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Simrill: Gas tax won't cover fixes

Says road repairs need mix of funding sources

By Tim Smith
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COLUMBIA — The chairman of the House road funding committee says he believes his panel will ultimately recommend a "hybrid" bill of funding measures that will pay for road repairs using a combination of sources but not increases to the gas tax alone.

Rep. Gary Simrill, a Rock Hill Republican who was appointed last week to head a special House committee to recommend road funding legislation and legislation to better manage the state Department of Transportation, told *GreenvilleOnline.com* that while everything is on the table, the gas tax is no longer capable of supporting the state's needs.

"Cars are more efficient now," he said. "People have hybrid cars now. People are going to electric cars now. If your dependency is on a diminishing return, which is what the gas tax is, you're going to be left out. We have to look beyond that and figure out other ways to pay for roads."

Simrill's panel starts work Tuesday with presentations by DOT, the Department of Revenue and the state Treasurer's office.

The panel is expected to issue its recommendations by the time lawmakers return to work in January for a new session.

Gov. Nikki Haley has long threatened a veto of any gas tax increase and said she will unveil her plan to



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Justin Johnson and Major 7 play a jazz brunch in Greenville at Blues Boulevard.

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MUSIC ROCKS ON MINUS KEY CLUB

Handlebar's closing raised concerns

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When the Handlebar closed last April, many fans wondered what would become of Greenville's live music scene.

Over the past two decades, the downtown listening room presented an eclectic mix



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Military academy process shrouded

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WASHINGTON — South Carolina's two Upstate congressmen and two senators follow starkly different approaches in deciding which high-school students to nominate to the nation's service academies.

The four lawmakers also vary in how much they disclose about the nominations.

Those differences are typical of Congress as a whole, according to a *USA TODAY* analysis. Members of the House and Senate have wide latitude in deciding which students should be admitted to one of the nation's prestigious service academies, where tuition is covered by taxpayers.

Nomination by a member of Congress is required for high-school students interested in attending the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The requirement is designed to ensure broad geographic representation for the next generation of officers. Nominations also can come from other sources, including the president and vice president.

Generally, no more than five students nominated by an individual member of Congress may attend a service academy at one time, with the exception of the Merchant Marine Academy. Nominations to that academy are subject to state quotas that lawmakers can vie to fill.

Lawmakers may nominate up to 10 students for each open slot each year. The academies, for the most part, have the final say on who gets in and who doesn't.

The nomination process is one of the most significant and least-known duties of a member of Congress.

Republican Lindsey Graham, South Carolina's senior senator, hosts an Academy Day each year where students can



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Solemn salute honors life, sacrifice of fallen deputy

Mourners pay respects to Charleston County's Joseph Matuskovic



Palbearers on Monday carry the casket of Deputy Joseph Matuskovic to his grave site at Old St. Andrew's Parish Church.

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As hundreds of cars with flashing blue lights passed them Monday, people on roadways throughout West Ashley took off their hats. Some put their right hands over their hearts.

As motorcycles rumbled by the blue ribbons tied to trees, residents walked from their homes and watched. They said nothing.

And as Charleston County Sheriff's Office Deputy Joseph Matuskovic's flag-draped casket was carried into Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, a man who had been standing next to him less than a week earlier got out of a wheelchair and stood. Joining hundreds of others with a black cloth

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stretched across their police badges, Deputy Michael Ackerman saluted. "This is why you have to thank every police officer you see today for their service to our community," Lee Edwards, 56, said Monday as he watched from his home across from the church. "You just never know."

The funeral Mass and 10-mile procession through West Ashley made up the final salute to Matuskovic, 43, who died Sept. 8 when a man

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Charleston County sheriff's deputies gather outside Blessed Sacrament Church in West Ashley on Monday after the funeral of Deputy Joseph Matuskovic.

Harrell's exit could threaten I-526 plan

Some hope for new S.C. political climate

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COLUMBIA — The controversial plan to extend Interstate 526 across Johns and James islands already was scarring when House Speaker Bobby Harrell announced last week that he was suspending himself after being indicted on nine ethics and misconduct charges, some local leaders say.

Now they worry that if Harrell is unable to retain his spot, the loss of the highway's most powerful champion will bring the \$588-million transportation project to a halt or slow its progress even more.

The worries over the highway — one of the region's most controversial big-ticket items — comes as state leaders are laying the groundwork for a potential overhaul of the state's struggling road network. Leaders have vowed to find better ways to build more and better roads, including plugging a nearly \$30-billion shortfall. A House committee that will hold its first meeting Tuesday also has promised a broad look at potential remedies. Those leading the committee also said that they hope to put regionalism and politics aside in finding lasting statewide solutions.

