices to national protest

BY ABIGAIL DARLINGTON  
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Chanting "We can't survive on \$7.25" and wearing shirts that say "S.C. Raise Up," a group of about 25 local fast-food workers and supporters picketed Thursday outside the McDonald's restaurant at 2050 Savannah Highway.

The protest was part of a 100-city demonstration by workers at fast-food chains in demand of \$15-an-hour wages and the right to form unions without interference from employers, although the \$15 figure is seen more as a rallying point than a near-term possibility.

At a time when there's growing national and international attention on economic disparities, labor unions and worker advocacy groups are hoping to build public support to raise the current federal minimum wage of \$7.25, or just under \$15,000 a year for full-time work.

Rob Green, executive director of the National Council of Chain Restaurants, issued a statement in response to the protests.

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### Online

For video and more photos from the protest, go to [postandcourier.com/multimedia](http://postandcourier.com/multimedia).

### Coming Sunday

#### The New Face of Upper King

After years of struggling to find its focus, Charleston's Upper King Street has transformed into a trendy hot spot for upscale restaurants and high-brow nightclubs, giving the city a true Midtown. How did that happen, who benefits and what's on the way in the years to come? **In News**

## Mandela leaves imprint of hope, peace

Associated Press

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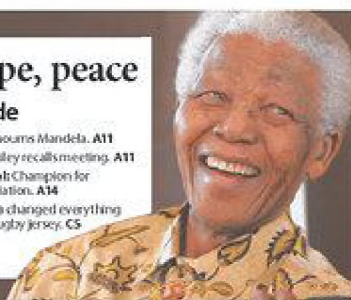
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\$50 worth of holiday wear  
and gifts at Sam's Closet.  
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# Nelson Mandela dies

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Nelson Mandela, who became one of the world's most beloved statesmen and a colossus of the 20th century when he emerged from 27 years in prison to negotiate an end to white minority rule in South Africa, died Thursday at the age of 95.

His death leaves the world with indelible memories of a man of astonishing grace and good humor. Rock concerts celebrated his birthday. Hollywood

stars glorified him on screen. And his regal bearing, graying hair and raspy voice made him instantly recognizable across the globe.

As South Africa's first black president, he paved the way to racial reconciliation with well-chosen gestures of forgiveness, the most memorable before the 1995 Rugby World Cup final in Johannesburg.

■ For a look at the man who inspired countless millions, see our Special Report page on B4.

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### 'Peace and joy'



People sing "Silent Night" during the lighting of the Christmas tree Thursday night at the Regional Medical Center.

### Tree honors families and friends while helping others in need

By KIMBERLEY N. DAVIS  
T&D Staff Writer

How can three dollars and a small light bulb impact the lives of people every day?

"The funds we've raised will benefit people in the Orangeburg community who have nowhere else to turn to in their time of need," said Adele Palmieri, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony chairman for the Regional Medical Center.

The community gathered to "light our community with peace and joy" during the Regional Medical Center Auxiliary's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Thursday.

For more than three decades, the RMC's Auxiliary has sponsored the event. It is the primary fundraiser for the Auxiliary's Verna Martin Compassionate Care Fund.

Each light offers individuals and families the opportunity to remember and



The star on top of the Regional Medical Center's Christmas tree this year honors the Regional Medical Center Auxiliary's Adele Palmieri, right, for her years of service. Also pictured is RMC Vice President of Strategy and Compliance Brenda Williams.

### SCSU hopes for Cosby visit in 2015

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN  
T&D Staff Writer

Comedian Bill Cosby could come to South Carolina State University sometime in 2015.

Board Chairman Dr. William Small Jr. and trustees Tony Grant and Katon Dawson met with Cosby in November when the comedian performed at the Koger Center in Columbia.

Grant, who has known Cosby for about 15 years, set up the meeting.

"We had a very good conversation with Dr. Cosby about South Carolina State...and he has a very high interest in the university," Grant said.

