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## Charlotte protesters urge video release

Marchers under Guard watch; family sees footage of death

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But Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Kerr Putney said earlier in the day the footage of Scott's killing could undermine the investigation. He told

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The National Guard arrived Thursday in Charlotte in an attempt to head off a third night of violence following the fatal shooting of a black man Tuesday by a black police officer.

GERRY BRONK/USA

## Critics want chief fired over remarks

Facebook quips seen as sexist, racist, spur Jamestown uproar

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JAMESTOWN — Many are calling for Jamestown Police Chief Jay High to be fired after he offended a woman on Facebook by asking if she was a single mom and posting other comments she believed had racist and sexist intent.



High said his comments were taken out of context and that he has no plans to resign.

"What's that that saying? Once you go black, you're a single mom?" High wrote in a Facebook thread on Monday that included three women.

One of the women, Laine Sanders, said she was trying to defuse an online argument with the two other women when High jumped in. Sanders, who goes by Lolo Velasquez on Facebook, responded by telling High that his comments weren't true. High responded, "Got kids? Married? Kidding, can't blame black guys for hoes."

High went on to ask Sanders if she was a single mom. She responded, "I'm not. Actually my daughter's father is a great dad. Or very disrespectful."

The two went back and forth and ended the conversation after Sanders told him that she has nothing else to discuss with him.

High said he was not a racist and that he was not a sexist. He said he was not a single mom and that he was not a black guy. He said he was not a hoes.

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A crew from Gregory Electric Co. smooths out concrete Monday afternoon around new underground electric, cable and phone junction boxes on Orange Street. The overhead wiring is being taken down and installed underground after residents first requested it 17 years ago.

BRAD NETTLES/STAFF

## Progress at last

After nearly 2 decades and lots of negotiation with residents, lines are being buried on Orange Street

BY ABIGAIL DARLINGTON  
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Orange Street is one of the smallest streets South of Broad, a narrow stretch 500 feet long that runs past 18 historic properties.

When its residents petitioned the city to be the first downtown neighborhood to have its power lines buried in 1999, South Carolina Electric & Gas officials said they expected it to be a logistical challenge.

"There are only a couple of places in Charleston that are as tight to work in as Orange Street. There just isn't a lot of room," said Bill Turner, vice president of electrical operations.

But that's not what held up the project for almost two decades. Construction only began a few months ago, and it could be another year or two for the project to be completed.

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### The neighborhoods

Since 1996, these Charleston neighborhoods have begun the process of getting their power lines buried.

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10. South Windermere
11. Clifford Street

\* Work completed; \*\* Construction ongoing; \*\*\* Planning ongoing

## Is a deal to revive I-526 in works?

Some on council say they were told of \$300M plan

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Several Charleston County Council members said Chairman Elliott Summey told them that as part of a deal worked out with state Senate President Hugh Leatherman, the state would cover the roughly \$300 million shortfall to finish the final phase of Interstate 526.

Summey, along with Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg and other local and state leaders who support the controversial highway extension across Johns and James islands, is trying to get the S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank board to reverse its decision to close the door on the road project.

Local officials also want the board to give the county the \$420 million originally set aside for the project so work can begin on its first phase — the portion from where I-526 now ends in West Ashley to Maybank Highway on Johns Island.

To move forward with the project

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## Ex-officer who quit under suspicion lands teaching job

BY ANDREW KNAPP  
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A cloud of suspicion hovered over Peter Wright's career when he left law enforcement more than a decade ago. The policeman resigned after Summerville internal investigators questioned whether he had lied about getting shot while fighting a suspect. A prosecutor also noted a "disturbing" pattern over his career of getting injured in encounters with shadowy



**Ex-Summerville officer Peter Wright reported being shot with his own weapon during a struggle with an unknown assailant in 2003.**

suspects, all of whom got away. Wright said in his resignation letter that he needed to get out of that line

of work. "I'm just trying to put all this stuff behind me," he wrote.

