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Caitlyn case a win for animal advocates

Man who taped dog's muzzle shut, causing severe injuries, pleads guilty to felony animal cruelty

BY MELISSA BOUGHTON
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The CEO of the Charleston Animal Society said the felony guilty plea Monday from the man who taped Caitlyn the dog's muzzle shut should send a clear message to the community that animal cruelty is being taken seriously.

"We need to improve our laws," Joe Elmore said. "But we can still prosecute successfully."

William Leonard Dodson, 42, of Quitman Street in North Charleston, was scheduled to go on trial Aug. 22 on a charge of ill treatment of animals. He pleaded guilty instead in front of Circuit Judge Benjamin Culbertson. The penalty for felony animal cru-

elty can range from 180 days to five years in prison, and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Dodson has been in the Charleston County jail since June 1, 2015. His sentencing was deferred until a sentencing report is complete.

According to investigators, Dodson bought Caitlyn, then named Diamond, from North Charleston resi-

dents for \$20. He later complained to a witness that the Staffordshire bull terrier mix was barking too much, so he bound her mouth with electrical tape. After the dog broke free of her chain outside Dodson's home, officers found her with the tape wrapped nine times around her muzzle.

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Dodson



Video

For more from Monday's hearing, go to postandcourier.com/videos.

Ready for the fast lane?

Sales tax would help fund rapid transit bus line, CARTA overhaul



GRACE BEAHM/STAFF

A study of transit alternatives to Interstate 26 has concluded that the best option for moving people between Summerville and Charleston is rapid transit buses that would involve creating bus-only lanes down the middle of Rivers Avenue.

BY ABIGAIL DARLINGTON
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If Charleston County Council gives final approval to the half-cent sales tax referendum Tuesday, voters will decide on Nov. 8 not only if they want better roads but also if they want to take their public transit system to the next level.

The \$2.1 billion raised for transportation and greenbelt projects would include \$256.4 million for the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority to create its first bus rapid transit line, as well as \$353 million more to improve its existing system.

The specialized bus rapid transit line connecting Summerville to downtown Charleston would use larger buses than CARTA's standard fleet and would travel primarily on bus-only lanes on Rivers Avenue. Buses also would be synchronized with stoplights, giving them an edge over car traffic.

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Poll

Will including more than \$600 million for CARTA make you more likely to support a new half-cent sales tax that will raise \$2.1 billion? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Inside

County officials to decide how much half-cent money should go toward land purchases. **A5**

Stormy Pacific can keep our coast calm

Strange patterns rule in hurricane season

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It might be storming too much for hurricanes to form for the next few weeks, weirdly enough.

A pattern of powerful thunderstorms tends to develop and work its way around the tropical region of the globe, a phenomenon called the Madden-Julian Oscillation. When those storms erupt in the western and central Pacific, they tend to create sinking winds and higher air pressure in the Atlantic, said Phil Klotzbach of the Tropical Meteorology Project.

That tamps down the chance that thunderstorms can grow into tropical cyclones here.

Right now, computer forecasting suggests a very strong pattern of the storms in the Pacific over the next weeks, he said. Of course, that's not all good news. The pattern will move its way east, which could mean the Atlantic gets the thunderstorms — and a greater chance of tropical cyclones — next.

"It's still too early to know for sure though," Klotzbach said.

The predicted oscillation joins a number of factors that leave forecasters uncertain of just how busy a hurricane season to expect, said Bob Henson of Weather Underground. The factors include an unusual hot-and-cold flux of

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A new smile: 'I'm doing this for me'

Facial surgery at Roper St. Francis helps girl with rare conditions

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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MOUNT PLEASANT — Before Macie Dickey was rolled into surgery Monday morning to restructure the bones in her face, the 12-year-old and her father took a run Sunday night through downtown Charleston.

"Her doctor said she'd have to be a couch potato for about four weeks so she wanted to get one more run in," Randy Dickey said in the waiting room at Roper St. Francis in Mount Pleasant.

The family lives in Irmo but made the drive to the Lowcountry this week end for the surgery on Monday.

