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## **SC Front Pages – Monday, October 6, 2014**



## USC FOOTBALL, 1C A HUGE LETDOWN



## LIFESTYLE, 1D 'Downton Abbey' at Biltmore

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### NEW USDA GUIDELINES



J.L. Mann PTA volunteer Pamela Hall helps student Jay Minor at the new Patriot Pantry. The pantry, which is run by the PTA, has changed its menu, replacing candy and sugary soft drinks with healthier choices to meet new USDA Smart Snacks guidelines. BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF

## Students adjust to healthy school snacks

Foods high in sugar, fat can no longer be sold

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When the 11:25 a.m. bell rang at J.L. Mann High School on Thursday, students swarmed into the school cafeteria and straight to the counter of the Patriot Pantry, where volunteers had set up rows of fruit cups, bagels, yogurt, applesauce and packaged apple slices with peanut butter.

The selection looked far different from what students bought for lunch last year, said senior Greg Stoffelen. Then, many students filled up on chips or bought multiple packages of candy as their meal, Stoffelen said.

Now, students rush to buy yogurt or Mannchables — freshly cut fruit, carrots, dip, saltines and a mint — and though students were slow to adjust to the new offerings, they've already returned, said Sharon Totherow, a Parent Teacher Student Association volunteer who manages the school store.

"It's a change for them, they miss their candy bars," Totherow said. "But they do enjoy our fruit cups, Mannchables and our ba-



Fruit cups are part of the new Patriot Pantry at J.L. Mann High School. BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF

*"I'll be honest, I feel it's a little restrictive. But the government set the rules, so you've got to follow that."*

SHARON TOTHEROW, Patriot Pantry manager at J.L. Mann High School

Totherow said she's heard from parents who like the guidelines because they don't like their children filling up on junk food, as well as from others who feel the rules are too restrictive.

"I'll be honest, I feel it's a little restrictive," she said. "But the government set the rules, so you've got to follow that."

On July 1, the United States

who sold cookies, candy and popcorn to raise money and feared a drop in revenue that could cut into their ability to offer extra help to students and teachers.

As a district, Greenville County's a la carte revenue from outside vendors who sold pizza or chicken sandwiches still remains below last year's levels, said Joe Urban, director of food and nutri-

### MEDICINE

## Hospitals are ready in event of Ebola

GHS staff has protocols to prevent spread of disease

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The patient with Ebola who was sent home from a Dallas hospital after telling the staff he'd just been in Liberia has many wondering whether U.S. hospitals are prepared to deal with the deadly virus here.

But hospitals in this region say they have protocols in place to prevent such a deadly disease from spreading.

*"We have reviewed infection disease procedures with our staff and have isolation rooms ready, if needed."*

DR. RYAN HOFFMAN,  
Medical director of emergency services, Bon Secours St. Francis Health System

He was sent home but had to be admitted two days later and is now listed in serious condition while his family in Dallas has been quarantined for 21 days, the incubation period of the virus.

Since the outbreak began in West Africa, more than 6,500 people have been infected with Ebola and more than 3,090 have died in Liberia, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Liberia has been hardest hit.

Duncan was sent home because his

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### HOSPITAL PRECAUTIONS

Dr. Bill Kelly, an infectious disease physician at Greenville Health System, said that staff involved in caring for a patient suspected to have Ebola or any other hemorrhagic fever would be notified so that all proper precautions would be taken immediately. Those steps include:

- Placing the patient in isolation and notifying state and federal health officials to trace any of the patient's contacts.
- Screening the patient for symptoms, recent travel history, and contact with anyone believed to have Ebola, as well as whether they had handled bats, rodents or primates from areas where the disease has been found.

- Ensuring health-care workers use enhanced precautions, such as gloves or even double gloves, gowns, eye protection, face masks and possibly shoe and leg covers.
- Removing upholstered furniture and





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## Summey marks 20 years at N. Charleston's helm

City that was once the butt of jokes has come a long way



North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey talks with Bruce Murdy and Michele Crull after he spoke at a press conference for Yes 4 Schools Charleston County Campaign last week.

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Conflict-filled City Council meetings, carried live on local cable access TV, were comic entertainment during the era when Keith Summey launched his career as mayor.

He recalled the city during the mid-90s as the butt of jokes.

"I like to have fun as much as anybody but when you're getting laughed at and you're the one meant for everybody in the area, it's not healthy," said Summey.

Two decades later, North Charleston has shed its image as a laughingstock.

"We're the No. 1 retail city in the state," the city's third and longest serving mayor boasted.

