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Folly fed up with plastic beach trash

Concern for marine life spurs proposed ban on balloons, plastic bags, polystyrene

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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FOLLY BEACH — This city is poised to become the state's first seaside community to ban polystyrene coolers and food-and-beverage containers, balloons and plastic bags from its sandy shores.

City Council member Pennell Clamp, who proposed the ban with council member Dale Stuckey, said a prohibition on single-use plastic bags at retail outlets — that already received

preliminary approval — did not go far enough.

"The objective is to keep the plastic out of the ocean. You can't keep the plastic out of the ocean if you allow plastic on the beach," he said.

Clamp said about 75 percent of the plastic that ends up on the beach is brought in by visitors. He expects beachgoers will comply with the new rule if the city puts up signs at beach walkways advising of it.

Plastic bags used to pick up pet waste

at the beach would be allowed, he said.

Mayor Tim Goodwin predicted the proposed polystyrene, plastic bag and balloon ban will receive the two favorable City Council votes required, beginning at its next meeting on Sept. 13.

Stuckey said polystyrene food and beverage containers aren't a necessity on the beach.

"I think there are alternatives that are much more environmentally friendly. I'm really concerned about marine life, very concerned about the environ-

ment," she said.

Balloons would be banned at the beach, but businesses still would be permitted to sell them, Stuckey said.

Clamp and Stuckey proposed the beach ban at a council working session this week.

Councilman D.L. Rich expressed support for the beach ban but said it might not be practical. An area-wide ban might work better, he said.

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'Failure' just a way to grow engineers

Thinking outside box helps Simmons school prepare kids for careers



Cameron Richardson (left) and Parker Groves work together on a building project at Berkeley County's new Philip Simmons Elementary School, where the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) approach teaches children to solve problems with an engineering mindset.

BY PAUL BOWERS
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The ingredients for a fourth-grade engineering project are fanned out on a table in the Philip Simmons Elementary media center: 20 pieces of uncooked spaghetti, 2 feet of string, 3 feet of tape and a marshmallow.

The gears are already turning in the brains of Moises Martinez, Gavin Miles and Blake VanDerVeer as media specialist Rosie Herold delivers the challenge: In 20 minutes, which team can build the tallest freestanding tower that supports the weight of a marshmallow?

"Failure," Herold said, "is an option. I think failure is OK."

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At the brand-new Philip Simmons Elementary and Middle School in Berkeley County, students learn that "fail" is just an acronym for First Attempt In Learning.

Learning from mistakes — not always a common value in the assessment-obsessed public education landscape — is part of an engineering mindset the students will carry with them to Philip Simmons High when it opens off Clements Ferry Road in the fall of 2017. All three

Simmons schools have been designed around a theme called STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math).

As students filter in and out of the library to try their hand at the challenge, they come up with an array of architecture: spindly tripods, wobbly cubes and tight bundles of spaghetti with outreaching string supports like cellphone towers. Some are rock-solid, others collapse.

A group of fourth-grade boys hushes it out for a minute, finally coming up with a blueprint for a thin tower with a base taped tightly to the table. Will it stand?

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U.S. ties overseas draw S.C. leaders

Scott went to Israel, Sanford to Georgia during recent recess

BY EMMA DUMAINE
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WASHINGTON — While nearly every member of the South Carolina congressional delegation traveled outside the Palmetto State during the recently concluded seven-week summer recess, at least three lawmakers left the country.

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, both Charleston-area Republicans, participated in separate overseas trips during Capitol Hill's annual summer break.

Both traveled great distances and landed in foreign hot spots.

Scott traveled to Israel with cross-aisle colleague and the only other black lawmaker in the Senate, Cory Booker of New Jersey.

The visit, which constituted official travel through the State Department, included a sit-down with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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Obama cancels Duterte meeting

Philippine leader insulted president

BY JOSH LEDERMAN and KATHLEEN HENNESSEY
Associated Press

VIENTIANE, LAOS — President Barack Obama called off a planned meeting Tuesday with new Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, seeking distance from a U.S. ally's leader during a diplomatic tour that's put Obama in close quarters with a cast of contentious world figures.