Charleston County Council Chairman Todd Pryor said he thinks Interstate 526 will be built as long as members of the S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board follow through on their commitment to pay for it. The group already had approved \$420 million for the road. Then, in 2012, it approved another \$430 to \$150 million in future funding to cover the increased costs due to long project delays. "The money has been promised. It just depends if they change their minds," Pryor said. "It's always good to have the Speaker of the House fighting for

measure in a predictable roll call that Democrats hope will persuade women to vote for their candidates in November, according to The Associated Press. GOP senators blocked the legislation in April with the support of business groups such as the Chamber of Commerce.

Florio has a unique perspective, as both first female CEO of a Fortune 500 company and a 2010 GOP candidate for the California Senate seat now held by Democrat Barbara Boxer.

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Fiorina calls Dems' efforts 'insulting' to women, attacks pay act

BY ROBERT DEHIRE
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The first speaker U.S. Sen. Tim Scott invited for his new Women in Leadership series blasted Democrats' "insulting and insulting" attempts to describe Republicans as waging a "War on Women."

As national Democrats seek to gain leverage this election season by making the issue of unequal pay among women and men, Scott, R-S.C., brought in former Hewlett-Packard CEO and GOP Senate hopeful Carly Fiorina to talk

Poll

Do you support the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would close loopholes in federal equal pay laws? Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

about that and other issues.

The question of equal pay was the first one posed Monday from the mostly female audience of about 300 at Trident Technical College in North Charleston.



Scott

they were not being paid equally for equal work."

But some feel the 1963 law doesn't go far enough. Democratic Maryland

Sen. Barbara Mikulski has introduced a Paycheck Fairness Act that seeks to close loopholes in federal equal pay laws and extend the time that women can sue an employer for unequal pay. Democrats have promoted the legislation for at least two years. They're talking it up again this election season as part of a broader women's economic agenda.

But Republicans, including Scott, have been slow to warm to the bill. Senate Democrats are forcing an election-season vote on the issue soon, but Republicans are ready to block the



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LEXINGTON COUNTY TRAGEDY

Hundreds pray for answers



Mourners lit candles as a sign of hope Monday night during a prayer vigil for the five slain Jones children at Red Bank Baptist Church. St. James Lutheran Church and Red Bank United Methodist Church also participated in the event.

Prayers, tears, candles as community mourns 5 Jones children

By CAROLYN CLICK
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Residents of Lexington County, still reeling from the killings of the five Jones children, came together Monday night to pray and mourn for the brothers and sisters, ages 1-8, allegedly killed by their father.

They wept and hugged each other as they filled the pews at Red Bank Baptist Church, drew their children close, and took comfort from the ancient words of the Old Testament prophet Isaiah: "The people who have walked in darkness



From left, Elaine Marie, Gabriel, Nahtahn, Elias and Merah Gracie

have seen a great light. For those who dwell in the land of gloom, a light has shown."

Finally, as deacons moved from row to row, they lighted candles and sang

"Amazing Grace" in an emotional finale to the 40-minute service. At the front of the sanctuary, enlarged photographs of the smiling children - Merah, 8; Elias, 7; Nahtahn, 6; Gabriel, 2; and Elaine

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A photo gallery of the memorial service with online coverage

Marie, 1 - were placed on easels. "Tonight we can't answer all the questions that this series of events has caused in our lives," the Rev. Jeff Wright, Red Bank's senior pastor, said. "Why did this happen? Where is justice? Questions about life and death."

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Pay your parking ticket by smartphone?

By CLIF LeBLANC
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Parking meter violators in Columbia will have the option of paying their tickets online or from smartphones by next summer if

Life Arena or for a function at the convention center, parking services director John Spade said.

"The technology is being used by several valet companies in Columbia," he said Monday of the event



Sheriff's computer account is linked to phony reports

Williamsburg's Johnson is accused of fraud

By JOHN MONK
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The computer user name of suspended Williamsburg County Sher-

iff Louie Timmons on the opening day of the government's fraud case against Johnson.

"Johnson," answered Timmons, who was on the witness stand about an hour at the federal courthouse in Columbia.

"And that is - ?" asked Holliday,

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Aiken chief receives state award

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Aiken Department of Public Safety Chief Charles Barranco was one of four South Carolina officers recently recognized for excellence in law enforcement.

The Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement is given each year to four law enforcement officers: a city officer, a county officer, a state officer and a federal

officer. Barranco was selected as the city recipient; he and the other officers were recognized at a luncheon at Fort Jackson on Friday. "It was so humbling," Barranco said. "There are so many great things that happen here at Public Safety every day. Sometimes, unfortunately, you



Barranco

have to look at one thing or one person. It's a team effort that makes this place shine." The award was established in 1983 by Sen. Strom Thurmond to recognize law enforcement officers "whose performances demonstrate the highest ideals of excellence in professional law enforcement," according to a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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About Chief Charles Barranco

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Chief Charles Barranco began his law enforcement career in 1991 at the USC Aiken Department of Public Safety, and in 1993 began working for the Aiken Department of Public Safety. He worked his way up to sergeant

of the special services division and also served as one of the agency's public information officers.