In the 13 years that followed, Wright made a sort of comeback. He helped care for his three children while earning degrees in history and criminal justice, his father said. This year he landed a full-time job as teacher for Cane Bay High School's new law enforcement academy.

His father, Isle of Palms police retiree Ray Wright, said the unproven allega-

tions should not be held against his son so many years later.

"He's fine; he's good," said Ray Wright, adding that his son did not wish to comment. "People should not worry about anything. — He worked hard to get where he's at."

Peter Wright was reintroduced to the community earlier this month, when the Berkeley County School District unveiled Cane Bay High's latest

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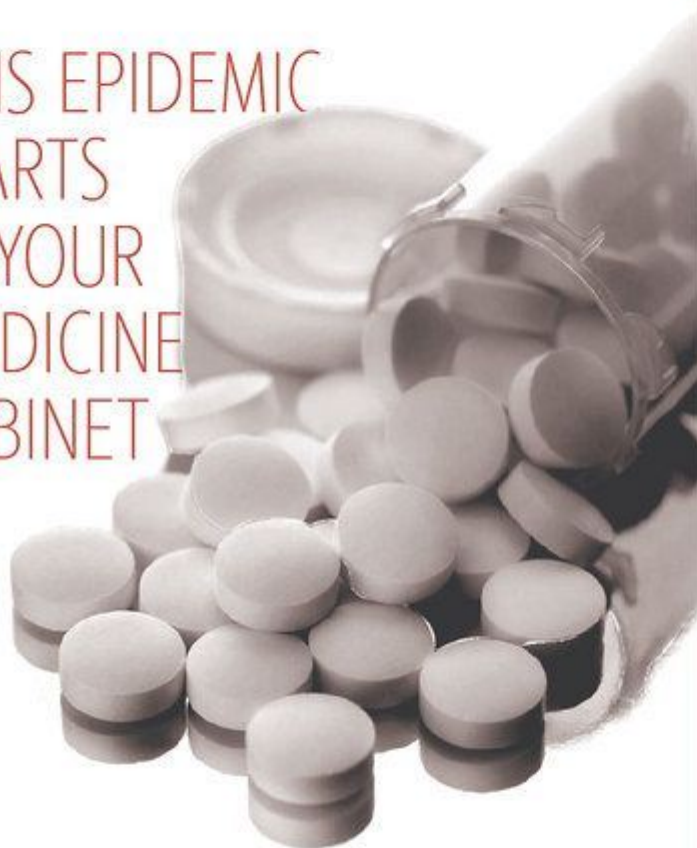
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## Opioid abuse a growing threat in SC, say DEA agents and prosecutors

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Parents who leave opioid prescription drugs in home medicine cabinets may be killing their kids.

And:

- Nearly as many people each year die from opioid and heroin overdoses in South Carolina as are killed on state roads.
- Most fast food franchises in South Carolina have at least one illegal drug transaction.

and Lortab need to check a state prescription drug database to see if their patient is "doctor shopping" and already has numerous prescriptions.

Those were just a few observations by South Carolina-based DEA agents and federal prosecutors at a roundtable Thursday in Columbia aimed at increasing public awareness of the increasing dangers of heroin and opioid abuse.

Opioid abuse and deaths are among all drug overdoses

## Opioid-, heroin-related deaths

**65**

In Greenville County, 2015

**58**

In Charleston County, 2015

**33**

In Richland County, 2015

## EXCLUSIVE | NUCLEAR FUEL FACILITY

# Recurring problems cited at area plant

■ Internal Westinghouse report identifies history of concerns at nuclear fuel plant in Richland County

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An internal review of a Columbia nuclear fuel factory has identified multiple problems with how the site has been managed for atomic safety through the years.

The report, compiled by plant operator Westinghouse, says the company wasn't always tough-minded enough about safety and it didn't ensure employees knew enough about nuclear safety while operating some of the factory's equipment.

Westinghouse's report cited "long standing defi-

ciencies" that led to a buildup of uranium in excess of federal nuclear safety standards in part of the Bluff Road plant.

