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More U.S. gold as Games wrap up, C7



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## 2nd fight death raises concerns

Mixed martial arts under scrutiny

BY DAVE MUNDAY  
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Mixed martial arts fighting in South Carolina will get a closer look after the second death in the sport was legalized here three years ago.

Tyrone Mims, 30, of Augusta, Ga., had just completed a fight at the Omar Slaton Temple Convention Center in Mount Pleasant Saturday night when he collapsed and died at Medical Uni-

versity Hospital at 9:27 p.m., Charleston County Deputy Coroner Dottie Lindsay said Sunday.

An autopsy today could reveal why he died.

Mixed martial arts fighting includes martial arts, boxing, wrestling and kickboxing. It's not been determined that Mims' death had anything to do with the fight.

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Promotional photo of Tyrone Mims (right) and his opponent Saturday night, Blake Poore. Mims collapsed and died after the event.

COMPOSITE MIMMS PROVIDED

## PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

# Stroke of good fortune

McIlroy victorious; roads biggest obstacle to Kiawah hosting future tournament



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland holds up the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 94th PGA Championship at the Ocean Course on Kiawah Island on Sunday. Story on C1.

BY BO PETERSEN // bpetersen@postandcourier.com

**K**IWAH ISLAND – The PGA Championship that ended Sunday was a \$90 million-plus adrenalin shot to the heart of the recovering economy and local pride.

PGA officials, players, sponsors and media were wowed by the visually stunning seashore Ocean Course, happy enough with turnout and sales.

The Kiawah Island Golf Resort and Roger Warren, its president, are eyeing a 2019 return of the tournament.

Where it goes from here is up to the Lowcountry and the state.

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Calligrapher adds elegance to tourney. **A5**



Editorial: Our major PGA victory. **A8**



Sapagoff: Birdies and a triple-bogey. **C2**

## More freshmen struggle in reading

13.1% read at level of 4th grade, or worse

BY DIETTE COURREGG  
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Charleston County's newest freshmen class has more students than last year who can't read better than a fourth-grader.

An estimated 13.1 percent of the district's rising ninth-graders are reading at a fourth-grade level or worse. That's an increase of two-tenths of a percent, age point from last year.

A school-by-school breakdown got lists of the upcoming 300 students who freshmen read are in this situation, and School Superintendent Nancy McGinley told them to review those students' schedules and make sure they're receiving extra reading help.

"We want to make sure before school opens that these kids are known and don't lose another month or day of school," she said. "We know we're on the right track. We're on the verge of crossing the finish line, and we'll do whatever it takes to take the next step."

## Literacy is No. 1

Charleston County School District decided two years ago to make literacy its top priority, and it has put millions of dollars since then toward teaching students fundamental reading skills.

Its decision to do that followed a series of Post and Courier stories in 2009 that revealed nearly 20 percent of the county's ninth-graders read on a fourth-grade level or worse.

The district has made progress since 2009, but McGinley said she expects more. Officials figured out this year that about half of the 13.1 percent are students who have disabilities or are English-language learners, and those students, by definition, might not be on grade level, she said.

Roughly 6 percent of those reading at an elementary grade level don't have a diagnosed learning issue, and there's no reason that should be, she said.

"We're absolutely not there yet," she said.

Some students with disabilities are on track to earn a diploma, but the district didn't pull out that information.

