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Budget cuts taking toll on arts in school

Educators say changes will hurt low-income students

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The Charleston County School District has removed its fine arts coordinator and redefined the job description to include oversight of world languages curriculum. The change is part of a larger overhaul that has some educators worried about the future of arts programming in the public schools.

The changes come in the wake of a budget shortfall of \$18 million that prompted officials to adjust staff allocations at schools across the district, according to Erica Taylor, the district's strategy and communications director. Of the three local school districts, Charleston County is the only one without a dedicated fine arts coordinator.

These adjustments aren't confined to arts education, though cuts have

rattled arts teachers and nonprofit arts organizations that work closely with area public schools.

One hard-hit school is Sanders-Clyde Elementary and Middle School in Charleston's East Side neighborhood. Sanders-Clyde lost its arts magnet status because of low enrollment, according to school officials. As a result, funding and staffing were

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Most of the 4-year-old students at Sanders-Clyde Creative Arts Elementary School in 2013 were enrolled in the Begin with Books program. They received a free book in the mail every month.

Bumpy road to progress

Project to convert Spring, Cannon to 2-way streets hits new delays



WADE SPEER/STAFF

Cannon and Spring streets, two popular commuter routes across the peninsula, will be converted from one-way to two-way early next year. The work, originally scheduled for completion by November 2015, was delayed while water mains were replaced.

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The days of dodging bright orange and white barrels and bouncing over metal plates on two popular commuter routes across the Charleston peninsula won't end this year.

The conversion of Spring and Cannon streets from one-way to two-way traffic won't be complete until early next year, city spokesman Jack O'Toole said, because work on wa-

Video

To see an update on roadwork at Cannon and Spring streets, go to postandcourier.com/video.

ter mains below both streets is taking longer than expected.

City officials first estimated the work would be done by last Thanksgiving. But workers discovered the water mains had begun to crack

and had other problems, so the Charleston Water System decided to replace them. That pushed the deadline to August. Now, they say the project likely won't wrap up until early 2017.

Matthew Brady, spokesman for Charleston Water System, said it can be challenging to work on the city's aging downtown infrastructure. The contractor doing the work ran into

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Trump ready to change his tune?

Signs point to more moderate stance on immigration, deportation

BY JILL COLVIN
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Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As he turns his attention to the general election, Donald Trump is signaling that he is ready to tone down his fiery rhetoric on illegal immigration — at least behind closed doors.

At the same time, Republican officials appear eager to push him in a more moderate direction, telling Hispanics that he has abandoned his divisive primary pledge to deport the estimated 11 million people living in the country illegally — even if Trump hasn't said so publicly himself.

"Trump has already said that he will not do massive deportations," Helen



Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump appears to be backing away from a pledge to deport illegal immigrants.

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Aguirre Ferre, the Republican National Committee's director of Hispanic communications, told reporters at a Spanish-language briefing at the party's convention two weeks

ago. Instead, she said, "he will focus on removing the violent undocumented who have criminal records and live in the country."

It's a statement that may come as a surprise to Trump's legion of loyal followers, many of whom were first drawn to Trump because of his hard-line views on immigration and border security. Trump has vowed to build a wall along the length of the southern border and use a "deportation force" to track down and deport anyone in the country illegally.

"You're going to have a deportation force, and you're going to do it humanely," Trump said in a TV interview last fall. He estimated in a separate

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Obama to spotlight strides for veterans

Speech to focus on VA reforms, national commitment to care

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a valedictory address to veterans, President Barack Obama will argue that getting ex-military members the health care and benefits they've earned is a national promise that "can't be broken." And he'll tout administration progress on reducing homelessness among veterans.

Obama will also announce that the administration is halfway toward building a massive database on veteran's health when he addresses the annual convention of the Disabled American Veterans service organization Monday in Atlanta.

The president leaves office in January, and he plans to use this appearance to recap how he has tried to help former military members, moving beyond headline-grabbing scandals over lengthy wait times for veterans seeking medical care. Outrage over those delays led to the resignation of Obama's first Veterans Affairs secretary, retired Army Gen. Eric Shinewski.

