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Gene Taylor of Greenville, formerly sheriff of Anderson County, was shot in the leg Saturday night, and says it happened as he arrived home. PAUL BROWN

Former sheriff shot at home

Taylor says he was being robbed at time

By Clark Brooks

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Gene Taylor of Greenville, formerly sheriff of Anderson County, was shot in the leg Saturday night, and he says it happened as he arrived home and was confronted by two robbers outside the Preserve at Woods Lake Apartments on Glen Forest Drive.

The Greenville Police Department released little information about the shooting, and declined to name the victim. Officer Johnathan Bragg said officers responded to a gun-shot victim at the Preserve at Woods Lake Apartments around 8:45 p.m. Saturday.

Bragg said the victim told officers that two men tried to rob him, and after a brief struggle he was shot in the leg.

Taylor, who was sheriff of Anderson County from 1988 to 2004, said he returned home from Charlotte, where he had taught a photography class, at 8:30 p.m. He was bending into the trunk of his car to collect two bags of groceries, a projector and a laptop, he said,

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The Greenville City Council is scheduled to hold its first vote on the hand-held ban ordinance tonight. It would require another reading in February and be implemented April 1. HEIDI NEUBRUNN/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Other cities watching closely as Greenville considers distracted driving ordinance

By Eric Connor | Staff Writer | econnor@greenvillenews.com

The day-to-day task of driving is poised to change in Greenville — for residents, commuters and downtown enthusiasts — as city leaders prepare to vote on a law that would ban motorists from talking and texting on hand-held mobile devices.

The impact would extend beyond the city, forcing the debate elsewhere to other local governments.

Officials in outlying cities and towns say they are moving on the issue themselves in the absence of a statewide law that would move South Carolina from the ranks of being only one of two states without a texting ban of any sort.

At least one mayor says each municipality in Greenville County and the county itself should adopt Greenville's ordinance word-for-word — whatever form it might take — for the sake of clear rules that drivers can follow across the metro area.

USING A MOBILE DEVICE

- "A person who holds a mobile phone or other portable electronic communication device up to, or proximately near, his or her ear is presumed to be using it to talk into or listen to a communication"
- "A person who holds a mobile phone or other portable electronic communication device while manipulating the keyboard or screen is presumed to be using it to read or send text messages, read or send e-mails, or view the screen"
- The ordinance allows for public safety officials — police, fire, EMS, ambulance drivers — to use a mobile device only for the performance of their official duties. The provisions also permit drivers to use a device to report an emergency.
- The ordinance's definition of a hand-held mobile device casts a wide net: mobile phone, cell phone, text-messaging device, personal digital assistant, computer, tablet and any "substantially similar" wireless device.
- Direct-connect, two-way, push-button-activated voice radios are exempt.

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In Mount Pleasant, a big bill coming due

Town Council at odds over how to pay for repairs

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MOUNT PLEASANT — Two years ago, consultants told town officials they must spend about \$14 million more per year to keep pace with needed road repairs, drainage ditches and aging stormwater pipes.

Since then, the town has budgeted only a fraction of that sum, and some officials, including Mayor Linda Page, said a time is coming when Town Council must either raise taxes or live or suffer in an era of reduced services.

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"We have had recently people coming to council meetings concerned about projects that we're not able to fund," Page said. "If we keep kicking the can down the road, we will deplete the general fund and our roads will deteriorate."

The mayor was on the losing side last week of a 4-3 Town Council vote

to pursue a property tax increase that would add \$179 annually to the bill on a \$375,000 home.

Council members Elton Carrier and Thomasena Stokes-Marshall also voted for the increase.

While the tax-increase issue is dormant for now, the larger question of how to pay for upgrades to roads and drainage lines will continue to linger — and some council members who voted no said they still could reconsider and support some mix of higher

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Who pays more?

A comparison of Mount Pleasant taxes and its neighbors on a \$300,000 house:

City	Total tax bill	Municipal portion*
Charleston	\$940	\$231
North Charleston	\$934	\$225
Mount Pleasant	\$832	\$123

* Calculated by subtracting the property tax rate from the sales tax credit

—Source: Charleston County Auditor



Poll

How should Mount Pleasant pay for long-term infrastructure funding? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

Buckets of deliciousness



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Jimmy Pearson (from left), Zach Getsinger, Bryon Pearson, Chris Pearson and Chris Bates fill buckets Sunday during the Lowcountry Oyster Festival. The annual event attracted thousands of people to Boone Hall Plantation in Mount Pleasant. To see more photos from the festival, go to postandcourier.com/galleries.

