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**SPECIAL TO THE T&D**  
The Dantzer Plantation, which was built in the early 1800s, may have survived the Civil War because of the Masonic emblem on the front door — or perhaps because both Confederate and Union soldiers received treatment in the makeshift operating rooms upstairs.

## Civil War wounded from both sides treated at home

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN  
T&D Staff Writer

The Dantzer Plantation, located along Vance Road in the Providence Community, survived the ravages of the Civil War to continue serving the Dantzer family to the present day.

A portion of the home was built in the 1820s, but most of it was built and completed in the mid-1840s. The sixth generation of Dantzers now lives there.

Dr. Lewis Dantzer, who built the home, served as a community physician.

During the Civil War, Dantzer used his home to treat wounded soldiers — both Confederate and Union — with an upstairs area serving as operating rooms.

One theory states that Union soldiers may have spared the home from destruction because Dantzer opened his home to treat the wounded of both the North and South armies.

According to folklore, the home might have also been spared because of the Masons.

Yankee soldiers saw a large Masonic emblem painted on the front door. Upon seeing the emblem, troops decided to let the home stand, according to a document by Dantzer's late granddaughter, Ruth Dantzer Wolfe.

In 2006, the Dantzer Plantation was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

According to its application for the register, the Dantzer Plantation, a two-story raised cottage of frame construction, is known for its Greek Revival architecture.

The structure's interior double chimneys and two rear exterior chimneys were built with soft bricks that were made on the property. The same type of bricks were used to build the house's foundation.

In the 1930s, the Dantzer Plantation operated as a boarding house and went by the name "Sunny Side."

Dantzer Plantation is now the residence of Mike and Dee Dee Kullenberg.



## County to expand water park

YMCA also will manage new Orangeburg County aquatic park at Santee

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN  
T&D Staff Writer

Orangeburg County Council took a step Monday toward expanding Orangeburg's water park. It also approved an agreement allowing the YMCA to run the new Santee water park.

Council approved the purchase of about one acre of land adjacent to the Orangeburg Aquatic Park on St. Matthews Road.

Once the county purchases the land, the county can pursue the aquatic park's master plan of adding outdoor lap pools and expanding the lazy river, Orangeburg County Administrator Harold

Young explained.

In addition, council approved paying the YMCA \$300,000 a year to manage the water park under construction in Santee on Bass Drive. That cost includes utilities, training and certification of employees and general day-to-day operations of the water park.

Young said concessions and insurance rates are not included in the \$300,000. Terms of the agreement may be adjusted.

User fees are expected to cover the cost of the contract.

Young explained that budgeting is "based on projected uses of the water park, the number of visits in the first

year" and the fees collected from those visits.

Concerning the use of Santee's water park, there will likely be "an uptick in the first two years, then level off," he said.

The four-year agreement includes an option for renewal, Young said.

The Santee water park is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend 2015 and the adjacent ball fields, which are not included in the YMCA agreement, are slated for completion in spring 2015.

In other business:

■ Cox Industries received the offi-

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## REMEMBERING GOV. JAMES B. EDWARDS



The coffin of former Gov. Jim Edwards is carried through St. Philip's Church in Charleston during his memorial service on Monday that drew a host of dignitaries, including at least three former governors, leaders from the medical community and friends from decades back.

## S.C. oral surgeon also served in Reagan cabinet, led MUSC



The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Former Gov. James Edwards ran South Carolina for four years. But at





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MYKAL MCELDOONEY/STAFF

Sen. Karl Allen on Monday said he is working closely with the police to build better relationships.

## Autistic man will not be charged

SLED investigating after man was tased, arrested

By Liv Osby

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The Greenville Police Department said it will work to drop charges against an autistic African-American man they tased and arrested on Christmas Eve, saying he wasn't competent to understand their commands to stop as they were investigating a report of gunshots.



**"They stopped him because he was in the vicinity of gunfire ... to check him out to see if he is possibly the shooter."**

**KEN MILLER,**  
Police chief

Community leaders, meanwhile, called for calm as investigations into the incident continue in an effort to avoid any violence like that which broke out during protests in Ferguson, Missouri, in recent months.

The Christmas Eve incident occurred at 11:51 p.m. after police received a report of four gunshots fired in the vicinity of Sullivan and Burns streets, Greenville. Police Chief Ken Miller said at a press conference Monday.

Two officers in the area heard the sounds, responded, and saw a man later identified as Tario Anderson, he said. When they directed spotlights on him, he acted suspiciously, ducking his head and walking in the opposite direction with his hands in his pockets, he said.

When the officers got out of their car and asked him to stop, he ran, Miller said. They chased him on foot and told him three times to stop or he would be tased.

