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Study explores ties between port, Upstate manufacturers

POINT OF IMPACT



\$53 BILLION

Economic impact of port facilities and the companies that use them across South Carolina, according to a new study.

\$27 BILLION

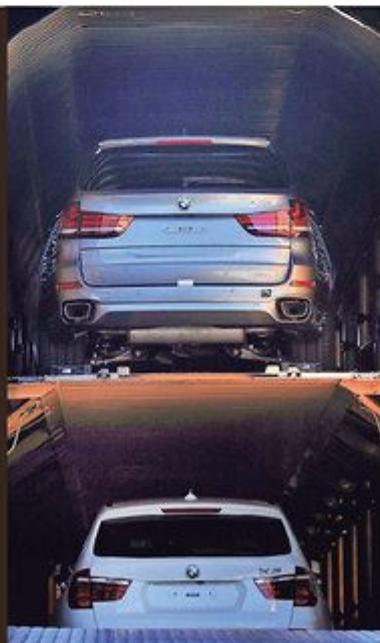
Amount of that impact occurring in Upstate, over 50 percent.

11.5%

Percentage of jobs across the state accounted for by manufacturing.

15.3%

Percentage of jobs Upstate accounted for by manufacturing.



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The strong business ties between the port of Charleston and Upstate manufacturers have long been recognized as a key feature of the South Carolina economy.

Now the South Carolina Ports Authority has new numbers to underscore the point.

A study commissioned by the authority credits state port facilities and the companies that use them with an estimated \$53 billion "economic impact" across South Carolina — an amount

equal to more than 9 percent of the state's annual gross product.

More than half of the impact, about \$27 billion worth, occurs in the Upstate, according to the study.

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Cargo weight is cited in Alaska air crash

NTSB reports on 2013 accident that killed 9 from Greenville

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Cargo weight likely is to blame for an Alaska plane crash that killed nine people from Greenville two years ago, the National Transportation Safety Board said Wednesday.

The air taxi went into an aerodynamic stall at the Soldotna, Alaska, airport on July 7, 2013, after the operator failed to determine the actual cargo weight, which led to the loading and operation of the airplane outside of its weight and center of gravity limits, NTSB investigators said in the agency's final report on the crash.

Contributing to the accident was the Federal Aviation Administration's failure to require weight and balance documentation for that type of air taxi flight, investigators said.

Family members of the victims found little solace in the NTSB report.

"We're devastated," said Rachel Dickert, whose daughter, Stacey McManus of Greenville, and two grandchildren were killed.

FAA officials said in a statement they will evaluate the report to determine if any safety actions are needed.

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HILLARY CLINTON'S BENGHAZI TESTIMONY

FIVE THINGS TO WATCH FOR

MARY ORNDORFF TROYAN @THE GREENVILLE NEWS

WASHINGTON - The House Select Committee on Benghazi holds its fourth public hearing on Thursday with only one seat at the witness table — for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. What to watch for:

1. NEW EVIDENCE

Committee chairman Rep. Trey Gowdy and his Republican colleagues say they have uncovered new information about the circumstances surrounding the attacks. Expect questions about why longtime Clinton friend Sidney Blumenthal, who was not a government employee, was advising Clinton on U.S. policy in Libya; about which State Department workers handled requests that security in Benghazi be upgraded; and about why those requests went unheeded.



Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C.

2. TREY GOWDY'S ROLE

The former South Carolina prosecutor is no stranger to the political limelight in Washington, but today's hearing will be the biggest media moment of his five-year congressional career. His pledge that the inquiry would be fair and non-political was tested recently after a House Republican leader applauded the committee's negative impact on Clinton's presidential poll numbers.

3. HILLARY CLINTON'S ROLE

The first time Clinton testified about Benghazi she got into a heated exchange on why it took so long to conclude the attack wasn't the spontaneous outgrowth of a protest, but instead a coordinated terrorist attack. Her response — "What difference, at this point, does it make?" — has haunted her in Republican attack ads. Clinton's allies say the tables are turned this time, and the hearing could end up looking like a taxpayer-funded political attack.