Equally important, the quality of life has improved, although evidence continues to plague poorer neighborhoods. In 2006, North Charleston's crime woes resulted in it being named the seventh most dangerous city in the U.S. in an annual ranking put out by Washington-based CQ Press. In 2012, it came in at No. 125

### Poll

How would you grade North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey? Find this story at [postandcourier.com/polls](http://postandcourier.com/polls) to vote.

on the most dangerous list.

Real estate values have skyrocketed. Neighborhoods such as Park Circle have transformed into trendy, eclectic places to live. The nearby business district along East Montague Avenue has blossomed with new life and become a gathering place for those who patronize its restaurants. The successes have served as a catalyst for improvements and investment in adjacent neighborhoods.

Tanger Outlets and the North Charleston Performing Arts and Convention Center pump millions of dollars into the local and area economy.

"I don't always agree with him but you have got to give him credit. He thinks outside the box. He's a very

good politician," said Councilman Bob Klug.

Summey's warm, folksy style is apparent during an interview in his third-floor City Hall office. He pulls up a chair next to a coffee table instead of sitting behind his desk, which he sees as a divider. Elected officials should not view themselves as above the people, he said.

He describes himself as a salesman for the city.

### Navy Base closing

Fueled by the thousands of jobs Boeing has brought, North Charleston is enjoying something of a renaissance that few would have predicted in Summey's early years as mayor.

During Summey's first term, the Navy Base and its thousands of jobs were on a post-Cold War chopping block. The closing of the base in 1996 was a huge blow to the city and the tri-county area.

"It was a frightening time but what we had to do is come up with a plan that made the general public not get over-anxious," he said.

Summey was well-schooled in

what was happening from his prior elected post as chairman of Charleston County Council.

"I never will forget. I talked with Senator (Earnest "Fritz") Hollings and asked him 'What were our chances?' He said, 'Son, it's closing.'"

Summey was elected mayor in October 1994 to a first term of only nine months, the remaining time on the four-year term of Bobby Kinnard, who resigned because of clashes with City Council.

Surviving and thriving amidst the effect of the pending base closure became the first priority.

"We basically developed a plan to go out and recruit jobs. We went after just about anything we could get. It didn't have to be industrial," he said.

Cooperation between Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties was key to the success of the effort. If a prospective employer dials like one site, the business was steered to another location in a different jurisdiction.

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## Support for town's pines has deep roots

15 S'ville trees to be cut down for \$30M development

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The yellow ribbons recently tied around trees in downtown Summerville aren't there to welcome anyone home.

Instead, the ribbons mark about 15 trees that will be cut down to make way for a \$30-million project on the corner of Cedar Street and West Richardson Avenue.

The project will include a 66-room, four-story hotel with rooftop terrace, an upscale restaurant, retail space, a parking garage, and nearly three dozen condos.

### If you go

**WHAT:** Town of Summerville Board of Architectural Review

**WHEN:** 6 p.m. Monday

**WHERE:** Summerville Municipal Complex

It's a better pill for preservationists decrying the loss of trees in a town founded in the 1700s as Pineland Village and whose motto is "Sic ut Pinus Est," Latin for "the pine is sacred."

One tree slated for the ax on the Richardson Avenue side of the tract could be the oldest tree in Summerville, said Peter Gorman of the East Historic District Civic Association.

"They haven't named it or anything, but it's right here in the center of town," he said.

With a circumference of 13 feet, the tree probably predates the town's 1847 incorporation, he said.

Summerville Preservation Society President Heyward Hutson, who grew up in the area, remembers the tree more than 70 years ago when he was a child.

"It was huge already," he said. "It's at least doubled in size since then. For a pine tree, that's huge."

Hutson believes cutting down the trees to make way for the Dorchester Hotel "kind of flies in the face of (Summerville's) tree policy," he said. "The town has a responsibility to uphold the ordinances that they create."

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## Worried over Ebola in U.S.? This may help put your mind at ease

BY CONNIE CASS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ebola has arrived in the United States and people are frightened.

The nation's top infectious diseases expert said it's perfectly normal to feel anxious about a disease that kills so fast and is ravaging parts of West Africa.

"People who are scared, I say, we don't take lightly your fear. We respect it. We understand it," Dr. An-

thony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health said Sunday.

But West Africa, because of the weaknesses in its health system, is not the United States, Fauci said, predicting "we won't have an outbreak." Scientists know how to stop the virus from spreading.

That's not to say the first Ebola case diagnosed within the United States — a traveler from Liberia who began feeling the effects after arriving in Dallas — will be the only one.