Erosion project working for now

Sand building up at Wild Dunes

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WILD DUNES — Poking its sparkling head up at low tide is the first bit of bright news in a while for beleaguered homeowners on the disappearing beach of this island resort.

A long-sought offshore sandbar "reattachment" is finally making an appearance. Sand is beginning to build up on the beach in front of it. That's the fix expected to stabilize — for now — the highly eroded Dewees Inlet eastern tip of the island, where the resort's signature golf course hole and a line of condominiums are on the brink of the sea, with only sandbags to stave off storm tides.

Meanwhile, just ashore of the sandbar, a brighter bit of news might be gathering sand in front of one of those condominiums, the Seascape Villas. An experimental, 88-foot-long "wave dissipation system" appears to be working.

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control just approved extensions of permits for the condominium sandbags and the dissipation system — giving the sandbar and the experiment a tacit nod to keep going.

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An experimental wave dissipation system, invented by Deron Nettles and overseen by The Citadel, has been placed at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean near Seascape condominiums in Wild Dunes.

Harbor pilots look to fewer, but bigger, cargo ships

BY TYRONE RICHARDSON
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Bigger cargo ships are planning to call on Charleston Harbor in the coming years, prompting a string of changes to the region's maritime landscape.

One of the latest adjustments comes within the Charleston Branch Pilots Association.

Despite a few retirements planned

in the coming years, the organization does not have any immediate plans to add new harbor pilots. The group is predicting that the bigger ships will mean less activity for the 20 staffers tasked with navigating the massive vessels through the local shipping channel.

Industry trends show shippers migrating to larger vessels and forming vessel-sharing alliances to save on the cost to ship cargo on a single route.

Experts are predicting that will mean fewer but larger ships to carry the load of today's smaller vessels.

"It's like the railroad with transition to larger trains and more technology, and that means the need for fewer people," said Kent Gourdin, director of global logistics and transportation programs at the College of Charleston.

The scenario led to the S.C. Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of

Charleston to rule this month that more pilots are not needed, even with three mandatory retirements planned through 2017. Policy mandates that pilots retire at age 70.

The panel concluded that there was no need for a new apprenticeship, which is a three-year-long training period mandated to add a new pilot to the ranks.

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COLUMBIA'S EXPENSIVE AGENDA

Projects challenge city's long-term debt

Elected officials differ on whether Capital City can stay on firm footing facing obligations such as Bull Street, sewer repairs and possible stadium

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Many Columbia residents and City Hall leaders are wringing their hands over debt the city is facing because of a list of big-tick-

et projects that could approach \$1 billion over the next decade.

Neither the city's chief financial officer nor City Council members say Columbia is approaching a financial pinch like the one that socked the town seven years ago

because of poor accounting methods.

"The city is very healthy in the eyes of the (municipal bond) rating agencies and the creditors,"

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FILE PHOTOGRAPH/THE STATE

The Midlands had to shovel out of a snowstorm in 2011. More may be on the way Tuesday.

MORE WINTER WOES

Now, snow? January keeps jabbing S.C.

By JOEY HOLLEMAN
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Looks like winter weather is coming to the Midlands starting Tuesday, bringing 1 to 3 inches of snow or sleet to the area.

A winter storm watch begins Tuesday morning for all of coastal South Carolina and the southern half of the Midlands, including Richland and Lexington counties.

What else you need to know:

When is it coming? Light rain will begin to fall around noon on Tuesday, turning to snow around sundown.

What are the chances of snow? The weather service puts the potential for snow in the Midlands in the 80 to 100 percent range.

Where is it heading from? Part of this storm is moisture coming off the S.C. coast, which makes it more likely it will snow in the Midlands than the mountains.

What's still uncertain? There are still some tricky aspects of the forecast, mainly on the timing of the arrival of the precipitation and whether it will be snow, sleet or rain, and when it will change from one form to another.

What about freezing rain? The eastern Midlands has a more likely chance of getting freezing rain, which could mean slick roads and power outages.

How long will the wintry weather last? Highs are expected to be in the 40s Thursday, so build that snowman fast.

When was the last time it snowed in Columbia? On Jan. 10, 2011, 3 inches fell in the Midlands, the last time measurable snowfall was recorded, according to the National Weather Service in Columbia.