Care for America's veterans is a top issue in the presidential campaign, with the nearly 21 million veterans in the U.S. making up a critical voting bloc that Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump are vying for in November's election. Both Trump and Clinton spoke at the recent Veterans of Foreign Wars convention.

Trump has repeatedly blasted the VA under Obama, although Clinton has been less harsh. Both promise to overhaul the department, including its health care delivery. Demand for VA health care continues to grow, increasing 13 percent in the past year despite lingering concerns, DAV Executive Director Garry Augustine said in an interview.

Stressing progress, Obama will announce that overall veteran homelessness has been cut nearly in half, by 47 percent. That's short of the president's long-held goal of eliminating veteran homelessness by 2015, but Obama says the challenge is being confronted.

The White House also gives credit to first lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Joe Biden's wife, Jill, for using their initiative on military families to challenge mayors and county officials nationwide to end veterans' homelessness.

Obama also will announce that half a million veterans have voluntarily given blood samples and health data



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Trump vs. Muslim soldier's parents

■ Trump crosses another line, Graham charges

BY ALEXANDER BURNS,
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The New York Times

Donald J. Trump reeled Sunday amid a sustained campaign of criticism by the parents of a Muslim-American soldier killed by a suicide bomber in Iraq and a rising outcry within his own party over his rough and

Women have come a long way, but not in SC politics

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WASHINGTON

Young girls who watched Hillary Clinton's historic nomination last week are growing up in a very different South Carolina than their mothers and grandmothers did.

A female governor is running their state. And a woman soon could become their country's commander in chief. Women and girls have more educational opportunities and career options

than ever before.

But most women who want to run for office themselves would still find it difficult to break through in South Carolina.

"South Carolina is South Carolina — it can be really hard getting people to come around," said Republican state Sen. Katrina Shealy, R-Lexington, who was elected in 2012 to what was at the time the country's only all-male Senate. "We have great people, but it's still been hard to get them to accept women in a



Sen. Katrina Shealy, R-Lexington, makes a point during the Senate DSS Oversight Committee hearing on July 23.

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SC's tax-free weekend doesn't cover everything



MATT WALSH File photo/The State

Assure sign that students will soon be heading back to school is South Carolina's annual tax-free weekend.

Each year, beginning on the first Friday of August, the state eliminates all sales and user taxes on dozens of items. This year, the state's 6 percent sales tax — along with local sales taxes — will be eliminated from 12:01

Shoppers stroll Columbiana Centre looking for deals. Malls and area stores likely will be busy with the tax-free shopping holiday later this week.

Do you know what's tax free and what isn't?

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If you've been waiting to buy a laptop or desktop computer, you'll be in luck. No sales tax will be charged on your new MacBook, Dell Inspiron or



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Officer considered shooting protester

Suspect resisted arrest by applying chokehold, was eventually Tased twice

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The Greenville police officer who described being put into a chokehold by an Upstate Black Lives Matter protester he was trying to arrest during an attempted shutdown of Interstate 385 on July 9 said in a police report he nearly passed out

and considered shooting the suspect as he was being choked on the pavement.

Officer Joshua Pratt said in the report that he was assisting with a police roadblock to keep protesters from entering Interstate 385 near East North and Academy streets when one protester, identified as Dexter Scarborough began walking back and forth behind the police roadblock and yelling for other protesters to ignore police commands to stop walking in the roadway.

Pratt said he asked a captain whether they should continue to allow Scarborough to incite others to ignore police

commands and the captain told Pratt to arrest him if needed.

Pratt said he approached Scarborough and grabbed him by the arms but he immediately pulled away. He continued to try to place him under arrest "but he threw me to the ground," knocking his shoulder-mounted flashlight, pen and in-car camera microphone off, Pratt said.

Pratt said he stood back up and saw other officers trying to restrain Scarborough "unsuccessfully," then Pratt said he wrapped his arms around Scarborough's legs and tackled him.