The government took measures this

past week to ensure hospitals are ready. Despite some initial missteps in Dallas, tried-and-true methods are under way, tracking everyone who came into contact with the infected man and isolating anyone who shows symptoms.

What to know about Ebola in America.

### A lot of talk

Expect to hear news reports in the coming days about people who are being cared for as potential Ebola cases. That doesn't mean they have

the disease.

Doctors and hospitals are isolating individuals they believe could be at risk. That's based on a combination of their symptoms and recent travel from a country where Ebola is present.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has consulted with hospitals about more than 100 potentially suspicious cases in recent months. More than a dozen were worrisome enough to merit Ebola blood tests. Only the Dallas patient had Ebola.

### How it spreads

Ebola doesn't spread easily like the flu, a cold or measles.

The virus isn't airborne. Instead, it's in a sick person's bodily fluids, such as blood, vomit, urine, semen or saliva. Another person can catch the disease by getting those germs into his own body, perhaps by wiping his eyes or through a cut in the skin.

Bodily fluids aren't contagious until the infected person begins to feel sick.

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## LEXINGTON COUNTY ROADS

# A rough ride for penny tax?

A loose coalition of critics stirs opposition to proposal for infrastructure work

By **TIM FLACH**  
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Jennifer Hill hopes Nov. 4 could be the first step toward correcting what she considers a dangerous stretch of road near her home along the west edge of Lexington.

Voter approval of a new penny-on-the-dollar sales tax for Lexington County would generate money for that project and at least 68 others.

A plan to widen a 1.5-mile stretch of

Longs Pond Road north and south of its intersection with I-20 is among the first improvements that would occur. Plans call for widening the stretch of road – a major corridor in the center of the county for commuters and cargo haulers – on which 8,700 vehicles travel daily to handle triple that level.

"The infrastructure has not kept up with growth," she said. "And I see more problems in the future."

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### BY THE NUMBERS

**\$178.4 million**

Amount earmarked for 24 road projects

**\$21 million**

Amount earmarked for 11 new buildings and recreation facilities

**\$53.1 million**

Amount earmarked for 22 water, sewer and drainage improvements

**\$15.6 million**

Amount earmarked for 12 paths and sidewalks

## 'CELEBRATE THE SURVIVORS AMONG US'



Workers with North American Midway Entertainment work on setting up a ride last week at the S.C. State Fair.

# State Fair going pink to support breast cancer fight

By **BERTRAM RANTIN**  
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When the 145th anniversary South Carolina State Fair opens Wednesday in Columbia for a 12-day run, it will be with a significant nod to those battling breast cancer and others working to find a cure for the disease.

As part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the fair is offering several educational and promotional events to increase awareness and early detection. There also will be opportunities to celebrate survivors of breast cancer – the most common cancer in women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The events are part of the first Pink Fair campaign, which is being coordinated with Palmetto Health, Lexington Medical Center and Providence Hospitals.

"We just felt like it was a great way to become more involved in the community," said State Fair manager Gary Goodman.

The timing for a coordinated effort was ideal this year, Goodman said. Palmetto Health Foundation's Walk for Life – the area's signature breast cancer awareness event – normally is held the first Saturday of October but was moved to Oct. 18 this year because of Yom Kippur. The new date

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### PINK FAIR PROMOTIONS

#### EVERY DAY

■ Pink and white resource tent, with literature and health care professionals

■ Wall of Hope, where visitors can post a note in the Canteen Building in honor or remembrance of someone affected by breast cancer

#### THURSDAY

■ "Going Pink" Instagram Scavenger Hunt (see fair's Facebook page for rules)

#### FRIDAY:

■ Head shaving and Locks of Love event – 6:15 p.m. at the Pink and White tent

#### OCT. 16

■ Plant Your Seeds Day, an all-day interactive experience for youngsters, in the Canteen Building

#### OCT. 18

■ Walk for Life at Finlay Park. Everyone wearing pink Walk for Life T-shirts will be admitted to the fair free after the morning event and again on Oct. 19.

# Columbia to open S.C.'s first Homeless Court

Largely volunteer new court to begin Jan. 1

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Come January, the Capital City will have South Carolina's first Homeless Court intended to help get people off the streets and their lives back on track, supporters said last week.

The new court is Columbia's latest attempt at dealing with a large homeless population in the city center, a complex issue that has persisted despite years of effort. A crackdown in 2013 aimed at arresting people who refused to go to the city's homeless shelter was softened after a public outcry that Columbia was trying to criminalize homelessness.

The court was authorized last month by S.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean Toal as a pilot program that Toal said she hopes will become a model.

