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Seniors bumped from services by SC agency's policy changes



Members of Sterling Seniors on the Go, a group that meets at the Sterling Community Center, participate in a trivia game before lunch recently. HEIDI HEILBRUNN/STAFF

State says steps were necessary

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Life seems good for Seniors on the Go, a group of young-at-heart folks who meet for activities and lunch five days a week at the Sterling Community Center. Laughter can be heard from the foyer as the 25 or so senior citizens guess the answers to riddles, tell funny stories about their marital relationships of years gone by and vote on the best R&B song of 1966. ("Ain't Too Proud to Beg," by the Temptations was the top choice.) But things aren't always as they seem. Transportation has been cut back in recent months, meaning

fewer shopping trips for the group and a more difficult time providing a ride for all those who want to come, says Peggy Baxter, a community activist who is also a member of the group.

At least one member, who is nearly blind, was dropped from the rolls because of state policy changes that went into effect early last year, she said, although the man was eventually allowed to return.

He was one of about 200 seniors across Greenville County who were bumped from programs offered by Senior Action, the agency that serves groups such as Seniors

on the Go under the jurisdiction of the state Office on Aging, according to Andrea Smith, executive director of Senior Action.

"For the first time, we had to sit across the table from a senior and say, 'I'm sorry you no longer can come here.' That was really hard," Smith said.

It was the same story across the state. Pickens County Seniors Unlimited, which had been having financial problems for years, went under, turning the program over to Meals on Wheels as of the first of this month.

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"A lot of that money is federal money and there are requirements and accountability that have to go along with it."

STATE SEN. THOMAS ALEXANDER, who chairs the Joint Committee on Aging

Graham: problem at border is humanitarian, not immigration

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Tens of thousands of people flocking to the U.S. border from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador have stirred anger into the boiling immigration debate, but U.S. Sen.

"This is a specific problem created by an impression that if you get to America, you can stay."

SEN. LINDSEY GRAHAM, on "Face the Nation"



A Yard House full of beers is heading to Greenville

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Yard House, a restaurant chain coming to Woodruff Road, plans to offer about 120 different beers on tap, more than any other establishment in Greenville, according to sources familiar with the local

the restaurant should have about 120 different beers on tap, he said.

That's more than Liberty Taproom & Grill, Mac's Speed Shop, Carolina Ale House or Barley's Taproom & Pizzeria, owners and employees of those businesses said.

Devorak said the final beer lineup at the Greenville Yard

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Charleston Airports Director Paul Campbell and deputy director John Connell talk about the new dome to be built over the atrium at Charleston International Airport.

BY WARREN WISE
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In the spring, water gushed through the ceiling at Charleston International Airport, flooding the United Airlines ticket office.

In January, construction workers uncovered asbestos as they ripped apart airport walls.

Over the past several months, changes to materials inside the new rental car pavilion and elsewhere have dipped into an \$11.2 million contingency fund set up as part of the nearly \$200 million overhaul of the aging airport terminal.

Scuff marks on the newly installed terrazzo flooring immediately after it was installed in the first section of the airport to be completed sent shivers through airport officials, since the material is set to be installed throughout the terminal to eliminate the clack-clack of luggage rolling over the floor.

Setbacks and unexpected expenses are all part of any major construction project, but solar work has been delayed just one month.



A new baggage belt has been installed in the underbelly of Charleston International Airport to support the third baggage carousel that was added.

Raker Inc. firm hired to oversee the massive makeover, recently said work is about 30 or so percent completed.

With about 15 months to go, Matt McCoy, program manager with the Michael Baker Corp., said the project is now set for completion in September 2015, unless another problem pops up.

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S.C. laws complicate DUI fight

Ex-CARTA chief's
case shows difficulty of
convicting someone

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South Carolina has one of the worst records for DUI deaths, but it's not always easy to convict drunken drivers in court.

The issue resurfaced recently when Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen said the difficulty of getting a DUI conviction in South Carolina was one of the reasons an officer charged an apparently intoxicated woman sitting behind the wheel of a car outside a downtown hotel with disorderly conduct instead of drunk driving.

Former CARTA Director Christine Wilkinson was charged with disorderly conduct instead of DUI because a video camera wasn't immediately available and the officer didn't see her driving, even though the officer said she smelled of alcohol, was slurring her speech and her eyes were bloodshot, Mullen said.

"Certainly there were witnesses there, but based on our history, knowing the



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Identifying unwed dads a problem in parts of S.C.