"When I fell to the ground with Scar-

borough, he wrapped his left arm around my throat and began squeezing his arm around my neck," Pratt wrote. "I could begin to feel my ability to breathe being cut off and I began to feel light-headed. I began to become fearful that I may pass out and due to the large crowd that was within a few feet of me, I was scared that someone from the protest may try to come up behind me and take my gun or assault me from behind while I was unable to get out of the headlock."

Chokeholds are considered a use of le-

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Charles Newton cleans the bar screen in the sequence batch reactor of the North Greenville University wastewater-treatment facility.

NGU could grow with greater sewer service



First expansion of boundary since 1987 might aid developments

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With limited capacity at its wastewater-treatment facility hampering growth, North Greenville University is exploring options to clear the way for developments that include a new baseball stadium, arena and dormitory.

The projects remain in early phases of planning, but they cannot advance to construction until wastewater issues are addressed, according to the university's interim president, Randall Pannell.

The first expansion of Renewable Water Resources, a boundary since 1987

Something must be done relatively soon, Pannell said.

"All options, I suppose, are on the table," Pannell said. "I've got to make sure that I have a guarantee that I can get the capacity I need to continue to grow this campus. We're in a holding pattern, and I've got to get us out of that as quickly as I can so that we can get back to fundraising and building."

University officials want to build a new baseball stadium near the football program's practice fields, then build a student dormitory on the site of the existing baseball field. They want to build a new arena at the athletic complex across State 414 from the main campus, and they want to build locker rooms and bathrooms for the soccer, lacrosse and softball programs.

But Greenville County officials have

State GOP focusing on important legislative seat races

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THE STATE

With their presidential nominee picked, S.C. Republican Party officials are turning their focus to state legislative races.

Topping the list? Flipping a state Senate seat in Richland County that retiring Democrat Joel Lourie will vacate when his term expires at year's end.

Democratic state Rep. Mia McLeod, a Columbia communications consultant, and Republican Susan Brill, a Richland 2 school board member and former Richland County Council member, are running for the seat.

So far, blue is winning, at least in the cash race.

Democrat McLeod has the fundraising advantage over Republican Brill, having raised \$39,000 from April through June and finishing the quarter with \$114,000 to spend. Brill raised \$23,000 in the same period, finishing June with \$69,000 to spend.

If Brill prevails, the seat would be a big Senate win for the GOP. Lourie has been a vocal advocate of the Democratic agenda. In 2004, Lourie won the seat, which long had been held by the late Republican Warren Giese. Since then, however, Richland County has become more and more Democratic.

Republicans also hope to flip the state Senate seat that Democrat Creighton Coleman of Fairfield County is leaving. Coleman lost to Mike Fanning, a nonprofit executive, in the Democratic primary. Republican Mark Palmer, an Iraq war veteran, also is seeking the seat.

However, flipping the seat to the GOP could be a tough battle. Coleman beat Republican challengers by landslides in 2012 and 2008.

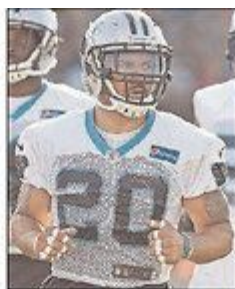
S.C. House races the state GOP hopes to flip in November include:

The Newberry seat held by Democrat Walt McLeod. McLeod's retirement, after two decades in the State House, leaves open a seat being contested by Republican Rick Martin, co-owner of a battery outlet store, and Democrat Carlton Kinard, a recent graduate and former student body president of Newberry College.



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Trump's remarks 'degrading'

Clinton deplores Trump's comments about Muslim soldier's parents

By Lisa Lerer
and Jonathan Lemire
The Associated Press

ASHLAND, Ohio — Hillary Clinton said Sunday that Donald Trump repaid the "ultimate sacrifice" of a U.S.

Army captain killed in Iraq with insults and degrading comments about Muslims, as the soldier's bereaved father pressured Republican Party leaders to distance themselves from the

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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton steps off her campaign bus in light rain to visit Grandma's Cheese Barn on Sunday in Ashland, Ohio. ANDREW HARNIK/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Authorities ID man killed in dragway crash

WARE SHOALS — Authorities have identified a driver killed after an accident at the Ware Shoals Dragway.