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# Trial to begin in killing of USC professor

The criminal trial of Hank Hawes, accused in the stabbing death of a promising USC professor who had broken off a relationship with him, begins Monday in Richland County court.

The trial is expected to last at least a week.

It is not known whether Hawes, now 40, will testify.

Friends and family of the late Jennifer Wilson are likely to gather in Courtroom 3A for the trial. Presiding will be a visiting judge from Charleston, Judge J.C. Nicholson Jr.

In August 2011, Wilson was 36 and a rising star in children's literacy and teacher instruction when she was found dead in her Shandon duplex. She had suffered multiple stab wounds.

Columbia police quickly took Hawes into

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### AT THESTATE.COM/STATEFAIR:

View photos of the fair coming together during setup of the Midway.

**INSIDE:** Tickets, fair highlights and more ahead of Wednesday's opening.  
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## It's not personal – it's politics

BY ELLEN PRIEST  
Publisher

The *Aiken Standard* has been under fire this weekend by Debbie Nix, the chairwoman of the We The People Aiken Citizens Acting for Responsible Education Committee, a group organized to oppose the 1 percent education sales tax initiative on the November ballot, who issued a press release challenging the journalistic integrity of the newspaper.

In response, we admitted mistakes that had been made by our advertising department, in a story written by Audience Development Director Tim

O'Brian, which appeared in our Saturday edition.



Priest

staff members, but those employees had nothing to do with our news coverage.

In a press release issued by Nix, she states that she has turned down a request to be interviewed by us and questions the objectivity of our reporting. As our story verified on Saturday, mistakes were made by advertising

There are three distinct parts of the paper that are kept completely separate. Our news coverage includes both sides of an issue and is fair and unbiased.

For Nix or any member of WTBA CARE to refuse to speak to our reporters deprives the public of the explanation of their position. That is WTBA CARE's prerogative. One of the beauties of free speech is that you can speak or not speak. The newspaper has and will continue to cover all perspectives on this important issue.

Our editorial page is our place for opinions, both ours and others. We carry both liberal and conservative views

on this page. The *Aiken Standard's* editorials are where we take a position on what we feel is best for the community. It is our opinion, with which our readers are free to agree or disagree.

Our editorial board decides on editorial positions but none of those people are general staff reporters, keeping a separation between news and editorial staff.

The advertising staff's job is to sell advertising that pays for staff salaries and the cost of producing our newspaper. We sell those ads to help businesses in this community grow their business. The purchase of an ad does not influ-

ence our news coverage or editorials. Though we try to educate our advertising staff regarding dos and don'ts, mistakes do happen, as when an ad flier went out promoting a section and stating 10 percent of the proceeds would go to a political organization because an advertising employee saw that the organization was a nonprofit. This newspaper does not and will never donate funds to a political organization. As stated in Saturday's article, this was a mistake by a misinformed employee, whose job is to sell advertising.

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## Council plans for next city manager

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER  
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Aiken City Council members and staff will meet Tuesday to discuss Aiken's next city manager.

The discussion will be at 5:30 p.m. in an executive session at the Municipal Building, 214 Park Ave.



LeDuc

Private sessions are allowed to discuss legal advice, the hiring, firing or discipline of an employee, discussion of contract negotiations, certain industrial development matters, security personnel and devices and investigations of criminal misconduct.

Materials gathered by Council during a job search can be shielded, except for materials relating to not fewer than the three final applicants under consideration, the number of applicants must be released and if the total pool of applicants is the group from where the selection will be made, it can be argued that all applications are open, according to the Freedom of Information Act.

Highly personal information, including Social Security numbers, tax and medical information, can be withheld.

To date, the City of Aiken has received 50 applications for its next city manager, after former Aiken City Manager Richard Pearce resigned in June, said interim City Manager Roger LeDuc.

LeDuc said at least 75 percent of the applications received have been from people outside of South Carolina.

The purpose of the executive session Tuesday is to narrow down the list of applicants, LeDuc said.

Maayan Schechter is the local government reporter with *Aiken Standard*.

## AREA DEATHS

No new deaths

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## WEATHER



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Cloudy, a sheep disguised as an Old English sheepdog, won the costume class during a dog show at Paradise Farm during the Aiken Hunter Trials on Sunday. Cindy Swartz is Cloudy's handler.

Woolly winner  
Sheep in disguise wins canine costume contestBY DEDE BILES  
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A Dorset sheep dressed like an Old English sheepdog won the costume class during a dog show at Paradise Farm on Sunday.