The school district initially didn't include the Charleston Charter School for Math & Science in its overall or school-by-school breakdown for this fall's freshmen, although it had included those students last year. Laura Donnelly, the district's director of assessment and evaluation, said the charter school's rising freshmen came from its middle school, so its results weren't helpful to consider from a

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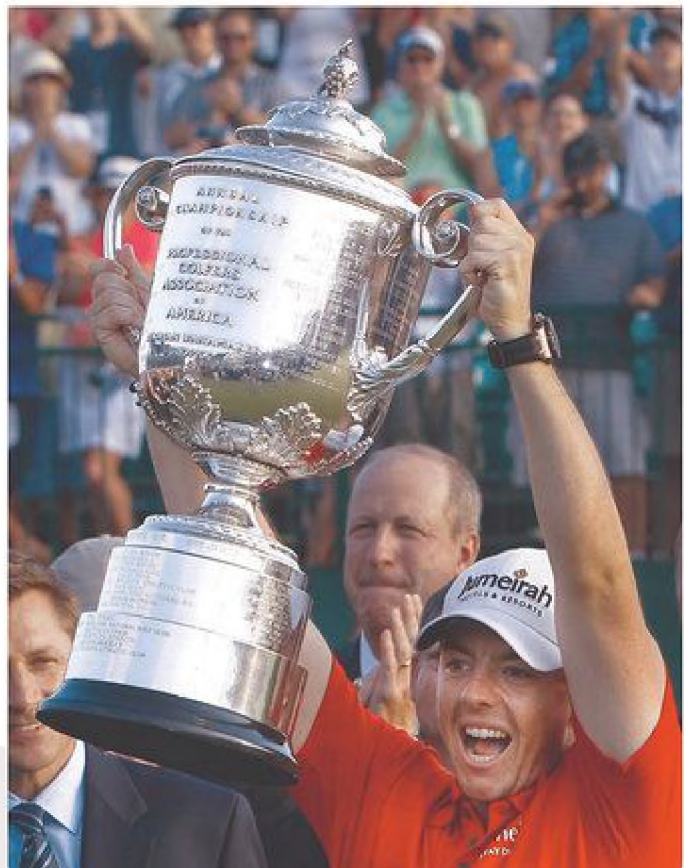
Thousands of Gamecock faithful meet the football team Sunday on Fan Day. B1  
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## POMP, NOT PUFFERY, CLOSES LONDON GAMES

The 2012 Olympics get a colorful, star-studded musical sendoff. Next stop, Rio. A4



McIlroy kills it  
at Kiawah





## SPORTS HISTORIC WIN AT PGA



## LIFESTYLE Avoid wedding bell bills

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## LONDON 2012



Fireworks explode during the closing ceremony at the 2012 Summer Olympics early today in London. AP

# SPICE, PIZZAZZ AS GAMES END

## OLYMPICS CLOSE WITH BRITPOP EXTRAVAGANZA, PSYCHEDELIA

By Paul Haven  
Associated Press

**L**ONDON — With a little British pomp and a lot of British pop, London brought the curtain down on a glorious Olympic Games on Sunday in a spectacular, technicolor pageant of landmarks, lightshows and lots of fun.

The closing ceremony offered a sensory blast including rock 'n' roll

rickshaws, dust-bin percussionists, an exploding yellow car and a marching band in red tunics and bearskin hats.

There was a show-stopping reunion of the Spice Girls and a comedy sequence featuring Monty Python's Eric Idle performing "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" accompanied by Roman centurions, Scottish bagpipers and a human cannonball.

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## 2012 OLYMPICS CLOSING CEREMONY

### FROM ELGAR TO ADELE

Organizers say the ceremony is a celebration of British music "from Elgar to Adele" — Edward Elgar being the composer of the "Pomp and Circumstance" marches and the "Enigma Variations," plus "Nimrod," regarded as quintessentially English. From there, the ceremony exploded in a kaleidoscope of musicians and eras — from 1960s Mods with The Who, to the 1990s "girl power" of the Spice Girls.

## GRAHAM BEING TREATED AT NC HOSPITAL

Evangelist in stable condition

By Liv Osby

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As celebrated evangelist Billy Graham was hospitalized Sunday, his admirers said a prayer for his speedy recovery.

"He's had trouble for a long time with pneumonia and lung infections and this



Billy Graham

is similar," said Frank Page, former pastor of Taylors First Baptist Church and executive committee president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"And we pray...that he will be able to bounce back from this as well."