The 47-year-old plant employs about 1,000 people, but at least 170 have been laid off temporarily while Westinghouse and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission separately investigate why uranium built up in apparent violation of federal standards.

Buildups of atomic material are of concern because they can lead to nuclear accidents, although that did not occur in this case. Nuclear safety advocates say Westinghouse needs to redouble its efforts to make sure other, more serious

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## House GOP Caucus lets investigators review its financial records

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The Republican Caucus that controls the S.C. House has allowed investigators to review its financial records dating back to 1995, according to caucus leaders.

In a letter to Republican state representatives, the

**ONLINE**

**THESTATE.COM:** Read the letter that the leaders of the S.C. House GOP Caucus sent Thursday to Republican state representatives.

members.

"The scope and the subject of this investigation are unknown to us at this point," said the letter.







A rabbi prays with protesters and clergy outside of the Omni Hotel in Charlotte on Thursday during a third straight night of protests over a fatal police shooting.

LAUREN PETRACCA/STAFF

# CHARLOTTE GETS CITYWIDE CURFEW

Police, National Guard watch new march

Charlotte was under a midnight to 6 a.m. curfew after three nights of protests. Mayor Jennifer Roberts told reporters Thursday night she had signed documents to impose a curfew.

She expects it to be in place for multiple days until officials determine they no longer need it.

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Protesters took to the streets for a

third night but were largely peaceful Thursday. Two previous nights of chaotic protests included injuries, a death, arrests and vandalism.

Hundreds of protesters marched Thursday night through the heart of Charlotte's business district.

Family sees police video, **Page 1B**

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"The events we saw last night are not the Charlotte I know and love or the deep-seated tradition we have of collaboration."

MAYOR JENNIFER ROBERTS

**Man dies in group  
home for disabled**

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## CLEMSON CRUSHES GEORGIA TECH

The Tigers win in Atlanta for the first time in a decade. **1B**



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## Hospitality tax 'dead' for the year

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When a one-cent sales tax for schools was under discussion in Anderson County, superintendents who supported it knew they needed a strategy to make the majority of the public see things their way.

They did a series of presentations together, talking to clubs, church groups and civic organizations. Then, each of the five superintendents did the same thing in their individual districts, offering a common, clear, tailored message

about how they believed the tax would benefit students for years to come.

They shared that message with anyone who would listen.

"Our motto was: Where two or more are gathered, we'll go tell you about the sales tax," Tom Wilson, superintendent of Anderson School District 5, said Thursday. "We tried to personalize it. We showed people clearly how it would work. And we gave anecdotal evidence of how it would make a difference, not just to our students, but to our county as a whole."

Wilson did 45 presentations in essen-

tially a two-month period. When the vote on the issue came in November 2014, the penny tax was approved by 53 percent of Anderson County voters. And Wilson's vocal cords required surgery.

The Anderson County Council's consideration of a 2 percent hospitality tax ended this week with a different outcome. Why did that happen and what does it mean for the future of the county?

**'It wasn't sold'**

Council Chairman Tommy Dunn said he and some of his colleagues were

approached a few years ago by people who favored a 2 percent hospitality tax. The tax, designed to be collected on prepared meals and beverages, would apply to the unincorporated areas of Anderson County.

Those are the areas outside municipalities, including the stretch of U.S. 76 between Anderson and Clemson where The Smokin' Pig sits, beckoning fans on their way to Death Valley. Then there is Exit 19 off Interstate 85, which boasts a collection of hotels and restaurants

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Kendall Anderson, a Clemson University student, trains Carbon, a black Labrador retriever from Miracle Paws in Anderson.

## Students, rescue dogs work together

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Carbon, an 18-month old black lab, is two weeks into his training as a service dog.

Kendall Anderson, a 20-year-old Clemson University junior, has already learned plenty.

"I'm surprised at how much patience

teers in a training program designed by Miracle Paws — a family nonprofit that transforms rescue dogs into helpmates for disabled veterans and children with Type 1 diabetes.