## DRIVER FACING DUI CHARGE

Crash that killed Simpsonville man still under investigation

BY DAVID DYKES DDYKES@GREENVILLENEWS.COM

**A** 23-year-old Mauldin woman was charged with felony DUI in the deadly SUV wreck that occurred as a state trooper pursued another vehicle in Greenville County, but questions remained Monday about how the SUV, which wasn't being pursued, collided with the trooper's patrol car. // In addition to felony DUI with great bodily injury, Lauren E. Rowe was charged with failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, according to court documents. // It wasn't known if Rowe had an attorney. // Rowe was driving and Taylor Heathman Miller was a passenger when the accident occurred at State 291 and Rutherford Road about 12:10 a.m. Friday, authorities said.



Miller, 22, of Simpsonville, died of his injuries 17 hours later.

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office accident reconstruction team was investigating as required by state law, a sheriff's spokesman said.

"This is still an active investigation," Master Deputy Jonathan Smith said.

Sheriff's officials referred questions about the pursuit to the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Patrol officials couldn't be reached for comment Monday to determine the route the pursuit took, the speeds involved and whether the pursuing trooper lost



Lauren Rowe

video and other records related to the pursuit and crash.

A vehicle pursuit is justified for troopers "only when the necessity of the apprehension of a suspect outweighs the risks created by the pursuit," according to the DPS vehicle- and foot-pursuit policy obtained by The News on Monday.

A decision rests with the primary pursuit officer, according to the policy.

That officer also evaluates and determines whether to continue a

ANNA LEE/STAFF  
Hundreds gathered Sunday at Texas Roadhouse, above, to remember Taylor Miller, who was killed in a collision involving a state trooper.

tions before initiating a pursuit, including the seriousness of the offense leading to the pursuit and weather and road conditions.

The officer also must consider the presence of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and any passengers in the fleeing vehicle, the policy says.

It calls for the officer immedi-



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## Authorities think DeWitt arrest will stand

Prosecutor, magistrate say coroner's role in Berkeley sheriff's DUI case would be technical



Berkeley County Sheriff Wayne DeWitt

### Poll

Should the county coroner be the next in line to take over if a county sheriff gets indicted? Go to [postandcourier.com/polls](http://postandcourier.com/polls) to vote.

BY ANDREW KNAPP  
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A 175-year-old state law with Medieval roots should not foil the weekend arrest of Berkeley County Sheriff Wayne DeWitt just because a coroner didn't serve him with court paperwork, the area's top prosecutor and the magistrate who raised the issue said Monday.

Their comments came as DeWitt re-

mained silent about his future in the post he has held for 20 years and as Gov. Nikki Haley said she would act to suspend him only if he's indicted by a grand jury.

A state trooper jailed DeWitt, 63, on two tickets for driving under the influence and leaving the scene of a crash with personal injury after a wreck early Sunday near Goose Creek.

Magistrate James Polk first challenged the legality of how DeWitt was

jailed by mentioning during a bond hearing the law stating that county coroners must serve documents on a sheriff involved in legal proceedings in the county where he serves.

But to 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson, who prosecutes cases in Charleston and Berkeley counties, the law applies only to technical aspects of serving warrants and summonses.

Wilson said she wouldn't decide on how to proceed with DeWitt's case

until speaking with the victim and investigators.

"In my view, the statute does not affect an arrest," she said. "Even if it did ... the issue is easily cured by the coroner serving the warrants at a later date."

Polk disagreed but said his only reason for pointing out the law was to ensure that DeWitt's attorney didn't

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## 'Renaissance man'

Former Gov. Jim Edwards remembered as a man of many talents who led with humor and kindness



GRACE BEAHM/STAFF

Former Gov. Jim Edwards was remembered Monday at St. Philip's Church in Charleston. Edwards, who was governor from 1975 to 1979, died Friday following a period of declining health.

BY SCHUYLER KROPP  
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Jim Edwards was remembered for his humor, humanity and humility during his Charleston funeral service Monday attended by three former governors, leaders from the medical community and friends from decades back.

Son-in-law Ken Wingate delivered the eulogy, calling the former South Carolina governor "a Renaissance man" with a bevy of hidden talents, from planting successful crops, guiding a ship, building his own furniture and ready to duel in the boardroom when he had to.

"Jim accomplished more in a lifetime than any other 10 people combined," Wingate said inside St. Philip's Church.

One of the lighter stories Wingate related was when Edwards and his eventual wife of 63 years, the former Ann Norris Darlington, became an item. As the family joke went, "Ann could do better than that little boy from Rifle Range Road."

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LEON BURNELL/STAFF

A motorcade leads the procession Monday toward St. Philip's Church for the funeral service of former Gov. Jim Edwards.



### Online

For more photos and a video from the funeral, go to [postandcourier.com/multi-media](http://postandcourier.com/multi-media).

## Former bomb suspect files suit

Says Trident Tech case mishandled

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When they arrested William Gregory McGrath two Decembers ago, Charleston-area authorities mentioned him in the same breath as Timothy McVeigh, the man who blew up the Oklahoma City federal building a decade earlier.

Local investigators and federal terrorism agents had collaborated to put McGrath behind bars on a charge of planting a destructive device — a crude mix of shrapnel and an ignition source — at Trident Technical College in 2012. The FBI added his name to its Terrorist Watchlist.