4. PARTISANSHIP ON PARADE

The committee includes seven Republicans and five Democrats who have accused each other of political dishonesty in letters and press releases for months. Their differences will be showcased in person today, especially if Republicans treat Clinton as a hostile witness and Democrats rush to her defense.

5. THE DRAMA OUTSIDE

The 2016 presidential campaign looms large, even if it's never mentioned at the hearing, which could go all day. Clinton's political allies have a rapid response team at the ready to counter Republican attacks; Republicans are eager to prove that the investigation, which has spent about \$4.6 million in taxpayer money, will provide a factual, definitive account of the attacks and who in the U.S. government should be held responsible.

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Benghazi, House inquiry and Clinton

With secretary of state testifying Thursday, just where does the case stand?



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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton listens to questions from lawmakers during her testimony in January 2013 in Capitol Hill before a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed during the attack.

BY DEB RIECHMANN and MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The deadly 2012 attack on a U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya, moves to the forefront of the presidential race when Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton testifies Thursday before a Republican-led House committee.

Republicans say the investigation is focused on the four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens, killed in the Sept. 11, 2012, assault. Democrats and a few Republicans say the probe, which has spent at least \$4.5 million so far, is focused on Clinton and has undermined her White House bid.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., the committee chairman, says he wants to ask Clinton, who was secretary of state when the assault occurred, why U.S. security at the compound was not beefed up as conditions in Libya deteriorated and other countries, including Britain, were pulling out.

A look at the investigation:

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What people are saying about Clinton's upcoming testimony. **Page A5**

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POLL: How important do you think Benghazi still is? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

MORE COVERAGE: To read more about Benghazi, go to postandcourier.com

What happened in Benghazi?

The attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in the Mediterranean port city in Libya occurred on Sept. 11, 2012 — the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

The attack came in three waves, spread over eight hours at two locations.

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Clinton and Benghazi

Hillary Rodham Clinton gets low marks from Republicans for her handling of the investigation surrounding the 2012 attack in Benghazi, Libya, but half of Democrats and independents have no strong opinion, according to an AP-GFK poll.

Q: Overall, do you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton has handled questions about the 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, while she was secretary of state?



Q: Do you think the congressional investigation into the 2012 attack in Benghazi is a justified attempt to find out what happened or a politically motivated attack on Hillary Clinton?



NOTE: Results based on survey of 1,027 U.S. adults interviewed Oct. 15-19. Margin of error is 1.3 percentage points, higher for subgroups.

SOURCE: GFK PUBLIC AFFAIRS & CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS. AP

Flooding broke 17 river flow records

Early damage figure easily over \$1 billion

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Nearly 200,000 gallons of water flowed past Givhans Ferry every second when the flood was at its worst. A preliminary report issued Wednesday by the U.S. Geological Survey said the Edisto River's volume of flow at its gauge there was the heaviest recorded in 87 years of record keeping.

And the Edisto was only one of 17 rivers across the state to break a record for the flow.

Another 15 rivers had flows that were in the top five recorded.

"To have the extent of flooding that we did on a statewide level was incredible," said John Shelton, section chief for the S.C. office of the South Atlantic Water Science Center. "We didn't expect to see the number of high flows that we did. Just the magnitude of it, and the focus on South Carolina, it almost seemed confined to the state."

The volume of water in the Edisto at the flood's peak was 15 times the average gauged over 75 years, according to survey data.

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N. Chas. election airs 'dirty laundry'

Summey harassment suit raised as issue

BY BRENDA RINDGE
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The North Charleston mayor's race continues to degenerate.

After it was revealed last week that candidate John Singletary was convicted of soliciting a prostitute, he and supporters have pointed to a sexual harassment lawsuit filed and dismissed against Mayor Keith Summey as an example of what's wrong with the current administration.

In the 1999 suit, two former clerks claimed that Summey "harasses the female employees of the city by engaging in unwanted sexual advances, physical caresses and kissing on the lips." Summey denied the claims.