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Half of all babies delivered in South Carolina hospitals were born to unwed parents last year, the state estimates.

In some rural counties, the percentage was much higher. Four out of five infants delivered at McLeod Medical Center in Dillon and 75 percent of infants at Georgetown Memorial Hospital were born to a mother and father who weren't married.

In other parts of the state, the numbers were very small — only 1 percent at East Cooper Medical Center — the lowest in South Carolina.

But state leaders are less concerned with the percentage of babies born to unwed parents than they are with the percentage of unmarried dads who are willing to step up to the plate.

The state tracks the number of unmarried fathers who formally acknowledge paternity at the hospital — and data released by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control last week shows those percentages vary widely. For example, while East Cooper Medical Center delivered 210 babies last year whose parents were not married, only 76 of those unwed dads — about 36 percent — signed a paternity acknowledgment at the hospital.

Meanwhile, at Medical University Hospital, where 53 percent of all babies were born to unmarried parents last year, more than half of those

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Officials: Voter ID law working

BY SEANNA ADCON
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A spokesman for the state Election Commission said the lack of problems at the polls during last month's primaries shows South Carolina's voter ID law is work-

ing well. But critics said the effects are not yet known.

The June 10 primaries represented the first statewide test of the law since it was implemented last year.

"The numbers reflect what we haven't heard from voters," said agen-

cy spokesman Chris Whitmire. "We don't hear complaints about not being able to vote or being disenfranchised or general complaints about the new photo ID requirements."

He attributes that to the training of county election officials and voter education efforts.

Of the nearly 453,000 votes cast, 44 in at least 39 counties reporting were not counted because the voter didn't provide a valid photo ID. All of those were people who told poll workers they didn't bring their driver's license, or other acceptable photo ID, with them, then failed to present it later.

The law allows those who forget their photo ID to vote a provisional, or paper, ballot. It won't count, however, unless they show the ID at their county election office before officials certify results days later.

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Double Dutch coaches Joy Holman and Michael Peterson took 22 double Dutch girls teams from the Aiken and Columbia areas to a competition in Sumter last month. The coaches said all of the teams did really well.

Double Dutch domination Wagener girls compete at international level

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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The most unlikely game has united a group of Wagener girls who have used their electric slide and Cupid shuffle moves to gain local, state and international recognition.

The game is double Dutch, and Coach Joy Holman — the physical education teacher for Busbee Elementary and A.L. Corbett Middle — said the teams have pushed their game to a level that led them to compete against teams from all over the country and world in recent months.

Holman coaches several teams in the area and said the three teams from Wagener have shown amazing growth. The teams are the fourth graders, or Aiken 1; the fifth graders, who are Aiken 2; and the sixth graders, who are Aiken 3.

"They do line dancing in the ropes to help improve their techniques," Holman explained. "They've done the Cupid shuffle, the electric slide and other dances that have really helped their game."

The girls' success started back in April when they competed in a regional competition in Sumter. The three teams did so well they qualified for May's state competition in Charleston.

"They did really well in the state, and all of them placed either second or third in most of the events," Holman said.

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Above — A group of Wagener fifth graders competed along with several other local teams at a double Dutch world competition last month and received recognition from coaches, players and parents. Pictured, from left, are Zaria Daniel, NITavier Gilbert, Dajanik Brown and Salayah Walker.

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Right — Isani Brown, left, performs with her double Dutch teammates, Jordan Baker, who is balancing on her hands, Kaylin Hammonds, who is holding Jordan, and Tori Rhinehart.



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Aric Almirola and his Richard Petty Motorsports team won Sunday's rain-shortened NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Daytona, putting Petty's famed blue car back on top for the first time since 1999. **PAGE B1**

Rebel video

Iraq security agencies are working to verify the authenticity of a video that purportedly shows Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the elusive leader of the Sunni extremist group Islamic State. **PAGE A9**

Box office duds

The Fourth of July went off like a dud at the box office as the Michael Bay sequel "Transformers: Age of Extinction" and the Melissa McCarthy comedy "Tammy" led the weakest summer holiday weekend in at least a decade. **PAGE A2**

'Forgotten souls'

U.S. officials today will dedicate a memorial to thousands of people who came through the doors of Oregon's state mental hospital, died there and whose ashes were abandoned inside 3,500 copper urns. **PAGE A6**

Contraception cases

More than four dozen lawsuits from faith-affiliated organizations that oppose all or some contraception are likely to be resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court this fall. **PAGE A5**

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6 Jews arrested in teen's slaying

Palestinian boy abducted, burned alive; authorities cite 'nationalistic' motives

By JOSEF FEDERMAN
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel arrested six Jewish suspects Sunday in the grisly slaying of a Palestinian teenager who was abducted and burned alive last week — a crime that set off a wave of violent protests in Arab sections of the country.