What else? A persistent weather pattern driving bitterly cold air south out of the Arctic will cause temperatures from Minnesota to Kentucky to plummet Monday, turning this winter into one of the coldest on record in some areas.

For about 2 1/2 days, actual temperatures will range from the teens to below zero, and the wind chills will be even colder, minus 43 in Minneapolis, minus 23 in Milwaukee and Chicago, minus 14 in Kansas City, Mo., and minus 2 in Louisville.



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"I always wanted to teach in a public school," says Anthony Myers. "It's where I'm needed."

LEARNING TO LIKE A TASTE OF PI

Midlands math teacher finds his purpose
in teaching kids to be problem-solvers

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The question before Anthony Myers' Algebra III class was this: How do you measure the length of a curve?

On this day, as most days, the energetic, bow-tied Myers isn't about to divulge the answer easily. As the class got underway last Thursday, the lanky first-year teacher paced. He bounced on his heels and dashed to his whiteboard to draw a quick illustration and then wandered the rows of desks to offer one-on-one instruction.

the connections among theta, radians, and, of course, that favorite symbol of mathematicians, π .

For the math-challenged, theta is the angle measure in radians. The radian is a ratio of a circle's arc length to its radius. Mathematically, Myers explained, an angle measures 1 radian when the intercepted arc length is equal to the circle's radius. π plays an important role in the calculations, as his students would soon discover.

That material might be considered rather dense for adults to absorb, much less teenagers.

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Aiken expects snow

Weather service issues warning for late Tuesday

BY DEDE BILES
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Aiken might soon be turning into a winter wonderland.

The National Weather Service in Columbia has issued a winter storm watch for this area from late Tuesday morning through Wednesday afternoon.

"We're expecting snow and sleet to develop Tuesday, especially during the afternoon, and the snow chance will

become more likely on Tuesday night," said Whitney Smith, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "It looks like snow and sleet will be the main issues in Aiken, but there could be ice. We're expecting freezing rain

to be more of a problem in the Eastern Midlands."

One to three inches of snow and/or sleet could cover the ground in Aiken. According to Smith, the high temperature on Tuesday will be around

36 degrees. The low early Wednesday morning will be about 22 degrees, and the high later in the day on Wednesday will be around 35 degrees.

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'I know ground zero'

Poverty figures difficult to track in Aiken

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Inside the four walls at Nurture Home, beneath the wooden crosses hung decoratively on the wall and amid plush pillows, Amanda Seabrook is one of nine children, a mother of one and now (finally) happy. Outside the walls which provide comfort and love, she is a 26-year-old single parent to 1-year-old Kyren — a woman who knows the burden of being a statistic.

She knows about struggling with her food stamp assistance since it's dropped from \$367 a month to just \$95 a month, welfare and family alcoholism. She understands the meaning of hard work and sacrifice.

"Yes, I'm a single parent. I come from a mother with alcohol issues and I work hard," Seabrook said. "It's a struggle. When I first started out, it was rough. I know ground zero."

Born in New York and raised in Aiken by her grandmother, Seabrook wouldn't say her upbringing was challenging. But after leaving college after only two years, she was at her worst — broke, bouncing from house to house and knowing too much about life on the streets.

Fifty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared a "War on Poverty" during his first State of the Union address, insisting that the country work to relieve the symptoms of poverty, to cure it and more importantly, prevent it.

Post recession, the United States still struggles with finding ways to abolish poverty as a whole. Social



Aiken resident Amanda Seabrook, 26, and son Kyren, 1, take time to relax at Nurture Home during their busy Friday afternoon.

welfare projects like federal food stamps and Medicaid have been gutted in the past few months, so has unemployment benefits.

From national trends to local, the *Aiken Standard* looks at how local poverty trends are doing and what are the answers, if any, to fixing the poverty problem.

Poverty as a whole, by numbers

South Carolina ranks 43rd in the nation in poverty trends with a population of about 4.77 million. Almost 18 percent of South Carolinians live below the poverty level, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The South is home to most of the nation's poor, with 41.1 percent of people living in poverty.

With a population of about 162,000 in the County, and almost 30,000 within City limits, the task of developing a systematic break in homelessness and poverty becomes more difficult. In Aiken County, 18.9 percent of residents are low income and living below the poverty level, and 16.4 percent of those living in City limits are living below the poverty level.



Aiken resident Amanda Seabrook, 26, plays with son Kyren, 1, at Nurture Home Friday afternoon. A single-mother, Seabrook works hard to provide for her and her son and not to be a statistic.