The training of dogs for service to diabetic children is a long-term mission of the Wrabiutza family, which started that program seven years ago. The work with disabled veterans in mind is a

For Anderson, a genetics major who works part-time in a canine genetics research lab, and Nieman, a pre-veterinary major, the volunteer adventure offers an experience very different than textbooks offer.

"The veterinarians tend to get a lot of information about good health, but not much training on the behavioral side," said Bill Wrabiutza. "This program

## Rainey retiring from Foothills Foundation

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Anderson philanthropist Robert Rainey will step down as president of the Foothills Community Foundation by year's end.

Rainey, 64, helped found the Foothills Community Foundation board in 1999 and took over as president in 2001. The foundation has helped distribute more than \$14 million over that time for college scholarships, protecting fish and wildlife habitats around local lakes, the annual Brighter Christmas Fund partnership with the Independent Mail and many other causes across Oconee, Anderson and Pickens counties.

"I cannot say enough about the leaders and visionaries who came before me, such as Bill Law Watkins and Cordes Seabrook, and the dedicated group of board members who have shared this journey with me," Rainey said. "I am very proud of the impact that Foothills Community Foundation has had in this community."

Foothills board chairman John Miller said Rainey led the foundation through "some exciting and challenging times."

"He helped coordinate the purchase, acquisition and renovation of the community center building, spearheaded a successful 15th anniversary observance and guided us through some bumpy financial markets," Miller said.

Anderson University President Evans Whitaker praised Rainey's civic pride and generous spirit.

"I don't know of anyone who loves his or her community more than Robert," said Whitaker, who also serves on the Foothills governing board. "He gets up every morning contemplating and

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## CLEMSON ROLLS PAST GEORGIA TECH

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### NEWS DIGEST

#### Potential jurors called in officer's trial

CHARLESTON — A South Carolina judge has ordered 500 potential jurors summoned for the murder trial of a fired white police officer charged in the 2015 shooting death of a black motorist captured on cellphone video.

Those being summoned can expect to hear a sheriff's deputy knocking on the door. Circuit Judge Clifton Newman issued an order Tuesday requiring deputies to serve summonses in the Michael Slager case. That's not unheard of, but generally jurors are summoned through the mail.

The order also instructs Charleston County deputies to follow up if prospective jurors don't fill out a juror questionnaire accompanying the summons. It said the summonses should start going out Friday.

The 34-year-old Slager, a former North Charleston police officer, stands trial next month in the death of 50-year-old Walter Scott, who was shot while running from traffic stop in April 2015. The shooting was recorded on a dramatic cellphone video that reignited the national debate over how blacks are treated by white police officers.

Newman said during an earlier hearing that jurors who are summoned will receive a general questionnaire about their thoughts on race relations and police conduct. That questionnaire must be returned within five days.

—From wire reports

#### TULSA POLICE SHOOTING

## Officer charged in man's death

Video showed man walking away from officer Betty Shelby with his arms in air

By Justin Juzapavicius and Sean Murphy  
The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Prosecutors charged a white Oklahoma police officer with first-degree manslaughter Thursday, less than a week after she killed an unarmed black man on a city street and just days after police released graphic videos, saying in court documents the officer "reacted unreasonably."

Tulsa officer Betty Shelby



Shelby

fatally shot 40-year-old Terence Crutcher on Sept. 16. The affidavit filed with the charge says Shelby "reacted unreasonably by escalating the situation from a confrontation with Mr. Crutcher, who was not responding to verbal commands and was walking away from her with his hands held up, becoming emotionally involved to the point that she overreacted."