They announced their finding during a news conference.

But McGrath insisted then that he didn't understand the accusation, and two years later, after prosecutors dropped the charge, he has claimed in court filings that investigators ignored signs that someone might have tried to frame him or his estranged wife and that they failed to pursue a more likely suspect: a woman bent on revenge against his wife for testifying against her in a Florida criminal case.

The 37-year-old former Trident Tech student has alleged a series of mistakes in a lawsuit against Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon and other law enforcement officials. They include detectives eager to wrap up the probe before that Christmas, a deputy with a personal grudge against the suspect and a misinterpretation of McGrath's \$10 worth of fireworks as a sign of his aspirations of mass destruction.

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McGrath

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### SPORTS

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## Search area expanded in hunt for AirAsia plane

BY TRISNADI MARIAN  
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Associated Press

SURABAYA, INDONESIA — More planes will be in the air and more ships on the sea Tuesday hunting for AirAsia Flight 8501 in a widening search off Indonesia that has dragged into a third day without any solid leads.

At least 30 ships, 15 aircraft and seven helicopters were looking for the



### Online

For an interactive look at the search for AirAsia Flight 8501 that went missing during a flight from Surabaya, Indonesia to Singapore, go to [postandcourier.com/indonesia-plane](http://postandcourier.com/indonesia-plane).

jet carrying 162 people, said Indonesian Search and Rescue Agency chief Henry Bambang Soelistyo. Most of the craft were Indonesian but Singapore, Malaysia and Australia contributed to the effort. Aircraft from Thailand

planned to join Tuesday's search.

He said the search area would be expanded to land areas, with four military helicopters dispatched just after sunrise near Pangkalan Bun on the western part of Borneo island

and to smaller islands of Bangka and Belitung.

"Until now, we have not yet found any signal or indication of the plane's whereabouts," Soelistyo told The Associated Press, adding fishermen from Belitung island were also helping.

The U.S. Navy is also joining the search. It said in a statement that the USS Sampson, a destroyer, which was

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## Tigers win 10th

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## TOP 10 LOCAL STORIES OF THE YEAR

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## NRC: Yucca needs land

Report: DOE has yet to buy property for repository

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The latest volume of a Yucca Mountain report states that the U.S. Department of Energy has not yet purchased the property where the repository could potentially sit, while DOE officials maintain that Yucca is not a "workable solution."

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, or NRC, published Volume 4 of its safety evaluation report on the proposed underground geologic nuclear waste repository.

Volume 3 was released Oct. 16 and stated that the site was a safe location for nuclear waste storage — an announcement that local officials believe could get the ball rolling in relocating waste stored at the Savannah River Site.

On Dec. 18, Volume 4 of the report was released and stated that most administrative and programmatic requirements in NRC regulations are met, except for certain requirements relating to ownership of land and water rights. The land and surrounding area are under the control of several federal agencies — DOE, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Defense.

"Specifically, DOE has not acquired ownership or jurisdiction over the land where the geologic repository operations area would be located, and the land is not free of significant encumbrances such as mining rights, deeds, rights-of-way or other legal rights," NRC officials wrote. "DOE also has not acquired water rights it determined are needed to accomplish the purpose of the geologic repository operations area."

Yucca Mountain, a volcanic structure near the former Nevada Test Site, about 100 miles from Las Vegas, has been heavily debated since 1994 when the Department of Energy began drilling a 5-mile tunnel through the mountain.

## Woodside reimbursement, Spangler, fraud, guilty plea begin countdown

STAFF REPORTS

**Editor's note:** Following is the first part of the *Aiken Standard's* Top 10 stories of the year, as chosen by the editors. Stories 10 through 6 are below, and stories 5 through 1 will be in the Wednesday, Dec. 31, edition.

### 10. Woodside reimbursement

Overwhelming frustration as to who should be responsible for picking up the tab after February's ice storm in the private, gated neighborhood of Woodside Plantation came to a stop in October when Aiken City Council voted 4-3 to deny the community reimbursement for its own pick-up costs.

After February's ice storm took down hundreds of trees and cut power to thousands of residents, Aiken residents poured out of their homes to pick up fallen tree branches and remove debris from their driveways. City crews and volunteers also worked around the clock to clear the roads for emergency purposes.

The Woodside Plantation Property Owners Association contended the City should reimburse them for clearing ice storm debris off three of the neighborhood's streets, based on the information they were given at the time. Woodside did submit an application for federal reimbursement, but was denied based on its classification as a private, gated community.

Woodside hired Cold Creek Nurseries and Weiss Tree Service, of Nevada, Iowa, for about \$300,000 to clean up leakers and hangers along Woodside's street rights-of-way, the common areas and the main access roads, despite the assertion from City officials that City crews and its

### Aiken Standard's year-end coverage

**Sunday:** *Aiken Standard* Person of the Year  
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AIKENSTANDARD FILE PHOTOS

The *Aiken Standard's* Top 10 local stories of the year begins with a look at numbers 10 through 6.