It's unusual for one president to tell another what to say or not say, and much rarer to call the other a "son of a bitch." Duterte managed to do both just before flying to Laos for a regional summit, warning Obama not to challenge him over extrajudicial killings in the Philippines.

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Republican's softer tone on immigration 'too late,' rival says

BY KEN THOMAS and STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

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Suits rise as families fight bars that serve too much

'You can't leave it up to the industry to police themselves,' one attorney argues



BY JOHN MONK
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When Caitlin Clark died after a motorcycle crash last August, the 19-year-old Lexington County woman joined a sad and growing list of South Carolinians killed by drunks who leave bars too intoxicated to drive safely.

James Gainey Jr., the motorcycle driver whose dangerous driving killed Clark, was convicted of DUI and reckless homicide. He is now serving five years in state prison.

That wasn't the last legal action in that case.

Across South Carolina, relatives of people killed by drivers who've become intoxicated in the state's bars and restaurants are suing, alleging those establishments knowingly kept on serving alcohol to someone like Gainey who was unfit to drive.

"It's a growing problem," said Todd Ellis, the attorney representing Caitlin Clark's father in his lawsuit against the company that runs the Tin Roof bar at 1022 Senate St. in Columbia's Vista.

"Monitoring and limiting customers' drinks is at odds with many bars' profit motives to sell alcohol as fast as you can

Crosses in remembrance of Amber Hope Perkins, Jessica Ann Roberts and Corey Austin Simmonds stand in front of Anderson University dormitories in April. The three were killed in an auto accident in 2014 caused by an intoxicated driver.

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Labor Day in Chapin: A fun, patriotic farewell to summer

BY JEFF WILKINSON
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Nikki Lowder of Irmo has brought her 3-year-old daughter, Gracie, to the Chapin Labor Day Parade each year since Gracie was born.

"It's a family tradition now," Nikki said as the two sat along bustling Chapin Road on Monday, dressed up in red, white and blue, waving American flags and sporting patriotic sunglasses. "It's a great way to celebrate



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Furman's campus acts as solar lab

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The land that's been cleared for Furman University's \$1.7 million solar project along Poinsett Highway will turn into even more than a highly-visible sign of the university's commitment to sustainability, it will also become a new tool on a campus that's using its green initiatives as active educational tools for its students.

Education is the key element behind many of the university's green initiatives, including the visible solar projects across campus as a way to fuse the idea of sustainability across the university's curriculum, said Wes Dripps, Furman's new executive director of the Shi Center for Sustainability.

Dripps, who is also an associate professor of earth and environmental sciences, said he's constantly looking for ways to incorporate sustainability into curriculum.

The campus itself can be turned into a teaching tool, he said.

For example, students can use data collected for a study of the university's greenhouse gas emissions in their statistics classes.

Others can study a tidal wetland wastewater treatment facility that cleans water from the science center's showers, toilets, faucets and drinking fountains and uses it as a nitrogen boost for greenhouse plants.

And in the university's physical activities center, even the elliptical machines are hooked up to a system to turn energy users create into power to help run the building, even on a small scale.

"We have campus operations, we have energy demands, we have water demands, so there's kind of a behind-the-scenes facilities side that has to keep the campus operational and functional," Dripps said.

Using the campus-based data allows students to connect with something they are surrounded by, a sort of living laboratory, he said.

The most visible sustainability initiatives are the various solar arrays on campus. And soon, the 743-kilowatt solar farm on six acres near the campus entrance will be the most visible sign yet of the university's commitment to sustainability, Dripps said.

"This solar project, the largest of its kind for a South Carolina college campus, highlights our ongoing efforts to become a more sustainable campus and moves us another step toward our path to become carbon neutral," said Furman president Elizabeth Davis. "The high visibility of the project along Poinsett Highway stands as a testament to our commitment and transition to cleaner renewable energies."

That project, once completed, will reduce the university's campus-wide electricity expenditures by up to 5 percent and greenhouse gas emissions by 3 percent, supporting the university's goal of carbon neutrality by 2026, said Jeff Redderson, Furman's Associate Vice Presi-



Chef Michael Granata teaches Principles of Food Production I to students of the Culinary Institute of the Carolinas at the Greenville Technical College Northwest campus.