Tulsa County District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler said arrangements were being made

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In this photo made from police video, Terence Crutcher, left, with his arms up is pursued by police officers as he walks next to his stalled SUV moments before he was shot and killed by one of the officers in Tulsa, Okla. Tulsa County District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler charged Tulsa officer Betty Shelby in the Sept. 16 shooting death of 40-year-old Terence Crutcher. TULSA POLICE DEPARTMENT VIA AP

#### NORTH CAROLINA OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

## 3rd night of protests largely peaceful



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Kerr Putney, right, gestures as he answers a question as Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts watches during a news conference Thursday in Charlotte, N.C., after a second night of violence following Tuesday's fatal police shooting of Keith Lamont Scott. CHUCK BURTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pressure mounts for Charlotte police to release video on shooting

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Tigers vs. the Yellow Jackets,  
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## Demonstrators take to streets for 3rd night

Charlotte officers say release of tape unlikely, protester shot Wednesday dies



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### Trump responds

■ Trump gives his take on the protests. Read them on 5A.

hours after night fell — and a mid-night curfew imposed by the mayor aimed to add a firm stopping point for the demonstrations.

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"You shouldn't expect it to be released," Putney said. "I'm not going to jeopardize the investigation."

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### ■ NINETY SIX

## Tourism director resigns

By **DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ**  
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After four years as head of Ninety Six's tourism department, Jennifer Donlon



**JENNIFER DONLON**

stepped down Monday, and the town hasn't decided yet who will fill her shoes. "I left Ninety Six because I work another part-time job," Donlon said. "It just physically took a toll, working the two part-time jobs when the tourism position is so much more than a part-time job."

Resigning immediately through a letter dated Monday, Donlon listed in the letter the about \$1.6 million in grants she's secured in her years there, along with the historic markers she's had installed throughout the town, the promotions for Lake Greenwood State Park and the Ninety Six National Historic Site and developing the S.C. Festival of Stars into the nationally recognized event it's become. She left because, though she loves the town and job, the town couldn't afford to turn her \$16,000 part-time job into a full-time position.

Mayor Mike Rowe said the town hasn't decided on who will fill in for Donlon, but will decide that soon.

"We're going to talk about it before we pass the final budget," he said. "She's always done such a terrific job. We'll

## ON THE HUNT



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A fashion show at the Suits and Salads lunch Wednesday demonstrated appropriate and inappropriate attire for a job interview.

"I'm learning and getting back out there and looking for a career in the field that I went to school for."

— **OLIVIA HARTWELL**

on the reason she attended the Suits and Salads event

## Suits and Salads trains women how to pursue employment

By **CONOR HUGHES**  
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**O**livia Hartwell hasn't worked in four years. She's looking to reenter the workforce after getting her bachelor's degree at Columbia College.

Hartwell was one of about 60 women at Piedmont Technical College on Wednesday for the Suits and Salads lunch, an event hosted by the Women's Leadership Council, an arm of the Greenwood Area Chamber of Commerce.









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## UNREST IN CHARLOTTE

### Protesters want video of shooting released

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Charlotte is just the latest U.S. city to be shaken by protests and reexaminations over the death of a black man at the hands of police, a list that includes Baltimore, Milwaukee, Chicago, New York and Ferguson, Missouri. In Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Thursday, prosecutors charged a white officer with manslaughter for killing an unarmed black man on a city street last week.

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# Aiken County school seeing the big picture



STAFF PHOTO BY CINDY KUBONIC

Terrell Lockett, left, frames a shot for a lab safety film with help from Aiken actor and director Justin Wheelon at East Aiken School of the Arts. Wheelon, founder of the Southern City Film Institute, has been an artist-in-residence at the school this week, helping fifth-graders make two films.

## Film projects generate 'reel' excitement for East Aiken students

BY LARRY WOOD  
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Coming soon to a theater near you: two films written, produced, directed and acted by fifth-graders at East Aiken School of the Arts. Justin Wheelon, an actor and director from Aiken who has won two Emmys and founded Southern City Film Institute, is teaching the students how to make movies this week as an artist-in-residence.

"We're trying to make this a mini movie set and teach them filmmaking on their level," Wheelon said. "This week is really fun because we really get to dive into filmmaking."

