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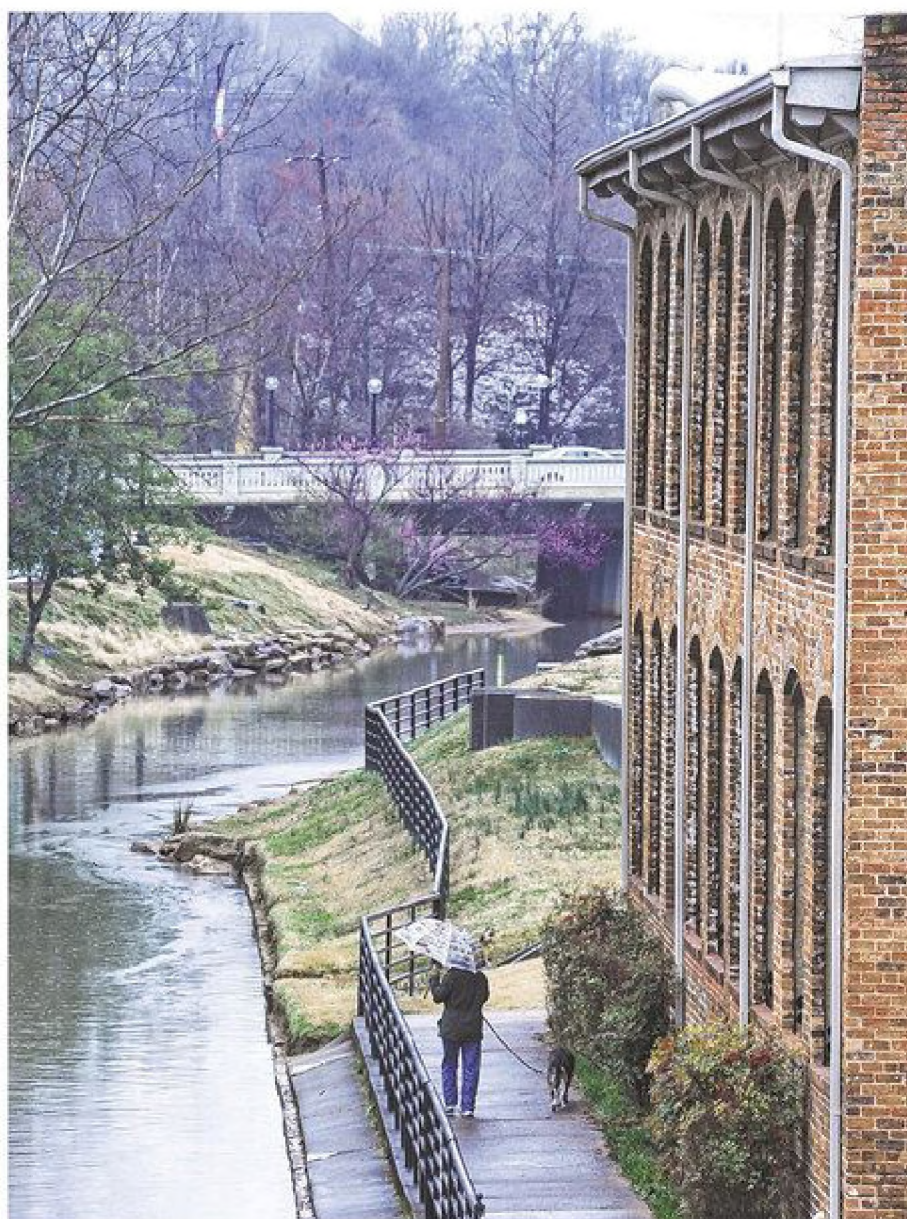
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OUR WINTER OF DISCONTENT



Rain fell over the Upstate on Sunday in advance of another cold snap heading our way. HEADLINE: HILL/STAFF

Cold, lingering winter brings higher utility bills

By Nathaniel Cary and Anna Lee
Staff writers

stay there? Outlaw isn't sure. The Upstate still could experience another cold spell or two, he said.

"This is a touchy

BorgWarner, Toyota proving SC's muscle as car state

By David Dykes
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SENECA — South Carolina's automotive cluster doesn't include just BMW Manufacturing.

A Fortune 500 company is building parts for Toyota, the world's biggest automaker, in this Upstate town.

BorgWarner has invested nearly \$60 million and created more than 470 jobs in the last five years — now employing more than 650 workers at its Seneca plant.

And last week, BorgWarner officials said a parts-supply agreement with Toyota for the Tundra pickup truck, along with other new business, should create more than 150 full-time jobs at BorgWarner's local plant.

The agreement with Toyota calls for BorgWarner to supply two-speed, part-time four-wheel drive transfer cases for the Tundra.

"South Carolina is a big, big part" of BorgWarner's growth plans to become a \$15 billion company by 2020, James Verrier, the company's president and chief executive, told employees, government officials and others gathered for the Toyota agreement's formal announcement.