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Biden won't seek presidency, but vows 'I won't be silent'

BY PETER BAKER and MAGGIE HABERMAN
New York Times

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden said Wednesday that he would not be a candidate in the 2016 presidential campaign, bringing to a close a three-month exploration that began shortly after the death of his eldest child and threatened to fracture the Democratic Party.

Biden's decision, announced in the White House Rose Garden with President Barack Obama looking on, ends one of the most public episodes of indecision about a political path since

PC Poll
What do you think of Vice President Joe Biden's decision not to run for president? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.



Biden

caucuses open the voting. Biden's decision also closes the door on one of the biggest potential challenges to Hillary Rodham Clinton's second attempt at capturing the Democratic nomination.

"Unfortunately, I believe we're out of time, the time necessary to mount a winning campaign for the nomination," Biden said. "But while I will not be a candidate, I will not be silent."

Indeed, he used the rest of his 13-minute speech in outlining the case he would have made as a candidate and to take a few implicit jabs at Clinton.

Without mentioning her by name, Biden criticized Clinton's assertion in

last week's Democratic debate that the Republicans are her enemies. "They are our opposition; they're not our enemies," he said, repeating a point he has made several times in the last 48 hours. "And for the sake of the country, we have to work together."

Reading from a prepared text flashed on flat screens in the Rose Garden, Biden argued against the sort of harsh interventionism Clinton has championed in the Middle East and elsewhere. "The argument that we just have to do something when bad people do bad things isn't good enough," he said.

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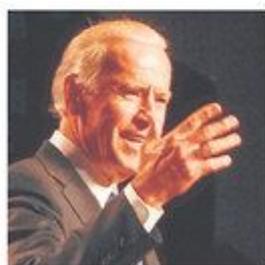
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She made her millions on Wall Street. But the Lake City benefactor's impact has been felt



THE FLOOD OF 2015

Swept-away dam takes road with it



Residents along Arcadia Lakes Drive East, Lake Arcadia Lane and Skii Lane had to devise a new way to get into and out of their neighborhood after floodwaters wrecked the Cary Lake dam and also washed away the road that ran on top of it.

About 15 residents use a makeshift road to get to their homes, cut off when dam failed

Road repairs will have to wait until dam is rebuilt, Transportation Department says

Flood insurance? 'I think I'll keep it'

BY CASSIE OPE ope@thestate.com

To get to their homes, some Cary Lake residents now have to use a makeshift passageway.

Normal access to their homes was lost when Cary Lake dam was washed away in the Oct. 4 flood.

Now, they drive on a makeshift road, created by removing a chain-link fence and using gravel to extend a driveway onto a nearby street, to get to work or shop.

The residents in about 15 homes on Skii Lane, a portion of Arcadia Lakes Drive East and Lake Arcadia Lane lost access to nearby Trenholm Road when the Cary Lake

dam failed, taking with it the road that was atop it.

"I knew we were trapped," said Jimmy Adams, a retired minister who lives on Cary Lake.

On Oct. 4, floodwater in the rising Cary Lake threatened homes in the area. It drained like a bathtub when the dam broke, Adams said.

But the broken dam also left the residents stranded.

To get out of the area now, residents drive on Lake Arcadia Lane to what was previously a dead end. There, residents use the makeshift road that carries them out onto a nearby street.

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Video of the now-isolated neighborhood along the former Cary Lake

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Big day ahead for Clinton, Gowdy's Benghazi panel



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County plans on sales tax hit snag

Council finds school district has similar plan

By **REBECCA LURYE**
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A new proposal to pay for millions of dollars worth of school improvements could sidetrack Beaufort County Council's plans to hold a referendum for a sales-tax increase.

After three years of attempts to raise the sales tax by 1 percent to pay for infrastructure needs and local projects, council members learned last week that the Beaufort County School District may seek a sales-tax referendum of its own in November 2016.

That news has prompted some council members to favor dropping a county sales-tax hike, worried voters would balk at the prospect of referendums from both the county and school board.

Now, an independent county commission that met for the first time Wednesday is beginning work to develop the county's referendum, but chances are fading that the proposal will make it onto the ballot next year, let alone get voters' backing.