That might seem like an unusual event, but to Lellie Ward, the situation didn't seem strange. She is the owner of both Paradise,

which is on Wagener Road, and the sheep, which is named Cloudy.

"He thinks he's a dog because he's grown up with dogs," said Ward, who has had Cloudy since he was a lamb. "He's sort of the farm mascot."

Cloudy and about 30 canines participated in the dog show, which was held in conjunction with the Aiken Hunter Trials for horses and their riders.

"The dog show promotes fun, and it gives everybody a little break because horse shows can sometimes be long and boring," Ward said. "We want people to be able to enjoy their animals, both horses and dogs."

Ward and her farm secretary, Cindy Swartz, had been planning Cloudy's costume since February. Cosmic Britton, of Wagener, made the outfit.

"It's an extra-large T-shirt with a



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Gloria Supancic poses with pooch pal Charlie, who won the dog that looks the most like its owner class in a dog show at Paradise Farm.

lot of felt on it," she said. "I sewed on the felt in strips, and then I went snip, snip, snip. I stopped and started and then stopped and started because I had never sewn for a sheep before. I probably had 10 hours of work in it," Britton said.

Three "official fittings" were needed to get everything just right, Ward added.

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## Prosecutor wins S.C. award for excellence

Deputy Solicitor  
Beth Ann Young  
chosen by peersBY TEDDY KULMALA  
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An Aiken County solicitor was recently honored with the state's highest award for a prosecutor.

Deputy Solicitor Beth Ann Young received the Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution, and was recognized at the S.C. Solicitors' Association annual conference

categories: General Sessions, family court and the attorney general's office, with each winner being selected by a panel of peers. Young was the recipient for the General Sessions category.

Young worked as an assistant district attorney in Alabama and as a clerk for a superior court judge in Georgia before coming to the Second Circuit Solicitor's Office in 2005. In Aiken, she specializes in the prosecution of drug and serious violent crimes, with a caseload of about 500 warrants per year.

"I was thrilled and humbled to be recognized by my peers when I know how many wonderful and outstanding solicitors there are across the state," Young said. "It's a huge honor. It's really the highest honor you can get as a



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Aiken County Deputy Solicitor Beth Ann Young, center, was awarded the Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution for General





# PANTHERS GET BACK ON TRACK

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## Past haunts Ravenel

Thomas Ravenel wants to talk about ideas in his independent run for U.S. Senate. But his felony drug conviction sometimes gets in the way. **PAGE A7**

## Uneasy about safety

Americans lack confidence in the government's ability to protect their personal safety and economic security, a sign that their widespread unease about the state of the nation extends far beyond politics, according to the latest Associated Press-GfK poll. **PAGE A5**

## Grief adds resolve

Charlottesville's police chief said Sunday that an anguished statement from the parents of a missing University of Virginia student has given investigators fresh resolve to carry on with the difficult search through hundreds of square miles of countryside. **PAGE A6**

## Typhoon hits Japan

A powerful typhoon made landfall in central Japan this morning after washing three American airmen in Okinawa out to sea the previous day, killing at least one. **PAGE A4**

## Protests ease

Hong Kong's civil servants returned to work, and schools were reopening this morning as a massive pro-democracy protest that has occupied much of the city center for the week dwindled. **PAGE A4**

Weather

# Travel ban idea spurs concerns



Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told "Fox News Sunday" that he opposes a travel embargo on West African countries struggling with Ebola.

Health officials say efforts to halt Ebola's spread would suffer

By MARK SCOLFORD  
The Associated Press

Top government health officials said Sunday that they are opposed to placing a ban on travelers from Ebola-infected countries, warning that shutting down borders could impede efforts by aid workers to stop the spread of the deadly virus.

The idea of a ban gained currency this past week after the nation's first case was diagnosed in Dallas.

Proponents have argued that it would help ensure public safety.

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, said a travel embargo on West African countries struggling with Ebola would make it much harder for them to control the virus.

"You isolate them, you can cause unrest in the country," Fauci told "Fox News Sunday." "It's conceivable that governments could fall if you just isolate them completely."

British Airways and some other airlines have suspended flights

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## EQUESTRIAN CENTER LEAPS FORWARD



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The Tryon International Equestrian Center was officially dedicated on Sunday. The event featured equestrian competitions as well as several family activities.