President Thomas Elzey wasn't able to be at the meeting, so Cosby set up a conference call with him before his performance, according to Grant.

"The three of us talked and we got a commitment for Dr. Cosby to receive the president at a later time where we can talk more specifically about South Carolina State," Grant said.

Grant said he is "tentatively confident" that Cosby will ei-

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Comedian Bill Cosby, right, recently met with several trustees from South Carolina State University. He's seen here with S.C. State Board Chairman Dr. William Small Jr.

### Prosecutors: One trial fine for Pinson, co-defendant

By MEG KINNARD  
Associated Press





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SEARCH FOR COUPLE

## Missing woman's cellphone found

Investigators discover Margarita Gonzalez-Almazan's cellphone near the Chechessee River bridge in Okatie on Monday evening.

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A missing Bluffton woman's cellphone was discovered soon after her disappearance, investigators say, and her family holds out hope Margarita Gonzalez-Almazan will be found unharmed.



Gonzalez-Almazan

The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office searched the Chechessee River bridge on S.C. 170 in Okatie on Monday evening after tracking the 47-year-old's cellphone to the location, Sgt. Robin McIntosh said. Gonzalez-Almazan was reported missing on Monday and is considered endangered, McIntosh added.

Deputies resumed their search of the area Tuesday morning, using K-9 units and Marine/Beach Patrol boats but uncovered no other evidence, McIntosh said.

Sheriff T.J. Tanner would not say whether investigators had turned the phone over to the S.C. State Law Enforcement Division or another agency.

Gonzalez-Almazan was last seen early Sunday with her boyfriend, Osman Galicia-Escobedo, 40, of Bluffton, after

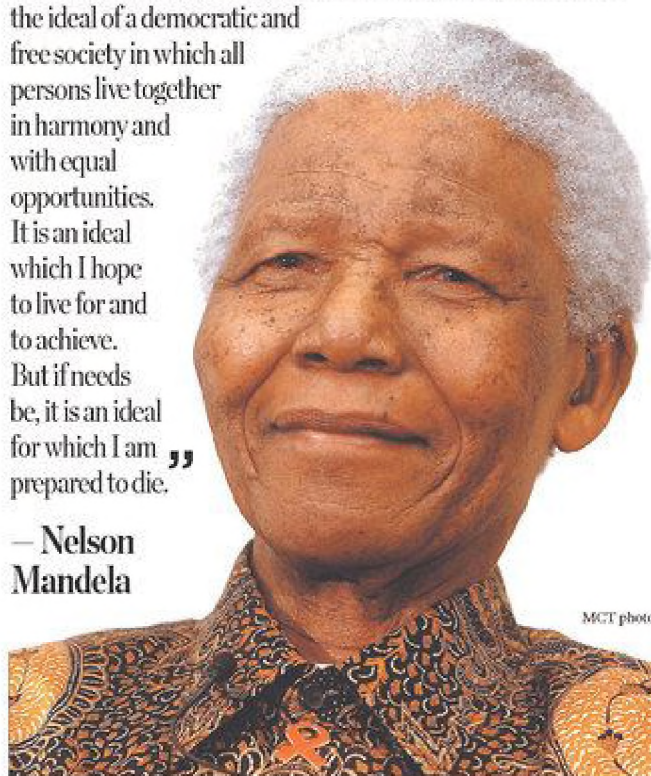
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## A LEGEND LOST

"During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

— Nelson Mandela



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## South Africa's peacemaker dies at 95

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA and MARCUS ELIASON • The Associated Press

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A timeline breaks down Mandela's life and career of struggle and triumph. **9A**

traveled hundreds of miles to have tea with the widow of the prime minister in power at the time he was sent to prison.

It was this generosity of spirit that made Mandela, who died Thursday at the age of 95, a global symbol of sacrifice and reconciliation in a world often jarred by conflict and division.