Marianne Petersen works with the Aiken-Barnwell Community Action Commission Inc., which is an organization that assists low-income families in the area. The Community Action Commission also has programs designed to help those struggling to move forward and transition into a more self-sufficient lifestyle, or as Petersen likes to

say, "teaching people how to fish." "We help people determine what they need to do to improve their own lives," Petersen said. "We give people the tools to move forward with their own steam. We see people doing that, and that's the good news."

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Chief Charles Barranco, left, and Capt. Ron Shelley spoke on behalf of the Aiken Department of Public Safety during a City Council work session earlier this month, stating high turnover is not unusual for the department.

Public Safety talks rate of turnover

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After concerns about the turnover rate at the Aiken Department of Public Safety were raised during last week's City Council work session, the main city officials involved in the discussion spoke in-depth with the *Aiken Standard* about the factors affecting the rate and how to address it.

Two deaths, two months

Two Aiken Public Safety officers were killed in the line of duty in December 2011 and January 2012. The year following the deaths

saw a turnover rate of 21 percent, including six officers who retired, 11 who left voluntarily and one being terminated.

City Manager Richard Pearce said two in-the-line-of-duty deaths less than two months apart had

a "tremendous" impact on the department and its operations. Chief Charles Barranco recalled hearing from national experts on dealing with an officer death while honoring Scotty Richardson and Sandy Rogers in Washington, D.C. They said a department can expect to feel the lingering effects of the tragedy for three to five years.

"The timing of this is something they would expect to see," Pearce said. "Maybe they've questioned if these

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Midwest hit with snow, ice again

By DON BABWIN
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A persistent weather pattern driving bitterly cold air south out of the Arctic will cause temperatures from Minnesota to Kentucky to plummet Monday, turning this winter into one of the coldest on record in some areas.

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In fact, the National Weather

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BEAUFORT FORECAST

The national weather service in Charleston has issued a winter storm watch, which is in effect from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon, for all of southeast South Carolina and southeast Georgia.

Tuesday's forecast includes a light mix of wintry precipitation in the morning, changing into light rain mixed with sleet in the afternoon as temperatures hit 40. The wintry weather will continue overnight, with temperatures dropping to 31.

The wintry mix will continue Wednesday, with highs in the upper 30s and lows in the mid 20s.

Source: weather.com

IN BEAUFORT

Free WiFi might be downtown by March

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A long-discussed plan to bring free

RE-ENACTORS DISPLAY A CIVIL WAR BATTLE with all guns blazing AT FRAMPTON PLANTATION IN YEMASSEE

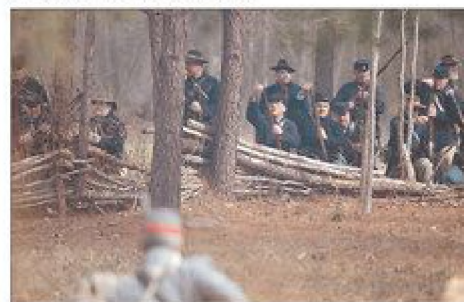


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Confederate soldier re-enactors fire their weapons at the Union soldier re-enactors during the Civil War Battle of Pocotaligo re-enactment on Sunday afternoon at Frampton Plantation in Yemassee.



A Confederate re-enactor on horseback rides through the battlefield as spectators watch.



Union soldier re-enactors reload their weapons.

The Battle of Pocotaligo took place in October 1862 at Point South, when a Union force of 4,200 men under the command of Gen. John M. Brannan sailed up the Broad River from Hilton Head Island and Beaufort and marched on the village of Pocotaligo. Confederate soldiers were warned by pickets of the attempt to destroy the Charleston to Savannah Railroad, which would hinder a major supply line. Thanks to a series of earthwork trenches Gen. Robert E. Lee had ordered dug in the Lowcountry, a Confederate force of less than 450 men managed to stall the Union advance.

At the re-enactment, there were battles, a Civil War encampment, period demonstrations and tours of a life-size replica of the CSS H.L. Hunley, the first submarine to sink an enemy warship.

The event was hosted by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Colonel Charles Jones Colcock Camp No. 2100, the South Carolina Palmetto Battalion and the Lowcountry and Resort Island Tourism Commission.

ON THE WEB

Visit bit.ly/local-photos for video and photo gallery of the re-enactment.