# Dedication looks toward future

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**W**ITH THE STABLES NEARLY full, the parking lots

their skills in multiple arenas, and there were bursts of applause from the stadium arena at the end of every clear round of the grand prix course, which







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## COMMUNITY THEATRE

### Greene has best of both worlds

By JOSEPH SITARZ  
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MYRA GREENE  
Guest Director at GCT

There's a lot of activity going on near the stage at Greenwood Community Theatre more than a couple of nights a week during rehearsals for the upcoming musical "Footloose." Musical directors Matthew Miller and Stephan Botchie are working on snippets of songs from the show. Actors are sitting in the audience waiting their turn while other actors are running through their lines on stage. Others are trying on outfits waiting for approval.

In the center of all this hustle and bustle is guest director Myra Greene, who spent many years as artistic and executive director at the theater on Main Street in Uptown Greenwood. Greene is able to balance all that's asked of her off stage while maintaining a close eye — and ear — on the actors on stage.

Greene has what she considers the best of both worlds. She has a job she loves — director of Alumni Affairs at her alma mater, Lander University — and she has a second career she also loves — directing productions in theaters in South Carolina, including Greenwood Community Theatre.

"My work at Lander comes first and is my primary focus. I try to shine a good light on my school wherever I am directing. Guest directing for theaters is now my 'paying' hobby," Greene said.

Greene is gearing up for the musical "Footloose" based on the 1984 movie and 1998 Broadway musical.

"Having someone with Myra's experience in community theater as a guest director is invaluable," said GCT executive director Stephen Gilbert. "She really has been a big asset."

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## CAFFE 312 COMING SOON

### Unique venture coming to Uptown

By COLIN RIDDLE  
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Unexpected, unusual, Caffe 312 is bringing the European style.

"Don't expect the normal," Kenn Wiltshire, Ward 4 City Councilman and owner of Uptown's newest coffee shop and wine bar hybrid.

Scottish native and former victim's advocate for the Greenwood County Eighth Circuit Solicitor's Office, Wiltshire has been working on the idea for two years.

Caffe 312 will be a nice, calm place where folks can come, sit down and enjoy a nice glass of wine or espresso, according to Wiltshire.

Located at 312 Main St., the new coffee bar will house a variety of goodies. The collection stems directly from Wiltshire's own desires, criticisms and interests.

"I'm calling my own bluff with this place," Wiltshire said, adding that any

"All these things came together as a perfect storm."

KENN WILTSHIRE

owner of Uptown's newest coffee shop

opinion he would have regarding his own experiences in other establishments, he is turning into action.

One of his prime examples: the bathrooms. One of his goals is to have the nicest restrooms in Uptown.

The interior will include a variety of seating options, including sofas and chairs, community tables, regular dining tables and a tech area with free WiFi running throughout the building.

The offerings are plenty. The beer offered will all originate from Europe, bottled only. Domestic and foreign cheeses along with charcuterie, antipasta and various small plates will be offered.

Wiltshire wants the shop to be educational, where

patrons can learn and experience new wines and foods.

There also will be a bakery counter with freshly-made French pastries and breads among other goodies. Wiltshire is stocking the place with a hand-crafted Italian espresso machine, and will grind whole coffee beans in-house every day.

The coffee, all organic, is Counter Culture Coffee, a North Carolina company that buys from smaller producers from around the world rather than large growers. They also will highlight an Ethiopian coffee regularly.

Wiltshire wants to focus on the farmer, and help the smaller European growers and cooperatives. The cafe will carry equipment

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The inside of 312 Main St. is slowly being transformed into Caffe 312, a European-style wine bar and coffee shop owned by City Councilman Kenn Wiltshire.

### Ravenel runs hard for Senate, can't outrun demons

By JEFFREY COLLINS  
Associated Press

his campaign manager. "It's my money, I can't win I'm not going to waste a lot of tell them when I want them," he said of money," Ravenel said Thursday, speak-









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## Candidates promise to fix roads

Haley, Sheheen put forth plans, but will they work?

BY CASSIE COPE  
The State

CAMDEN — Camden land surveyor Henry Walker can tell when he crosses South Carolina's northern border and his tires

leave the Palmetto State.

"You go into North Carolina, and it's like night and day," Walker said.

Half of North Carolina's roads are in good condition, according to a national transportation re-

search group. In South Carolina, less than one-third of traffic rides on "good" roads, the S.C. Transportation Department says.

Walker is not alone in disliking South Carolina's crumbling roads. Other residents complain

that the state's bad roads damage their cars and tires, and that the poor roads hurt their businesses.

With four weeks to go before the Nov. 4 election, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley and Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen both say they will fix the state's crumbling roads and distressed bridges.

The question is: How?