- **Pictured, top left:** Aiken resident Beth Spangler competed on NBC's "The Voice," claiming the No. 9 spot on our list.
- **Top right:** The man who killed Master Cpl. Sandy Rogers nearly three years ago pleaded guilty. Joshua T. Jones, 29, pleaded guilty but mentally ill to the murder in February, making it our No. 7 story of the year.
- **Top lower right:** Tim Coakley, the director of the City of Aiken's Public Services Department, tells City Council that City crews and hired contractors from Greenville were in Woodside Plantation clearing ice storm debris until the end of March. The debate over Woodside Plantation reimbursement for ice storm cleanup is the No. 10 story of the year.

mutual-aid partner, the City of Greenville, also worked to pick up ice storm debris.

Like the neighborhood, Woodside's streets also are considered private, even though the neighborhood is within the City of Aiken, which allows the City to have access to pick up garbage and collect yard waste in the area.

Initially, Woodside asked the City to reimburse it at about \$300,000, and Councilman Reggie Ebner, who lives in Woodside, came back with a motion to reimburse Woodside at about \$105,000 for costs incurred. Both of those amounts were denied by Council majority, and Council agreed to create a plan regarding the issue.

### 9. Beth Spangler on 'The Voice'

Ever since Beth Spangler's run on NBC's "The Voice" singing competi-

tion show ended, she's been busy recording new songs and performing at events, including Aiken's debut Christ Fest on Dec. 4.

Spangler, of Aiken, did her first "Voice" audition last December and stayed on board until July, when she finally faced the four judges: Gwen Stefani, Pharrell Williams, Blake Shelton and Adam Levine.

The auditions started airing Sept. 22, and audiences didn't see Spangler's first appearance until early October.

Those who tuned in saw Spangler belt out Beyoncé's "Best Thing I Never Had" for her blind audition and then saw all four judges eagerly turn around.

Though all four judges tried to sway Spangler onto their teams, Spangler chose Team Levine where she stayed until she competed against teammate Mia Pierrman during the battle rounds.

Both singers sang Christina Aguilera's "I Turn to You," but Levine chose Pierrman to stay on his team.

Stefani then "stole" Spangler, keeping her in the game until early November's knockout round.

During the knockout round, Spangler, who sang Jolo's "Too Little Too Late," competed against teammate Ryan Sill, who sang Ne-Yo's "Miss Independent."

Stefani chose Sill over Spangler, knocking her out of the competition.

Spangler thanked the judges for the opportunity and said to the *Aiken Standard* that she was "prepared to stay or go home."

This Halloween, East Aiken School of Arts student Kayley Barnhill, 9, dressed up like Spangler, wearing the same red dress Spangler wore in her "Like a Bird" video, which Spangler gave Barnhill, and Spangler visited young fans, family friends and a former teacher at Chukker Creek Elementary School.

She also donated part of the proceeds of downloads for her "Like a Bird" single to Children's Place Inc.

"The Voice" ended Dec. 16, with Team Shelton member Craig Wayne Boyd as the winner.

### 8. Jay Brooks

Compass Academy co-founder Jonathan Warren "Jay" Brooks pleaded guilty in September to three counts of securities fraud and two counts of forgery.

A judge sentenced him to a combined 15 years in prison, with three 10-year sentences each suspended to five years probation, and he also must pay restitution to about 70 victims.

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Brooks

### AREA DEATHS

Brad Nappier, Graniteville

## Reforms tied to keeping economy steady



**FAMILY FUN**  
Jackson Hole, Wyo., trying to attract more than pros to slopes. **B1**

**MISSING PLANE:** AirAsia jetliner likely 'at the bottom of the sea.' **D1**  
**APPLE CLASSIC:** Walhalla boys advance in tournament. **C2**

## Schools' sex case lawsuit headed to mediation

Former student molested by teacher suing district

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE  
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — An attempt will be made early next year to mediate a settlement of a lawsuit brought against the School District of Oconee County by a former student who was sexually molested by a teacher.

The case is headed for alternative dispute resolution (ADR) that will begin March 15, according to a notice filed earlier this month at the Oconee County Courthouse.

Richard Gardner III, who taught at Walhalla Middle School and was

a wrestling coach at Walhalla High School from 1995 to 2006, was sentenced in the summer of 2013 to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to multiple sex charges.

Other defendants named in the lawsuit are Gardner, retired Walhalla Middle School principal Dianne England and Buddy Herring, who was formerly school superintendent and currently sits on the school board.

**Gardner**

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## Fireworks vendors expect brisk sales

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Fireworks vendors are optimistic an improving economy, lower gas prices and clear weather in the forecast on New Year's Eve will motivate revelers to clear them out of their inventory before the clock strikes midnight.

Mike Hamby has been setting up a fireworks stand for eight years on the edge of the parking lot of Ingles in Seneca.