Toyota's vision was to produce more automotive parts in the United States and "one of the key components to do that was the transfer case," Verrier said in an interview with *The Greenville News*.

Officials at the automaker wanted an experienced partner that "would work with them in a flexible way and that had a very strong production footprint and a strong design capability in the United States," he said.

"Simply put, they (Toyota) wouldn't choose BorgWarner if they didn't have a lot of confidence in the workforce here in Seneca and the technical support that we can get," Verrier said. "They felt comfortable. And these guys have delivered."

"We consider the transfer case BorgWarner is producing here to be the global benchmark and as our production in North America continues to increase, we need our supply base to grow with us," said Chris Nielsen, senior vice president of Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America Inc.

"Strong suppliers, such as BorgWarner, will continue to be critically important to Toyota."

The transfer cases switch between two-wheel and four-wheel drive while moving, or "shifting on-the-fly," using an electromagnetic-based system to synchronize the front and rear axle speeds before locking them together.

BorgWarner officials also said turbochargers made in Europe are used in BMW vehicles produced in

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Francis Marion satellite still needs a home

University strives for fall, hopes to find campus with 'collegiate feel' in Mt. Pleasant

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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MOUNT PLEASANT — Francis Marion University hopes to enroll its first students at a satellite campus here this fall, but finding a suitable site has proven tricky.

Town and university officials have looked at several possibilities but still have not found a building large enough to accommodate up to 300 students and faculty at first, and potentially many more down the road,

plus sufficient parking for all.

There's also the challenge of ensuring that it has a suitable higher-ed look, said Tucker Mitchell, the university's director of public affairs.

"One of the things we felt was important is that it needs to have a collegiate feel to it," Mitchell said. "We are a college. We don't really want to be running out of a former grocery store."

Other aspects of the plan, announced last year, have fallen into place. The S.C. Commission on Higher Education has given its administrative ap-



Poll

Would you attend classes at Francis Marion's future Mount Pleasant satellite campus? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

proval, and Mitchell said the university will begin with a program that will give registered nurses with a two-year degree a chance to earn a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

He said a study has shown there are approximately 2,000 nurses with a two-year degree in the Lowcountry,

"so there are quite a few potential candidates for this."

Also, the Institute of Medicine recently recommended that the nation should increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020. It currently is 50 percent.

Former Mayor Billy Swails kicked-started the satellite campus with an offer to Francis Marion that was very similar to an offer the town previously made successfully to Trident Technical College. The town would offer about \$1.5 million worth of help with securing a building and infrastructure if the school would agree to open a campus here.

"I'm disappointed it hasn't come to fruition yet," Swails said, "but I've not

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Rivers under the sea

College of Charleston geologists use high-tech mapping to find ancient offshore habitat



PHOTOGRAPH BY BRAD NETTLES/STAFF

College of Charleston Associate Professor Leslie Sautter explains to students where the group will be mapping the Charleston Harbor bottom prior to leaving shore.

BY BO PETERSEN
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The Lowcountry offshore is mostly barren sand bottom to the edge of the Continental Shelf — that's conventional wisdom.

But three times now, College of Charleston geologists have dropped high-tech imaging devices to map that bottom, and three times they found "these amazing features" they didn't expect — ancient river channels.

"These are the ancient sea level shorelines," said Prof. Leslie Sautter. "It looked just like the Lowcountry (does) today."

"The seafloor offshore, in other words, appears to be webbed with the three-foot-high, hardbottom ridge contours of large river deltas.

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Scientists from CoC used the research vessel Savannah to map the seafloor.

Flood zone rates may be disaster for many

Despite rollback, insurance could become too costly

BY DAVID R. CARUSO
Associated Press

JERSEY SHORE, Pa. — This small, central Pennsylvania river town doesn't have beach homes or boardwalks, but it shares more than a name with the famous stretch of New Jersey coastline 250 miles to the east.

Both are among the thousands of places around the U.S. where people could face trouble in the years ahead because of the rising cost of government-mandated flood insurance.

Earlier this month, Congress sought to ease their fears of historic sky-high premiums by rolling back a 2012 reform ending the government's costly practice of offering subsidized insurance for older homes and businesses in flood zones. The president signed the bill Friday.

But while the law was widely hailed as a victory for people who had seen their bills triple, quadruple or even increase 15-fold overnight, pocket-book pain for many has merely been delayed.

As many as 1.1 million policyholders with subsidized government insurance will still be hit with steady rate increases. While no one is sure yet how high rates will go, there is cause for worry in cities and towns that rely on affordable policies to keep businesses afloat and prop up the local housing market.

Lifelong Jersey Shore residents Laurie and Michael Portanova bought up a row of quaint, 19th-century brick shops along the West Branch Susquehanna River and have been lovingly restoring them. They found out a few months ago that the annual flood insurance premium on two buildings they bought in 2012 had soared from less than \$3,000 to a minimum of \$26,868.