In 2005, Barranco transitioned to the Aiken County Sheriff's Office, where he served as the Homeland Security coordinator, sex offender registrar and public information officer.

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Keeping up with technology

The duties of media specialists continue to evolve

BY ROB NOVIT
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Second-graders Emily McCollum and Mickaela Atterberry couldn't stop giggling and laughing as they played an interactive software program at Millbrook Elementary School's media center last week. "It helps us learn," said Emily. "It gets our brains working."

That's the intent of "Martha Speaks," a PBS program that includes vocabulary words in a wide range of games and other activities.

Media specialist Michelle Goings said such resources can be fun for kids, even as they help them continue to improve their reading skills.

"We want our kids to be more en-



Carol Wise, left, and Liesl Williams, the South Aiken High School media specialists, are purchasing e-books from a company that will allow students to download unlimited copies for school use.

gaged in the library," she said. "It's not just a place where they only can go and read. It's also about ac-

tive learning." In the last 20 years, media specialists have played a major role in

the evolution of school libraries.

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Rep. Smith honored in Jackson

Smith announced he will also be receiving Order of the Palmetto



STAFF PHOTO BY DERREK ASBERRY
S.C. Rep. Roland Smith, R-Warrentonville, was honored Monday by the City of Jackson during his last Aiken County Legislative Delegation meeting in office and used the meeting to announce that he'll be receiving the Order of the Palmetto from Gov. Nikki Haley on Oct. 1.

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Monday night was mainly about Smith and what he has meant to Jackson.

"When I was running for election the first time, I walked the streets of Jackson and immediately realized how good the people of the town are," Smith said. "They are nice, church-going people and they've stood behind me from Day One."

Smith, 81, has served in the House since 1983. Jackson Mayor Todd Ether-

"You hear positives and you hear negatives, but I have never heard a negative word about you," Etheridge told Smith. "That's very, very rare in today's times. You've done a wonderful job in our area, and we're really going to miss you."

In addition to being honored by the City of Jackson, Smith said Gov. Haley will be honoring him with the Order of the Palmetto — the highest civilian honor in South Carolina — on Oct. 1, in his



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Local produce

Hub City Farmers' Market mobile truck paid its first visit to the University of South Carolina Upstate on Monday, giving students the chance to buy local produce on campus. **PAGE C1**

Grandstanding?

Independent gubernatorial candidate Tom Ervin has asked the Legislature to return to Columbia for a special session to remove the Department of Social Services from Gov. Nikki Haley's control — a request rejected as grandstanding 50 days before the election. **PAGE A5**

Thompson's return

Boiling Springs quarterback Daniel Thompson, who suffered a broken forearm in his non-throwing arm in Friday's loss at Dutch Fork, says his expected timetable to return in four weeks. **PAGE B1**

Mediation

U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford and his ex-wife, Jenny, have agreed to mediate parenting issues and other concerns in their contentious divorce, a South Carolina family court judge said Monday. **PAGE C3**

Wealth gap

The widening gap between the wealthiest Americans and everyone else has been matched by a slowdown in state tax revenue, according to a report being released Monday by Standard & Poor's. **PAGE D1**

Weather

USC Upstate receives \$2.2M grant

Title III funds designed to help students succeed by improving graduation rates

By JENNY ARNOLD
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The University of South Carolina Upstate has received a \$2.2 million U.S. Department of Education grant that administrators say will go a long way in ensuring student success.

The Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) grant will be distributed over a span of five years, beginning Oct. 1, according to a written statement

from the university. The first-year allocation will be \$422,888.

"We are extremely pleased to receive a grant of this magnitude that will directly benefit our students," USC Upstate Chancellor Tom Moore said in a written statement. "Student success is our highest priority, and because of this grant, more students who come to us as freshmen will be successful. Increased student success will be reflected in improved retention

and graduation rates."

The Title III funding program provides grants to colleges and universities to expand their capacity to serve low-income students. The funds are to be used "to improve and strengthen the institution's academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability," according to administration.

University officials say USC Upstate is eligible for the grant because it serves a high number of Pell grant-eligible students and receives less money from the state per full-time student than other state, four-year institutions.

Upstate receives \$1,988 per full-time student, while the state average is \$2,770, according to figures provided by the university. The state funding, said college spokeswoman Tammy Whaley, has not kept up with USC Upstate's growth over the past 10 or 15 years.