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BRAD NETTLES/STAFF

Surgeon Ram Kalus marks the incision points on the face of Macie Dickey, 12, who was born with an underdeveloped jaw and eye socket.

Inside



SPORTS
Slow start turns into rout of Venezuela for Team USA. **C1**

SPORTS
Yankees pitcher returns to The Joe for rehab start. **C1**

BUSINESS
Expect more Delta delays as airline recovers. **B1**

BY HILL COLVIN
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Associated Press

DETROIT — Promising to "jump-start America" to a new era of prosperity, Donald Trump announced a revamped economic plan Monday aimed at revitalizing a stagnant U.S. economy by cutting taxes for workers and businesses. He availed Hillary Clinton as a candidate who would merely extend a Democratic period of old ideas and weakness.

Trying to move past recent stumbles, Trump proposed a simplified three-bracket income tax system that hewed closely to what House Republicans have recommended, the latest indication the GOP presidential nominee is working to put infighting with his party's leaders behind him. In a shift from the plan he proposed during the primary season, he increased the tax rate that the highest-earning Americans would pay.

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'NOT THE AMERICA I WAS PROMISED'

Some foreign workers coming to
the S.C. coast say they're being
misled about jobs, 1C

SC gangs shift to white-collar crime

■ Gangs are changing. The state's law enforcement officers
are doing their best to stay up-to-date with what's happening
in the streets and prisons of South Carolina.

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South Carolina's gangs look
different today and are focus-
ing more on white-collar
crime like tax fraud and hu-
man trafficking, experts said
Monday.

More than 300 law enforce-
ment officers and civilians

from across the state met at
the Harbison Campus of Mid-
lands Technical College for
an annual conference spon-
sored by S.C. prison officials.

The three-day session aims
to help law enforcement offi-
cers stay up-to-date with the
state's growing and changing
problem with gangs, an issue
some officials said was ig-
nored when it first surfaced

more than a decade ago.

Gangs are domestic terror-
ists both out on streets and in
prisons, said Capt. Vincent
Goggins, a Richland County
deputy who heads the Mid-
lands Gang Task Force.

The numbers are much
lower than they were at the
height of the Midlands' street-
gang activity a decade ago, he
said, but didn't elaborate.

Members today decide
deliberately to join a gang,
unlike in the past when it was
something new to try, Gog-

gins said.

Gangs also are evolving.
They are moving away from
dealing drugs and weapons in
favor of white-collar crime,
such as counterfeit money,
credit card fraud, tax fraud
and human trafficking, Gog-
gins said.

Milder sentences for those
crimes are part of the reason,
he said.

"Gang members know that
if they commit white-collar

SEE GANGS, 7A



Unlike many lawyers, Bob Warren agreed to represent sick workers at the Savannah River Site in South Carolina. The pay has been low, but Warren has for 14 years handled their cases in hopes of gaining compensation from the federal government.

THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE

Once-secret papers help lawyers argue for sick nuclear workers

Columbia native arrives on Broadway in 'Cats'

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Every day, and sometimes
twice a day, Columbia native
Daniel Gaymon finds himself
under Broadway's bright lights,
with his Broadway debut in
"Cats," a revival of Andrew
Lloyd Webber's popular mu-
sical.

Gaymon plays
Macavity, a villai-
nous feline with
fiery orange and
black stripes, and
Plato, a playful
ginger cat.

It's a dream
realized for a boy
who dance teach-
ers said could barely do the
splits when he first started tak-
ing classes at age 9.

Dale Larn, Gaymon's former
teacher at Columbia City Jazz
Dance School, flew to New York
to see him perform on opening
night July 31 at the Neil Simon
Theatre.

"I started crying," she said.
"A teacher could not have a
better moment."



Gaymon



CLEMSON FOOTBALL, 1C JOHNSON TO START



METRO, 3A City takes action on Airbnbs

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Interstate 73 comment period closes

Army Corps permit is key
to \$2.4B, 75-mile project

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COLUMBIA — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Monday closed its public comment period on whether to issue a permit for Interstate 73, after receiving more than 1,000 comments, including boxes of statements by backers of the \$2.4 billion project in Myrtle Beach.