The 93-year-old, who was hospitalized last November for pneumonia, was in stable condition at Mission Hospital in Asheville, where he was being treated by pulmonologist Dr. David Pucci for a bronchitis infection, according to the hospital, which is near his home in Montreat.

And though ill, he was in good spirits, according to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He watched Sunday's broadcast from First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, where his grandson, Will Graham, gave the guest sermon, then visited with his daughter, Gigi, and another of his grandchildren.

Page said he has looked up to Graham his whole life, calling him "a mentor from afar."

"As a little boy growing up, he was a great influence on me, and he had no idea of it," he said. "He's my hero."

Page said he was happy to tell him that when he finally met him last May at his home on church busi-

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## WEEK AHEAD



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### Today

**Lights, camera, audition!** Auditions for Rock Hill Community Theater's production of "The Senator Wore Pantyhose" from 6:30 to 8:30 tonight at the Community Performance Center, 249 E. Main St., Rock Hill. Performance dates are Oct. 12-14 and 18-20. For information, email Eric Grace at the38steps@comporium.com.

### Tuesday

**Knights baseball:** The Charlotte Knights play host to the Louisville Bats in the opener of a four-game series at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at Knights Stadium in Fort Mill. The teams also play at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### Wednesday

**Hopewell Day:** The 95th annual Hopewell Day is set for Wednesday at the old Hopewell Schoolhouse outside of Hickory Grove, just off S.C. 97. Beef hash will be available at 8:30 a.m. Singing begins at 10 a.m. For information, call Chris Revels at 803-925-2640.

### Thursday

**Downtown music:** Rockless will entertain from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Old Town Market at the corner of East White Street and Dave Lyle Boulevard in downtown Rock Hill. The market features fresh vegetables, fruits, handcrafted items and children's activities. Open rain or shine.

### Friday

**Cycling championships:** The USA Cycling Elite Omnium National Championships and Masters Omnium will be Friday and Saturday at the Giordana Velodrome, 1000 Riverwalk Parkway off Cherry Road in Rock Hill. Races begin both days at 9 a.m. Attendance is free and open to the public. For information, go to giordanavelodrome.com. For information, call 803-326-2453 or 803-326-2453.

### Saturday

**Fighting leukemia:** The 2nd annual No One Fights Alone Cornhole Tournament to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society begins at noon Saturday at The Field Trial Barn at Anne Springs Close Greenway in Fort Mill. Teams can still register to compete at the door for a \$75 fee. Spectators pay \$25, which includes food and drink.

### Sunday

**Prayer rally:** A back-to-school prayer rally will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Old Town Amphitheater at City Hall on Black Street in downtown Rock Hill. The rally will feature prayers by students and entertainment by the Independence Elementary Step Team, the Winthrop University Vision of Prayer and ENERGY from Agape International Ministries. Rain site: City Council Chambers inside City Hall. For information, call Susie Hinton or Brother David Boone at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 803-329-1008.



—Photos by Don Worthington

Rock Hill entrepreneur Jason Broadwater finds old town, writes of new world. Broadwater's prime example of the new economy's success is The Hive, a collaborative effort among the city, York Tech, Winthrop University and some private investors.

## Thinking outside the box

### Broadwater embraces a revitalized downtown

Like many of his friends, Jason Broadwater left Rock Hill when he found the meat-and-potatoes life of a mill town too bland. There was nothing to challenge his creative passions.

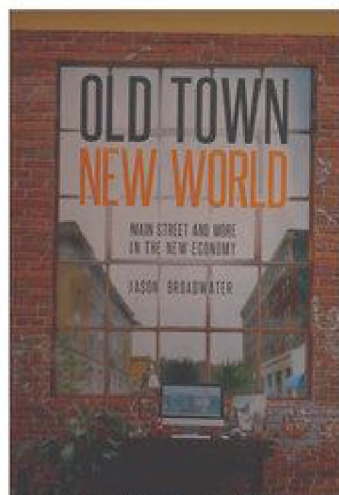
He traveled to Asheville, N.C., for school and stayed, writing a novel, learning to teach and taking the fledgling steps out on his own as an independent writing consultant.