"The economy's in a little better shape (and) gas prices are down, so

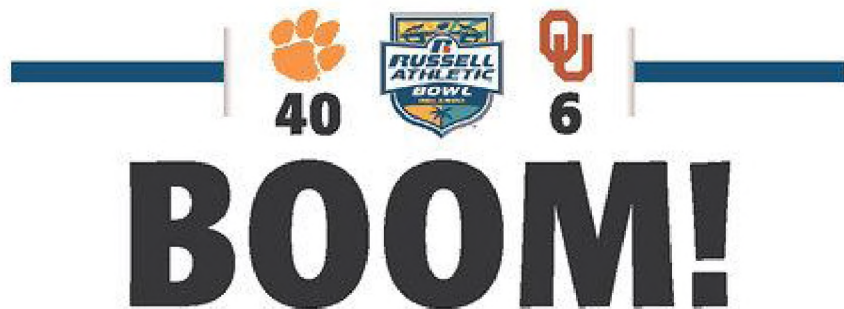
we're looking forward to good sales," Hamby said Monday.

The price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline was at \$1.99 Monday at the Ingles gas station.

Hamby said he expected sales to pick up today and through the run-up to midnight Wednesday.

"People are a little spent out after Christmas, so it has been a little slow, but the next two days are our big days," he said. "We've always done well here, even during the bad years when the econo-

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Stoudt, Tigers trounce Sooners to earn 10th win



Oklahoma's Ogbonnia Okoronkwo walks off the field as Clemson quarterback Cole Stoudt and receiver Mike Williams celebrate a second-quarter touchdown during Monday night's Russell Athletic Bowl in Orlando, Fla. Maligned for much of his senior campaign, Stoudt earned MVP honors for the Tigers in their 40-6 win over the Sooners. To read more, turn to page C1.

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## Grief 'part of the job' for responders

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — A year ago this week, emergency officials responded to a wreck that killed two preschool-aged sisters in the early morning hours of New Year's Day. The mother of the girls, Melissa Patton, 32,

of Utica Baptist Church on Wells Highway and remembers having to see the children being covered with blankets.

"One of the things that bothered me about that wreck was that baby laying there with a sheet over (her)," Haney said. "Babies aren't supposed to lay there. That was

ever been on."

"It hit me," he said. "We were expecting a baby at the time, but coming back and sitting down and talking with (other first responders) that experienced the same thing — so I wasn't alone by any means — and being around them was the best way to deal with it."

**'During the call, we know we have a job to do (and) we do it. We really don't think about it there, but as everything starts**





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## Terror on ferry

There were no fire alarms at first, no knocks on the door from the crew, just thick, acrid smoke filling cabins and waking passengers on the overnight ferry from Greece to Italy. **PAGE A3**

## Wedding surprise

A couple getting married near President Barack Obama's vacation spot in Hawaii had to relocate the ceremony but were surprised by a phone call from Obama apologizing for the inconvenience. **PAGE A3**

## Alerts for victims

Jail officials in Spartanburg County are pointing crime victims to a system that allows them to receive automated calls, emails and text alerts when a suspect is released from custody. **PAGE C1**

## Bishop charged

An Episcopal bishop who was the driver in a hit-and-run crash that killed a bicyclist in Baltimore was charged four years ago with drunken driving and marijuana possession, court documents show. **PAGE A3**

## Bright spot

The United States is back, and ready to drive global growth in 2015. After long struggling to claw its way out of the Great Recession, the world's biggest economy is on an extended win streak that is edging it closer to full health. But the new year doesn't look quite so bright in other major countries. **PAGE A4**