But the comments will not be tallied like a vote, a Corps official said, and there is no requirement for the Corps to decide the issue within a given amount of time.

"It's not a popular vote or a referendum or anything like that," Steve Brumagin, project manager for the Corps, told *The Greenville News*. "It's an opportunity for the Corps to solicit comments from individuals, organizations and agencies to com-

ment on the project, to provide their opinion or their concerns. We are looking at each comment, evaluating them for the substantive issues that are brought up."

He said the comments include boxes of statements from the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and run the "whole spectrum from those who are very much for to those who are very much against, much like any project we look at."

The Corps' permit would be a key milestone for the 75-mile proposed project, which would carry beach tourists from the North Carolina border above Bennettsville, across I-95 to State 22 outside Conway, which would then be upgraded to the beach.

Supporters say the interstate would provide a necessary hurricane evacuation route to the beach and help bring tourists to the Grand Strand more quickly.

Critics say the highway is unnecessary, that other alternative routes are available using existing roads at a fraction of the cost.

I-73 has been proposed, debated and planned for decades but its supporters hope they have finally come up with a feasible plan to finance the road and to mitigate the environmental damage it would do to the numerous wetlands and streams it would cross.

"We've been working on this thing for 25 years," said Mike Wooten, chairman of the state Department of Transportation Commission and president of a Myrtle Beach engineering firm. "I may not live to see it but sooner or later that road is going to get built."

Opponents hope he is wrong. They include Sarah Nuckles, a former DOT commissioner and longtime critic of I-73, and B.K. Jones, former executive director of DOT.

In her letter to the Corps, Nuckles said it was being backed by special interests and was unnecessary because of other alternative routes that are available to be upgraded.

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Traffic frequently backs up on I-73 North between Woodruff and Pelham roads.

Doodle extension OK'd with conditions

Hospitality taxes to cover \$400,000 cost

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Easley City Council gave thumbs up to a plan to extend the Doodle Trail into downtown via Wilbur Street on Monday.

The council also voted to demolish 12 houses to expand a greenway along the trail extension.

Before the plan gets final approval, however, a public hearing must be held to get input on the idea of converting a section of Wilbur Street into a one-way road.

The estimated \$400,000 cost of linking downtown with the current trailhead on Fleetwood Drive one mile away will be covered by a \$1.5 million bond issue, which will be paid back out of money generated by hospitality taxes.

"We are really excited for what the future holds," said Councilman Chris Mann, who heads a committee of city officials and business and community leaders that has been studying ways to bring bicyclists and walkers downtown from the recreational trail.

Blake Sanders of Alta Planning + Design gave a presentation showing how parts of Wilbur Street could be divided by pylons, with cars traveling in one lane and bicycles and pedestrians in the other lane.

The trail would lead to the city's law enforcement center, where the sidewalk would be widened to city hall, inviting bicyclists to explore downtown.

"The way we looked at it, we really

PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE



Greta Young, executive director of The Parenting Place, shows a room where parents learn to interact in healthy ways with their children.

Parenting Place seeks funding for expansion

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Parenting is a difficult job for anyone, and more difficult for some than others.

The Parenting Place serves about 70 families Pickens, Greenville, Anderson and Oconee

caretakers of children with behavioral challenges age 2-8, involves home visits by a staff member. The Parenting Place would like to add another staff member to double the number of families that can be worked with from 15 to 30.



DELTA TRIES TO GET AIRBORNE AGAIN

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JOHNSON HAPPY TO STAY A PANTHER

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CAMPAIGN 2016

Trump unveils tax plan

Revamping strategy, GOP nominee vows cuts to 'jumpstart' US

By Jill Colvin
and Josh Lederman
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Trying to turn the page after a tumultuous campaign stretch, Donald Trump unleashed a blistering attack Monday on Hillary Clinton's approach to the economy while promising he would provide deep tax cuts and jolt middle class workers back to prosperity.

Trump's speech to the Detroit Economic Club reflected the Republican presidential nominee's attempt to reboot and redirect the conversation to his strength: the economy. Trump offered a few new policy specifics but trained much

of his attention on his Democratic opponent.