Area culinary programs playing important role

Schools building relationships within food scene

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On a Monday in late August, Alan Scheidauer and Patrick Wagner are talking about the challenges facing the culinary program to which the two have devoted much of their lives. Funding, attracting and retaining students, finding instructors, all issues with which the Culinary Institute of the Carolinas must contend.

But among those challenges, too, is visibility, and how to connect and establish relationships within the local hospitality community.

And that last piece, the relationship building, is ironically even more important, and yet more difficult, as the local food scene in Greenville grows.

"As a school we are busy, as a department we are busy," says Wagner, a graduate of the culinary program, and now a longtime chef instructor. "It's a very busy profession, and that's where the collaboration portions is missing sometimes, just because of time constraints."

That collaboration piece will get a boost later this month when local culinary school instructors and local hospitality and restaurant industry representatives meet to discuss how both can be a resource for each other.

The meeting is being organized by the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association.

"A lot of restaurateurs don't realize there is a resource for culinary help right in their own backyard," says Su-



Culinary Institute of the Carolinas student Cat Gbedey takes notes.

well as other facilities, but now more than ever, that relationship is important, says Walters.

"Part of our organization is to make those partnerships happen with our restaurants so that we make sure they have a good work force for the future," Walters says. "So, we can set them up with a partner like Greenville Tech or other schools that have this hospitality program and it just works out a lot better."

The challenge

When he was executive chef at High Cotton in Greenville, Adrian Carpenter says he contacted various culinary programs including the Culinary Institute with job openings, but Carpenter, now at Dive 'n' Boar, says, he never heard back.

And so would Scheidauer. But the reality, Scheidauer says, is that with a small staff, the Culinary Institute can't always handle all the chef requests. And with an average enrollment of about 250 students, there are not nearly enough students to fill all the requests.

"In terms of enrollment, we certainly increase our capacity, and we would like to," Wagner says. "We'd like to have a much larger communication and footprint in Greenville, but we feel like we already do, too."

Table 301, The Cliffs, JHM Hotels, Rick Erwin Dining Group, the list of CIC's hospitality industry partners is long. Graduates are employed as sous chefs and food service managers, banquet managers, catering directors, general managers and executive chefs.

"There's a lot of restaurants in town and we fight for staff, front and back of the house," says Chris George, a veteran of the local food industry and the current general manager at Roost. "I've used them (Culinary Institute of the Carolinas) when I was hiring at Table 301. I've used them when I hired people for The Cliffs. And right now, at Roost, one of my new hires is a culinary student."

George himself is a Culinary Institute grad.

"The biggest thing is to just be in touch with the chefs there," George says of finding people through culinary schools. "They're trying to find



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Conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly dies

ST. LOUIS — Phyllis Schlafly, the outspoken conservative activist who helped defeat the Equal Rights Amendment in the 1970s and founded the Eagle Forum political group, has died. She was 92.

Schlafly's family was with her when she died Monday afternoon of cancer at her home in St. Louis, her son John Schlafly said. Funeral arrangements are pending, he said.

Schlafly rose to national attention in 1964 with her self-published book, "A Choice Not an Echo," that became a manifesto for the right. The book, which sold three million copies, chronicled the history of the Republican National Convention and is credited for helping conservative Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona earn the 1964 GOP nomination.

She later helped lead efforts to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment that would have outlawed gender discrimination, galvanizing the party's right. She'd graduated from college while working overnight at a factory during World War II, her newspaper column appeared in dozens of newspapers and she was politically active into her 90s — including attending every convention since her first in 1952. She attended this year's convention as a Donald Trump delegate.

Yet she told The Associated Press in 2007 that perhaps her greatest legacy was the Eagle Forum, which she founded in 1972 in suburban St. Louis, where she lived. The ultra-conservative group has chapters in several states and claims 80,000 members.