A total of 3,723 of USC Upstate's 5,603 currently enrolled students received \$39.8 million federal aid to attend college, Whaley said. Of those, 2,523 students have received a Pell grant, 1,424 students who received one expected no family

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CAROLYN KASTER/AP

President Barack Obama bestows the Medal of Honor on retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie G. Adkins in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Monday. Adkins was deployed three times to Vietnam with the Special Forces and is being recognized for actions during his second combat tour, in 1966, when he ran wounded through enemy fire to drag injured comrades to safety.

2 Vietnam War soldiers receive Medal of Honor decades later

One still alive, the other killed in 1970

By JOSH LEDERMAN

ries. Army Spc. Donald P. Sloan did not. It took an act of Congress to allow each to receive the medal so many decades after the fact.

"Over the decades, one Vietnam

from his home in rural Oklahoma, Adkins was deployed three times to Vietnam with the Special Forces. He already was being recognized for actions during his second

Park gets go-ahead but takes out train

Plans upgrade Berry Field, Cleveland site

By FELICIA KITZMILLER
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The train will not return to Cleveland Park, Spartanburg County Council decided unanimously during Monday's regular meeting.

With little discussion among council members and no public comment from attendees, council approved the concept designs for Cleveland Park and Berry Field as presented by the Parks Department.

"It is the strong desire of Spartanburg County Council to see Cleveland Park move forward without the train," Councilman Michael Brown said in his motion for the livability committee to accept the plans.

Councilwoman Jane Hall echoed his sentiments when making the motion for approval to full council.

In March 2011, the miniature train that encircled the Cleveland Park playground for decades derailed because of excessive speed. The train tumbled down a rocky embankment, injuring several passengers, some severely, and killing 6-year-old Benji Easler. The train has been dormant since the incident, and nearby playground, coun-

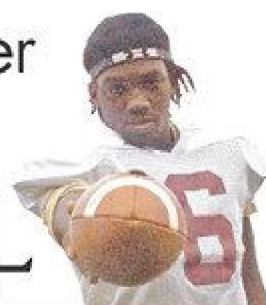
Second time's the charm for Garner

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The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Community Indicators Project showcases strengths, weaknesses of county

By FRANK BUMB
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Everyone has gut feelings about the community they call home. Kathleen Brady, head of planning, institutional research and metropolitan studies for the University of South Carolina Upstate, made a living turning feelings into numbers for communities.

Brady presented the findings for the Greenwood Community Indicators Project on Monday to a vast array of representatives from non-profits, businesses and governments, including Greenwood Mayor Welborn Adams, Greenwood County Manager Toby Chappell, County Councilman Steve Brown, District 50 and 51 superintendents Darrell John-

son and Fay Sprouse.

"It's definitely a fresh perspective," Brown said. "It's going to take a while to sit down and digest all of this."

There were statistics that garnered applause. That Greenwood County's resurgence led to an influx of young professionals was undeniable: With holders of bachelor's degrees or higher education, Greenwood County's

22.7 percent was significantly higher than its peer counties of Laurens or Darlington.

There were numbers and trends that led to consternation: Despite higher incomes in almost every category compared with its peers, Greenwood County's median income

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LEARNING THE ROPES



■ DISTRICT 50

STEMS receives \$30,000

Eaton official says company proud of district schools

By KATE HRUBY
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Three representatives from Eaton Corp. presented Greenwood School District 50 a check for \$30,000 at the district's board meeting Monday.

The check was one of Eaton's charitable contributions and was given to support the district's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math School (STEMS), according to Alex Merritt, one of the representatives and human resources manager at the Eaton electrical plant.

Rodney Bruner, after-market operating manager at Eaton, addressed the board and guests.

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■ ACCOMMODATIONS

City doles out funds to local groups

By FRANK BUMB
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All but one Greenwood organization received all it asked for from the Greenwood City Council on Monday evening. Council voted 6-0 to approve the

SPORTS



Ready to roll

SHS volleyball team opens Region VI-4A play this week with pair of games **B1**

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Historic Belk Building will be site of upcoming awards announcement

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School board candidate says he has turned his life around

Kershaw wants criminal record to serve as proof that people can change

BY MATT BRUCE
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There are 13 contestants gearing up to compete during this November's election for Sumter School District board of trustees.

Caleb Kershaw Jr. is one of those candidates, vying against four others to fill the Area 1 seat, which will be vacated by an outgoing board member. Unlike his counterparts, however, Kershaw is the lone contender in the hotly contested field of hopefuls who must grapple with a criminal past.

According to South Carolina court documents, at least one felony conviction shows up in Kershaw's criminal background on a

range of cases. Among his convictions are drug distribution charges and weapons violations dating back more than a decade, records indicate.

Kershaw, a 34-year-old Rembert native, makes no excuses for his background and does not shy away from talking about his past, saying it's one of the reasons he's so passionate about serving youth.