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Giving them the flu

Government scientists are deliberately giving dozens of volunteers the flu by squirting the live virus straight up their noses. It might sound bizarre, but the rare type of research is a step in the quest for better flu vaccines. **PAGE A5**

'Gravity' takes lead

The Directors Guild of America gave Alfonso Cuarón its top film honor for "Gravity," giving the lost-in-space saga an edge on the journey to the Academy Awards. **PAGE A2**

Wawrinka's title

Stan Wawrinka added a win over Rafael Nadal to his list of firsts in a stunning run to his maiden Grand Slam title, extending his rival's injury-cursed run at the Australia Open with a 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 upset in Sunday's final. **PAGE B1**

Columbia heats up

Between the mountains of South Carolina's Upstate and waves washing the shore in Myrtle Beach, the state capital, Columbia, is redoubling its efforts to attract visitors as it markets itself as "Famously Hot." **PAGE A4**

New constitution

After decades of dictatorship and two years of arguments and compromises, Tunisians finally have a new constitution laying the foundation for a new democracy. **PAGE A9**

Weather

House fire kills 2; 3 survive

Crews scrambling to douse
brush fires Sunday urge
residents not to burn debris

By JENNY ARNOLD
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Two people, including a child, died in a house fire off Fairview Church Road early Sunday morning, according to the Spartanburg County Coroner's Office.

Coroner Rusty Clevenger said in a written statement that three members of the same family escaped the blaze and were taken to Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. The names of the two residents who died are being with-

held, pending identification, he said. Investigators will use dental records to identify one of the victims. Autopsies are being conducted this afternoon.

The fire, on Shehan Drive, was reported about 5:30 a.m. in the Cherokee Springs Fire District. Cherokee Springs Capt. Charlie Lea said firefighters arrived to find the brick home engulfed in flames. Boiling Springs, Mayo and Whitney fire departments also responded and had the fire under control in about 15 minutes, but firefighters did not leave the scene until about 3:30 p.m., Lea said.

The fire departments spent hours extinguishing the blaze, which impeded recovery of the victims' bodies, according to the coroner's office.

Lea said the cause of the fire is undetermined, and right now, firefighters don't know where or how it started inside the home.

"It was burnt so bad," Lea said. "The investigators are just going to have to sift through it. But right now, it doesn't look like it was suspicious."

One adult and two children escaped from the burning home. One of the children remained at SRMC Sunday afternoon, but there were no serious injuries, Lea said.

"It's been a rough day," Lea said. "It's hard, especially when a child is involved."

The fire remains under investigation by the Spartanburg County Fire Investigation Team.

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MARYLAND MALL SHOOTING



The Mall in Columbia, Md., remained closed Sunday, a day after a shooting in which three people died.

Authorities don't know what motivated 19-year-old gunman

By BEN NUCKOLS
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Md. — The 19-year-old Maryland mall gunman was a skateboarding enthusiast who took a taxi to the mall, carrying a 12-gauge shotgun he'd purchased legally a month earlier, plenty of ammunition and some crude homemade explo-



Dems push minimum wage hikes in 30 states

Many hope Capitol Hill hears call to ease income inequality

By MICHAEL HILL
The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Minimum-wage increase proposals are getting the maximum push from Democrats in statehouses in more than half of U.S. states, highlighting the politically potent income inequality issue this year.

Lawmakers in at least 30 states are sponsoring or are expected to introduce wage hike measures, according to a national review by The Associated Press. They hope to notch state-level victories as President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats remain stymied in attempts to raise the federal minimum wage above \$7.25 an hour. The president is expected to mention the minimum wage in his State of the Union address Tuesday.

Even in Republican-dominated capitals where the bills are longshots, the measures still give Democrats a chance to hammer home the popular theme of fair wages in what is an election year in most places.

"It's a no-brainer for any Democrat," said Neil Sroka, a strategist for progressive groups who is communications director at the Howard Dean-founded Democratic

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'He's just a superstar'

Charlie Barrineau relishing role as city manager



CHARLIE BARRINEAU

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Some people seem destined for the career they ultimately pursue. Charlie Barrineau is one of those people.

Barrineau is Greenwood's city manager. The Greenville native has been with the City of Greenwood for 14 years. He was an assistant city manager from 2000-09 and has been the city manager since September 2009.

During a recent interview, Barrineau gazed out the window of his second-floor Municipal Building office and remembered back to his childhood. He said, even at a very young age,

he was interested in municipal work.