Leaders of the Jewish state appealed for calm amid signs the death was revenge for the recent killings of three Israeli teenagers.

"We will not allow extremists, it doesn't matter from which side, to inflame the region and cause bloodshed," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a nationally

televised statement. "Murder is murder, incitement is incitement, and we will respond aggressively to both."

He promised to prosecute those responsible to the full extent of the law.

The region has been on edge since three Israeli teens — one of them a U.S. citizen — were kidnapped while hitchhiking in the West Bank last month. Last week, the teens' bodies were found in a West Bank field in a crime Israel blamed on the militant group

Hamas.

Just hours after the youths were buried, Mohammed Abu Khdeir, a 16-year-old Palestinian from east Jerusalem, was abducted near his home, and his charred remains were found shortly afterward in a Jerusalem forest. Preliminary autopsy results found he was still alive when he was set on fire.

Palestinians immediately accused Israeli extremists of killing the youth in revenge. And on

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Wofford junior's garden growing

Farmers market, women's group inspire Kloth

YOUNG FARMERS

About this series
This is the second
in a series of stories
profiling young farmers
in Spartanburg County.



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Zoe Kloth cleans squash, zucchini and cucumbers she harvested from Bobby Dunn's garden.

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Zoe Kloth remembers as a child, her grandmother selling homegrown flowers at the farmer's market.

Kloth's interest in plants and farming grew from there. She was fascinated by the 4-H exhibits at the county fair, and she joined Future



9 startups test mettle for digital accelerator

Iron Yard will give entrepreneurs \$20K and perks to grow

By TREVOR ANDERSON
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A new group of tech startups chosen for the Iron Yard's second digital health accelerator in Spartanburg officially will report for duty today.

The nine teams, whose entrepreneurial concepts were chosen from a pool of applicants, will spend 13 weeks developing their companies at the Greenville-based accelerator's 7,000-square-foot facility at 151 S. Daniel Morgan Ave. in Spartanburg.

Each team gets \$20,000 in seed funding and other perks in exchange for 6 percent equity in their company. They get amenities such as legal and financial advice, office space, and living space on site for companies who relocate from out of town.

"We're excited about this class for a lot of reasons," said Marty Bauer, managing director of the Iron Yard. "This is our fourth overall cohort and our second digital accelerator. We have grown a lot. Our companies are more advanced than they have been in the past. Most of them already have a product on the market, or are in the latter stages of development. ... The Iron Yard has continued to grow its good reputation, and we've been able to attract first-class mentors. ... We're really looking forward to it."

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From left, engaged couple Corree Wood Schurman and Brad Kay prepare to face each other in the Festival of Discovery's Kansas City Barbecue Society-sanctioned Festival of Discovery competition this week.

FESTIVAL OF DISCOVERY

Fiances to duel at barbecue contest

By KATE HRUBY
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Slinging smack talk back and forth across the Index-Journal conference room table, engaged couple Corree Wood Schurman and Brad Kay prepared to face off at the Kansas City Barbecue Society-sanctioned competition during the Festival of Discovery, which returns to Uptown Greenwood on Thursday and runs through Saturday.

Schurman, who cooks under the name "Rockin' in the Smoke," and Kay, who goes by "Lang BBQ Smokers," typically cook together, but decided to enter the competition separately so that each could cook all four of the meats in the competition: chicken, pork, ribs and brisket. When cooking together, Kay takes care of the chicken and pork, while Schurman focuses on the ribs and brisket.

"We split the categories which makes it easier on both of us," Schurman said. "It's much easier to cook together, because the window of time that you have to turn in each meat category is really rough for one person."

Kay concurred. "It's a lot of fun to cook together and it's a lot easier too," she said.

In spite of the facility that coupling allows in competition cooking, Kay said deciding to compete against each other at the festival was an attempt to switch up the normal categories.

"She won't let me do ribs or brisket, so this is my rebelliousness coming out," Kay said.

Schurman, on the other hand, said consistently cooking the same categories well gives them an upper hand in competitions.