Please see MANDELA on 9A

DOWNTOWN BEAUFORT

## Marina planners gather input

A developer says data shows a need for more hotel rooms and upscale places for people to stay in downtown Beaufort.

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Developers of the Beaufort Downtown Marina parking lot are examining data about the economics, tourism and residents of the city and how those numbers play into the public comments they're receiving.

Steve Navarro and Jim Chaffin of Historic Marina Partners met with the Redevelopment Commission on Thursday to offer a status report and hear more feedback.

The developers are a month into a two- or three-month information period that will be followed by the creation of a written plan.

Chaffin said the plan will then be brought back to residents for additional feedback back before a final proposal is made to City Council.

That final proposal is not due until May, according to an agreement the developers signed with council and the commission.

"This marina parking lot is both psychologically and indeed legally owned by the people who live here," Chaffin said. "So unless we can come up with something that is additive to the lives of the people who live here, there's not going to be much enthusiasm about building there."

Navarro said the data is revealing a need for more hotel rooms and more upscale places for people to stay.

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## Heroes help health aide

From staff reports

Home health care is still a relatively new and changing field of medicine. As

IN BENGHAZI

## Slain teacher from US called himself 'Libya's best friend'

### IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE COMMISSION:

- Heard from city attorney Bill Harvey in response to a Dec. 1 article in The Beaufort Gazette about the process used in choosing a developer for the Beaufort Downtown Marina parking lot. Harvey told the commission it did everything as it should have.
- Heard an update from commission member Mike McNally about the Lafayette Street housing project, which continues to be stymied by permit issues.





# Celebrating the season



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A live nativity scene is an annual part of "A Connie Maxwell Christmas."

By KATE HRUBY  
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Mists hovered low as visitors gathered Thursday evening at Connie Maxwell's Children's home for its annual "A Connie Maxwell Christmas." This year, more than two miles of luminaries graced the paths of the facility, shining brilliantly across the campus.

See SEASON, page 4A

## Connie Maxwell hosts its annual holiday festivities



Decorations span the campus for "A Connie Maxwell Christmas."

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Project Rooster starts

Greenwood County Council OKs first reading on industry issue

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Greenwood County Council had first reading this week in regard to an economic development project that would entail a substantial capital investment.

Council took first reading on an ordinance that would authorize a fee-in-lieu of tax agreement for Project Rooster.

According to information provided by Greenwood County, Project Rooster is the code name for a "valued existing industry" in Greenwood. The project would encompass a minimum of \$50 million in capital investment during a period of 10 years.

Economic development officials, county manager

See ROOSTER, page 2A



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Meg's House Executive Director Alice Hodges, right, leads a discussion as Cornerstone coordinator Laurie Fallow lists solutions during a domestic violence workshop Thursday morning at Wesley Commons.

### WESLEY COMMONS

## Joining forces to fight domestic violence

By MATT BRUCE  
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A roomful of community leaders gathered for a common cause Thursday morning at Wesley Commons.

The coalition included several law enforcement mem-


bers, elected officials, pastors, social workers and local legislators. All were on hand to discuss domestic violence, an issue that sparked multiple deadly episodes in the Lakelands of late.

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MISSING BLUFFTON COUPLE

## Deputies locate phone in Okatie

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A missing Bluffton woman's cellphone was discovered soon after her disappearance, investigators say, and her family holds out hope Margarita Gonzalez-Almazan will be found unharmed.



Margarita Gonzalez-Almazan



Osman Galicia-Escobedo

The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office searched the Chechessee River bridge on S.C. 170 in Okatie on Monday evening after tracking the 47-year-old's cellphone to the location, Sgt. Robin McIntosh said. Gonzalez-Almazan was reported missing on Monday and is considered endangered, McIntosh added.

Deputies resumed their search of the area Tuesday morning, using K-9 units and Marine/Beach Patrol boats but uncovered no other evidence, McIntosh said.

Sheriff P.J. Tanner would not say whether investigators had turned the phone over to the S.C. State Law Enforcement Division or another agency.