— The Associated Press

G20 SUMMIT

Deal not reached

US still trying for a Syria cease-fire deal with Russia

By William Wan and Karen DeYoung
The Washington Post

HANGZHOU, China — President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin failed to reach a deal Monday on a cease-fire for Syria, but the two sides have agreed to continue negotiating even as Syrian government forces close in on the besieged city of Aleppo.

Meeting with Putin on the sidelines of the G-20 meeting here, Obama emphasized the humanitarian importance and urgent need for a ceasefire but was adamant about not striking an agreement that wouldn't meet his long-term objectives in Syria, a White House official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Obama met with Putin for 90 minutes in an unscheduled meeting that was described by both sides as longer than usual for the sidelines of a G-20 summit. But an ultimate agreement remained elusive with a White House official suggesting future meetings may be the key to suspending the hostilities in Syria.

At a news conference, Obama said a previous cessation of hostilities agreement in Syria had broken down, prompting Syrian President Bashar Assad to resume bombing opposition forces "with impunity." That has led opposition forces, including those with ties to terrorism, to ramp up recruiting of new fighters, the president said.

"That is a very dangerous dynamic," Obama said. Of his meeting with Putin, he added: "We have had some productive conversations about what a real cessation of hostilities would look like to allow us to both focus our energies



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, speaks with U.S. President Barack Obama on Monday in Hangzhou in eastern China's Zhejiang province. ALEXEI DRUZHININ/SPUTNIK, KREMLIN POOL PHOTO VIA AP

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— US President Barack Obama

of State John F. Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov "are making plans to meet in the coming days, certainly this week. If an agreement can be reached, we want to do so urgently because of the humanitarian situation, however we must ensure it is an effective agreement and so that is why we continue to have these discussions."

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the United States has

SYRIA

Wave of bombings kill at least 48

By Sarah El Deeb and Philip Issa
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Near-simultaneous bombings claimed by the Islamic State group struck in and around strongholds of the Syrian government and Kurdish troops Monday, killing at least 48 people in a wave of attacks that came a day after the militants lost a vital link to the outside world along the Syrian-Turkish border.

The IS-run Amaq news agency said the attacks included six suicide bombings and one remotely detonated blast. Most targeted security forces.

The Britain-based Obser-

Jennifer Cafarella, a Syria expert with the Washington-based Institute for the Study of War, said it was too soon to say if the attacks by the IS group were a reaction to its recent defeats along the border.

But she cautioned that setbacks for IS can lead to "a dangerous new phase" by the group, which sometimes resorts to "infiltration and spectacular attacks that exploit and widen rifts" between populations, groups and security forces in both western and northern Syria.

Turkey's recent intervention in the north has exposed major rifts and encouraged anti-Kurdish activity, Cafarella said

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Crescent's Hunter Vaughter, right, joins a huddle with teammates during an August practice in Iva.

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On the right path

Holiday accident disabled one of Hunter Vaughter's hands, but it hasn't kept him from returning to football

LAKE MORRIS INDEPENDENT MAIL

IVA — Playing football is truly a love for Crescent High School's Hunter Vaughter. Flying around the field in his 55 jersey, he swings a bulky, black cast at the end of his right arm.

For Vaughter, this is peaceful; this is therapeutic; this is a privilege.

The Fighting Tigers' linebacker knows all this because just a few months ago, it was nearly all taken away.

New Year's Eve

New Year's is traditionally a time of new beginnings. For Vaughter, this past New Year's was nearly his last.

"I should have bled out," he said.

Vaughter and his family were having a traditional New Year's celebration with fireworks. Everything was normal. Things changed when the canister tipped over, laid aiming where Vaughter's younger cousins were.

"I knew this thing could do a lot of damage; it could really hurt somebody," he said. "So I picked it up and put my hand on the bottom. I figured it would not shoot through the bottom."

Instead of firing as designed, the firework flipped in the canister, shot out of the bottom, bounced back up and exploded.

Both Vaughter's arm's and part of his face caught fire.

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Clinton, Trump cross paths

Both fly to Cleveland for Labor Day campaigning

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Poll says 2 candidates tied on jobs

SUSAN PAGE
USA TODAY

On Labor Day, which presidential candidate do Americans think would do a better job when it comes to labor — that is, in creating jobs?