The birth of his child resulted in a family move back to Rock Hill. He found a textile town without the mills. Most had been torn down. Some had been converted to housing. A shining example of what could be was an old mill filled with computers and workers, a beacon on how the new and old economy could be intertwined.

Broadwater did what some young businessmen do, he joined the chamber of commerce, volunteering his time there and on other civic and educational boards. He found himself going to lunches with other business and civic leaders where the menu is a steady diet of chicken, beans, potatoes and—in a nod to the health conscious—a



Don  
Worthington  
Business Editor



Broadwater's vision and advice were combined into a self-published book, "Old Town New World. Main Street and More in the New Economy."

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## Romney takes the wheel on budget

His economic agenda  
will be front and center,  
not the Ryan plan

By Kasie Hunt and Ken Thomas  
Associated Press

**HIGHPOINT, N.C.**—In Paul Ryan's high-energy debate as Republican vice presidential candidate, Mitt Romney's campaign made one thing clear: Romney's ideas rule, not his running mate's.

Romney put gentle but unmistakable distance between his agenda and Ryan's shot-potato budget proposals on Sunday as the new team soaked up excitement from partisans in North Carolina and Ryan's home state of Wisconsin.

He walked a careful line as he campaigned with Ryan by his side in North Carolina, singling out his running mate's work "to make sure we can save Medicare." But the presidential candidate never said whether he embraced Ryan's plan himself. Democrats weren't about to let them off that hook.

President Barack Obama, attending campaign fundraisers Sunday in Chicago, tagged Ryan as the "ideological leader" of the Republican Party.

"He is a decent man, he is a family man, he is an articulate spokesman for Gov. Romney's vision but it is a vision that I fundamentally disagree with," Obama said in his first public comments about Ryan's selection.

Earlier, Obama's senior campaign adviser David Axelrod deemed Ryan's budget "the Ryan-Romney plan" and cast the new addition to the Republican ticket as a choice "meant to thrill the most strident voices in the Republican Party, but it's one that should trouble everybody else—the middle class, seniors, stu-



Romney



Ryan

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## Free medical care available during event at fairgrounds

By Joey Hololeman  
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**Columbia**—With a change of venue and the experience from hitting a few bumps the first time around, organizers of SC Mission 2012 say they are better prepared to deal with the extraordinary demand for health care for the uninsured or underinsured.

The second edition of the free health care effort in the Midlands moves to the State Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday. About 2,000 people received free dental, optical and medical care last year at Carolina Coliseum, but hundreds more were turned away, sometimes after waiting for hours outside in the August heat.

Organizers expect to help about the same number of people this year, with a likely increase in dental care. They also expect fewer frustrated people because they can let people know at the Fairgrounds gates when they've reached what they now know is their capacity.

"We know what worked well and what didn't work well," said John Kessler, vice president of marketing and business development at Providence Hospitals and chairman of the event's steering committee.

Rather than waiting in a line wrapped around the outside of the Coliseum, people will drive in one gate at the Fairgrounds parking lot. There, volunteers

will know approximately how many people have been checked in to receive care. If all of the spots for eye care that day are full, people will know before they get into the parking lot.

"We'll be able to manage expectations better because we know how many people we can see," Kessler said. People seeking care also should have a better idea what to expect based on last year. If they are seeking dental or eye care, they should show up early each day. There's pent-up demand for those specialties. The uninsured can get standard medical care at hospital emergency

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# Golden grins

US men's basketball team edges Spain to win gold



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## Experts: Inaction spells trouble

Social Security faces long-term funding gap

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As millions of baby boomers flood Social Security with applications for benefits, the program's \$2.7 trillion surplus is starting to look small.