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## American killed in Benghazi

Ronnie Smith, a teacher who called himself "Libya's best friend," is gunned down while jogging.

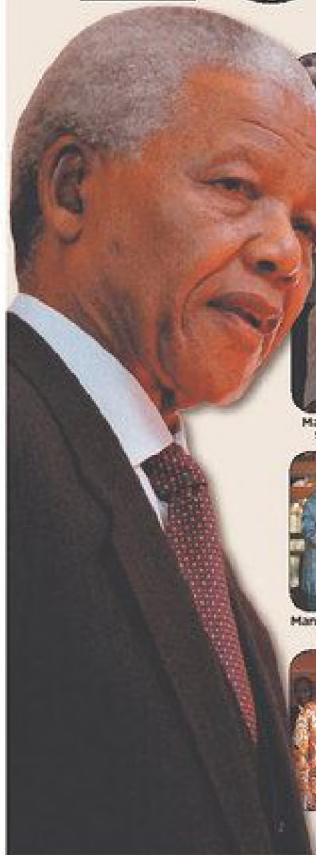
By NANCY A. YOUSSEF  
McClatchy Foreign Staff

CAIRO — A popular American teacher who described himself on Twitter as "Libya's best friend" was gunned down in Benghazi on Thursday while jogging, raising fears that foreigners are among

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Efforts stall

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## A LEGEND LOST



Mandela and his wife, Winnie, in 1990



Mandela with Nobel Peace Prize in 1993



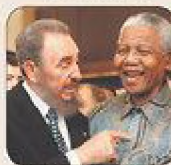
Mandela votes in Inanda, South Africa, in 1994



Dalai Lama and Mandela in 1996



Mandela and Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997



Cuban leader Fidel Castro and Mandela in 1998



Mandela and the Rev. Jesse Jackson in 2005



Mandela at his 89th birthday in 2007

AP photos

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ON HILTON HEAD

## Rehab center plans on the table

Businesses are riled over a proposal that would turn The Main Street Inn & Spa into an inpatient treatment center.

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Plans to turn The Main Street Inn & Spa, a boutique hotel on Hilton Head Island, into an inpatient treatment center for patients suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and mental health disorders are upsetting nearby business owners.

Town Council's Planning and Development Standards Committee voted unanimously Thursday to recommend to the full council that the property be rezoned to allow the change.

"I respect their fears, but I don't believe there's much substance behind

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ON THE WEB

Click on this story at [islandpacket.com](http://islandpacket.com) to view video discussing plans to turn The Main Street Inn & Spa on Hilton Head Island into a drug and alcohol rehab and mental health clinic.

## Deep Well assists with flu medicine

Staff reports

Beatrice is 49 and works as a housekeeper for a local motel.

Last winter, she was out of work with the flu for six days and did not have paid sick leave.

She needed an expensive flu prescription, which The Deep Well Project approved at a local pharmacy. She then was unable to pay her rent, and Deep Well helped her make the payment.

Deep Well provides a broad range of social services for poor working families, the disabled, the sick and the elderly.

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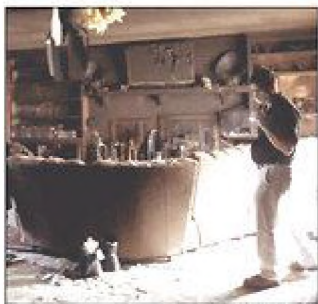
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A surveyor inspects the Kellys' fire-damaged home recently. The family has moved from a hotel room into a temporary home.

## Donations help Sumter family heal from blaze

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT  
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Slowly, but surely, the family members burned out of their home just before Thanksgiving are putting their lives back on track.

The family of Jerry and Natalie Kelly has moved from the hotel they were staying in after a stove fire burned through the home Nov. 20 and found a new place to stay. Their children are going to school, and both parents will soon be back at work in Sumter's law-enforcement community.