Council members at a finance committee meeting Monday considered putting the commission on hold until they decide whether to pursue a 1 percent sales tax, but they ultimately chose to let the commission's first meeting go forward. On Wednesday, the independent group learned about their responsibilities and elected Mike Sutton of Beaufort as chairman.

But alternatives to a capital projects sales tax remain possible, county officials say.

They could choose to partner with the school district on a joint sales-tax referendum or could ask voters to approve a 1 percent local-option sales-tax, which would provide property-tax relief to residents as well as revenue for the county and local towns.

GETTING READY



Pat Conroy

A behind-the-scenes look at Pat Conroy exhibit in Beaufort



LIZ FARRELL • Staff photo

Jessica Dowd Crouch, archivist at Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections at the University of South Carolina's Ernest F. Hollings Library and curator of the "My Wound Is Geography: Pat Conroy and the Lowcountry" exhibit at Historic Beaufort Foundation's Verdier House, which opens Saturday, arranges material in a display case Monday. Helping Crouch is Erin Patterson, a graduate student at USC.

Around 1 p.m. Monday, a white van from Enterprise pulled up at the corner of Scott and Bay streets in Beaufort and parked.

After 2 1/2 hours traveling South Carolina's roads, where each bump created an echoing clamor in the back of the van, the driver and her passenger were afraid to inspect their cargo.

They thought they would find nothing but shards of glass and scattered papers.

Everything was intact, no



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thanks to the state Department of Transportation.

Though a question did remain for bystanders.

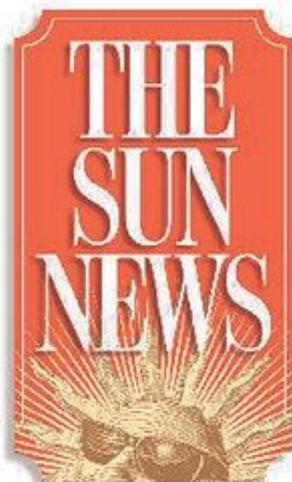
IF YOU GO

WHAT: "My Wound Is Geography: Pat Conroy and the Lowcountry," an exhibit that celebrates best-selling novelist Pat Conroy's relationship to the Beaufort area

WHEN: Opens Saturday at Historic Beaufort Foundation's Verdier House, 801 Bay St., Beaufort. Verdier House is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday

TICKETS: \$10
DETAILS: www.historicbeaufort.org, 843-379-3331

ALSO: At 1:50 p.m. Oct. 30, University of South Carolina archivist and exhibit curator Jessica Dowd Crouch will give an hour-long gallery talk at Verdier House that is free and open to the public. The talk is part of the weekend-long celebration of Conroy's 70th birthday.



BUSINESS YOUTUBE TROTS OUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

YouTube unveiled a new \$10-a-month plan in the U.S. called Red that combines ad-free videos, new original series, movies from top YouTubers, and on-demand unlimited streaming music. **6A**



SPORTS

MIDSEASON NCAA STOCK REPORT

The college football season is only half over and already four FBS coaches have been fired, one was suspended for three games and another future Hall of Famer has resigned. **6B**

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Biden decides against run for the White House

In Rose Garden address with Obama at his side, vice president says window has closed

Decision ends month of speculation

Vows to not stay silent, urges Democrats to run on Obama's record

BY JULIE PACE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

After months of tortured indecision, Vice President Joe Biden said Wednesday he won't

be a candidate in the 2016 White House campaign, solidifying Hillary Rodham Clinton's status as the Democratic front-runner and the party's likely heir to President Barack Obama's legacy.