The Laurens County coroner tells local media outlets that 38-year-old Anthony Craig Owens of Easley died at the scene of the crash Saturday night.

Video shot by witnesses shows a two-door vehicle leaving the track, flipping several times and landing on a group of vehicles along the side of the track.

Officials said a man on the sidelines with his family was also injured. The man managed to shove his 3-year-old boy out of the way, but the child was also injured and airlifted to the hospital. Racers said they would continue to run Saturday night. The winner of the event was expected to donate money to the families.

Woman's body found in Lake Murray

NEWBERRY — Newberry County authorities are working to identify the body of a woman found in Lake Murray.

Local media outlets report deputies had been called to a home Sunday morning. The woman's body was found in four feet of water at around 7:15 a.m., about 10 feet from the shore. She was wearing a bathing suit.

Sheriff Lee Foster says he doesn't believe foul play was involved in the woman's death and there were no signs of trauma to her body.

Secessionist party plans Confederate flag display

CHARLESTON — The South Carolina Secessionist Party is making plans for something it's calling "Operation Retaliation."

The Post and Courier of Charleston reports Sunday that chairman James Bessenger says the party is looking for help securing large Confederate flags that it can display along major



Rainwater, a new housing development shown in all photos, is under construction along Highway 290 in Duncan. Local real estate agents say homes in Spartanburg County are selling faster this year than last year. TIM KIMZEY PHOTOS/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM

Homes sold (year-to-date)

Area	2015	2016	% change
Greenville	5,646	6,127	+8.5%
Spartanburg	2,130	2,213	+3.9%
State	36,237	38,912	+7.4%

Median price of homes sold (year-to-date)

Area	2015	2016	% change
Greenville	\$168,000	\$176,000	+4.8%
Spartanburg	\$134,500	\$138,000	+2.6%
State	\$169,000	\$177,192	+4.8%

Average days on market (year-to-date)

Area	2015	2016	% change
Greenville	80	68	-15%
Spartanburg	138	124	-10.1%
State	113	104	-8%

Source: SC Realtors June Housing Market Report

'FLYING OFF THE MARKET'

Upstate housing market booming

Higher prices in Greenville pointing buyers to Spartanburg

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The housing market here is hotter than an August day in Spartanburg.

Homes are selling at a faster pace than homes being listed, leading to a shorter supply and higher prices in the Upstate, according to the latest numbers from South Carolina Realtors.

Real estate agents say that means more competition for home buyers who may have to spend more. But it's good news for those who've been holding off listing their house waiting for the right time to sell.

"It's most definitely a seller's market," said home builder Manning Lynch of Spartanburg. "I'm selling everything I'm building well before I get finished."

With prices moving higher, many first-time buyers are being forced from the



Higher home prices in Greenville are driving some home buyers to Spartanburg, particularly the Lyman-Duncan area and the Inman-Campobello-Landrum area.

higher-priced Greenville market to neighboring Spartanburg County, according to Patty Wilds, agent with Century 21 Upstate.

In Greenville, the median home price went up from \$168,000 last year to \$176,000 this year, while in Spartanburg it has risen from \$134,500 to \$138,000, according to S.C.

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Back 2 School Block Party

Event to raise awareness for autism

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FLORENCE — To celebrate children, particularly those with autism and other special needs, Leya Elijah-Eller of the Pee Dee Community Arts Team will host a back-to-school block party from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of Rooms R Us on Pamplico Highway.

"We want to celebrate our kids. ... We want them to know that their community cares about them before they start school."

IF YOU GO

» **WHAT:** Back 2 School Block Party for Autism Awareness

» **WHEN:** Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday

» **WHERE:** Parking lot of Rooms R Us, 131 Pamplico Highway

» **ADMISSION:** Free. Registration is requested at back2school-autism.eventbrite.com.

After participating in the All4Autism 5K and watching a fellow leader of the Pee Dee Community Arts Team interact with her autistic son, Elijah-Eller felt called to help spread awareness.

"It really touched my heart," she said.

She hosted an autism awareness event in April and said the turnout was just enough to encourage her to continue.