"I can vaguely remember it, but my mom tells this all the time," Barrineau said. "When I was 3 or 4 years old, the trash truck would come by and pick up the garbage. I would tell my parents that if I could be the guy that rode on the back of the trash truck, that would be cool. True story, that literally is the first job that I wanted."

Of course, Barrineau later went into municipal work, though it was at the administrative level. He studied political science at Presbyterian College, then got his Masters in Public Administration from the University of Georgia.

After finishing graduate school at Georgia in 1999, Barrineau worked as a roving administrator with the Lower Savannah Council of Governments. The job called on him to serve as a part-time administrator for a host of small towns, including Norway, Denmark, Santee and Springfield.

He worked in that role for just more than a

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A CLOSER LOOK

CHARLIE BARRINEAU
Greenwood city manager



■ MCCORMICK

3 die in car wreck

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South Carolina Highway Patrol officials are investigating a two-vehicle crash that left three people dead Saturday evening.

The crash occurred at about 8:25 p.m. Saturday 0.7 miles south of Clark Hill. Two pickup trucks were involved, killing Latoya Freeman, 32, Lachadrick "Terrell" Freeman, 34 and Michael Wayne Brantley, 38.

According to South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Tony Keller, both Latoya Freeman and Lachadrick Freeman died at the scene. Both were wearing seat belts in a 1994 GMC pickup truck. Brantley, also wearing his seat belt, was entrapped in his 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck and life-flighted to the Medical College of Georgia. Brantley ultimately succumbed to his wounds there.

Few details were available about what caused the crash. Keller said the incident remains under investigation by the SCHP's Multi-disciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT).

■ WARE SHOALS

Police to switch buildings

By FRANK BUMB
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A possible switch of buildings for the Ware Shoals Police Department has Police Chief Harry Irick confused.

At a Jan. 16 meeting of the Ware Shoals planning and zoning committee — also known as the properties committee — a discussion to move the Ware Shoals Police Department was tabled until a later date. Namely, the committee wanted time to meet with Irick and Ware Shoals Fire Chief Rodney Boyter to discuss the potential move.

But Irick said the proposal went on the committee's agenda without warning to him.

"I hadn't heard about this until it popped up in the paper," Irick said. "I mean, I'll do whatever council tells me to do, but as of right now I have no plans to move."

Town Clerk Heather Fields said the proposed switch would bring the police department to the Ware Shoals Town Hall and grant the fire department the current Ware Shoals Police Department building to fill the growing need for space at the Ware Shoals Fire Department.

"We're a little cramped for space in our area," Boyter said. "We're trying to have some constructive thoughts on how to maximize the space that we had in town."



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Woofers women learn 'Cesar's Way'



Woofers owner Cathy Fox and manager Anna Cusack pose with "Dog Whisperer" Cesar Millan at the end of a dog training clinic.

Leaders of Florence doggie day care learn from famed 'Dog Whisperer' Cesar Millan

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FLORENCE — Cathy Fox and Anna Cusack have been working with dogs for years, but now they are more in tune with canines' needs and their responsibilities as pack leaders than ever before after learning from the best, "The Dog Whisperer."

Fox, the owner of Woofers in Florence for two years, and Cusack, the manager of the dog day care and grooming center, got a crash course in the secrets of Cesar Millan's suc-

cess this month at his conference, Training Cesar's Way, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"We came back with a new outlook on life," Fox said. "It's all about calm, assertive energy."

Cusack had always been a big fan of Millan, who became famous for his abilities to train and communicate with dogs through his National Geographic television show "Dog Whisperer With Cesar Millan" and countless advice books and videos. Training Cesar's Way teaches dog trainers, day care owners, dog walkers and general dog enthusiasts how to be a leader for

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dogs and how to build on that to fix behavioral and training issues. Until this year, the only week-long classes were taught in California at Millan's Dog Psychology Center, opened in the late '90s, but when Cusack saw that there would be a first-ever East Coast training, taught by Millan himself, she knew it was her chance and Fox had to go with her.

"So she came back in later and I said, 'I signed up,' and she said, 'You

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Winter storm watch declared

From staff reports

FLORENCE — The Pee Dee has been placed under a winter storm watch from noon Tuesday through noon Wednesday and will likely see all the major winter precipitation types during that time.

How much and of what type the predominant type of precipitation will be will become clearer Monday, said Stephen Keebler, meteorologist and weather forecaster for the National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C.