Weather

# More nations join hunt for jet

Search for missing plane to be expanded to land

By **TRISHADI MARJAN** and **MARGIE MASON**  
The Associated Press

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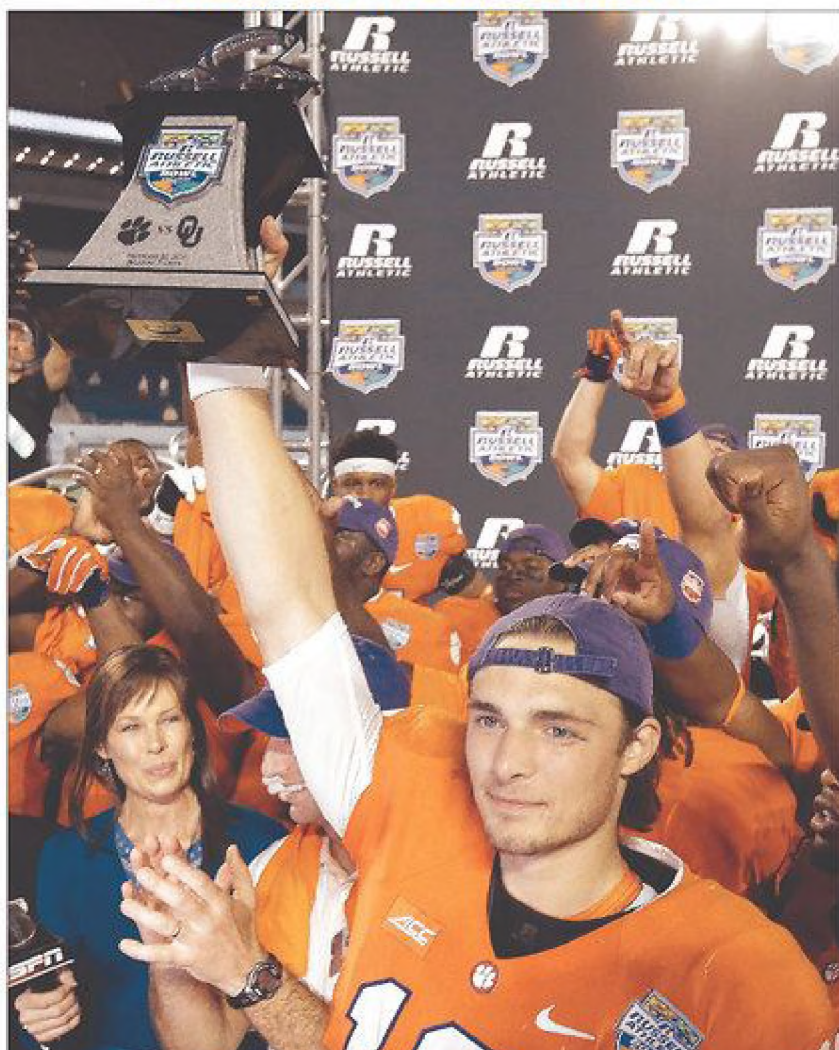
The U.S. Navy said in a statement that the USS Sampson, a destroyer, which was

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**DITA ALANGKARA / AP**  
An Indonesian Air Force crew scans the horizon during a search operation over the Karimata Strait for the missing AirAsia jet.

## CLEMSON 40, OKLAHOMA 6



FORMER SC GOVERNOR

# Edwards eulogized as skilled leader

The Associated Press

**CHARLESTON** — Former Gov. James Edwards ran South Carolina for four years. But at his funeral Monday, his son-in-law Ken Wingate said he should be remembered for far more than that.

His flag-draped coffin was a reminder that he joined the military in 1944 at age 17 to fight in World War II. He was an oral surgeon. He grew crops, piloted ships, negotiated business deals in boardrooms, was President Ronald Reagan's energy secretary and served as president of the Medical University of South Carolina for 17 years. He also was the first Republican elected governor in South Carolina since Reconstruction, serving from 1975 to 1979.

But Edwards also lived his life with humor, humanity and humility — all traits he showed when he joked that all the things he did in his life just pointed out he couldn't keep a job, Wingate said.

"He was always colloquial," Wingate said. "He was always the statesman."

Edwards died Friday. Wingate said his father-in-law was slowed in 2013 by a stroke, but he still entertained company and went to



Edwards



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Nancy Cook, Meghan Thalman and Betsy Cain search through the clearance shoes at Simpson Hardware on Wesmark Boulevard on Saturday.

## Post-Christmas customers flow into local businesses

Several local businesses saw a steady stream of foot traffic after Christmas. "We've been pretty busy," said Kathy Ickes, owner of Creative Cookery. "People like those after-Christmas sales, which is good. We have 50 percent off all Christmas merchandise."

Other items are also on sale, perfect for last minute gifts or presents for that person you forgot, she said. Or perhaps you are shopping for yourself now.

"Maybe it's just something you've been looking at and now, 'Oh, it's on sale,'" Ickes said. "It's a nice little added bonus this time of year."

Cookware and glassware have been popular, as have food items.

"We always sell a lot of food at Christmas," Ickes said. "It's a great gift for someone when you don't know what to give."

Simply Shabby Chic was selling a lot of clothing and jewelry along with some home décor.

"Everything is good, and we've had a good influx of people all during the season," said the shop's Jeanie McConnell. "We are having a Christmas sale of 25 percent off Christmas items,



15 percent off apparel and 10 percent on accessories."

While she had seen no returns so far this year, Simpson Hardware off

Wesmark Boulevard was seeing a lot of them.

"My kind of yearly joke is we sell everything in the store, and then it all comes

Kathy Ickes, left, co-owner of Creative Cookery on Bultman Drive, organizes the Christmas items the store has on sale.

### CREATIVE COOKERY

WHERE: 584 Bultman Drive  
PHONE: (803) 775-1511

### SIMPSON HARDWARE

WHERE: 40 W. Wesmark Blvd.  
PHONE: (803) 773-3397

### SIMPLY SHABBY CHIC

WHERE: 540 Bultman Drive  
PHONE: (803) 316-5790

back after Christmas," said Shawn Matthews, general manager.

But with the store offering deals on clothing, shoes and guns — the three busiest departments this time of year, he said — a lot of people were also purchasing this weekend.

"Customers are here, and shopping has been good," Matthews said. "We're redeeming a lot of gift cards and certificates as well as a lot of Christmas money."