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LOCAL

PUPPY MILL POLICY ONE STEP CLOSER

County Council members gave their second vote of support for an ordinance designed to help county officials better identify businesses that value profit above animal welfare. **3A**



LOCAL

WACCAMAW WILDLIFE REFUGE PLANS HUNTING EXPANSION

Federal officials plan to expand the acreage allowed for hunting, and to include more opportunities for area youth to participate. **3A**



BUSINESS

BOEING SEES SOARING PROFITS

Faster production of commercial jets continues to drive profits, which include a 25 percent jump in the third quarter. The Chicago-based company posted a \$1.7 bil-

VOLUNTEERS HELP FLOOD VICTIMS GET THE MUD OUT

Ed Figart powerwashes debris from a garage off Sherwood Drive in Conway on Tuesday. Figart and dozens of volunteers from the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief teams are in the area to help residents dealing with flood cleanup. The teams do all the work for free. Some of the work they do is cleanup, hauling heavy objects, demolition and mold remediation. They have a headquarters at Living Water Baptist Church in Longs off S.C. 9. Figart is volunteering from Pennsylvania.

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FLOOD OF 2015

Horry County moves OPCON to normal as Waccamaw recedes

BY ELIZABETH TOWNSEND
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Horry County officials switched operating conditions back to normal as the transition from flooding response to recovery continues, and the Waccamaw River keeps slowly receding.

At 10 a.m. Wednesday, Horry County officials moved their Operating Condition level from

Horry County is now at OPCON 5, but checkpoints and boat patrols will be ongoing

River continues to recede and is in moderate flood stage

Georgetown County still at OPCON 4 and SCDOT debris pickup starting this week

County is operating under normal conditions; however the Horry County Emergency Operations Center remains activated

Lisa Bourcier, Horry County spokeswoman, said in a news release.

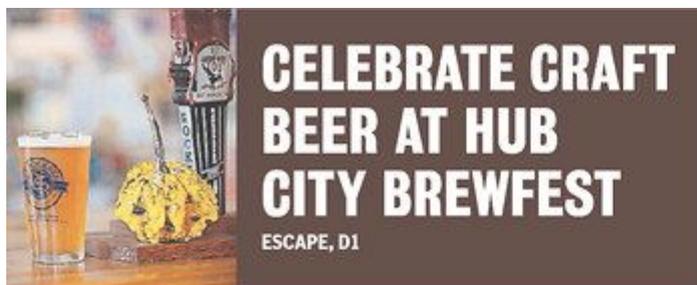
While the county is shifting

will continue to staff security at checkpoints along the Waccamaw River, but will begin demolishing those operations as the river recedes and property owners are able to get back home, Bourcier said.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Horry County police will also continue boat patrols along the Waccamaw until further notice.

Federal Emergency Management Agency workers are running Disaster Recovery Centers to assist flood victims at the North Strand Recreation Center at 120 Highway 57 South in Little River and the South Strand Recreation Center at 9650 Scipio Lane in Myrtle Beach.

Auto insurance and small business associations are the



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Bright could face challenge for Senate seat

Former Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System CEO Ingo Angermeier is considering a run for the S.C. Senate District 12 seat held by Lee Bright. **C1**

Expansion possible for inland port

The South Carolina Ports Authority's \$50 million inland port in Spartanburg County could be expanded next year. **C1**

NATION



Deadline nears on averting default

Washington is barreling toward a deadline to raise the government's borrowing cap and avert a first-ever default on U.S. payments, but there's no sign yet on Capitol Hill of a viable solution. **A3**



Fractious House conservatives resist Ryan's call to unify

Paul Ryan presses for the Republican unity he insists he needs to be House speaker. It's an elusive goal in both Congress and the

CAMPAIGN 2016

Biden won't run for president

By Julie Pace
The Associated Press

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Biden spoke movingly about mourning the recent death of his son, Beau, a process he said does not match the political calendar. While he said his family was emotionally prepared to undertake a grueling presidential campaign, they arrived at that decision too late for him to mount a credible bid for a job that has long been the north star of his political ambitions.

"Unfortunately, I believe we're out of time," said Biden, flanked by his wife, Jill, and the

president.

Biden's decision puts to rest the uncertainty hanging over the Democratic primary. The race now will likely settle into a two-person contest between Clinton and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has energized the party's liberal base but lacks Clinton's campaign infrastructure and support from party leaders.

Biden was seen by some Democrats as an ideal blend of Clinton's establishment

credentials and Sanders' populist appeal. Interest in his potential candidacy was fueled both by an outpouring of affection after his son succumbed to cancer in May and the persistent questions about Clinton's viability, particularly amid revelations about her controversial email use at the State Department.