"The one common feature of every Hillary Clinton idea is that it punishes you for working and doing business in the United States," Trump said. He said he wants to "jumpstart America" and added, "It won't even be that hard."

Delivering his speech from a teleprompter at a downtown convention center, Trump was interrupted every few minutes by protesters — all women — who stood on chairs and shouted at him before being pulled out of the room by security guards. Though



A demonstrator stands on a chair and yells as Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump delivers an economic policy speech to the Detroit Economic Club on Monday in Detroit. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEE PLAN, A6

DUNCAN PARK LAKE

'Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light'



Erwin Redl, center, the artist of the "Islands of Light" is helping oversee the art's installation at Duncan Park Lake. The art is part of the "Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light" project. ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHI.COM

Installation of light

SPORTS

Dirt-track racer's death mourned

Bryan Clauson wasn't a household name and he hadn't yet earned the fame or fortune enjoyed by auto racing's superstars. Cut from the mold of the old-school drivers, Clauson would race anything, anywhere at any time. The wildly popular Clauson died Sunday night from injuries suffered in a crash during a weekend race in Kansas, a stunning announcement that came Monday from officials at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. B1

UPSTATE

Ordinance in two historic districts passes first reading

Residents in the Beaumont Village and Hampton Heights historic districts in Spartanburg are closer to being able to install solar panels on their properties, after City Council passed the first reading of an ordinance Monday. C1



Saving pets

Firefighters across Spartanburg County are now better equipped to save the lives of pets when they're rescued from burning buildings. The Spartanburg Kennel Club donated 61 pet oxygen mask kits to fire departments across the county. C1

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WHITE EXTREMISM

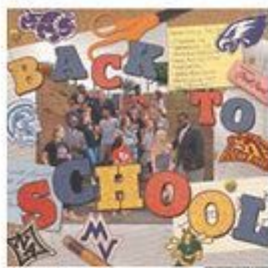
AP poll: Young people's fear varies by race

By Melinda Deslatta
The Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — The threat of violence by people inspired by foreign extremists invokes fear in a majority of young Americans across racial groups. But for young people of color, particularly African-Americans, that fear is matched or surpassed by worries about violence from white extremists.

A new GenForward poll of Americans age 18-30 shows widespread anxiety among young people about attacks from both inside and outside the United States.

Sixty-two percent of young African-Americans and 55 percent of Hispanics surveyed said they were very concerned about the threat of violence committed



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Practice makes perfect

South Aiken students band together at music camp



From an elevated stand, South Aiken High Band Director Neil Nelson gets a bird's-eye view of the marching band members as they practice for this year's halftime drill routine.

BY LARRY WOOD
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The constant tick, tick, tick, tick of a metronome echoed like a heartbeat across the grassy field where South Aiken High School band students practiced last Thursday morning.

The pulsing, perfectly timed beats helped the young musicians march in time as they rehearsed the intricate steps and patterns of the half-time show that will entertain fans at football games this fall and, they hope, impress the judges at band competitions across the state.

Amplified on a speaker, the metronome is loud — so loud that it becomes internal like a pulse. The students don't particularly like it, South Aiken's Band Director Neil Nelson said, but they get used to it.

"It's one of those necessary things," Nelson said, taking a short break in the raised platform 20 or so feet in the air where he watched his students practice their complex drill routine. "We start the season with a big reliance on that metronome for our pulse, and then as the year goes on, we'll start to use it less and less. By the end of the season, they've got to be able to do it on their own."

Marching step-by-step to each bar of the music and then marching again to perfect their steps and make their lines as straight as the five lines on a music staff, veterans

and beginner band members, playing saxophones, flutes, trumpets, trombones or drums, began practicing "to do it on their own" in summer band camp in mid-July at South Aiken.

Color guard students and percussion players started three weeks ago. The next week, the full band arrived, with rookie members reporting first and the seasoned musicians reporting by midweek.

Last week, the entire marching band rehearsed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

"This is the starting process of getting our halftime production show on the field," Nelson said. "Everybody has worked very hard. Everybody is very tired, but we've gotten a lot accomplished."