Now, thanks to the congressional rollback, that rate will reset to where it was before — only to immediately start climbing again, year after year. Within five years, the bill will be more than \$8,700. Within a decade, it will be more than \$26,000.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



South Carolina's Aleighsa Welch and Cal State Northridge's Ashlee Guay watch as Welch's shot goes in during the first half of Sunday's NCAA women's tournament game.

TIGHT SHOT

USC women pull away, beat Cal State Northridge 73-58 in first-round. **B1**

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Rural hospitals eye alternatives to going it alone

By JOEY HOLLEMAN
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Fifteen of the 17 hospitals in South Carolina that filled fewer than 30 percent of their beds in 2012 were in rural counties, and nine of those hospitals operate independently on what amounts to rural islands.

Thus it's no surprise that many of them are looking for help from urban hospitals or large hospital chains in terms of merger, consolidation, affiliation or formal clinical cooperation

agreements. The national trend began years ago and has picked up steam in the Upstate in the past year.

"If a small hospital is not looking at all its options, it's not going to survive," said Michael Williams, CEO of Fairfield Memorial Hospital.

Fairfield managed a net profit of \$517,116 over the past five years, according to information compiled by the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services. But that includes all income

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YOUR WEEK

9/11 NEVER FORGET EXHIBIT:

A 1,000-square-foot traveling museum that honors the heroism and patriotism of the Fire Department of New York and everyday heroes of Sept. 11, visits South Carolina for the first time this week. The memorial, named for a New York firefighter and father of five killed in the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center, includes artifacts, news and video recordings and live tours from FDNY heroes. The free exhibit will be open to the public at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on Lincoln Street 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday; at the State House from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday; and at Hilton Field at Fort Jackson from 7:30 a.m.-noon Thursday.



FILE PHOTOGRAPHY/THE STATE

Fashion at the Carolina Cup in Camden.

HORSES AND HIGH FASHION:

The 82nd running of the Carolina Cup at Springdale Race Course in Camden is a spring favorite, drawing thousands for an afternoon of steeplechase horse racing and tailgate parties. Gates open at 9 a.m. Saturday, with the first steeplechase race at 1:20 p.m. Tickets: race

ANALYSIS

'Something is in the air'



FILE PHOTO/THE STATE

Leona Plough makes a point March 18 during a council meeting at Columbia's City Hall.

More Columbia residents fed up with 'dysfunctional' City Council

By CLIF LeBLANC
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To say that municipal government in Columbia is in discord is to be polite.

Obvious tensions among governance is nearing a low point or — as the more genteel might say, is merely a reflection of hyper-partisan, computer-enabled times.

And a growing number of residents have decided that they're fed up.

is strangling Columbia's aspirations of becoming a great city.

"Now we're beginning to understand self-interest and narrow constituencies.

"This has to end somewhere."

Former councilman and mayor Patton Adams said the state of City Council seems to be worse than when he served from the mid-1970s to 1990.

"I think there is a lot more suspicion as to council mem-

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In 25 years at the Aiken County Judicial Center, Chief Bailiff Bill Whittle has seen a lot of faces and a lot of emotions.

A day in the life of a bailiff

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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When Bill Whittle retired 25 years ago, he didn't think he would find another calling—or stand by and watch some of the biggest moments in Aiken County history unfold in the courtrooms of the judicial center.

Whittle had retired after working in the Aiken post office for 32 years when he was asked to fill in for the chief bailiff at the Aiken County Judicial Center, who had fallen ill. Whittle had never served on jury duty or even sat in on a case at the courthouse.

"I never got a chance to come up and see what was going on at the courthouse," he said. "The poor guy didn't make it back, so I fell in next in line and got the regular job."

'Maintaining order'

Being a bailiff is part-time work, which Whittle said fit well with his retirement. They work 30 hours per week, three weeks per month. In the courthouse are nine bailiffs: Three in family court and six split between civil court and criminal court.

While TV may have you believe the courtroom bailiff is a wisecrack with a badge and gun who cuts up with the judge, Whittle said bailiffs get confused with the deputies responsible for court security.

"We're responsible for maintaining order in the court," he said. "The chief bailiff makes sure all the boxes are covered, and he's responsible to the judge to make sure the judge's needs are met."

The day begins at about 8 a.m. with preparation of the courtroom and jury rooms and getting the jurors where they need to be.

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WEATHER

If water rates rise, what happens to the money?

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER
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Aiken City Council is expected to vote for the first time tonight on an ordinance raising water and sewer rates by 10 percent.

Many residents have wondered, if the ordinance passes, whether they will receive money back from the City if surplus revenue is generated by the rate hike.

The answer is yes and also no. "Folks ask, 'Why can't I keep that money?'" City Manager Richard Pearce said. "The point is, that's why

The Standard breaks down the water, sewer system

we're not in debt. At the end of the calendar year, December 2014, we will pay off a utility bond. Then, the City of Aiken will be operating debt free."