Haley has suggested using the "money tree," the surplus that is added to the state's estimated revenue by the time the budget is finalized, to pay for the multibillion shortfall in road needs. But that money — which has

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### Events

#### McLeod Farmers Roadside Market:

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at McLeod Farm, located at 29247 S.C. 151 South in McBee. Shop their selection of hand-picked, fresh fruits and vegetables. Enjoy a steamy cup of cider or coffee with hot some of their fresh bakery treats or some old-fashioned slow churned ice-cream. The market also has a unique collection of gift items. For more information, call 843-335-8611.

#### Pee Dee State Farmers Market:

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today through Saturday at 2513 W. Lucas St. in Florence. The market features fresh local produce and products. For more information, call 843-665-5154.

#### School Foundation's 13th Annual Gala:

5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology Center in Florence. Entertainment will be provided by students from Florence School District 1. William Hubbard, a 1970 graduate of McClenaghan High School, will be honored as the 2014 FSD1 Distinguished Graduate. He is the president of the American Bar Association and is a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley Scarborough, P.A. in Columbia. Tickets are \$75 for District 1 employees and \$100 for anyone else. Reserved tables of eight begin at \$1,000. For more information, contact The School Foundation at 843-662-9996 or email Executive Director Debbie Hyler at dhyler@theschoolfoundation.org.

#### Health and Wellness Event at the Lake City Public Library:

6 p.m. Tuesday at the Lake City Public Library. The library will host the event in observance of breast cancer awareness. Lisa Castles, P.A. from Pee Dee Family Practice, will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome and attendance is free. Registration is required. To register, call 843-394-8071.

#### Farmers' market in downtown Florence:

3-7 p.m. Wednesday in the breezeway on the 100 block of West Evans Street and public parking lot nearby. Market features an array of local produce and products. Patrons can peruse through a variety of items, including locally grown produce, various meats, cheeses and dairy products, artisan craft items and more. Vendors will accept EBT. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page by searching "Downtown Farmers Market." Information is expected to be placed on the city's website, [www.cityofflorence.com](http://www.cityofflorence.com).

#### Disney on Ice: "Treasure Trove":

7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Florence Civic Center. Get tangled up in Disney's 50th animated feature with Rapunzel and Flynn, and enter the worlds of Tiana, Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan and Snow White. Set sail with Peter Pan, Tinker Bell and Captain Hook and his pirate pals on an adventure beyond Neverland. Trek the wilds of Africa with Simba, Nala, Pumbaa and Timon as they discover the true meaning of the "Circle of Life." Don't be late to a very important date with Alice and the Madhatter as they march with the Queen of Hearts' Army of Cards. Admission price starts at \$20. For more



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Dropping to his knees, Kerry Lee Simmons prays during a performance Sept. 28 at Antioch Fellowship Church on East Howe Springs Road. "It was something God gave me then," he later said, speaking about the mid-song prayer. "It's not something I rehearsed. I don't want to put on an act for God, I want to act for God."

## Rapping for Christ

Life experiences, faith shape Kerry Lee's music

BY YEASEY CONWAY  
Morning News  
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TIMMONSVILLE — Teaching is best done from a position of experience. How can people speak about bad things if they've experienced only the good?

A local Christian rapper understands.

Kerry Lee — formal name Kerry Lee Simmons — channels his troubled past into his tracks and performances.

He said he'll keep making music until the Lord tells him to stop.

Mostly set apart from the mainstream music industry, Christian rap and hip-hop enjoys a relatively small but passionate following. The most successful Christian rappers aren't signed to ma-



Audience members watch Simmons perform Sept. 28 at Antioch Fellowship Church. "People, they feed off your energy," Simmons said. "It's your energy, it's your spirit. What you put out is what they will receive."

for record companies. They start their own records.

"I grew up in a culture of rap," Simmons said. "Hip-hop — that's what I listened to. During times me and the friends, we would have little ciphers



Each Monday, the Morning News features a good news story on a person, place or organization in the Pee Dee. If you have a suggestion for someone or something to profile, send it to [news@scnw.com](mailto:news@scnw.com).

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## AG: Culture that allows domestic violence must change







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## Ex-nursing home employee wins \$1M in lawsuit

T&amp;D Staff Report

A former Orangeburg nursing home employee who was acquitted of charges he sexually assaulted a resident has been awarded \$1 million in a lawsuit against two employees of the nursing home and against the company that owns the Whitman Street facility.

Ralph C. Williams Sr., 58, was

awarded \$897,500 in punitive damages and \$102,500 in actual damages by an Orangeburg jury last month against defendants Patricia Johnson, Josette Peppers and UniHealth Post Acute Care, LLC for defamation, according to Orangeburg County court records.