Practicing before school begins gives band directors and students time to perfect their routines. Once classes start Aug. 15, they won't have the luxury of extra rehearsal time they had during summer break.

"We have so much material that has to be learned, and there is no way to do that without starting before school starts," Nelson said. "People unfamiliar with the activity don't understand how complex it is. You're taking music and putting it to

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A metronome sounds a steady beat to help South Aiken High band students march as they play their instruments.

OLYMPIC MEDAL TRACKER



TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS	Y	O	N	TOTAL
1. United States	3	6	4	12
2. China	3	2	3	8
2. Italy	3	3	2	8
4. Japan	1	0	6	7
5. Australia	3	0	3	6
5. Russia	1	2	3	6
7. South Korea	2	2	1	5
8. Canada	0	1	1	2
8. Hungary	2	0	0	2
8. Kazakhstan	0	1	1	2

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Aiken native remembers his Olympic glory days

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With a hop, a skip and a powerful leap, Charlie Simpkins soared to Olympic glory 24 years ago in Spain.

The Aiken native earned a silver medal in the triple jump in the Summer Games, which were held in Barcelona.

Simpkins' best effort there was 57 feet, 9 inches.

"Of course I wanted the gold, but I was satisfied with the silver," said Simpkins, who finished behind his American teammate, Mike Conley.

"Just to compete in the Olympics was an honor."

Simpkins, who is an Aiken High School graduate, lives today in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, which is about 25 miles west of Knoxville.

With his wife, Sherry, Simpkins runs a catering business. He also works for D&S Community Services, which provides assistance to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In addition, Simpkins is a personal trainer. For a while, he was a volunteer assistant track coach at the University of Tennessee.

"I'm thinking about moving back to Aiken," said Simpkins, 52, during a recent telephone interview.

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AREA DEATHS

Caroline E. Newman, Aiken

Stephen Rodgers, Aiken

Rev. Gary Allen Sr., Metter, Georgia

Kenneth Johnson Fox, Aiken

Warren Patrick Edgar, Lexington

William H. Crocker, Aiken

Cortes Lorow, Aiken

Jerome Edward "Jerry" Bernard, Aiken

Proposed North Augusta water park has released names of rides, restaurants

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Scuttle's Cove, Walk the Plank and Pirates Plunge are just some of the names assigned to rides for the proposed Scuttle's Island Water

restaurants and a children's area recently appeared on the park's website at <http://scuttlesisland.com>. It is the first known mention of specific rides by name.

Attempts to reach Scuttle's Island general manager Marc Gilman

In June, North Augusta's planning and zoning department released sketches of proposed rides that had been submitted by Scuttle's Island officials. No additional paperwork had been filed with the city as of July 15, North Augusta Administrator Todd Glover has said.

Jim Beasley, spokesman for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, said as of

DHEC regulates water parks through the health department's swimming pool regulations. Specifically, the agency reviews piping, filtration systems, construction materials and structure.

In June, park officials released new renderings of the park, as well as photographs of disassembled ride components. The website says the park is still planned for a 2016



SPORTS Top dirt-track racer remembered as 'true ambassador.' **Page 1B**

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TOP PERFORMER

► **Rafaela Silva:** Brazil's first female world champion in judo won the host country's first gold of these Games. Silva won the 57-kilogram division as the crowd chanted "Rafa" and waved Brazilian flags. The 24-year-old Silva beat Sumiya Dorjsuren of Mongolia.

U.S. MEDAL HAUL



TODAY'S MUST WATCH

Phelps, Ledecky and Hosszu all swim for gold 8 p.m. on NBC (live)
► It's a star-studded night with Michael Phelps, Katie Ledecky and Hungary's Katinka Hosszu swimming for gold. Stay up for the men's 4x200 free relay, too.

City of Florence

Council divvies out property

Surplus land given to Magnolia Mall owners

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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Pat Gibson-Hye Moore

The city council originally was given the parcel by the state and decided to convey the land to PR Magnolia, LLC.

"By doing that, Magnolia Mall proper can develop it how they see fit," Florence Mayor Pro Tempore Buddy Brand said. "Which could be two or three parcels, or extra parking for Chik-fil-A, really however they want to use it."