As of Sunday evening, Keebler said it looked like the storm would start Tuesday afternoon with a mix of sleet, freezing rain and snow, and that the rate it fell would increase through Tuesday night.

"We're probably going to see all three types of those," Keebler said.

The challenge in forecasting it precisely 48 hours out of the actual event is that a couple of degrees one way or another, or a couple thousand feet off the ground is the difference between snow, sleet and freezing rain, he said.

Forecasters will have a better handle on the type and volume of precipitation by Monday, Keebler said. A best-case scenario for the Pee Dee would be sleet, while a worst-case scenario would be freezing rain.

"It's an interesting situation," he said.

While the cold weather has been around for a while, a wave of moisture is going to roll through the area to fuel the storm, Keebler said.

And the cold weather the Pee Dee has experienced ahead of the storm has cooled off ground temperatures to the point that whatever falls is likely to stick around — at least for a day or two.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS



PHOTOS BY LINDSAY S. BUCHANAN

ABOVE: The Rev. Dr. Eugen Bach speaks with one of more than 30 people attending the seventh annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans on Sunday at Pee Dee Presbyterian Church in Hamer.



LEFT: Bagpiper Bill Caudill plays for the audience during the celebration honoring Scottish heritage Sunday.



Jane McNeil folds one of many tartan flags after the service Sunday.

Celebrating Scottish heritage in the Pee Dee

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HAMER — With bagpipes playing and kilts and tartans aplenty, more than 30 people gathered in the 186-year-old Pee Dee Presbyterian Church on Sunday to celebrate their Scottish heritage with the seventh annual Kirkin' O' the Tartans.

Many participants wore their family's tartan, a traditional, colorful plaid unique to each of the clans in Scotland.

The word "kirk" is Scottish for church, and used in the title of the celebration. However, the tradition itself is of American origin — used as a way to honor and celebrate the Scots love of scripture, faith, devotion to their kirk, persistence and strong independence.

The church, off Pee Dee Church Road in Hamer, is the oldest Presbyterian church in Dillon County. Although it is now only used a few times a year, a number of Sunday's participants can still remember going to services there each Sunday with their families.

"I used to come here when I was a little girl with my great-aunt," said Acenath Herring, trustee of the church. "Those memories stay with you, especially when they're of people you loved so much. I'm just scared people are not being taught to respect and learn about their heritage. So many great things we have here in the States were done by Scottish people."

Events

International Holocaust Remembrance Program: Today, 4 p.m. in the Lowmire Auditorium at Francis

information, call 843-394-8071.

The Maltese Falcon: Tuesday, 3:35 and 7:30 p.m. at Francis Marion Uni-

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Winter storm watch issued

By PHIL SARATA

The Times and Democrat

It's official: The race for bread and milk can now proceed.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm watch from Tuesday morning through Wednesday afternoon for the entire T&D Region.

Conditions are considered favorable for snow, sleet and freezing rain. NWS meteorologist Whitney Smith in Columbia said Sunday the agency feels there is a greater than 50 percent chance that two inches of snow or a quarter inch of ice will appear.

"Snow and sleet may develop on Tuesday, especially during the afternoon," Smith said. "Snow is more likely Tuesday night with sleet and freezing rain possible. We think the latter will be more of a problem, with Orangeburg experiencing a higher chance for freezing rain."

"The latest data supports 1-3 inches of snow and sleet with significant ice accumulation."

Emergency and government officials have been carefully monitoring the situation during the weekend. Orangeburg County Emergency Services Director Billy Staley said an integrated plan for the potential situation will be developed today.

"We are scheduling conference calls with the schools to find out what they will be doing, and meeting with the county administrator," Staley said. "Everything depends on the forecast but I am hoping we can put those plans together and maybe announce them before lunch."

Staley reminded the public that now is a good time to review individual and family emergency plans. He also

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Woman dies in Calhoun collision

T&D Staff Report

A Columbia woman died in a two-vehicle collision in Calhoun County early Saturday morning.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Cpl. Sonny Collins said a 2003 Hyundai traveling westbound on I-26 at 12:30 a.m. ran into the median retaining wall near the 125 mile marker. The impact disabled the vehicle in the left lane.

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Pough helping team cope.

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Sheriff seeks more deputies

Ravenell cites need for 15 to 16; councilman puts cost at \$1 million

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN

T&D Staff Writer

Orangeburg County Sheriff Leroy Ravenell says there aren't enough deputies nor dispatchers to effectively deal with crime in the 1,100-square-mile area.