However, Clinton appeared to calm nervous supporters

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HAYNE STREET IN ARCADIA

Neighbors: Washout was preventable

Residents say little attention given to culvert safety concerns

By Daniel J. Gross
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A man nearly drowned in a valley that filled with rushing water in Arcadia after he drove into a culvert that had washed out during a massive storm this month — and witnesses say it could have been prevented.

Kyle Melton, who saw the crash, said he had noticed "bubbling water" pooling at the culvert, eroding the ground underneath the road about four weeks before a massive storm pounded the state in early October.

"To see something like that happen ... All of us take this road every single day going across this bridge, and for it to go out like that, it could have been any one of us," he said.

Some neighbors said when they reported safety concerns before the storm nothing was done, but state and local agencies say they have no record of complaints.

The washout was the only major damage to Spartan-



A portion of Hayne Street in Arcadia washed out during a powerful storm Oct. 1. Crews are now replacing the culvert but neighbors say the damage could have been prevented had their concerns been addressed about standing water there. ALEX C. HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

burg County when a woman drove into flood waters on New Cut Road and became submerged.

The man who fell into the culvert around 3 a.m. Oct. 1 was stranded, hanging onto a tree, for about 45 minutes before emergency responders arrived and pulled him to safety.

"He was on the verge of collapsing," Spartanburg County Emergency Management Director Doug Bryson said.



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SELF-HELP IN AN EMERGENCY



A group of Self Regional staff members lift a volunteer patient onto a gurney outside the hospital's tower during an emergency evacuation practice.

Hospital runs evacuation drill from Patient Tower

Story and photos by
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Staff volunteers drag a volunteer patient from the Self Regional tower as part of the evacuation drill.

Emergency codes rang through the halls of Self Regional Medical Center on Wednesday morning. But the statement "This is a test," accompanied the message, so the hospital's patients and staff on one side of the campus continued with their morning tasks.

But on the other side of the Self Regional tower, staff volunteers were evacuating fake patients as firefighters battled a fake fire.

No real hospital patients were affected by the drill. Volunteers and dummies played the role of evacuated patients, who were taken to a triage area between the Patient Tower and the emergency room entrance. One man even had to play the role of a woman who was having an ectopic pregnancy.

The full-scale emergency evacuation exercise, which was funded by a federal Hospital Preparedness Program grant, called for a partial evacuation of the tower, and staff members practiced moving patients with different scenarios and mobility levels, which included carefully dragging patients in sleds down flights of stairs.

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SMITH TRIAL

'I didn't know' he'd die

Investigation, autopsy focus of second day

By DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ
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Jury deliberations in the Wayne Smith murder trial could begin this morning, Judge Frank Addy Jr. said. The bulk of the trial on Wednesday involved testimony from the doctor that performed the autopsy and the lead investigator.

Smith, 26, is charged with murder and strong arm robbery in connection to the July 12, 2013 robbery and death of Phillip Joseph Baer. He pleaded guilty to the strong arm robbery charge Monday. Baer's laptop, truck and TV were missing when his son, Phillip Franklin Baer, found him dead in his home.

Heart attack

Baer, 68, died of a heart attack in his apartment at 1522 Parkway Court some time before his body was found on July 14, 2013, said Greenwood County Coroner Senny Cox.

According to the autopsy report filed July 15, 2013 by forensic pathologist Dr. Brett Woodard,

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Defender argues for directed verdict

Public Defender Patricia Bolen asked Judge Frank Addy Jr. to issue a directed verdict of not guilty Wednesday in the murder trial of Wayne Smith.

"There's not been any evidence of malice aforethought presented in this case," she said.

She also argued that the solicitor's office could not prove that a murder happened without the statements given by Smith, which they must be able to do.

After hearing arguments from Bolen and Senior Assistant Solicitor Elizabeth White, Addy decided that enough corroboration existed that the state could argue a murder happened independent of Smith's statements, and that his guilty plea to strong arm robbery implied that some physical contact must have happened.