Natalie Kelly, a detective with the Sumter Police Department, credits the outpouring of support from family, friends and neighbors with helping the family get back on its feet, including money donated to a special account set up in its name.

SEE KELLYS, PAGE A8

## Pinewood's mayor resigns from his seat

BY TYLER SIMPSON  
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Pinewood Mayor Al Pridgen officially confirmed Thursday that he has decided to resign from office.

"I won't be coming back

*'President Mandela was a symbol of great strength and perseverance, of what could be ...'*

## Beloved South Africa leader Mandela dies at 95

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Nelson Mandela, who became one of the world's most beloved statesmen and a colossus of the 20th century when he emerged from 27 years in prison to negotiate an end to white minority rule in South Africa, has died. He was 95.

South African President Jacob Zuma made the announcement at a news conference late Thursday, saying "we've lost our greatest son."

His death closed the final chapter in South Africa's struggle to cast off apartheid, leaving the world with indelible memories of a man of astonishing grace and good humor.

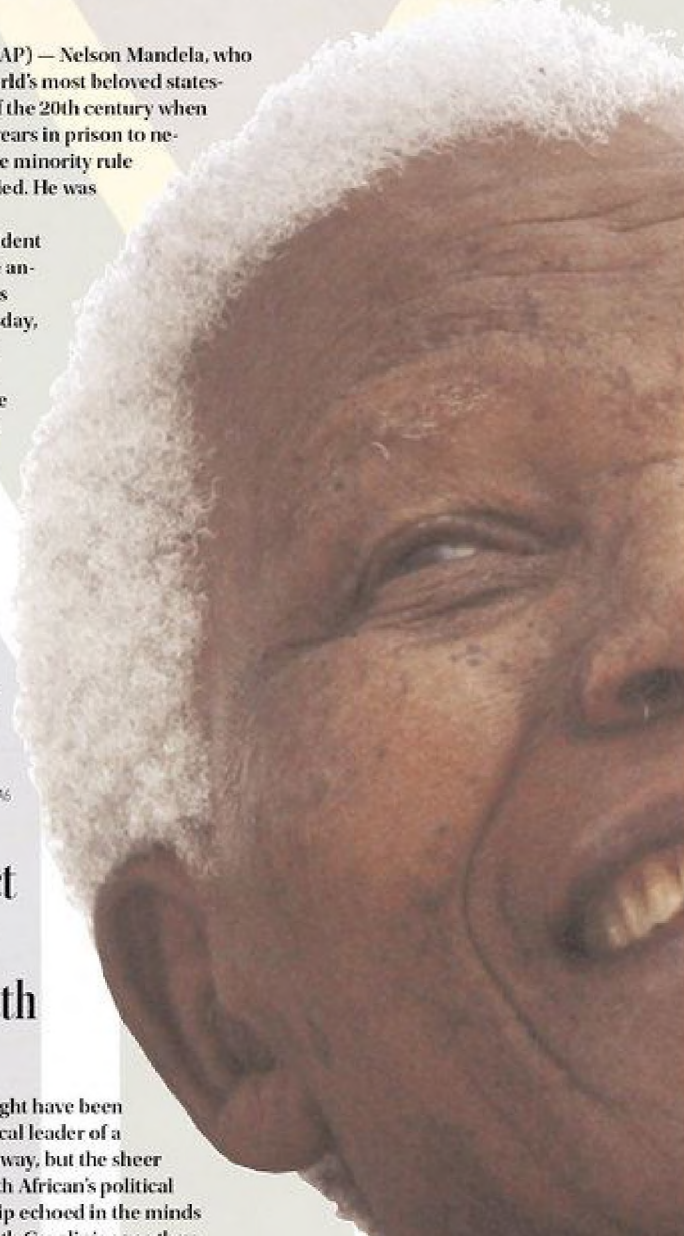
Rock concerts celebrated his birthday. Hollywood stars glorified him on screen. And his

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## Locals react to historic figure's death

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Nelson Mandela might have been the cultural and political leader of a country half a world away, but the sheer magnitude of the South African's political courage and leadership echoed in the minds of Sumter citizens and South Carolina residents.