While the event is not a fundraiser, there will be informational tables about autism and sensory-friendly games for the attendees.

The block party will include six bounce houses, food and drink vendors, school supply giveaways and special appearances by SpongeBob Squarepants and Hello Kitty.

There also will be live entertainment from various musicians, the Pee Dee Community Arts dance team, a step team and more.

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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.

Four-legged therapists



Margi Moore poses Saturday with her therapy dog, Bug, at the Darlington County Library.

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'They just have this gift'

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DARLINGTON — Margi Moore is a dog lover, but she thinks some canine friends are particularly special.

Since 1999, Moore has been a member of Therapy Dogs International, a volunteer organization that regulates, tests and registers therapy dogs and handlers.

Moore is the local chapter director for Florence and surrounding areas.

Seventeen years ago, Moore was the proud owner of a Welsh Corgi named Darcie. Moore had met therapy-dog handlers in the area and thought Darcie would be a good candidate.

"Ninety-five percent of what's in a therapy dog is in their heart," she said. "You can't teach it. They just have this gift. They know."

Moore was right in thinking that Darcie would be good for the job. They took the therapy-dog test, and Darcie passed. Moore's volunteering career took off from there. Since then she has owned four therapy dogs.

"That's how it all started, with her," she said.

Moore's current therapy dog is a toy poodle named Bug. Moore estimates that she and Bug have about 150 therapy visits under their belt. Her husband, David Moore, also has a toy

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Casting Crowns to return to Florence Civic Center stage



BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — The contemporary Christian rock band Casting Crowns will return to the Pee Dee for an Aug. 11 performance at the Florence Civic Center.

IF YOU GO

» **WHAT:** Casting Crowns

» **WHEN:** Aug. 11. Doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m.

» **WHERE:** Florence Civic Center

» **ADMISSION:** Tickets range from \$22 to \$59 and can be purchased at florenciviccenter.com or by visiting the venue box office.

"You're going to hear the September release of the

step forward ... and lyrically," said Hall, who also works as a youth pastor at his church in Atlanta. "All my songs come from what I'm teaching. They're all little Bible studies packed into songs."

He is on a constant mission to notice themes and

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Married in 1996, Beaufort couple finally get to have their wedding 3A



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BEAUFORT COUNTY

Senior housing, care a booming business

In the next two years, Beaufort County can expect to see a 33 percent increase in its capacity of senior housing. Most of the construction is happening in Bluffton, but the growth may be even more noticeable in northern Beaufort County.

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In the next two years, Beaufort County can expect to see a 33 percent increase in its capacity of senior housing.

Most of the construction is happening in Bluffton, Okatie and on Hilton Head Island — adding about 502 new beds in all — but the growth will be just as noticeable in northern Beau-

fort County.

Port Royal and Beaufort will see 301 new beds, a 58 percent increase from its current capacity for independent and assisted living, skilled nursing and memory care, compared with 27 percent south of the Broad River.

In all, the growth is coming from the recent and planned expansions of three existing senior-living homes — Benton House of Bluffton, Cypress of Hilton Head, and The Palmet-

tos at NHC Bluffton — and the planned addition of 11 new facilities.

The companies are capitalizing on a trend 20 years in the making. The thousands of retirees who first moved into Sun City Hilton Head in the 1990s, and smaller local retirement communities, are starting to age out, and more and more often, the next wave are bringing their elderly parents along with them, local senior housing professionals say.

"It's not often you have these huge conglomerate housing places (like Sun City) that have no assisted living of their own and no nursing homes of their own," Allen Porter, an owner of the planned Canterfield at Bluffton, said of building near the community. "My guess is

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LOCAL

HISTORY? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Celebrate Bluffton recently launched a free mobile application that takes users on a tour of about a dozen historically significant sites around Old Town. 3A



Hilton Head Island Barnes & Noble employee Whitney Cale hosts a trivia game Saturday at the "Harry Potter" midnight release party.