Brand said he sees growing potential for another restaurant or something similar at the location.

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Darlington Raceway

New job 'a real thrill,' Tharp tells Rotarians

BY JOE PERRY
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FLORENCE — Greg Brady will sing the national anthem at Darlington Raceway for the upcoming Southern Bojangles' 500.

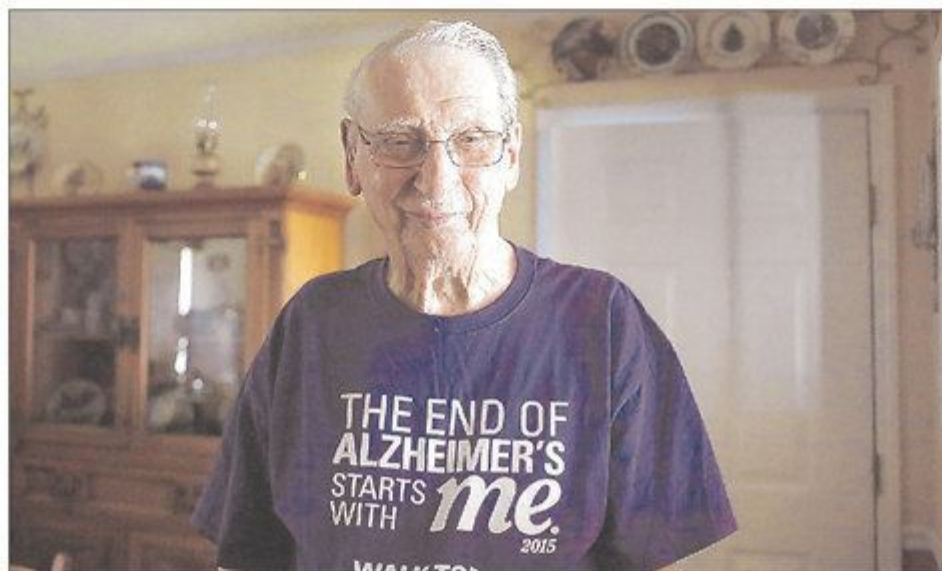
In a Monday address to the Rotary Club of Florence, new Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp told the crowd at Victors that Barry Williams, the actor who played a starring role as Greg Brady



Tharp

Forget Me Not
A SERIES ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Touched twice



Bob Hawley poses in his home in Florence. His wife, Jane Hawley, and his son, Teddy Hawley, both died as a result of Alzheimer's disease.

Florence man lost wife, son to Alzheimer's disease

Third in a series
BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — Losing a spouse, child, friend or other loved one to Alzheimer's disease is a struggle no one wants to face.

But it's a struggle Bob Hawley of Florence knows particularly well. The 88-year-old lost both his wife, 69, and his son, 57, to the disease, which attacks brain cell connections and causes brain cells to degenerate and die, eventually destroying memory and other important mental functions.

"It really is tough," Hawley said. "I just don't wish that on anybody. It's one of the worst diseases you can have right now besides cancer, of course. ... It is rough. You know, it's an awful thing when your son or child dies before you do."

The signs first came for Jane, Hawley's first wife, in the mid-1990s. On drives in the car, his wife of more than 40 years would become agitated and upset.

"Do you know where you're going?"



A photo of Bob Hawley and his first wife, Jane Hawley, hangs on a wall in his home.

Hawley recalls Jane asking worriedly.

Finally, Hawley took Jane to a neurologist, who determined it was Alzheimer's disease. Though there are various medicines that have the potential to slow down the disease or mitigate the



A photo of Bob Hawley's son and daughter-in-law, Teddy Hawley and Karen Strolin Hawley, hangs in his home.

symptoms, Alzheimer's has no cure.

And caring for someone with Alzheimer's is an all-day, everyday job, particularly in the later years of the disease.

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THE ISLAND PACKET



Businesses in the Kittie's Crossing shopping center off S.C. 46 in Bluffton say that a median recently added to the center's entry road is causing an inconvenience and danger to customers and employees.