As those excess funds go toward the water and sewer system depreciation account, the *Aiken Standard* explains what that means for the City.

Water and sewer revenues projected 10 percent shortfall

Depreciation funds are an issue after City Director of Finance Kim Abney reported that due to last summer's higher-than-normal rainfall, water and sewer revenues are projected to be 10 percent less than anticipated.

That shortfall contributes to the "self-funding" process of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, meaning the City's depreciation account will only be partially funded and impact funds available for future improvements.

The City has borrowed money from its general fund in the past to keep projects going, but has taken steps to avoid that practice. Water and sewer proceeds help fund the system, such as the Silver Bluff water treatment plant and the replacement of aging water meters.

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Bone-a-fied success



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Aiken County Administrator Clay Killian holds a puppy that he adopted for his granddaughter, Hailey Ardis, during the new Aiken County Animal Shelter's grand opening celebration on Sunday.



Animal shelter opening leads to seven adoptions

BY DEDE BILES
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Clay Killian didn't go to the new Aiken County Animal Shelter's grand opening celebration on Sunday to adopt a dog. But the County Administrator ended up leaving with a cute black Labrador mix puppy after his granddaughter, 9-year-old Hailey Ardis, fell in love.

"She found what we think is her perfect match today, so we are going to take this one home," Killian said. "Hailey has already named her Zoie."

"I picked her out because she seemed nice," Hailey added.

The puppy, formerly called Laverne, will join two other Labrador mixes in Killian's household.

"One is 12 years old, and one is 16," Killian said. "We had been talking about doing this for a while, but we were going to hold off on it."

Then Hailey met Zoie and that plan changed.

As part of the grand opening celebration, the animal shelter offered reduced-price adoptions, and seven animals found new owners. The first to go was a black Lab mix named Tom Brady. He caught Linda Boatwright's eye because he was lively and outgoing.

"I've got two house dogs, Bernice and Dolly, and my grandchildren have a dog named Maggie that stays at my home a lot," Boatwright said. "Maggie just lost her buddy. Because she's been lonesome and moping and carrying on, I decided to

get her another friend."

In addition to adoptions, speeches, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, balloons and tours were part of the grand opening celebration. Located at 333 Wire Road, the new shelter covers 19,000 square feet. It cost the county \$2.2 million to build and another \$46,000 for office furnishings. Friends of the Animal Shelter donated an additional \$450,000 to the cause that paid for such things as fences,



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Sonia Ryberg eats a cupcake during the new Aiken County Animal Shelter's opening celebration on Sunday.

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For a photo gallery from this event, go to aikenstandard.com

sod and irrigation for the animal play yards, lockers for volunteers and kennel hardware.

"The best way to describe it is that today is like Christmas morning for us," said Bobby Arthurs, who is Aiken County's chief animal control officer.

Betty Ryberg, who was the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year in 1997 and 2012, walked through the new facility and was impressed.

"I would stay here," she said.

Helen Gibson, who brought her children, Kate and Billy, to the grand opening celebration, also expressed enthusiasm.

"This is fantastic compared to the old animal shelter," she said. "The other place had a depressing air about it while this one has got a much more positive feel to it. That will make people want to come here more to volunteer and to adopt."

Angela Smith liked the new animal shelter's cleanliness and roominess.

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Want to visit the Animal Shelter?

The new Aiken County Animal Shelter is located at 333 Wire Road.

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Wildcats win

Eighth-seeded Kentucky Wildcats ended Wichita State's perfect season in a nail-biter in the NCAA tournament's second round. The final score: 78-76. Kentucky advances to the Sweet 16, where the team will face Louisville Thursday. **PAGE B1**

\$56M opener

To go with "Twilight" and "The Hunger Games," Lionsgate now has a trio of young-adult franchises with the box office-leading "Divergent." The teen science-fiction thriller debuted with \$56 million over the weekend, according to studio estimates. **PAGE A2**

Budget struggle

Divisions among Republicans over a budget deal and a shortfall in tax estimates are complicating the House GOP's efforts to advance a spending plan this spring. **PAGE A3**

Tensions in Turkey

In a move likely to ramp up tensions between two countries already deeply at odds, Turkish fighter jets shot down a Syrian warplane Sunday after it violated the country's airspace, Turkey's prime minister said. **PAGE A5**

Oil spill aftermath

A barge that once carried some 900,000 gallons of heavy tarlike oil was cleared Sunday of its remaining contents, a day after it collided with a ship in the busy Houston Ship Channel. **PAGE A3**

Weather

French satellite zooms in on hope

'Radar echoes' might have 'spotted' debris in Indian Ocean from missing flight

By SCOTT McDONALD
The Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — France provided new satellite data Sunday showing possible debris from the missing Malaysia Airlines jet, as searchers combing a remote part of the southern Indian Ocean tried without success to locate a wooden pallet that could yield clues to one of the world's most baffling aviation mysteries.