The request for a directed verdict was denied.

— Damian Dominguez



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THE SURVIVORS

Lighthouse Ministries shared their experiences

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FLORENCE — Lighthouse Ministries is composed of individuals who devote their time to helping Florence county residents who are in need.

Among those who serve within the ministry are five breast cancer survivors.

Thelma Hawkins is a volunteer at Lighthouse Ministries, and she said that even though she could not serve for a while because of breast cancer treatments, her fellow staff members at the organization were very supportive.

"I think the fact that you're there to help somebody else, they're there to help you with whatever your

THE VOLUNTEER

To read about the survivor who helps cancer patients, see **Page 4A**.

problems are because you hear so much from the participants, so you couldn't

hear anything worse," Hawkins said.

She received a diagnosis of breast cancer after having a mammogram in 2014.

"I had surgery in June, and then I had radiation," Hawkins said. "Because it was just barely stage two, I didn't have to have the chemotherapy."

Hawkins said her case was not dramatic, but it was a well-supported one. Both the gynecologist and surgeon who cared for her were her former students.

"The thing I'd like to tell people is check out what Florence cancer centers can do for you because I've just had the best of care here," Hawkins said. "Now, I don't have one of the aggressive types of cancer, and they're all individual. And there's a good support system."

Hawkins said her cancer is in

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THE NURSES

Ins and outs of oncology



McLeod oncology nurses Stacia Andrews (left) and Michelle Beard (right) pose with patient Wanda Williams.

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Outpatient, inpatient nurses shed light on work experiences

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FLORENCE — Stacia Andrews said she and other oncology nurses at McLeod Health want to cast a ray of sunshine to make their patients feel bet-

ter and be encouraged.

As an outpatient oncology nurse, Andrews gets to see patients who have just begun their battle with cancer, and even see many win the battle.

Working as an outpatient oncology nurse can be different from working as an inpatient

oncology nurse.

Outpatient

Nearly 15 outpatient nurses work daily at the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research. Michelle Beard said their shifts are usually from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., give or take an

hour. Two nurses are always scheduled to work later shifts and be on hand until the last patient has finished treatment for the day.

"Usually our patients come in, most of the time they're

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MAMMOGRAPHIES

New digital machine improves patient care in Lake City

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LAKE CITY — More than 60,000 women are expected to get diagnoses of breast cancer in 2015. An additional 2,350 men also will get diagnoses of invasive breast cancer. Those are the most recent statistics reported by the American Cancer Society.

The organization also reports that breast cancer is expected 100 times more common in women than



THE ONCOLOGISTS

Using teamwork to battle breast cancer

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FLORENCE — For Dr. James Smith, treating breast cancer is an ever-evolving discipline that's constantly improving.

"The good thing is we have better treatment options," said the 42-year-old Sumter native. "That's the exciting thing about

see treatments change from year to year, especially in the area of breast cancer," he said.

These days more targeted and individualized therapies prevail, as dictated by the tumor type or biology of the cancer. Proteins that aid in cancer growth get special attention.

"You can target those proteins and receptors and interrupt abnormal cell division," Smith ex-