## Searchers continue to look for plane

Jet thought to have crashed into sea

SURABAYA, Indonesia (AP) — The pilots sought permission to climb above threatening clouds. Air traffic control couldn't say yes immediately — there was no room. Six other airliners were crowding the airspace, forcing AirAsia Flight 8501 to remain at a lower altitude.

Minutes later, the jet carrying 162 people was gone from the radar without ever issuing a distress signal. The plane is thought to have crashed into Indonesia's Java Sea, but broad aerial surveys on Monday turned up no firm evidence of the missing Airbus A320-200.

Searchers spotted two oily patches and floating objects in separate locations, but no one knew whether any of it was related to the plane that vanished Sunday halfway into what should have been a two-hour hop from Surabaya, Indonesia, to Singapore. Officials saw little reason to think the flight met anything but a grim fate.

Based on the plane's last known coordinates, the aircraft probably crashed into the water and "is at the bottom of the sea," Indonesia search-and-rescue chief Henry Bambang Soelistyo said. Still, searchers planned to expand their efforts onto land on Tuesday.

The last communication from the cockpit to air traffic control was a request by one of the pilots to climb from 32,000 feet to 38,000 feet because of the weather. The tower was not able to immediately comply because of the other planes, said Bambang Tjahjono, director of the state-owned company in charge of air traffic control.

The twin-engine, single-aisle plane was last seen on radar four minutes after the final communication.

When planning a route before takeoff, pilots try to avoid thunderstorms. But if one pops up during the trip or crews encounter rough turbulence, they routinely ask to fly

SEE PLANE, PAGE A9

## Fireside push still strong; more than \$3,000 raised this week





## LOOKING FORWARD

### Partnership Alliance plans for growth in 2015 and beyond

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The Greenwood Partnership Alliance is one to look forward — new investments, new industry, new jobs.

That's not to say they are one to forget the past, looking at a fresh investment from seven-year native SPFF North America of \$12 million to expand its Greenwood County plant last month.

With the new year quickly creeping and calendar sales peaking, Greenwood's economic development arm will have plenty to offer in 2015.

For the sake of keeping residents guessing or to protect business interests, Partnership Alliance seldom releases the details of the many projects in development regarding big industry and lots of jobs until things are finalized.

The new year's preview is no different with Partnership Alliance chief executive officer Heather Simmons Jones thinking one or two announcements of sizable proportion will take place in 2015.

"Our number one goal will be providing jobs and investment in Greenwood County," Simmons Jones said Monday.

Simmons Jones said the alliance is currently working on about 20 projects at various stages, regarding new or expanding industry.

Goals for 2015 include closing out current projects while continuing to focus on their core areas of industry, including life sciences, food and beverage processing, advanced materials and advanced manufacturing.

Simmons Jones said the construction of Clemson University's new human genetics research and education center will be exciting for Greenwood residents to see as dirt should start moving in the second quarter of 2015 at Greenwood Genetic Center.

The Partnership Alliance will continue to work with and support the Genetic Center in order to help fill the remainder of the research park.

Other areas of focus will be product and workforce development — product being new sites and buildings and workforce being every breathing, living soul in Greenwood.

"We have to stay laser-focused on getting more product in our inventory," Simmons Jones said.

This includes the North Greenwood Industrial Park on Highway 25 set for completion in February and involves two tracts of land that have been targeted for several years by investors due to the existing industry around the park, infrastructure already in place compliments of Duke Energy's site-readiness program and its proximity to Greenville and a four-lane highway.

The site should receive its industrial site certification from the South Carolina Department of Commerce upon completion, which will give prospective businesses reasonable assurance the site is ready with due diligence.

Partnership Alliance follows a process that first involves identifying potential sites and entering into agreement with the owner of the property while establishing a purchasing price, followed by site readiness and site certification once a specific need is determined.

Simmons Jones said this process should result in continually filling product inventory.

Additional inventory could include a speculative or "shell" building in the 100,000-square-foot range in partnership with the county. Partnership Alliance is looking at the county's interest in investing in the project after spending a year or more studying that footprint. The project would likely come in 2016.

The winning equation for bringing business to Greenwood, according to Simmons Jones,

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## INDEX-JOURNAL EMERALD CITY CLASSIC

# ABBEVILLE TAKES HOME THE TITLE



PHOTOS BY SHAWN M. RYDER (SPECIAL TO THE INDEX-JOURNAL)  
Abbeville coach Doug Belcher celebrates with his team after its Index-Journal Emerald City Classic finals victory against Emerald. This is the fourth time the school has won the event. See Sports 1B for the full story.



Abbeville's Treshon Haddon squeaks around an Emerald opponent to help the Panthers put away win.



Keelin Bolden drives to the basket Monday night. Bolden scored seven points for the Panthers.





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Jackie Rose had just crossed the Hilton Head Island bridge into Bluffton on Monday when she felt a teeth-jarring boom.

Her two-door Mercedes had plunged into a right-lane pothole on U.S. 278. The impact crushed her front tire.

"My car almost fell in," she said. "It was that deep."