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STAFF PHOTO BY CINDY KUBONIC

Actor King Fuller, right, takes direction from student director Jordyn Mobley. The students at East Aiken School of the Arts are making a movie about lab safety with help from artist-in-residence Justin Wheelon, an actor and director from Aiken.

## AREA DEATHS

LTC. Micheal Edward "Mike" Leonhardt, North Augusta  
Denzel D. Bates, Aiken  
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Symonds, Aiken

BY THOMAS GARDINER  
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The scope of practice for emergency medical technicians, or EMTs, in South Carolina was updated last month, changing the ways in which

minister epinephrine by injection, meaning the drugs is drawn into a needle from a vial, as opposed to using an auto-injector like the name brand EpiPen device.

Epinephrine is used in life-threatening cases of allergic reactions

tionally fatal condition which includes a sudden drop in blood pressure and narrowing of airways due to swelling.

According to Robert Vannoy, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control public information officer, "As a national standard, dissemi-

nation is set by the State Medical Control Physician who worked with the Bureau of EMS and other state medical entities to add epinephrine administration to the EMT list of life-saving options.

According to Vannoy, the shift helps of

# EMTs get green light for epinephrine





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## Florence Civic Center

# County approves funds for expansion



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An architect's rendering shows the lower parking lot area of the Florence Civic Center after the \$16 million expansion is completed.

BY JOSHUA LLOYD  
Morning News  
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LAKE CITY — The Florence County Council voted unanimously Thursday evening to allocate \$500,000 more to the expansion of the Florence Civic Center.

The City Council is expected to approve another \$500,000 soon. That will bring the project's total to \$16 million.

County Council Vice Chairman Kent Caudle, the county's representative on the Civic Center expansion committee,

### Other County Council business

» Approval of \$4,000 pay raise for all dispatch personnel in the Central Dispatch Division of the Florence County Emergency Management Department

» Approval of \$10,000 from contingency funds to fund a portion of the Florence Regional Airport enhancement project

» Brookgreen drainage improvement contract awarded in the amount of \$695,890 from penny sales tax II funds

» Meadow Prong Dirt Road drainage project contract awarded in the amount of \$92,405

» Approval of Florence County Sheriff's Office to occupy a vacated house on Justice Way for additional storage and office space

said the decision to raise the county's contribution to \$8 million total was to ensure the project is done right and to see that the

surrounding area continues to grow.

"The first bid came in

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## Florence loses lifelong civic champion Herbert Ames

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FLORENCE — Former County Councilman Herbert Ames died Wednesday evening, but his mark on Florence remains.

Ames was 67. His death came after an extended illness.

Ames, a Florence native, began his career in real estate in 1974 and continued as the broker in charge of The Ames Company until his death.

He's most remembered locally for his life in Pee Dee politics. Ames was a member of the Florence County Council for eight years, serving as chairman for two years and vice chairman for two years.

County officials say Ames was instrumental in bringing some of the area's biggest economic development projects to fruition, including Honda of South Carolina and Roche Carolina.

Florence County economic development director Joe W. King, who served with Ames at a county level, said he was a steadfast ally in

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## BRUINS BLOWOUT



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Deputy Danny Brown, Felix Jordan and the South Florence Bruins react to a close field goal Thursday night.

The South Florence Bruins and Darlington Falcons started football early this weekend when they met Thursday night for the game at Memorial Stadium in Florence. South Florence beat Darlington, 56-7. For more coverage of the game, turn to Page 1D. See more photos online at scnow.com.

### Marion County

## Investment deal in shambles as CEO charged in \$30 million fraud scheme

BY NAEEM MCFADDEN

imported rice and manufacture million, according to the United

### Community Empowerment Rally

## Event will feature police lessons, mock arrests

BY JOSHUA LLOYD

munities across the country.





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## Hartsville educator tapped for award

The Darlington County School District 2016-17 Teacher of the Year and Outstanding First Year Teacher awards were announced at a banquet at Black Creek Arts Center in Hartsville on Wednesday night. Standing with Superintendent Eddie Ingram (left) are Hanna Hanlin of Pate Elementary School, Teacher of the Year; and Andrew Walters of Carolina Elementary School, Outstanding First Year Teacher.