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Rain doesn't dampen spirit of Backyard Jamboree



JAM RILEY / THE SUMTER ITEM

David Knox samples Jonathan Teseniar's Williamsburg-style barbecue at The O'Donnell House on Friday. Despite Friday night's rain, the 10th Annual Backyard Jamboree was well attended. The event hosted by Sumter Senior Services is the organization's biggest fundraiser. Attendees enjoyed food, drinks and entertainment, all while supporting the group's services to Sumter's elderly — nutrition, essential transportation, senior centers, recreation and leisure activities, health and wellness programs, information and referral and more.

Area among best for August home sales

BY JOE KEPLER
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South Carolina Realtors released its August market numbers Monday for the state, with the tri-county area of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee showing results that suggest a positive housing market for buyers and sellers alike.

"The buyer and seller are both feeling a little less strained; now they're loosening their purse strings a little bit," said Darlene Hebert, executive director of the Sumter Board of Realtors. "They're not as afraid to make a commitment."

Hebert wagered that new industry moving into the area along

with a recent change of command at Shaw Air Force Base helped the area see an increase in sales.

In a time of the year where sales usually die down in anticipation of the school year starting, the sales boost indicates a different crowd entering the community. Hebert previously commented on the increased interest in the area. Now there are numbers to back up that initial interest.

"If they were here last month (July) looking," Hebert said of the newcomers, "now they're closing this month (August)."

The tri-county region sold 139 residential homes, condos and villas in August 2014, up from 116 in August 2013. That increase of 19.8

percent is the second highest in the state behind only North Augusta, and the state as a whole saw just a 0.6 percent decrease from August 2013. In Sumter County alone, 680 homes have been sold since the first of the New Year.

The tri-county region also saw a major cut in average days on the market, another strong indicator for market health.

Sumter, Clarendon and Lee saw a decrease of about 26 percent in average days, the second-biggest drop in the state, going from 203 to 150. Average list price in August 2013 was \$135,354, but the average

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Anti-violence group picks up steam

Schools, organizations could help members clean neighborhoods, mentor youth



THE GREAT DEBATE

Despite fans' rumblings, Stoudt still Clemson quarterback. **C1**

'T'LL STILL BE HERE': Riordan, Ward discuss OMC-GHS partnership. **B1**
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Oconee council to hear revised millage

Final reading on Pioneer, Courthouse Inn also on docket

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — After shooting down an increase in property taxes earlier this month, Oconee County Council could get the chance tonight to vote to lower them instead.

Auditor Ken Nix will present an updated recommendation to council at its scheduled meeting and said last week he will propose a decrease of approximately 2 mills after an amended assessment of Duke Energy property by the S.C. Department of Revenue (DOR).

The last time council convened Sept. 3, Nix proposed a millage of 216 total mills

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Walhalla seeks annual building inspections

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Walhalla officials will conduct second reading tonight of an ordinance that would allow the city's building official to set up annual inspections of rental property and structures.

Building official James Ashton recently told city council the ordinance is needed because inspections are only done when people are getting their water turned on.

"What this does is allow us to continue inspections

Lester Davaria Mosley Jr., right, is pictured with his attorney Scott Robinson during the opening day of his murder trial Monday. Mosley is on trial in Pickens County this week for the 2012 slaying of Clemson University student Steven Gregory Grich following a home invasion at Chimney Ridge Apartments in Clemson.



Mosley murder trial begins

Central man charged in '12 shooting of Clemson student

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

PICKENS — The trial of a Central man arrested two years ago and charged with murder in the killing of Clemson University student Steven Gregory Grich began Monday in the Pickens County Courthouse.

Jury selection for Lester Davaria Mosley Jr. took place Monday morning. After opening arguments took place to open the trial early Monday afternoon, testimony from a former Pickens County Sheriff's Office dispatch supervisor and a master deputy followed.

Thirteenth Circuit solicitor Walt Wilkins said Mosley and three other men entered the unlocked back door of a Chimney Ridge apartment

on Smoke Rise Drive in Central on Dec. 8, 2012. Upon entering, Wilkins said the suspects, including Mosley, discovered Grich and four other residents.

"(Mosley) and the others went in there to rob them of money and marijuana," Wilkins said, adding the suspects entered the apartment with "guns and faces covered." The solicitor said Mosley "did participate in the murder of Steve Grich."

"It was a day that changed many lives," Wilkins said. "It changed lots of lives, especially Steve Grich and his family."