"He's an excellent pork cook, and he's an excellent chicken



together, when we haven't cut each other," Kay said. "We're both very controlling cooks."

After numerous discussions in which Kay suggested switching up the categories, he finally decided to square off against Schurman on his own turf — Kay is a native of Greenwood, while Schurman hails from Oregon.

Schurman was nonplussed when faced with the challenge.

"I said 'well good luck with that, buddy, because all your friends say I'm going to beat you,'" Schurman said.

Schurman moved to Greenwood last year, after meeting Kay on the set of the TV show "BBQ Pitmasters" in Osage City, Kan., where both were competing. This weekend will mark her first time competing in the Festival of Discovery's competition.

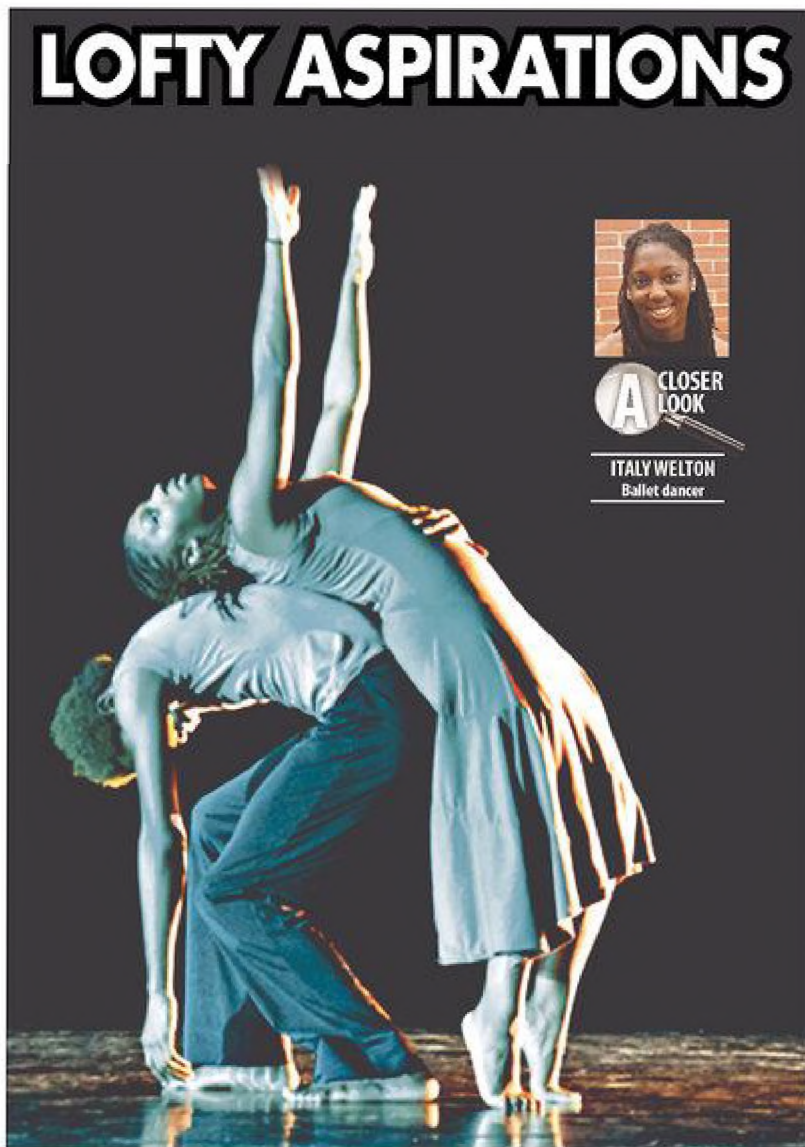
The couple have competed against each other twice before, once in Florida and Georgia.

Kay beat Schurman in Florida, while Schurman prevailed in Georgia.

"She did inch me out in Calhoun, Georgia, she did, so that's props to her," Kay said. "I was very proud of her."

Schurman is currently the club manager at Grand Harbor Gold Club, while Kay works at Professional Automotive.

Though each work day jobs, they hope to open a restaurant or catering company one day to pursue their passion, cooking barbecue. full.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Italy Welton's senior thesis concert at Coker College highlighted extended choreographic works and a senior duet.

Welton training for professional ballet career

By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY
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Italy Welton started taking dance lessons at age 3.

Her years of diligence and training have paid off. She is spending this summer with the American Dance Festival at Duke University. Then, she is headed to the Joffrey Ballet School in New York to train for a year, with aspirations of auditioning for a professional dance company down the road.