Ravenell and OCSO Chief of Staff Kenny Kinsey at Wednesday's day-long County Council work session told officials that an average of eight deputies cover the entire county on each shift.

Asked by Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith to estimate how many additional deputies the OCSO needs, Ravenell said, "If we could have 14 to 15 deputies per shift,

that would give us time to not only respond to your calls — that would give us time to investigate the call and patrol properties."

Councilman Harry Wimberly estimated the cost to add a minimum of 15 deputies would be about \$1 million, "once you put them in cars and uniforms and everything."

Right now, the county doesn't have an additional \$1 million to budget for the OCSO, he said.

"What does security mean for Orangeburg County? Does security mean \$1 million?" Councilman Willie B. Owens asked.

"Does reducing the number of articles we have on the front page of The Times and Democrat in reference to crime mean \$1 million in terms of recruiting new industries?" he asked.

"I think we need to find it (an additional \$1 million). We need to find it so we can't give the sheriff any excuse," Owens said.

Councilman Heyward Livings said the only way to increase funding to the OCSO is to review the millage rate and how much of it is allocated to the sheriff's office.

Ravenell said the problem is not having enough deputies or dis-



T&D ILLUSTRATION

Solicitor: More dollars needed vs. crime

By RYANNE PERSINGER

T&D Correspondent

First Circuit Solicitor David M. Pascoe says last year was frustrating because budget cuts hampered the prosecution of crimes, but he's hopeful the situation will improve in 2014.

In speaking to the Orangeburg Lion's Club on Jan. 20 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, Pascoe said cited goals for the solicitor's office. He is one of 16 elected solicitors responsible for prosecuting criminal offenses.

Pascoe acknowledged that a decade ago, Orangeburg County was classified as the most violent county in the state and one of the most violent in America.

"We saw huge improvements about eight, seven, six years ago in the violent crime rate in Orangeburg County, where we got it finally toward the bottom half in South Carolina," he said.

"I think really the main reason for that is the Orangeburg County Council started to finally fund the sheriff's office and the solicitor's office. We could prosecute those domestic violence cases."

Pascoe, whose 1st Judicial Circuit consists of Dorchester, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties, said the number of violent crimes in Orangeburg County has not increased in the last five years but has remained steady.

"My concern is the budget," he said. "I don't mean to take shots at County Council. They have an extremely difficult job ... All of them I respect, and



Solicitor Pascoe

I can't imagine the decisions that they have to make."

The solicitor said, "I commend them for wanting to put together the task forces that we read about ... to curb crime and I think that's great ... but the bottom line is you have to fund the sheriff's office, you have to fund law enforcement and you have to fund the solicitor's office if you want to do something about crime in Orangeburg County."

In the last six years, Pascoe said his office's budget has been cut by 13 percent, while the budget for the public defender's office has increased.

"Everyone knows that it cost a lot more in funding the prosecutor's office than the public defender's office," he said. "The state recognizes that and that's why they give the solicitors more than the public defender."

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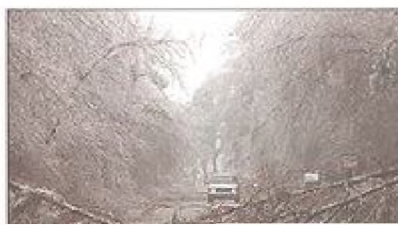
TEN YEARS AGO The Great Ice Storm of 2004

T&D Staff Report

The icy rain began early that Monday.

It wasn't in the forecast, but it was reality. Orangeburg and Calhoun counties, and much of the Midlands, on Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, were hit with The Great Ice Storm of 2004.

Before the freezing rain stopped falling, trees were loaded with ice, the size of



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Wire Reports

■ Gust gaffe: 355-mph wind? Really?

CASPER, Wyo. — It's windy in Wyoming, but still. Gusts of 355 mph and more?

That's what one electronic road sign said in Casper recently. The Wyoming Department of Transportation says a sign operator working from Cheyenne meant to type "35+" but mistakenly added another 5.

The Casper Star-Tribune reported the inflated wind gust message was posted for 17 minutes before the department noticed the mistake and corrected it.

The whirlwind on social media lasted longer.

One person posted a photo of the sign with the comment "CASPER WY. WHERE TORNADO ALLEY SEEMS PLEASANTLY BREEZY."

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