Central resident Bernard Kadeem Ramsey and brothers Jordan Charles Dalton and Jaron Bradley Dalton, of

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Above: Brian Jaynes, a former dispatch supervisor for the Pickens County Sheriff's Office, answers questions asked by 13th Circuit solicitor Walt Wilkins during the first day of testimony in the murder trial of Lester Davaria Mosley Jr. Monday in Pickens. Right: Sheriff's office deputy Michael Torres testified Monday that a friend of Steven Gregory Grich was cradling his head and shoulder after Grich had been shot during a home invasion at Chimney Ridge Apartments in 2012.

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Plastics company bringing 25 new jobs to Oconee

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
THE JOURNAL

WESTMINSTER — A plastics company is expanding its operations into Oconee County and bringing with it a \$4.1 million capital investment and 25 new jobs.

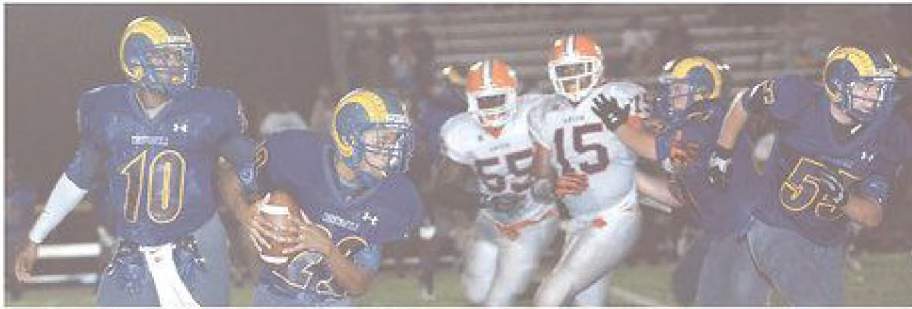
Michigan-based thermoplastics processor and recycler ACI Plastics, Inc., announced Monday it has purchased a former textile

lieu-of-tax agreement by Oconee County Council at its Sept. 2 meeting.

Oconee Economic Alliance director Richard Blackwell confirmed ACI Plastics was the company approved for that tax agreement and said the deal to bring the company to Oconee "was very much in favor of the county."

The county had been working on the deal since March 2013.





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Chesterfield moves to sell land to CareSouth

BOB SLOAN
Editor

CHESTERFIELD — Members of the Chesterfield Town Council unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance approving the sale of property in the town's commerce park to CareSouth Carolina for the construction of a new facility at its monthly meeting on

Thursday.

Earlier in the meeting, Council voted unanimously to rescind an ordinance rezoning a downtown property from general residential to office commercial. The property was rezoned in July so that it could be used as a site for a new CareSouth office. CareSouth chose to pursue other options and, through negotiations with Mayor Billy Cassidy and

other town officials, agreed to purchase the commerce park site.

"We are extremely excited about this opportunity," said Cassidy. "Despite some difficulties, we were able to come up with a proposal that will do tremendous good for our community."

Cassidy characterized CareSouth's present Chesterfield location on West Boulevard as "old,

cramped and outdated."

"This new facility will be larger, and CareSouth will be able to provide so many more services that our community can utilize," said Cassidy.

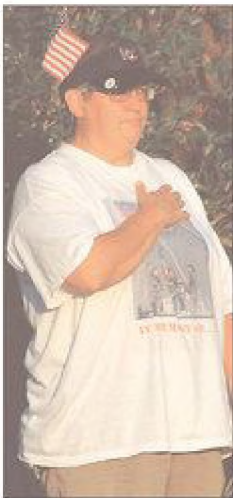
The location of the approximately 8-acre site is between the TriCare and First Health Carolinas Ambulances Services buildings, according to Cassidy.

The sale price of the property is \$66,250.

In other business:

Team Chesterfield announced that it is canceling the annual Taste of Chesterfield, scheduled for Sept. 27, due to a lack of sponsorships. According to a Team Chesterfield

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Grants aid in removing obstructions at airport

BOB SLOAN
Editor

Cheraw Town Council unanimously agreed to accept grants totaling \$68,623 from the Federal Aviation Commission and the S.C. Aeronautics Commission for Design Services during its monthly meeting Sept. 9. The money will be used to remove obstructions at the Cheraw Municipal Airport.

According to the resolution, the FAA extended an Aviation Improvement Project Grant for \$65,011 for the project. The SCAC is prepared to approve a matching grant for \$3,612

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New election set for McBee Town Council

BOB SLOAN
Editor

MCBEE — After hearing a case presented by McBee Town Council member Shiloh Green and his attorney Sept. 8, the McBee Municipal Election Commission upheld a protest of the town's Sept. 2 municipal election.

By upholding the protest by incumbent Green, as announced at the regular council meeting Sept. 9, a new election will be held Dec. 2 between Green and challenger Macey

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NEVER FORGET



Hundreds of spectators turned out Thursday evening at Centennial Park in downtown Cheraw to remember the more than 3,000 people killed in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The event, sponsored by the Cheraw Lions Club, also paid tribute to first responders, firefighters and police officers, as well as our brave military men and women. A number of individuals shared remarks during the event, including Susan Redmond, a registered nurse and a member of the American Red Cross Disaster Team that served at Ground Zero in New York City.