Both opportunities came after audition processes, Welton said.

It was not until the age of 15 that Welton began ballet, at the former Uptown Dance Studio in Greenwood.

While there, Welton said she also studied modern dance, jazz and tap.

"I started ballet training late, but I've worked really hard to be where I am now," Welton said, noting the physical challenge of ballet is part of what attracted her to it.

Laura Husser Davis, who was director of the former Uptown Dance Studio and now lives in Rock Hill where she is ballet instructor at Revolution Dance Co., said she watched Welton grow as a dancer in the two years she taught her.



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when picking up choreography, taking corrections and wanting to grow as a dancer."

Sheri Brewington, dance instructor for the ACTS magnet program at Brewer Middle School in Greenwood, said she had high hopes for Welton.

of an artist-in-residency with my students. She did that two years running and my students totally enjoyed it. When I had her as a student, she wanted to be exposed to all things dance. If I had videos or books, she would ask to



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Tourism site gets \$500,000 upgrade

BY BRUCE SMITH
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Just in time for the summer season, South Carolina, which launched one of the nation's first state tourism websites two decades ago, has given its site a \$500,000 overhaul.

The new site is more interactive — suggesting activities based on visitor responses, allowing visitors to build their own vacation itineraries — and can be translated into 80 languages.

The site, which went online last month at the same address of <http://discoversouthcarolina.com>, helps the Department of

Parks, Recreation and Tourism draw travelers to South Carolina, where tourism is an \$18 billion-per-year industry.

"The website is our primary means of engaging with the consumer," department director Duane Parrish said. "Their expectations for quicker searches and more relevant information

have grown exponentially."

Department spokesman Marion Edmonds said South Carolina was one of the first states in the nation to launch a tourism website in the 1990s. That was a time when sites were static and not a whole lot more than the contents of a tourism brochure put online.

"Traditionally, the individual had to work their way through the pages and try to figure out exactly what they wanted," he said, adding that it wasn't much different from thumbing through a paper brochure.

The revamped site is more like

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Events

McLeod Farmers Roadside Market: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., daily at McLeod Farm located at 29247 Highway 151 South in McBee. Shop their selection of hand-picked, fresh fruits and vegetables. Enjoy a steamy cup of cider or coffee with some of their fresh bakery treats or some old-fashioned, slow-churned ice-cream. They also have a unique collection of gift items. For more information, call 843-335-8611.

Pee Dee State Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday at 2513 W. Lucas St. in Florence. The market features fresh local produce and products. For more information, call 843-666-5154.

Summer Studios: Summer program for children and teens at the new Florence Museum kicked off the third week in June. Each week-long session begins Monday, focusing on a specific theme, and ends each Friday with a reception and exhibit of student work. The cost per weekly session is \$125 for students (\$100 for museum members). There are seven classes being offered this summer. To sign up your child, download, fill out and mail in the PDF application found at: www.florencemuseum.org/education/summer-studios. Space per session is limited to 15 students per age group.

Farmers market in downtown Florence: 3 to 7 p.m., each Wednesday in the breezeway on the 100 block of West Evans Street and public parking lot nearby. Market features an array of local produce and products. Patrons can peruse through a variety of items, including locally grown produce, various meats, cheeses and dairy products, artisan craft items and more. Brandon Goff will be performing this week. Vendors will be accepting EBT. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page by searching "Downtown Farmers Market." Information is expected to be placed on the city's website. www.cityofflorence.com.

Picnic Dance: The Palmetto Ballroom Dance Club will host a Picnic dance beginning at 7 p.m. Friday. The dance will be held at the Leatherman Center at 600 Senior Way in Florence. Music



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Local artist Frank Cooper started painting 20 years ago as an outlet during life's challenges. He has now completed nearly 130 paintings.



Thirteen of Frank Cooper's paintings are displayed at Thieves Market in Florence.

Painting his pain away

When life got him down, Frank Cooper picked up a brush; 20 years later, his 'God-given' talents continue to inspire him

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY
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FLORENCE — Timmonsville's Frank Sylvester Cooper is an untraditional Christian minister.

Instead of preaching on Sundays at a local church, he shares the inspiration of Jesus Christ through art. Art is his ministry.

Twenty years ago, Cooper began painting with no formal art training, a talent that he says is God-given. It just took life's trials and

tribulations for him to realize this talent.