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Oglesby, Lions  
finally take  
aim at State  
championship  
on Saturday. **C1**

**WEEKEND: 'Best Christmas Pageant Ever' opens at Clemson Little Theatre. B1**  
**WORLD | NATION: South African peacemaker Nelson Mandela dies. D1**

## Inmate charged with attempted murder after alleged assault

BY NORMAN CANNADA  
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — A Seneca man who has been in the Oconee County Detention Center for nearly 11 months has been charged with attempted murder in an incident Tuesday that left a fellow inmate in the intensive care unit of Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Millard Jerome Strickland, Jr., 35, of 308 South Pine St., was charged with attempted murder. Capt. Steve Pruitt, who oversees the jail, said bond had not

been set for Strickland on the most recent charge. Pruitt said Strickland was being held Thursday in administrative



Strickland

segregation, meaning he is currently kept separated from other inmates. He has been held on drug-related charges since Jan. 12, and his bond before Thursday's addi-

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## Accident interrupts services

At left, two men survey the damage after an 18-wheeler truck clipped a utility line near Storck Road and Radio Station Road near Seneca on Thursday, causing two AT&T lines and two poles to come down, interrupting both telephone and Internet service for several hours. There were no injuries in the incident, and AT&T spokesman Josh Gekubas said service was expected to be restored Thursday night.



## Keeping bees alive

Local keepers  
fighting Colony  
Collapse Disorder

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE  
THE JOURNAL

WESTMINSTER — It takes quite a bit of planning to be a good beekeeper. Just ask Jack Collins, who's been one for most of his 35 years.

At the garage-turned-wood-working-shop in the back of his country home on Cleveland Pike Road, Collins is getting ready for the spring arrival of hundreds of thousands of bees he purchased from an apiarist in Perry, Ga.

Collins meticulously cuts lumber he buys to build, sand and paint stacks of boxes with frames, where his bees store the pure honey he proudly jars, labels and sells. He'll also give honey away to relatives, friends and neighbors. He can get 8 to 12 quarts of honey from each box.

Collins, along with other beekeepers in the area, is staying



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According to Westminster beekeeper Jack Collins, a bee has a lifespan of 28 days and works to produce 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey.

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## 12 arrested in drug roundup

BY JOSIE RABBITT  
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Twelve people were arrested by Thursday afternoon and author-

ities were continuing to look for another 10 suspects sought on a variety of drug charges in a drug roundup.

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## Revamped program providing skills training for local industries

BY GREG OLIVER  
THE JOURNAL

PENDLETON — When

that were low paying." Worley attended a job fair at Tri-County Technical College and learned about

production technician at U.S. Engine Valve in Westminster two weeks before he finished the class and is

that's like family, and a lot of people have achieved 15 years perfect attendance. They want to be there."

tion program — as well as enhancing what is offered for students. During a Thursday

— including OSHA, Six Sigma and Snap On — and using hands-on simulations to increase students'







## NELSON MANDELA, 1918-2013

South African civil rights leader, former president mourned worldwide. **Page A8**