Rose is one of several drivers who've had run-ins with the mean streets be-

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For video of Island Packet photographer Theophil Syslo describing his experience as he drives near the potholes, go to <http://bit.ly/149QWzk>.

tween the bridge and the Hilton Garden Inn.

A dispatcher for Carolina Towing says the company has responded to at least 18 calls there since late last week. Most cars simply popped tires, but

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Kevin Harvick heads into Turn 2 during the Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on Saturday, April 12.

## Darlington race date change tops sports stories of the year

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DARLINGTON — For more than a decade, race fans in the Pee Dee have clamored to have NASCAR return. Darlington Raceway's race date back to Labor Day weekend.

In August, NASCAR obliged and announced Darlington's race date would be returning to its traditional Labor Day weekend Sept. 4-6. It will be the first time since 2003 that the track is hosting racing on Labor Day weekend.

It also will be the first time the race will be run on a Sun-

### COMING WEDNESDAY

► A look back at some of the Pee Dee people who died in 2014, including Neville Files, a beloved pillar of West Florence High School's athletics.

day night. All previous night Sprint Cup races were held on Saturdays.

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### TOP SPORTS STORIES OF THE YEAR IN THE PEE DEE

#### 1. DARLINGTON RACEWAY GETS LABOR DAY DATE BACK

Fans in the Pee Dee got their wish as NASCAR announced Darlington Raceway got its traditional Labor Day weekend race date back. (See story on 1A).

#### 2. FLORENCE REDWOLVES ADVANCE TO CPL TITLE GAME

The Florence RedWolves summer collegiate baseball team put together the most successful season in their 17-year history in the Coastal Plain League. Under first-year coach Blake Maxwell, the RedWolves posted a franchise-record 41 wins before losing 11-4 to the Peninsula Pilots in the third and final game of the Pettit Cup Championship. The RedWolves finished third overall in the league in team batting average (.270), second in the league in team ERA (3.22) and first in team defense (.978).

Maxwell will return to coach the RedWolves in 2015, and the team will host the CPL all-star game for the first time since 2004.

#### 3. DILLON WINS THIRD STRAIGHT STATE FOOTBALL TITLE

Dillon football team completed its first unbeaten season in school history and won its third straight Class 2A Division 1 title by defeating Newberry 49-27. The Wildcats are the 17th team in state history to win three titles in a row and first Pee Dee team to do it since Chesterfield in 2007-09.

The Wildcats broke more than a dozen school records this season, including quarterback Avery McCall becoming the school's all-time leading passer and Eli Reon Hayes setting the school's all-time leader in receptions and yards.

Dillon's football title was one of two for the school in 2014. The Wildcat softball team also won its first title.

#### 4. POST 1 WINS SECOND STATE TITLE IN THREE YEARS

Florence Post 1 continued to assert itself as one of top Senior Legion teams in South Carolina by winning its second state title in three seasons.

Post 1 defeated Sumter 8-4 in the championship, a year after losing to Irmo-Chapin in the title game. Florence finished with 40 wins, the second most in program history, and made it to the final day of the Southeast Regional before losing to Randolph County.

Florence's junior team also won the state championship, making it the first time a program's junior and senior legion teams won state titles in the same season. It was Post 1's sixth junior state title in the last eight seasons.

#### 5. PEE DEE VIPERS RETURN PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL TO FLORENCE

The Pee Dee Vipers brought professional basketball to the Florence Civic Center, posting an 11-6 record and finishing third in their inaugural season in the Premier Basketball League.

Former Wilson High School standout Alap-Michael Thompson played

# Open Season

## Filing period opens for House 63 race

BY GAVIN JACKSON  
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FLORENCE — Two Republicans filed for the S.C. House District 63 seat on Monday, the first day candidates could do so, running to fill the seat Kris Crawford

resigned from a little more than a month after winning a fifth term.

Florence property manager Elijah Jones was the first to turn in paperwork and became the third Republican to show interest in the race. Jones, who is active in the Florence County Republican

Party, said his top priorities are stronger ethics, opposing tax increases and fixing roads and infrastructure.

"In my mind if we're focusing on ethics and all the issues with individual legislators then

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## CLEMSON CRUSHES OKLAHOMA



Clemson running back Wayne Gallman (center) runs for yardage as he gets between Oklahoma safety Ahmad Thomas (13) and linebacker Dominique Alexander (1) during the first half of the Russell Athletic Bowl NCAA college football game in Orlando, Fla., Monday.

The Clemson Tigers routed the Oklahoma Sooners in a 40-6 victory at the Russell Athletic Bowl Monday night. The game was held in Orlando, Fla., and gives the Tigers a 10-3 record. The win gave Clemson its fourth-straight 10-win season.

### INSIDE

► See today's sports section for full coverage of the Russell Athletic Bowl. **1B**

## WEST FLORENCE TAKES ON SOUTH FLORENCE



West's Bryson Williams drives to the hoop as West Florence took on South Florence on Monday, December 29, at the Pepsi Carolina Classic semifinals.



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