A night of magic at 'Harry Potter' party

BY LIZ FARRELL

ter" series. "... I didn't do the cosplay though." "Wait," I said. "This is cos-

It turns out it's not a subversive or perverse activity. People putting on costumes and telling quite seriously about

some wore themed T-shirts, two even had official Harry Potter brooms that they parked in the arms of their very loving grandmother who happily carried them around with her like a house elf.

Throughout the night, I assumed everyone I met had better recall than I did about "Harry Potter," and I felt slightly ashamed by that.

I knew the fans were enthusiastic, but now that I knew this was cosplay, I could see that



NATION

SPEECH TO FOCUS ON VETERANS

President Barack Obama is scheduled to address the annual convention of the Disabled American Veterans service organization today. 6A



LOWCOUNTRY LIFE

THE 'PURR-FECT' CANDIDATE?

As part of a fundraiser to end pet homelessness,



TONY DAVIS

FOIA request still not fulfilled

As of today, 136 days have passed since the Index-Journal filed a request on behalf of the public under the Freedom of Information Act with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office for a number of records pertaining to the death of Demetric Cowan while in custody at the detention center. Some of the records, including video that would clarify and illuminate the events surrounding Cowan's death on March 13, have not yet been produced. An injunction blocking the release of video, which was said to be pending and cited months ago as a reason for withholding the records, has not been filed.

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Greenwood woman dies in stabbing

Police captain says two people arrested following incident

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Greenwood Police were called to investigate a stabbing that occurred

about 3 a.m. Sunday morning.

Capt. Mitchell McAllister said a fight broke out at 802 Taggart Ave. that led to the stabbing of Andrea Danielle Paxton, 39, of Perrin Avenue in

Greenwood.

McAllister said the fight was in reference to an assault earlier in the evening.

Paxton was taken to Self Regional

Medical Center, where she later succumbed to her injuries.

McAllister said Minnie Rankin was arrested and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during

the commission of a violent crime.

He also said another woman, Annie Rankin, was arrested on disorderly conduct charges stemming from the incident.

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WARE SHOALS

Spectator hit at dragway identified by Go Fund Me

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A Go Fund Me page has been created for Jason Kelly, the spectator who was injured in Saturday night's wreck at Ware Shoals Dragway that left driver Anthony Craig Owen, 38, of Easley, dead.

According to the page created by Beverly Swartzendruber Kelly, Jason Kelly, her brother-in-law, was severely injured in the wreck.

His wife, Bridgett Bolt Kelly, said he received injuries to his back and is looking at a long recovery.

Bridgett Kelly said her husband was trying to move her, one of their friends and their friend's children out of the way of the car when he was struck and pushed into a truck. She said he is in the CCU at Self Regional Medical Center in stable condition.

"Praise the Lord he is alive," his wife said.

"He's alive, but has a long road to recovery ahead of him," the Go Fund Me page said. "He has a wife and three kids."

The page has reached nearly \$1,000 of a \$50,000 goal.

The Ware Shoals Dragway donated proceeds from Saturday night to Owen's family.

The Laurens County Sheriff's Office was unavailable for comment.

Laurens County Coroner Nick Nichols said an autopsy will be performed Monday to determine cause of death.

According to one witness, Owen's car flipped over the wall of the strip, hit two trucks and went into the stands.

Following the wreck, one witness said a man performed CPR on Owen for about 30 minutes.

He said the victim was still breathing when he was taken away. However, he went into cardiac arrest on the scene, but was revived.

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PRESERVING THE PAST



Mike McKenzie, former superintendent of Greenwood County School District 50, thumbs through photos and articles submitted by people wanting to preserve their history.

Former superintendent works to save history of schools in Greenwood

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On the second floor of the Greenwood County Library is the genealogy room, where people can look up the history of Greenwood County and their ancestors by combing through the archives, but one thing lacking in the genealogy room: the history of Greenwood County schools.

Mike McKenzie, who was superintendent of Greenwood County School District 50 from 1985 to 1996, started gathering any historic information and artifacts about Greenwood schools he could find from 1900 to 2000.

McKenzie said the project began about two years ago after multiple people came in the library to ask



McKenzie holds a photo of a class from Luka Elementary School in Greenwood County from the early 1900s.

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