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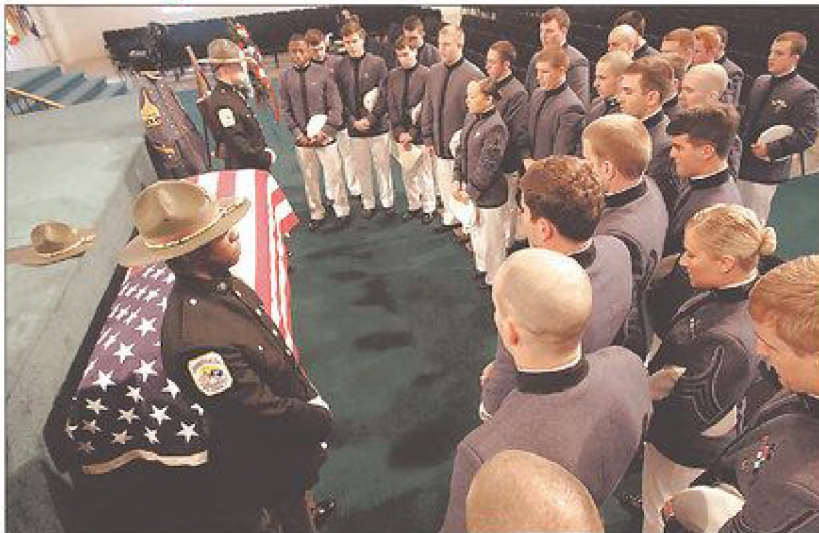
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## JOSEPH ANTWINE 1990-2013



The Citadel cadets of Mike Company say a prayer before the funeral service begins for Florence County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Antwine on Thursday at the S.C. Conference Center of International Pentecostal Holiness Church in Lake City.

# End of a too-brief duty



The first of many cars leads the funeral procession for the Lake City native as it stretches from end to end of the town Thursday. View a photo gallery at [sctnow.com](http://sctnow.com).

## Florence County deputy died while fulfilling his calling in life, friends say

BY TRACI BRIDGES  
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LAKE CITY — They came from all over the state ... Myrtle Beach, Rock Hill, Darlington, Charleston, Columbia and The Citadel.

One by one, they filed into the S.C. Conference of International Pentecostal Holiness Church — some co-workers, some friends, others complete strangers — but all members of a universal family paying tribute to a fallen brother, Florence County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph C. Antwine.

During a funeral service Thursday in his hometown of Lake City, those who knew him best said though they will miss him dearly, they take some comfort in knowing he died doing the job he was meant to do.

"Joseph's calling was law enforcement. Anything he could do to help people, anything he could do to

keep his community safe, that's what he wanted to do," said Michael Coletrain, Antwine's classmate and roommate at The Citadel.

"I got a text from him right after he'd gotten in his first foot chase as a deputy. It said, 'Train, I just got in my first foot chase, and I need to talk to you NOW,'" Coletrain recalled. "I didn't know what was going on. I didn't know if he was in trouble or what had happened. So I called him and as soon, and the first thing he said when he picked up the phone was, 'Train, it was awesome! We're all going to struggle to keep Joseph in our lives and in our hearts in any way we can, but if Joseph were here today, he'd say, 'I'm OK. I'm with the good Lord.' He's been called to his final duty, and he'd have it no other way."

Antwine, 23, was on his way to back up a fellow deputy on the night

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# Digital billboard removed

Outdoor ad company plans to move Five Points sign to new location in wake of complaints

BY GAVIN JACKSON  
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**Morning News  
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FLORENCE — Weeks after a newly constructed digital billboard went online at the Five Points intersection, the company, responding to local leaders' concerns from residents, said it will be taking the sign down from that location sometime in January.

Both Mayor Stephen J. Wukela and State Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., whom Wukela enlisted for help on the matter, said the news is a win for nearby residents and drivers who didn't complain of safety issues (the predominant complaint related to digital billboards), but rather the sign's placement by Adams Outdoor Advertising

and its brightness.

"The ones (complaints) I received focused primarily on the location of the sign, the intensity of the sign, the proximity to a residential neighborhood. You know, Five Points is a commercial area but is very approximate to a very large residential area," Wukela said. "And I think that the nature of the concerns of what I heard centered around that location and intensity."

One neighborhood nearby, between Cherokee Road and South Cashua Drive, surrounds the Florence County Club and is filled with tall,

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Adams Outdoor Advertising's \$170,000 digital billboard at the Five Points intersection will be coming down in mid-January after it came under pressure from local leaders and its advertisers. The billboard will cost \$26,000 to take down.

## Bring on those letters to Santa

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