The new data consists of "radar echoes" in the same part of the ocean where satellite

images previously released by Australia and China showed what might be debris from the plane, French authorities said.

Flight 370 vanished March 8 with 239 people aboard while en route from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing, setting off a multinational search that has turned up no confirmed pieces and nothing conclusive on what happened to the jet.

The latest satellite data came to light as Australian authorities coordinating the search, conducted about 2,500 kilometers (1,550 miles) southwest of Perth, sent planes and a ship to try to "re-find" a wooden pallet that appeared to be surrounded by straps of different lengths and colors.

The pallet was spotted on Saturday from a search plane, but the spotters were unable to

take photos of it, and a PC Orion military plane dispatched to locate it could not find it.

"So, we've gone back to that area again today to try and re-find it," said Mike Barton, chief of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's rescue coordination center. He added: "It's a possible lead."

Wooden pallets are often used by ships, Barton cautioned. But he said airlines also commonly use them in cargo holds.

An official with Malaysia Airlines said Sunday night that the flight was, in fact, carrying wooden pallets. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

AMSA said it has requested a cargo manifest from Malaysia Airlines.

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STUNNING DISPLAY



ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHU.COM

The steeple of First Baptist Church in downtown Spartanburg makes a striking outline against the twilight sky Sunday. After a few days of sunshine and temperatures in the 70s, cold, clouds and rain returned to the area Sunday. Springlike weather should return by Saturday.

Officer-involved shootings prompt concerns about violence in county

2 cases in Spartanburg this year could be signs of rising actions



Ukraine: Air force leader held in Crimea

By JIM HEINTZ
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — A Ukrainian air force commander is being held after his base in Crimea was stormed by pro-Russian forces, and the acting president called for his release Sunday.

Col. Yuliy Mamchur is the commander of the Belbek Air Force base near Sevastopol, which was taken over Saturday by forces who sent armored personnel carriers smashing through the base's walls and fired shots and stun grenades. One Ukrainian serviceman was reported wounded in the clash.

It was unclear whether the forces, who didn't bear insignia, were Russian military or local pro-Russian militia.

Ukraine President Oleksandr Turchynov, in a statement, said Mamchur was "abducted" by the forces. He didn't specify where Mamchur is believed to be held.

However, prominent politician Vitali Klitschko said Sunday that Mamchur is being held by the Russian military in a jail in Sevastopol, the Crimean city that is the base of Russia's Black Sea Fleet.

Klitschko was one of the leaders of the three months of protests in Ukraine that culminated in late February with President Viktor Yanukovich fleeing the country and interim authorities taking power before a May 25 presidential election. The protests were triggered by Yanukovich's deci-

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Greenwood County Sheriff's Office deputy John Long discusses the possibility of a new training site during last week's county council administration and finance committee meeting.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Possible training site considered Council, GCSO discuss use of land currently in airport master plan

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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Greenwood County Council is considering a measure that would remove property from the county's airport master plan and enable it to be used as a training facility for the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office.

The issue was discussed at last week's county council administration and finance committee meeting. The land that would be removed from the airport master plan is about 100 acres along Old Laurens Road, right next to the county airport.

GCSO officer in charge of professional standards John Long addressed council and said the sheriff's office is in

need of land such as is at the airport.

"The sheriff's office is in need of a firing range for qualifications and scenario-based training," Long said. "A couple of months ago, we talked with the county manager (Toby Chappell) and also the airport manager (Rossie Corwin) about the need for a firing range. We figured out there's some land at the airport, in the airport (master plan) that actually was purchased by Greenwood County and was not given to us by the federal government."

Long said county officials have spoken with the Federal Aviation Administration. He said the FAA has indicated it