It couldn't be closer: 44 percent for Democrat Hillary Clinton and 44 percent for Republican Donald Trump.

A nationwide USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll finds a tie when it comes to what is often the most important issue in a presidential election. That reflects an improvement for Clinton, who trailed the billionaire businessman in the CNN/

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Are you making enough?

Self-Sufficiency Standard among highest in S.C.

BY DEDE BILES

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How much income do individuals or families living in Aiken County need to earn so they can meet their basic needs?

A recently completed study provides the answers to that question.

Statistics for Aiken County are included in "The Self-Sufficiency Standard for South Carolina 2016." The author of the report is Dr. Diana M. Pearce, director of the Center for Women's Welfare at the University of Washington's School of Social Work. The United Way of Aiken County helped fund the effort.

Also providing support were other United Way chapters at the local level in the Palmetto State, the United Way Association of South Carolina, The Riley Institute at Furman University, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina's College of Social Work.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard is an important tool for economic development and for the government as it tries to decide what programs would be good for the state," said Sharon Rodgers, president of the United Way of Aiken County. "It also helps us and other organizations in the community that are trying help people become self-sufficient. We can use it to determine at what levels assistance needs to be

provided, and some of those levels might need to be adjusted."

The Self-Sufficiency Standard calculates the amount of income required to meet basic needs such as food, housing, child care, health care and transportation at minimally adequate levels without public or private assistance.

To be self-sufficient in Aiken County, a single adult needs to earn \$19,008 annually or \$9 per hour. An adult with a preschool child needs \$31,918 annually or \$15.11 per hour.

An adult with an infant, a preschool child and a school-age child needs \$55,289 or \$26.18 per hour. Two adults with a preschool child and a school-age child need \$44,755 or \$10.60 per hour per adult.

Figures also are provided for families in four other categories. They include an adult with an infant and a preschool child (\$44,027 or \$20.85 per hour) and an adult with a preschool child and a school-age child (\$37,494 or \$17.75 per hour). The other categories are an adult with a school-age child and a teenager (\$28,340 or \$13.42 per hour) and two adults with an infant and a preschool child (\$50,591 or \$11.98 per hour per adult).

The Self-Sufficiency Standard report also shows how the hourly wage required to be self-sufficient varies by county in South Carolina. The counties are divided into five groups based on the hourly wage needed by an adult with a preschool child.

The group of counties where the highest hourly wages are required to be self-sufficient includes Charleston and Berkeley. The group where the lowest hourly wages are needed includes Edgefield and Saluda counties. Aiken County is in the group requiring the second-highest hourly wages.

The highest hourly wage needed in South Carolina was in Beaufort County (\$18.43) and the lowest was in Laurens County (\$12.49).

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BY THE NUMBERS IN AIKEN COUNTY

\$9.00

Hourly wage for an adult to be self-sufficient

\$15.11

Hourly wage for adult with a preschooler to be self-sufficient

\$20.85

Hourly wage for adult with an infant and preschooler to be self-sufficient

\$26.18

Hourly wage for adult with a preschooler, infant and school-aged child to be self-sufficient

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The latest on Hotel Aiken, one year later

BY DAN BROWN

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Hotel Aiken has seen little change since City Council approved raising the hotel's height to 55 feet roughly one year ago.

However, the owners remain optimistic renovations will begin following the Masters Tournament in April 2017.

In October 2015, Council approved raising the height from 50 to 55 feet after a back-and-forth debate from officials and city boards to residents whether the historic hotel on the corner of Richland Avenue and Laurens Street needed its height changed.

Wilson Council approved the decision.

how little, the impact would have on the downtown area.

"The size of this stick... We're asking Council to approve the overall height of this building by 2 1/2 feet, the size of this stick," Klimm said in October. "This... is what separates status quo and future decline with our renaissance over the next decade and beyond."

The hotel's proposed renovations have been to officials a focal point of the revitalization of the downtown Aiken area.