Staff photos by Bob Sloan



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Anderson pleads guilty to murder, gets 35 years

BY TRACI BRIDGES

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FLORENCE — A Florence man was sentenced Monday to 35 years in prison after pleading guilty to the 2013 shooting death of his ex-girlfriend.

Doni Terrell Anderson, 47, was set to go to trial Monday morning in the murder of Ken-

dra Johnson but opted to plead guilty rather than let a jury decide the matter.

Johnson, 34, was found dead in her Bellvue Drive apartment the morning of Feb. 20, 2013 after her co-worker at the Florence Housing Authority arrived to pick

the victim up for work and she didn't come to the door. The co-worker went on to work, where they learned that Johnson hadn't come in or called. Co-workers returned to the apartment, saw her lifeless body through a window and notified police.

There was no sign of forced entry into the apartment. Police learned Johnson had recently broken off a romantic relation-

ship with Anderson. Anderson became the police's prime suspect in Johnson's slaying and later turned himself into authorities in Myrtle Beach.

Twelfth Circuit Solicitor Ed Clements III said Johnson confessed his crime to at least three Myrtle Beach and Florence investigators, as well as his brother, on separate occasions.

"We were ready to move

forward with trial this morning," Clements said, adding the plea was without negotiations or recommendations from the state.

The prosecution was going to go forward with a hearing on the admissibility of Anderson's statements, and his brother was subpoenaed to testify, Clements said.

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Sanfords agree to mediate divorce

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford and his ex-wife Jenny have agreed to mediate parenting issues and other concerns in their contentious divorce, a South Carolina family court judge said Monday.

Attorneys for Jenny Sanford have asked the family court to limit the Republican lawmaker's visitation with his youngest child and to have the lawmaker undergo psychological tests and take anger management and parenting courses.

A hearing on the motion had been set for Monday but was continued.

"The parties have agreed to submit the issues to mediation," Family Court Judge Daniel E. Martin, Jr. told reporters who showed up for the hearing. He said he would sign a consent order and mediation would then begin within 30 days.

Both sides have also asked to have the court record sealed and Mark Sanford's attorney wants both sides banned from talking about it.

Martin said those requests are still before the court.

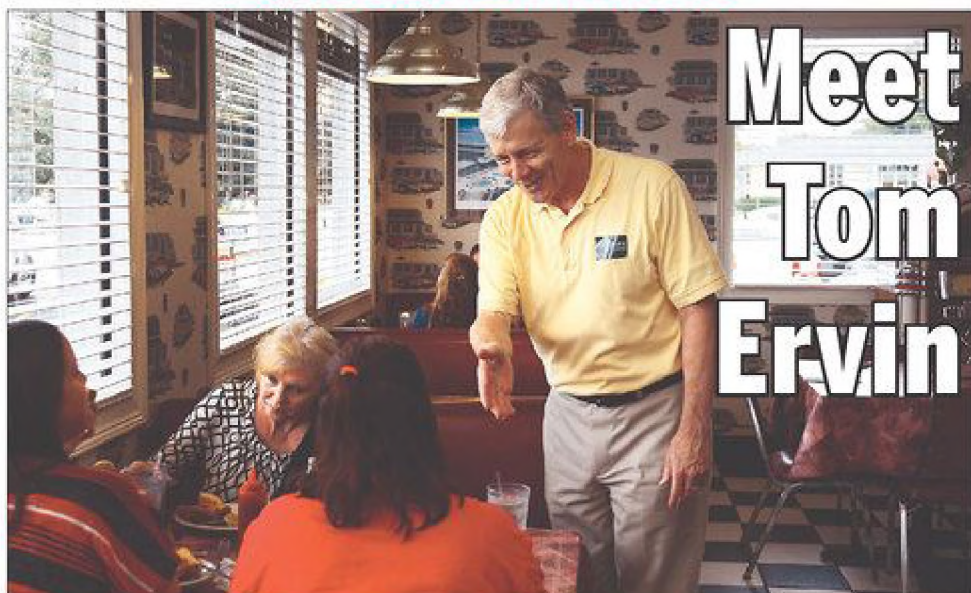
Five years ago, while South Carolina governor, Sanford disappeared from the state for five days, famously telling his aides that he was out hiking along the Appalachian Trail.

When he returned, he confessed to a tearful Statehouse news conference that he had been in Argentina and had been having an affair with Maria Belen Chapur, to whom he later became engaged.

But in a rambling Facebook post last week, Sanford announced that he was calling off the engagement because of the contentious issues arising from his divorce.