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ABBEVILLE COUNTY

John Calhoun faces primary challenger

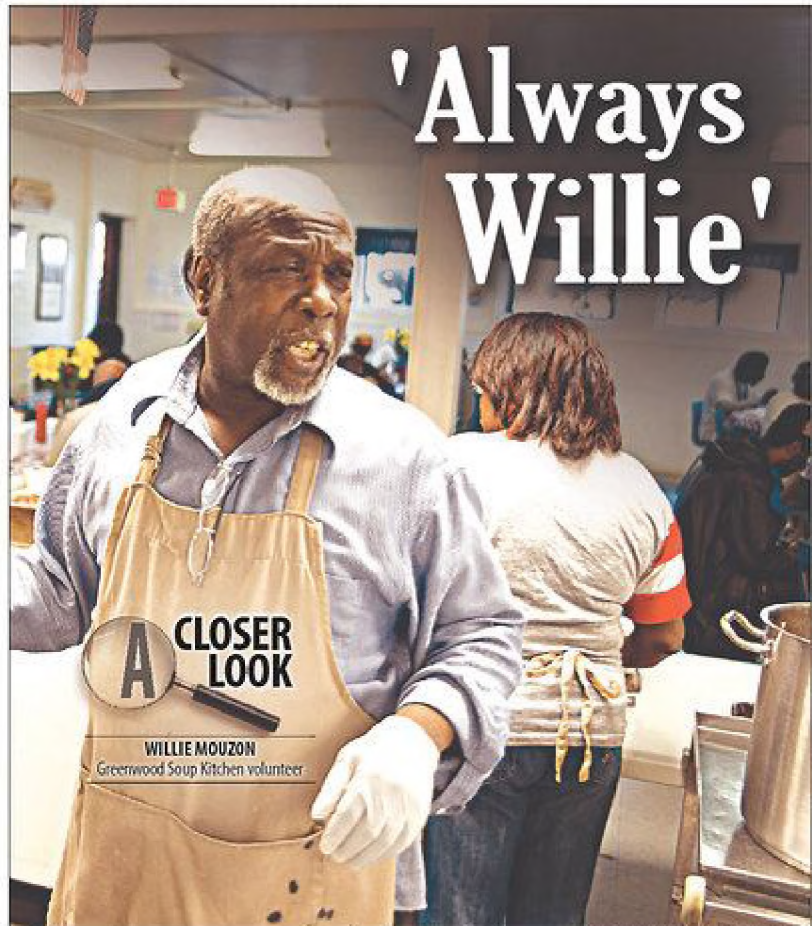
Lee files to face off against incumbent

By FRANK BUMB
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John Calhoun will face at least one opponent for his District 2 Abbeville County Council seat. Ethel Regina Lee

county, not just my district." Lee also was evasive when asked about her profession and schooling.

"I used to work in telecommunications," Lee said. "I'm college-educated and I hold



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Willie Mouzon calls out for more green beans while serving lunch at the Greenwood Soup Kitchen where he spends six days a week coordinating meals.

Unwavering volunteer a respected fixture at soup kitchen

By MATT BRUCE
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He's owned a liquor store, a construction company, and a thriving tri-state messenger service. He worked several years as a juvenile counselor in the Connecticut schools system. And he was one of the first black tool and die designers for a leading U.S. manufacturer.

Yet, those endeavors came during a prior life in a past place. Since 2008, Willie Mouzon has been an instrumental force at the Greenwood Soup Kitchen, 929 Phoenix St. But through it all, he's been the only thing he's ever known how to be: himself.

"Willie's always Willie," he said with a telling grin when asked how others usually describe him.

For better or worse, Mouzon is known for sticking to his guns. And his unflappable style has made him a pillar at the Soup Kitchen, where he works diligently serving many of Greenwood's browbeaten one meal at a time.

"I want to be Willie Mouzon 24/7, and that's the way it's going to be," he said. "It's always worked for me as

"I always say I carry the title of chairman, but Willie runs the place because he's there every day and he's got a great heart."

NORM FAWCETT,
Executive Director, Greenwood Soup Kitchen

long as I was me. I've never tried to change. The only thing that my first wife helped me change was my temper. I used to have a terrible temper, but I'm over that now. Other than that, I always try to be the same."

It's a place Mouzon considers his second home. He has been a fixture at the Soup Kitchen nearly six years now, preparing lunchtime chow five days a week there. The Greenwood meal center has been in operation just shy of 27 years and feeds more than 45,000 people each year, officials said.

Mouzon stumbled into the center one day as a guest, when it was known as the Turner House and sat at its former site along Bailey Circle. Mouzon and a couple of co-workers spent the morning repairing a roof at a nearby house, and came to the soup kitchen

for a bite at lunch. One of the volunteers asked him to help clean up that afternoon, and he's been coming back to help ever since.

"I always say I carry the title of chairman, but Willie runs the place because he's there every day and he's got a great heart," Soup Kitchen Executive Director Norm Fawcett said. "Willie's in the trenches. He's down on the front lines every day making the meals and serving our guests. He knows so many of them because he's been in the community for so long. But that makes it even more special. They know Willie and Willie knows them."

The Kingstree native was born the fourth of six children to a working-class family that migrated to Connecticut when he was 3 years old. Mouzon

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NASCAR Kyle Busch wins again at Fontana in wild finish. **Page 1B**

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Diane Robinson loves her job as a people greeter at Walmart on South Irby Street in Florence, and looks forward to every work day despite being a diabetic and an amputee. Robinson is especially proud of a chair Walmart provided her as an accommodation through the Americans With Disabilities Act that allows her to rest periodically throughout the day.

A job well done, a job well loved

Walmart greeter Diane Robinson loves being able to work, no matter what

BY LINDSAY S. BUCHANAN
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FLORENCE — Diane Robinson is always happy to go to work. Always. She never grumbles, never resents having to wake up at 4:30 a.m., and every time she receives the schedule for her shifts as a people greeter at Walmart, she thanks the Lord for her job.

As a diabetic and an amputee, Ms. Diane, 57, has plenty of things to complain about if the mood struck her — but it never does.