When Council approved the height change, giving the Shah family (owners) the go-ahead to proceed with a \$13 million renovation of the four-story hotel, many business officials saw this as the potential dawn of a new Aiken.



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Dinosaurs stomp into town

Jurassic Quest comes this
weekend to civic center

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
Morning News
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FLORENCE — A life-size tyrannosaurus rex, triceratops and brontosaurus will take over the Florence Civic Center this weekend for Jurassic Quest XL "Out of Extinction," an exhibit featuring more than 80 animatronic dinosaurs.

IF YOU GO

» **WHAT:** Jurassic Quest XL
» **WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday
» **WHERE:** Florence Civic Center
» **TICKETS:** \$20 to \$29 and can be purchased at jurassicquest.com/florence or at the door on the day of the event.

"We set those dinosaurs in scenes that reflect the habitat they might have lived in," show manager Dustin Baker said. "It gives the attendees a way to see what it would have been like with them on the earth."

Explorers can browse through the gated exhibit on their own time or take a guided tour. There also are signs with fun facts at each of the stops, where people can learn about different dinosaurs, time periods and the environment from more than 65 million years ago.

"I would encourage people to come, because it's a good mix of entertainment and education," Baker said. "Families can come and experience something with their kids but know that they walked away with something that they can use and that has expanded their minds."

In addition to the main exhibit, there will be a variety of other dinosaur-themed activities geared toward children. Some are more hands-on and educational such as the simulated fossil dig and the excavation station; others, like the dino crafts, dino bounce and face-painting station, are pure entertainment.

The baby dinosaurs are a Jurassic Quest favorite, Baker said. The lifelike puppets, which



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105 candles



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Kathleen Moore of Florence celebrated her 105th birthday on Sept. 1. Many of her family members visited her from all over the country to celebrate the milestone.

Kathleen Moore reminisces on years past, reveals secrets of longevity

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FLORENCE — In 1911, the RMS Titanic was launched in Belfast, Ireland, the first Indianapolis 500 race was held and it only cost nine cents to buy a pint of milk. It also was the

year Florence resident Kathleen Moore was born.

On Thursday, Moore celebrated her 105th birthday among friends and loved ones at her daughter's house, where she has been living for approximately 20 years. Moore said she enjoys being able to share moments like this with

her children and their families.

"I like to celebrate with them," Moore said. "I have a wonderful family."

Moore's family has a knack for living long and full lives. Moore's grandmother lived to be 98, Moore's father lived until age 83, her mother lived to

be older than 90 and her sister lived to be 97.

Though genetics might have something to do with Moore's longevity, her two daughters, Carole Thompson and Lois Wilson, credit their mom's stubbornness and

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A taste of college

South Florence students take part in leadership program at Princeton

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gan, Kira Dubose, Jordan Young and Rodrianna Gaddy took part in a seven-week program this sum-

Hill said that she was thrilled to have three of her students participate. Hill and the members of the

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Making the grade

Monitoring food safety: How are restaurants inspected?

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Editor's note

Illness associated with contaminated or spoiled foods is estimated to be as high as 1 million cases in South Carolina, according to the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

The result is a potential total cost of more than \$2 billion to cover doctor's visits, lost work days and medicines. The actual number of cases and the cost is not officially known because of the under-reporting of foodborne illness by consumers.

To help prevent this, DHEC performs routine inspections at each restaurant at least once per year.

"The overarching goal of DHEC's inspection program is to protect the public from foodborne illnesses by ensuring that restaurants are in compliance with state regulations," said Jim Beasley, DHEC public information officer.

The inspection report contains 56 items, each worth a certain number of points adding up to 100 points. If an item is not met, it is marked as "out" and full points are deducted for that item. Some items are allowed to be corrected during inspection. If they are corrected appropriately, only a partial amount of points are taken off of the overall score.

There are three types of items assessed during a food inspection. The first is a core item, which relates to general sanitation, standard operating procedures, facilities and equipment, and general maintenance. Some specific items examined are proper dress

(no jewelry, clean clothes and effectively restrained hair), clean surfaces, equipment and silverware, and food storage (appropriate height from ground depending on the food item, proper temperatures for refrigerators and freezers, and placement of meat and dairy items around non-meat and non-dairy items).