BLUFFTON

3 wrecks reported since median built

Business owners near the Bluffton Road entrance into Kittie's Crossing have been worried about driver safety since a median was added to the intersection.

BY MADISON HOGAN
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In the week after a new median was built at the Bluffton Road entrance of the Kittie's Crossing shopping center in Greater Bluffton, three vehicle wrecks were reported, confirming the worries of nearby business owners.

The new median replaced a shorter one that allowed traffic coming from Target and Food Lion and going toward Bluffton Road to turn left into an out-parcel where Giuseppe's Pizza

and Pasta, AAA Carolinas, Palm Beach Tan, Panda Chinese Restaurant and La Hacienda are located.

Drivers are now blocked from making this turn.

The median also prohibits drivers coming from the direction of Giuseppe's and the other businesses from making a left-hand exit out of the shopping center.

It is not clear when the median was built or by whom, but Tony Arcuri, owner of Giuseppe's, said he noticed the median July 29.

Arcuri posted videos to Giu-

seppi's Facebook page on Aug. 1 of drivers going up the wrong side of the road and making dangerous U-turns to maneuver around the median.

"I was only out there for 15 minutes (taking video)," Arcuri said. "It's ridiculous."

There have been three confirmed car wrecks in that area since Aug. 1, according to Capt. Bob Bromage of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

The area has seen a lot of change since construction started for a Walmart Superstore and Sam's Club across the street.

A traffic light is expected to be built at the intersection of Kittie's Crossing, Bluffton Road and the entrance to Walmart, but it's uncertain whether this

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median was built in anticipation of the light.

The outparcel of Kittie's Crossing is owned by Stafford Properties.

Previous attempts to reach a representative from Stafford Properties have been unsuccessful.

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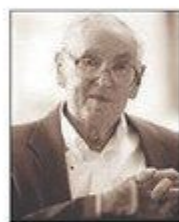
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Wells Ballentine, who has grown up around the car business and has been with Ballentine Ford-Toyota for more than two years, describes his late grandfather as "a role model and a good, fair, man, who did a lot for the community." Here, Wells Ballentine stands beside a 1950 Ford Fordor sedan, the model his grandfather first sold when he bought the Greenwood Ford franchise. The model, in a showroom at the dealership, was given to George Ballentine Sr. on his 90th birthday and the 60th year of his Greenwood Ford franchise.

Automobile dealer, Clemson fan, philanthropist, Ballentine Sr. dies

By ST. CLAIR DONAGHY
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The late George Ballentine Sr. of Greenwood is perhaps most well-known locally for having one of Ford Motor Co.'s longest-running dealerships, with more than 66 years in the car business.

Ballentine, 95, died Sunday at Self Regional Medical Center, surrounded by family. Ballentine, a graduate of then Clemson College, had a degree in dairy farming. He was also a World War II veteran, having served in Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army, 5th Infantry Division and was a Purple Heart recipient. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a Major.

A native of Easley, Ballentine Sr. joined his brother, Charlie Ballentine at Ballentine Ford Motor Co. The dealership was set up in

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■ See Ballentine Sr.'s full obituary on 4A.

1943, according to his son, George W. "Bal" Ballentine Jr. who leads the dealership now.

Information from an Index-Journal Greenwood Centennial special edition published in 1997 noted there were no Ford cars or trucks produced during World War II, so the dealership started out in parts and service.

The first Ford arrived in 1945 and the dealership started automobile sales. George Ballentine was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1945 and would become dealer and owner of the Greenwood business in 1950.

"He looked up to his brother, Charlie, who was 19 years older," said Bal Ballentine, 63. "He came to Greenwood after the war, in 1946, and started working for his brother in the parts department. In 1950, his brother

decided he didn't want to be in the car business anymore. So, daddy bought it."

Bal Ballentine said his father was very involved in day-to-day business of the dealership for 30 years and continued coming into work for years after that.

"He would come to work every day," Bal Ballentine said. "We have a 1950 Ford here, the first model of car that he sold. We also have his original 1973 Ford Bronco. He loved to hunt."