In fact, in listening to Ms. Diane one is sure to hear the exact opposite.

"I'm so happy I don't know what to do," she said about her job where she greets everyone who walks through the door with a smile and words of kindness. "When I see this building I say, 'Thank you, Jesus, this building's still here.' I see the people and everything and I'm just



Diane Robinson shows off her badge proclaiming her as a Walmart people greeter. Robinson said she also loves her lanyard claiming, "It's My Wal-Mart," because she truly feels that way.

so grateful. It's like I died and went to heaven."

While many may take their job for granted and complain about the little irritations that can pile up at work,

Ms. Diane sees every day as a way to start over and do better than the day before.

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Common Core to be put to the test

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — What's on the new Common Core-based exams? More than 4 million kids in U.S. schools soon will have a clue.

Field testing begins this coming week in 36 states and the District of Columbia on assessments developed by two different groups of states. Participating students will be asked to sit for hours in front of a computer or use a No. 2 pencil to answer questions.

But there's no need for kids to worry. The scores won't count, this time. The actual exam-testing won't be used for another year.

The Common Core standards spell out what math and English skills students should have at each grade, and are designed to develop more critical-thinking skills than traditional schoolwork. They were first pushed by governors concerned about the large number of high school graduates needing remedial college help and lacking basic skills. Most states have adopted them.

The field tests, to be conducted until June, are a big step forward in the push to more fully integrate the new academic standards into the school environment. They will give education officials a chance to judge things such as the quality of each test question and the technical capabilities of schools to administer the tests, which are computer-based but also will be available on paper.

But they also come as the standards face political push-back in many states.

Indiana lawmakers, for example, last year paused implementation of the standards, and a measure ending the state's participation is at the governor's desk. House lawmakers in Tennessee passed legislation that would delay implementation — and testing — under Common Core for two years, but that proposal

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Superintendent Candidate Meet and Greet:

Today from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Florence Little Theatre and April 7 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the FMU Performing Arts Center. Florence 1 superintendent finalists will be visiting the district for two days each, touring facilities, meeting stake holders and getting interviewed. Monday, Terri Mozingo, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Research and Accountability, Durham Public Schools in Durham, N.C. will be visiting at the Florence Little Theatre. On April 7, James Winbush, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent of Innovation Zone Learning Center,

Events

Today at 5:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church. Participants should come with their questions about disaster preparedness. Teresa Anderson, VP of Patient Services and Randy Propps, Director of Emergency Management for McLeod Health, will answer questions.

Free Computer Email Basics Workshop: Today 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Johnsonville Public Library. Each session is a stand-alone class, and lasts about 45 minutes. Space is limited. To register, call 843-386-2052.

Making Housing Accessible Meetings: Today through April 3 in Bar-

High School Cafeteria, and April 3 at the Society Hill Public Library. Light refreshments provided.

V-Day: In Our Words Project: Today at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapman Auditorium on the campus of Francis Marion University. In Our Words Project: Real Stories from Real People will be performed by Alan Bounville, educator, theatre artist, and organizer. The event is sponsored by the FMU Gender Studies Program. Admission is free. The Clothesline Project Kickoff and reception will follow the performance. For more information, call 843-661-1522.



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DAVID LEAMING, MORNING SENTINEL/AP
Michael Smith of Norridgewock, Maine, is shown outside his home last week with a tattoo of a handgun on his stomach.

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Wire Reports

■ Maine man's 'gun' is really — a tattoo

NORRIDGEWOCK, Maine — Police armed with assault rifles descended on a Maine man's home after members of a tree removal crew he'd told to clear off his property reported that he had a gun.

Turns out the "gun" the tree crew had seen on Michael Smith of Norridgewock was just a life-sized tattoo of a handgun on his stomach.

Smith, who works nights, was asleep when the tree crew contracted by a utility to trim branches near power lines, woke him up at about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

He went outside shirtless and yelled at the workers to leave. When he's not wearing a shirt, the tattoo looks like a gun tucked into his waistband.

Police didn't charge him.

■ N.C. man accused of sucking on toes arrested at store

LINCOLN, N.C. — Police in North Carolina have arrested a man accused of sucking on a woman's toes at a Wal-Mart after convincing her that he was a podiatry student.

Authorities say Michael Anthony Brown was arrested at his home in Concord. He was turned over to Lincoln police. A Lincoln County magistrate set his bond at \$50,000 on a charge of assault on a female.

According to police, Brown is a registered sex offender.

Detective Dennis Harris said the woman agreed to try on several pairs of shoes at the store in Lincoln. Harris says at some point, the man stuck her foot in his mouth. Police say when the woman became upset, the man offered to pay for her groceries.

■ Lasso-wielding officers chase loose bull in Texas

WACO, Texas — A bull apparently in no mood for vaccinations led police on a chase down a Texas city street before horse-riding, lasso-wielding officers were able to wrangle the animal.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports that the bull was being vaccinated at a veterinary clinic in Waco when it broke out of its corral Tuesday.