In 1994, Cooper was living in West Palm Beach, Florida, when his mother died. During that time, he also was experiencing problems in his marriage and battling cancer. Doctors had lost hope.

"Painting was an outlet for me," Cooper said. "It was an inspirational way out."

Cooper said he would paint for encouragement while he was in the midst of his problems.

"I didn't know I had the gift to do this, and I didn't go to school for it," Cooper said. "But I just picked up a paintbrush and started painting."

While in Florida, Cooper said, there were people who wanted to invest in him and his talent, but his poor mindset caused him to reject the offers.

"There's a lady in West Palm Beach who asked to give me a studio and everything I needed,"

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Collector loves his simple Volkswagen Beetle



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One-time Bowman mayor candidate Jody Pendarvis came up with the idea to build his UFO Welcome Center back in 1995. The structure has become an unofficial landmark in the town. News outlets around the world have featured it.

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100 OBJECTS IN 100 DAYS

UFO Welcome Center awaits extraterrestrials

T&D Staff Report

When the aliens finally land to stretch their legs, they're going to find a place ready for them in Bowman — the UFO Welcome Center.

The two-story structure, located just off Charleston Highway, is a silver-painted design based on the "flying saucers" of the 1950s.

The structure, about 16 feet tall and 30 feet in diameter, is built of lumber held together with wood screws and bolts so that it will weather hurricanes and tornadoes.

The UFO Welcome Center has, in many ways, become an unofficial landmark for the town of Bowman.

One-time Bowman mayor candidate Jody Pendarvis decided to build the UFO in 1995 after coming across lumber that was left over after his grandmother's store was torn down to make room for a BP gas station.

About eight tons of plywood and boards went into the project. At first, it was going to be Jody's UFO #1, but the postmaster suggested Pendarvis name it the UFO Welcome Center.

Pendarvis has said the design of the Bowman UFO is inspired. "I've never seen a UFO built, but I like to mow my grass in circles," he said.

The UFO has all the amenities of a terrestrial home: a small kitchen; a "radio" (a microwave); a satellite system; a VCR and a radio.

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Elzey earned \$50,000 with evaluation

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Writer

South Carolina State University President Thomas Elzey's satisfactory evaluation from trustees earned him a \$50,000 bonus for his work.

Elzey's contract states that, "you are entitled to an annual contribution to a qualified annuity or other deferred compensation plan ... contingent upon a satisfactory performance evaluation as determined by the board." It's to be paid no later than June 30.

Trustees gave him a satisfactory evaluation for his past year's performance by a vote of 8-1 last month. Vice President for External Affairs and Communications Sonja Bennett says that the Advancement Foundation is the source of the funds. But she said she couldn't confirm whether the payment has been made.

Trustee Tony Grant, who cast the only dissenting vote to Elzey's evaluation, said that when the board approved Elzey's performance review, it also approved paying him the \$50,000 bonus.

"He did get satisfactory, so it was supposed to happen," Grant said. "But I don't know if it's been paid. I don't know where it's coming from because we don't have no money."

Trustees have not yet approved a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, but are considering closing Felton Laboratory School and making other cuts.

Bob Walldrop, whose term as trustee ended on June 30, voted to give Elzey a satisfactory rating. He noted the bonus "was not in our budget."

According to Walldrop, the bonus did not come up in discussions about the evaluation.

The board was divided over the issue, and some members really wanted to give him an unsatisfactory rating, Walldrop said. No one seemed to be thinking about the money.

Walldrop said he knew the bonus was in the contract, but "it wasn't on my mind. It was on my mind to keep our president."

Grant said he doesn't think Elzey has earned the extra money.

"I think we've got more

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S.C. STATE PRESIDENT'S COMPENSATION

■ The recent "satisfactory" rating on the evaluation of President Thomas Elzey's first-year performance triggered an automatic \$50,000 bonus. The money comes from the S.C. State Advancement Foundation.

■ Elzey's contract, dated May 22, 2013, gives him a base annual salary of \$170,000 to be paid by the university.

■ The contract states he is to get an additional \$110,000 annually from the S.C. State Advancement Foundation, an amount since increased by the foundation to \$132,000.

■ At least \$110,000 of Elzey's compensation through the Advancement Foundation is from an anonymous donor, with the foundation refusing requests by the board of trustees and The Times and Democrat to identify the donor, saying the president himself does not know the source of the money.

■ The payment package also includes a \$25,000 annual housing allowance and \$1,593 for country club membership dues.

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