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### Darlington County teachers recognized

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Two extraordinary teachers, one a first-year teacher and the other with several years of experience, were named to Darlington County School District honors last night at 2016 Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet held at Black Creek Arts Center in Hartsville.

Andrew Walters earned

his degree in early childhood and elementary education from Coker College. He also has a degree in religious studies from the University of South Carolina.

As the Outstanding First Year Teacher, Walters said in his application, "Enthusiasm for reading, lifelong learning, self-reflection, self-control, teamwork and empathy are just a few of

the areas in which students rely heavily on their teachers for guidance."

His principal, Donna Barrett, in her recommendation said, "He wants to help students make the right choices and become the best student that he or she can be... He tries to make learning an adventure that

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## Fiddlers descend upon Hartsville

BY KENT MAHONEY  
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The 80's popular singing group Alabama sang about fiddles and bows, dancing in the pale moon light in Louisiana.

### WANT TO GO?

**WHAT:** Fiddler's Convention  
**WHERE:** Center Theater, Hartsville  
**WHEN:** 10 a.m. Friday  
**COST:** \$10 at the door

This weekend, Hartsvillians and area visitors are going to be treated to the first-ever Hartsville Fiddlers Convention, sponsored by the Darlington County Red Fez Club and the Jolly Jeepesters of the Omar Shrine Center.

The shows begin Friday at 10 a.m. at the Center Theater with competitions on all different types of stringed instruments. Performers from up and down the East Coast will be showing off their skills on the banjo, mandolin, dobro, guitar, and most certainly, the fiddle.

According to organizers, plans were set in motion at RenoFest this past spring.

"Jack Smith sat down with attorney Marty Driggers at RenoFest back in March of this year and they talked about how we needed a fiddler's convention in Hartsville," said Honey Newberry, Smith's daughter. "Then Jack went back and shared the idea with the Red Fez Club and Jolly Jeepesters, they saw a way to help promote the Shriner's Hospital for Children."

Hartsvillians are more than happy to be on the sponsorship end of this kind of event. It's a win-win situation for all concerned.

"We are happy the Red Fez Club chose Hartsville as its site for the first-ever Hartsville Fiddlers Convention," said Hartsville Chamber

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Nancy McGee, center, is named the Woman of Achievement 2016. The award was presented at the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce's 51st Annual Women in Business celebration on Monday night by last year's recipient, Darnell McPherson, right. Celebrating with them is Quinetta Butlerbaugh, chamber president.

## Nancy McGee named Woman of Achievement

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At the 51st Annual Women in Business celebration on Monday night at the DeLoach Center at Coker College, Nancy McGee received the Woman of Achievement Award.

The event is presented by Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce. Under the Big Top: Life's a Juggling Act was the theme, which was reflected in the entertainment and food.

The guest speaker was Toyinda Smith, founder and lead consultant for Leadership Strategy and Consulting LLC.

From the first recipient in 1996 to the 2016 Woman of Achievement, leadership, commitment, vision, character, selflessness and role model have been words used to describe those chosen for



Framed at the photo booth at the 51st Annual Women in Business Celebration are Virginia Nedkham (left) and Charlena Bishop.

the honor. McGee's nominee was no different. Presenting the award was Darnell McPherson, 2015 recipient.

"Nancy is one of the most focused and committed community leaders that we have in Hartsville, and she has a life-time career of community

and professional leadership that had made a lasting impact on our community," said her nominee in a letter of recommendation.

She was recognized for her efforts in securing All America City status for Hartsville this year and 20 years ago, when she was the president of the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce. "Many of those who were part of the 2016 All-America City effort credit the consul, advice and coaching that Nancy provided as a member of the team with providing the competitive edge," the letter stated.

McGee serves on the Community Foundation for a Better Hartsville, The Byerly Foundation Board of Trustees and the Parks and Recreation

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