Officers say a man spotted the animal running down the street and gave chase, wielding a whip and lasso from a pickup truck with three or four police cars behind him.

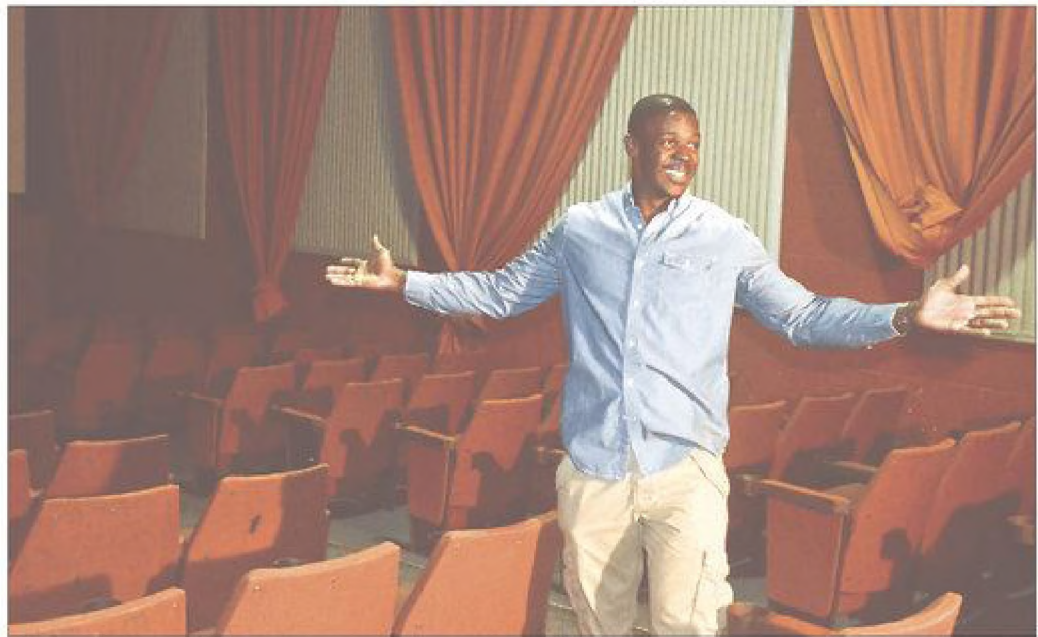
Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton says the bull ran into a fenced yard after about 45 minutes. Two animal control cowboys were able to lasso it into a trailer.

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From movies to prayer



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Pastor Antonio Gathers is pictured in the former Camelot Four movie theatre, which is being converted into the new home for Life Cathedral Ministries.

Vacant theater becoming church as search continues for new cinema

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

After being vacant for more than a year, the former Camelot Four movie theater in Orangeburg is becoming a church.

Life Cathedral Ministries is moving into the building, with a grand opening planned for Easter Sunday, April 20.

"We were just looking at different buildings in the city," pastor Antonio Gathers said. "That happened to be a good place to house all aspects of our ministry. It was a prime location that would give us everything we need."

The church will combine two of the four the-

aters into a sanctuary seating 400. There will also be space for children and youth. The church plans to later set aside space for a fellowship hall and banquet area.

"We are doing our renovations in phases," Gathers said.

Crews spent the week painting the building's interior and fixing light fixtures.

Life Cathedral Ministries was born April 19, 2004 when Gathers told those gathered for a weekly prayer service that he was led to begin LCM.

Six days later, the church held its first service in Stevenson Auditorium with more than 300 in attendance.

In June 2004, the church moved to the Southern

Methodist College gymnasium and by August of the same year another property opportunity arose.

The church was able to raise enough money to purchase the Columbia Road property now called Cathedral Square. In addition to the church, the property now houses a number of retail outlets.

The church has worshipped at Williams Grand Lodge on Russell Street for nearly the past two years.

Despite state laws restricting the distance between liquor stores and churches, a nearby store will be grandfathered in and will be able to remain open despite being near the church.

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'It can happen to anybody'

Group's efforts have helped the homeless for 20 years

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

Darrin Jackson says that he had pre-conceptions about homeless people. "The notion is they are on drugs or have some mental disability," Jackson said.

The only time he ever saw a homeless shelter was on television, he said. "I was really real leery to be honest with you."

Little did Jackson know he would become homeless.

"It can happen to anybody and it can happen very quickly," Jackson said. "You would be really surprised about who it can happen to and how quickly it can happen."

In September 2010, Jackson began to



In S.C., flood premiums may affect preservation

By BRUCE SMITH
Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Charleston's storied historic district of about 4,800 structures lies on a peninsula almost entirely in a flood plain. And there's concern that raising premiums to help get the federal flood insurance program back in the black will make historic preservation there more difficult.

An Associated Press analysis finds as many as 1.1 million properties, many nationwide

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