George Ballentine Sr.'s dealership became one of the earliest Greenwood car businesses to move from South Main Street to the S.C. 72 Bypass in 1969, Bal Ballentine said. Today, the business is Ballentine Ford-Toyota.

"He knew nothing about the car business when he got in it," Bal Ballentine said.

See **BALLENTE**, page 4A

■ ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Council adopts economic strategic plan

By CONOR HUGHES
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Abbeville County Council adopted an economic development strategic plan Monday.

According to Stephen Taylor, director of development services for Abbeville County, development on the plan began about seven months ago and some aspects of the plan have already gone into effect.

"There are some things we've already kicked off in the strategic plan," Taylor said. "One of them is some branding and some marketing stuff. Our new website actually has a new brand for the Abbeville County Development Board."

According to a draft of the plan on the Development Board's new website, the plan will include initiatives such as investment in academic scholarships, the creation of a business expansion and retention program and the designation of tourism leadership.

The plan's development was funded by a combination of grants from the South Carolina Power Team and private funds, Taylor said.

Now that the plan has been adopted, the next step is the formation of a development committee.

Council Chairman Bryan McClain said he hoped the first phase of the plan would be completed within a year.

In other business:
— Council authorized County Director David Porter to enter into a contract with Cranston Engineering Group of Augusta, Georgia for repairs on Secession Avenue Bridge not to exceed \$12,200.

— Council authorized Porter to enter into a \$240,000 contract with Pickens Construction Company of Anderson for road improvements on eight roads in the county.

— Council approved a \$497,000 lease-purchase agreement with Abbeville First Bank in order to acquire a TANA compactor and a truck with a grapple.

— Council approved the removal of Frank Miller Road from the county road system.



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■ The new Abbeville County Development Board website can be found at www.abbevillecounty.com

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Sumter United Ministries volunteer Adrian Mills separates donated items Monday at First Baptist Church in Sumter. United Ministries collects school supplies from area donors and distributes them by need to 28 public schools. People can still donate through Friday, when the schools will pick up donations based on each school's student population needs. Donors can take items to United Ministries, 36 S. Artillery Drive, or First Baptist Church, 107 E. Liberty St. Donors can also call (803) 775-0757 to ask what the greatest needs are.

Sumter woman switches careers to teach

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Brittany Mickens has always had an interest and a passion for history. Now she will be able to share that passion with others after switching her career to education.

As a hobby, Mickens likes to study Civil War history and watch documentaries on historical events. Growing up, she wanted to be a curator at a museum.

Mickens, a Sumter native, has



want to teach history hands on to the students."

During her first year, Mickens, who holds a bachelor's degree in history from Columbia College and is also a graduate of Sumter High School, will be considered a permanent substitute and have to complete the required PACE coursework.

The three-year program that Mickens is enrolled in allows participants to become teachers after passing the Praxis II subject area examination and other criteria,

Reward offered for info on thefts

\$10K could be given if tip leads to arrest in gun shop break-in

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives announced Monday that a financial reward may be given for information leading to the arrest of the individuals involved in the break-in at Tony's Gun & Police Supply, 4306 Broad St., on Friday when approximately \$20,000 worth of firearms were stolen.

According to a news release from the bureau, ATF is offering a reward of no more than \$5,000, which will be matched by National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms industry, for a possible total reward of \$10,000.

The release said the issuance of the reward is part of a larger national cooperative initiative between the foundation and ATF in which the foundation matches ATF rewards in cases involving the theft of firearms from federally licensed firearms retailers.

The recent theft is being investigated by ATF and Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Anyone with information about the crime should contact Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at 1 (800) 263-4867. All calls will be kept confidential.

ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction for investigating violent crimes. For more information about ATF, go to www.atf.gov.

The Sumter Item has a video of the burglary on its website at <http://bit.ly/2b9cNQE>.

Ministry goes extra mile to help mother

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Last week, one of Sumter United Ministries' crisis relief volunteers, Libby Singletary, was conducting an intake interview

with a sweet young single mother of two small children, and she was in desperate need of help, said Diane Garrick, the ministry's assistant medical director and office manager.

The woman had signed in to Sumter United Ministries seek-



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