For nearly three decades Social Security

produced big surpluses, collecting more in taxes from workers than it paid in benefits to retirees, disabled workers, spouses and children. The surpluses also helped mask the size of the budget deficit being generated by the rest of the federal government.

Those days are over.

Since 2010, Social Security has been paying out more in benefits than it collects in taxes, adding to the urgency for Congress to address the program's long-term finances.

"To me, urgent doesn't begin to describe it," said Chuck Blahous, one of the public trustees who oversee Social Security. "I would say we're somewhere between critical and too late to deal with it."

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DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

Yane Marques, of Brazil, pats her horse, Over the Odds, after completing the course in the equestrian show jumping stage of the women's modern pentathlon at the 2012 Summer Olympics on Sunday in London.

LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS

Medal count

Final standings

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOT
United States	46	29	29	104
China	38	27	22	87
Russia	24	25	33	82
Britain	29	17	19	65
Germany	11	19	14	44
Japan	7	14	17	38
Australia	7	16	12	35
France	11	11	12	34
South Korea	13	8	7	28
Italy	8	9	11	28
Netherlands	6	6	8	20
Ukraine	6	5	9	20
Canada	1	5	12	18
Hungary	8	4	5	17
Spain	3	10	4	17
Brazil	3	5	9	17
Cuba	5	3	6	14
Kazakhstan	7	1	5	13
New Zealand	5	3	5	13
Belarus	3	5	5	13
Iran	4	5	3	12
Jamaica	4	4	4	12
Kenya	2	4	5	11
Czech Rep.	4	3	3	10
Azerbaijan	2	2	6	10
Poland	2	2	6	10
Romania	2	5	2	9
Denmark	2	4	3	9
Sweden	1	4	3	8
Colombia	1	3	4	8
Ethiopia	3	1	3	7
Georgia	1	3	3	7
Mexico	1	3	3	7
North Korea	4	0	2	6
South Africa	3	2	1	6

AP

## PGA CHAMPION BY 8 STROKES



## Union teen shot to death

23-year-old arrested; sheriff says more charges are expected

By JENNY ARNOLD  
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Union County High School Principal Floyd Lyles spoke with rising senior Dequan Jones during the summer about taking a new vocational course the high school was offering for the new school year.

Jones, 17, had scored well on tests and showed potential, and Lyles encouraged him to take the new course, mechatronics, which teaches the fundamentals of robotics like those used in manufacturing plants such as BMW, Lyles said.

"I was bragging on him, about how bright he was," Lyles said. On Sunday morning, a day before teachers returned to their classrooms at Union High, Lyles received an unusually early morning text message. A teacher gave him the news that Jones had been shot and killed.

Chadrick Harold Johnson, 23, of 851 Cambridge St., has been charged with murder in Jones' death, Union County Sheriff David Taylor said. Additional charges against Johnson are expected.

Jones, of 310 S. Church St., Union, was a rising senior at Union County High. He was shot twice and pronounced dead at Wallace Thomson Hospital about 4 a.m., Taylor said.

A 20-year-old man also was wounded and remains in the hospital, Taylor said. The man is expected to survive his injuries.

Taylor said deputies and Union Pub...

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## Ninety Six unveils new schools



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New middle school/high school facilities receive warm reception in open house

By FRANK BUMB  
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**NINETY SIX** — Ninety Six School District officially unveiled its new 180,000-square-foot building Sunday to glowing reviews from administrators and families touring the combined Ninety Six High

School and Edgewood Middle School complex.

Applause broke out several times as administrators told the tale of how the dream of a better, more modern facility for Ninety Six students came to be. Scores of parents, students and community members gave a thunderous standing ovation

when Col. Wally Hall, of the South Carolina Army National Guard, told the crowd how the flag atop the school had flown by his unit in Afghanistan.