After Sanford confessed the affair, Jenny Sanford moved out of the Governor's Mansion and filed for divorce

2014 GUBERNATORIAL RACE



Gubernatorial petition candidate and "Independent Republican" Tom Ervin shakes hands with diners at Takis Diner in Darlington on Monday.



ABOVE: Gubernatorial petition candidate and "Independent Republican" Tom Ervin talks with diners at Takis Diner in Darlington on Monday. BELOW: A crowd of 50 people listened to him speak as Ervin made a swing through the Pee Dee Monday, stopping in Cheraw, Darlington and Marion.



Meet Tom Ervin

PHOTOS BY GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

'Independent Republic' candidate introduces himself to the Pee Dee

BY GAVIN JACKSON

Morning News
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DARLINGTON — In his first foray into the Pee Dee, "Independent Republican" gubernatorial candidate Tom Ervin held three town hall meetings in three counties Monday, giving him a chance to hear from people like those at Takis Diner in Darlington.

The campaign-sponsored event brought out a crowd of senior citizens to enjoy fried chicken, biscuits, lemon meringue pie and other country cooking favorites for lunch as Ervin, 62, spoke about education, the economy, his background and what's prompting him to run.

"I can solve problems," Ervin said. "That's what I want to do to state government, and the way you do is not rocket science. Really, it's finding common ground, working with both sides."

"And that's the advantage of me being independent. I'm not controlled by any political party; I'm not controlled by special interests."

Ervin launched an aggressive barnstorming campaign of 23 town hall events from Sept. 2 through last Saturday, along with print and television advertising campaigns. He and his campaign credit that effort in gaining name recognition that



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ENTEROVIRUS
D68Hygiene
best defense
as virus
spreadsBy DIONNE GLEATON
T&D Staff Writer

Local doctors are urging vigilance against an elusive viral infection with symptoms that can be more severe than the common cold.

The Centers for Disease Control says that enterovirus D68 was first identified in California in 1962, but it has not been commonly reported in the United States. A recent outbreak, however, has health officials thinking the virus could reach The T&D Region.

"Enterovirus 68 is a member of a large family of viruses — over 100 — that cause disease in humans. Some members of this group are responsible for the common cold," said Dr. David H. Black, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at the University of Maryland Medical System.

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Hayden Mayes

'GOD LOVED
HIM MORE'

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Hayden Mayes died Saturday from a gunshot wound. The 2-year-old's death is under investigation.

Hundreds
at funeral
for deputy

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Hundreds of people, including Gov. Nikki Haley and law enforcement officers from as far away as New York State, attended the funeral service Monday for a Charleston County sheriff's deputy who was shot to death in the line of duty. Area media outlets report that up to 1,000 people, including family, friends and a large contingent of law enforcement officers, came to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in the West Ashley section of Charleston for the funeral for 43-year-old Deputy Joseph Mataskovic.

The service, which was to begin about 10 a.m., ran about an hour late because of the size of the congregation. Then law officers and others participated in what city officials said was a miles-long procession to the cemetery where Mataskovic was to be buried.

Family believes 2-year-old's shooting death
was an accident, great-grandmother saysBy RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

DENMARK — "SpongeBob SquarePants" was 2-year-old Hayden Mayes' favorite cartoon. He loved "Scooby Doo," too.

The Denmark child, who adored SpongeBob, Patrick Star and Squidward, is no longer around to enjoy his shows. He died from a gunshot wound Saturday afternoon.

"It doesn't seem real because it doesn't seem like he's gone," said Judy Prophet, Hayden's great-grandmother. "It's like I'm just waiting on him to come home."

Barnegat County Coroner Billy Duncan confirmed the child, whose name is written in crayon

home, died of a gunshot wound. An autopsy was completed on the toddler Monday.

Authorities are still trying to determine what exactly happened to Mayes. The Denmark Police Department has turned the case over to the State Law Enforcement Division. The only certainty is that the 2-year-old was visiting a neighbor's residence a few yards from his home when he was shot.

Prophet said it was not uncommon for her great-grandson and other children to visit the neighbor's home.

The neighbor "wouldn't hurt a fly," she said. "He loved them, and they loved him."

According to the information they have, the family believes the shooting was a tragic accident. Prophet said it appears her great-grandson

moments.

"All of sudden, he said he heard a shot," she said. "He seen the blood and rushed him to his mom."

Behind a beautiful smile and bright eyes was an inquisitive child. Hayden was curious about everything and possibly found something he shouldn't have, Prophet said.

"You know how babies are. They find something, they want to pick it up," she said. "He was a good boy. He was such a sweet little boy."

Prophet said she spent many evenings with Hayden.

"We would play games. We would sit down, we would watch 'SpongeBob,' 'Shrek,' 'Scooby Doo,'

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