Court records indicate UniHealth will need to pay \$600,000, Johnson \$200,000 and Peppers \$97,500.

"We are satisfied with the jury's verdict," Williams' attorney Java Warren said. "We felt like justice was served."

Warren said the allegations against his client were horrific.

"A criminal and civil jury confirmed and vindicated him not just once but twice," Warren said.

The defendants were represented by Atlanta, Georgia-based law firm

Arnall, Golden, Gregory, LLP. Defense attorneys Tyler Arnold and Jason Bring could be reached for comment.

Williams was arrested and charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct and abuse of a vulnerable adult in June 2010.

Warren said the third-degree criminal sexual conduct charge was dismissed while the abuse of

a vulnerable adult charge went to a jury trial.

Warren said Williams was encouraged to plead guilty but declined doing so.

"He was not going to plead guilty a crime he did not commit," Warren said.

The jury returned a not guilty verdict February 2012, Warren said.

## A vision for fun

## Parks and rec director sees opportunities for Orangeburg

By GENE ZALESKI  
T&D Staff Writer

Orangeburg's new Department of Parks and Recreation director says she has big goals for the city.

"We need to go after some things that will keep people in Orangeburg," Shaniqua Simmons said. "The schools do bring a lot of people into the city, but after their degrees some students stay but some are like 'What does Orangeburg have to offer me? Why should I stay?'"

"Orangeburg has potential," Simmons said. "We need to look at different models and see what we can do to keep the people who start off as students ... as residents."

There needs to be events or outlets that bring students, residents and visitors together, Simmons said. "We need recreational activities to keep people in Orangeburg on weekends and at nights."

Simmons said the parks and recreation department also needs to look beyond Orangeburg for ideas.

"It is saying, 'Hey, I know we don't have this, but we have this empty building and the town of so and so did this to convert it,' she said. "Maybe we can go after some grant dollars or private partnerships to see what we can do for our city."

She foresees an increase of family events such as Easter egg hunts, back-to-school bashes and gatherings in conjunction with local schools and the YMCA. She'd also like to see more outdoor concerts for all age groups.

"Parks and recreation can really be a foundation for the community," Simmons said. "We need to figure out what the residents of Orangeburg really want."

Simmons says the department is conducting a survey to gauge community interest, but she says Orangeburg has a lot of assets ready to be used such as the spray park, Hillcrest Golf Course, tennis courts and Centennial Park.

A Johns Island native, the 33-year-old says growing up in a small community gave her an appreciation for parks and recreation.

"Everyone played on the local parks and rec football and there was



LARRY HART/TSO

Orangeburg Department of Parks and Recreation Director Shaniqua Simmons says she would like to help bring amenities that will keep Orangeburg's college and university students in town once they graduate.

cheerleading," Simmons said. "It was a close-knit community. It was a time to build friendships."

She entered South Carolina State University in 1999, studying physical education. Simmons said the competition attracted her, as well as the opportunity to be in social groups.

"If you are on a team, you are surrounded by different personalities and different opinions," she said. "I feed off of that."

Simmons received her bachelor's degree from S.C. State in physical education/sport communication in 2003.

Three years later, she received her master's degree in exercise and sport science with a concentration in sport

administration from the University of Wisconsin in La Crosse.

But South Carolina kept calling her back.

"I became homesick," she said. "I was looking for a teaching job and I could not find anything."

She returned to take a position as a facilities supervisor in Charleston.

"I took the job and moved back home," she said. "Since 2007, I have been in the profession."

Prior to her arrival in Orangeburg, Simmons was the parks district manager for Jacksonville, Fla. for a year. She has also served as the program director for North Charleston for about three years.

Simmons was named director in

June following the retirement of 27-year veteran Buster Smith.

She said going from Jacksonville to Orangeburg has been an adjustment. She had a staff of 114 in Jacksonville. In Orangeburg, she has a staff of 28.

"Everyone is accessible," she said. "When you come from a bigger agency, you have to go to different channels to reach who you want to reach. Here I can literally pick up the phone and talk to the person."

Simmons said she never thought she would be back in Orangeburg.

"I knew I would be a parks and recreation director in South Carolina, and that I had to leave South Carolina to obtain that goal," she said. "Not in a million years did I think it would be

Orangeburg."

Simmons said a lot has changed since she was here eleven years ago.

"The infrastructure has grown," she said. "When I was here we did not have a YMCA. I don't remember the spray park. I remember the Rose Gardens, but not to this extent. Orangeburg has really diversified itself."

Simmons said she is confident about the city's future.

"Orangeburg has good bones," she said. "I know Orangeburg can be successful."

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