The second is a priority item, which deals with the elimination, prevention or reduction of hazards associated with foodborne illness or injury. These items can usually be measured in quantity, such as the temperature food is cooked at, the temperature food is stored at and hand washing when necessary. Some specific items examined are displaying appropriate signs for employee and consumer cleanliness, proper chemical treatment and storage, and separating water for cooking and consumption from non-drinking water.

The third is a priority foundation item. These are usually

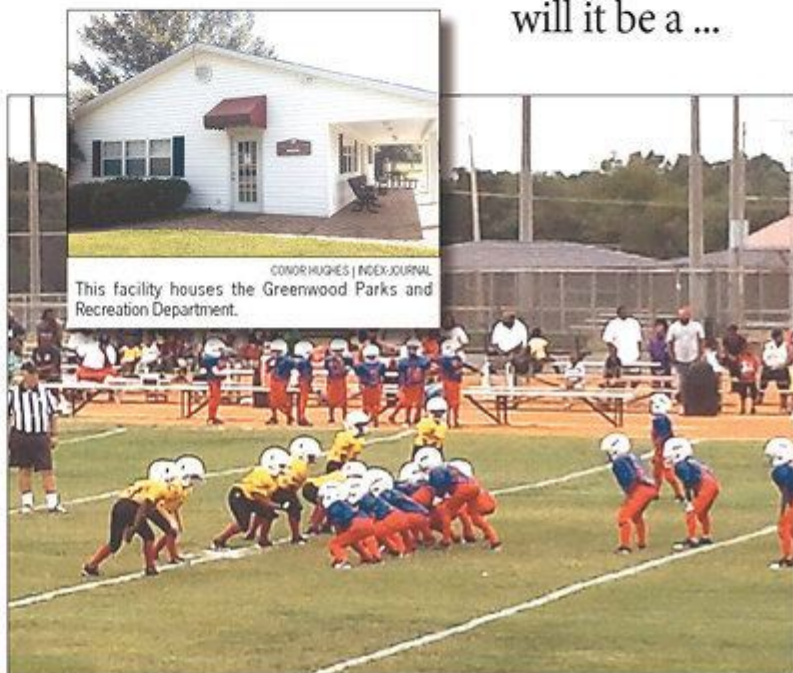
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Celebrating a statesman's life

In addition to a family visitation from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday at First Baptist Church of Ninety Six, employees of Greenwood Petroleum Co. and friends of late state Sen. John W. Drummond will host a Celebration of Life from 5-8:30 p.m. today at Harley Funeral Home.

All friends of Drummond, who died Sunday, are welcome to attend. Casual attire is encouraged. The senator's casket will be open for those wanting to pay their last respects.

If a proposed 1-cent sales tax gets approved by voters, will it be a ...



Two teams face off in a youth football game at the Wilbanks Sports Complex.

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LUCKY PENNY?

Greenwood Parks and Rec seeks to expand facilities

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More recreation could mean more people and business for Greenwood County, said Tripp May, director of Greenwood County Parks and Recreation.

Officials hope to put that proposition to the test, with a number of area parks and athletic facilities potentially seeing funding from the penny tax that goes before voters in two months.

"This is just a great opportunity to

enhance what we have. These opportunities don't come along all the time," May said. "It would be a good shot in the arm for Greenwood and all of our programs and it gives us the ability to expand and grow."

Should voters approve the additional 1-percent sales tax initiative for capital projects on November's ballot, about \$10.7 million would go to expanding and renovating county athletic facilities during an eight-year span.

The projects to receive funding include the construction of a

34,000-square-foot, three-gym athletic facility and three multipurpose fields at the former site of the Greenwood Civic Center. The funds would also pay to install lighting and fencing in 14 ball parks across the county.

The proposals will help meet the needs of Greenwood's growing population, according to May.

The size of each sport in the department's youth programs have grown by about 10 percent each year during the past five years, he said.

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Public hearing planned for grant to raze Mineral Court Apartments

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