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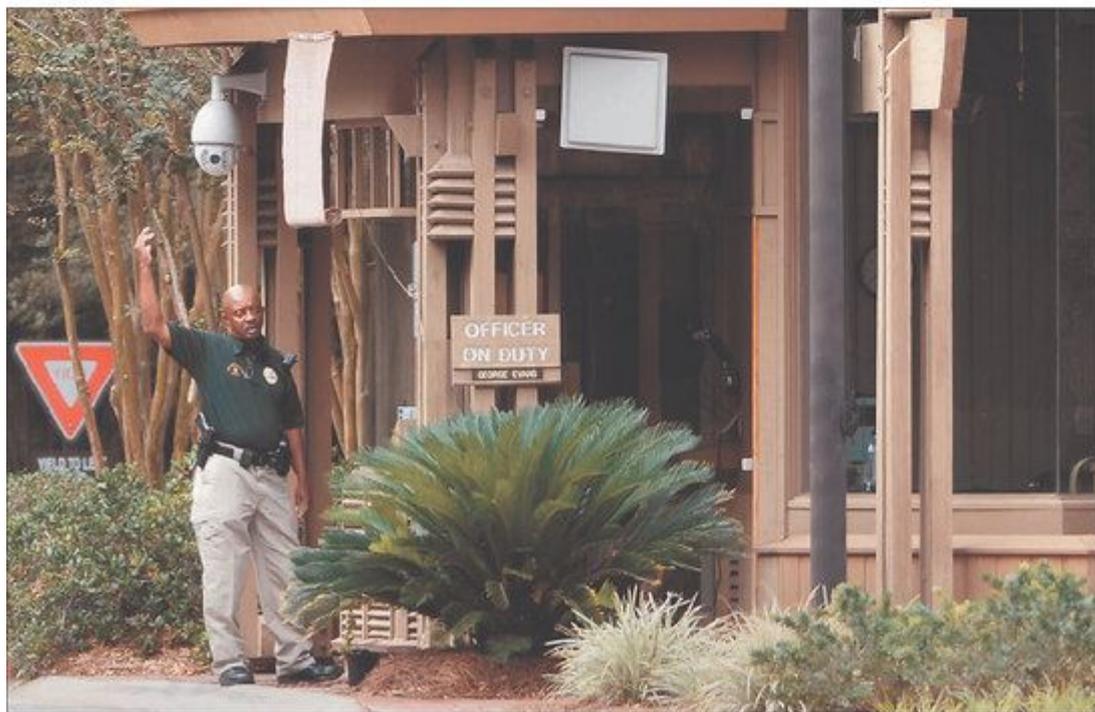


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ARMED 'FOR SAFETY'

Hilton Head gated communities say security guards need to have guns, rarely fire their weapons



An armed security officer waves a vehicle through the Greenwood gate into Sea Pines on Wednesday.

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After two Hilton Head security guards accidentally fired their guns this year — the most recent incident occurring Oct. 14 when a guard shot himself in the foot — other island gated communities say their guards are also armed, but rarely fire their weapons.

They say the guns are needed for the safety of officers, who are often first-responders to crime scenes in the gated communities.

A Palmetto Dunes security guard ac-

identally shot himself this month while trying to demonstrate firearms safety to another security officer, according to a Beaufort County Sheriff's Office report. That followed an incident Feb. 20 when a Palmetto Dunes guard accidentally fired her weapon while taking it apart to clean it. The bullet entered a file cabinet; no one was injured, a sheriff's report said.

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INCIDENTS

• **OCT. 14:** A Palmetto Dunes security guard accidentally shot himself while trying to demonstrate firearms safety to another security officer.

• **FEB. 20:** A Palmetto Dunes guard accidentally fired her weapon while taking it apart to clean it. The bullet entered a file cabinet; no one was injured.

Source: Beaufort County Sheriff's Office reports

County plans on sales tax hit snag

Council finds school district has similar plan

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A new proposal to pay for millions of dollars worth of school improvements could sidetrack Beaufort County Council's plans to hold a referendum for a sales-tax increase.

After three years of attempts to raise the sales tax by 1 percent to pay for infrastructure needs and local projects, council members learned last week that the Beaufort County School District may seek a sales-tax referendum of its own in November 2016.

That news has prompted some council members to favor dropping a county sales-tax hike, worried voters would balk at the prospect of referendums from both the county and school board.

Now, an independent county commission that met for the first time Wednesday is beginning work to develop the county's referendum, but chances are fading that the proposal will make it onto the ballot next year, let alone get voters' backing.

Council members at a finance committee meeting Monday considered putting the commission on hold until they decide whether to pursue a 1 percent sales tax, but they ultimately chose to let the commission's first meeting go forward. On Wednesday, the independent group learned about their responsibilities and elected Mike Sutton of Beaufort as chairman.

But alternatives to a capital projects sales tax remain possible, county officials say.

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Getting ready: A behind-the-scenes look at Pat Conroy exhibit in Beaufort



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