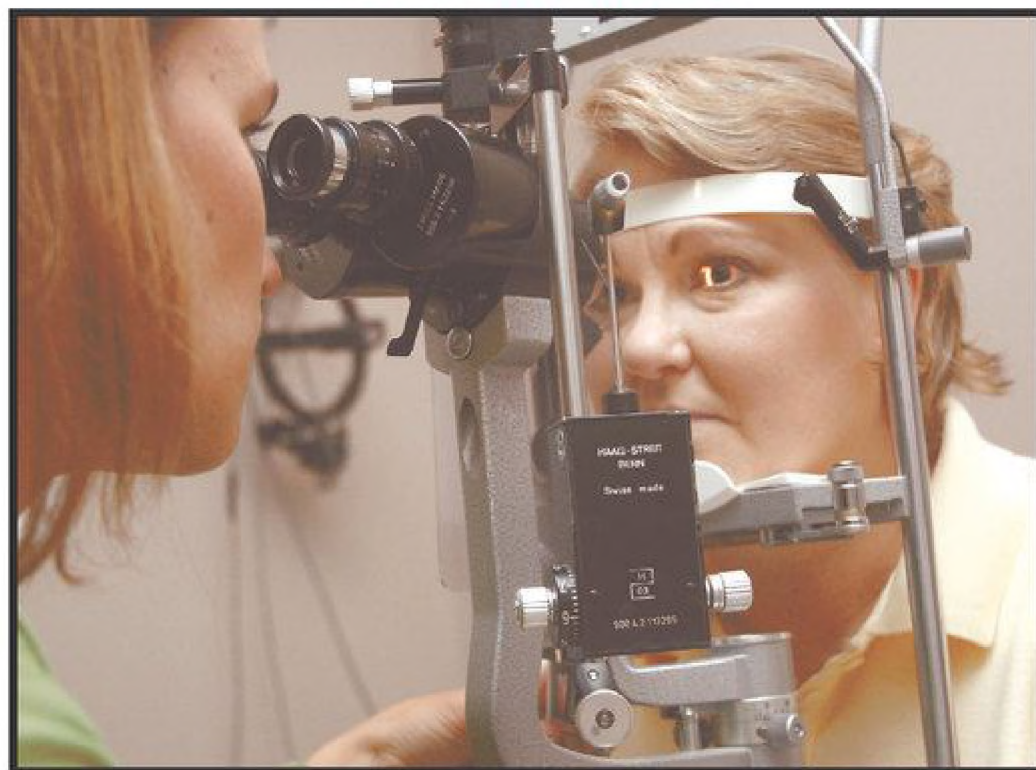
Hall also helped coordinate the efforts to move supplies and materials from the old

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### New schools debut

■ In the November 2008 general election, voters in nine precincts decided by an overwhelming margin — 72 percent to 28 percent — to approve a bond referendum for a new combination high school/middle school in Ninety Six.

## OCULAR MELANOMA



ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY | INDEXJOURNAL

Eye cancer survivor Teresa Fox has her eyes examined by optometrist Dr. Jennifer R. Lippens, who noticed something on a retinal scan and recommended Fox be seen by a retinal specialist.

## EYES ON CANCER

Routine eye check-up can lead to important diagnosis

By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY  
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**D**uring a routine eye exam, Teresa Fox's optometrist noticed something that didn't look quite right during a retinal exam.

"I have had Teresa as a patient for years, and I knew her eyes," Dr. Jennifer R. Lippens said. "There was something there that wasn't before, and I could not sleep at night worrying."

"I went to bat for her and told specialists this was something that did not need a 'watch and wait

approach."

Lippens and Dr. Kara Jo Dodgens are primary eye care providers at Montague Eye Center in Greenwood.

Lippens recommended Fox make an appointment with a retinal specialist in Greenville and get a second opinion on retinal scan images. They were produced by technology known as optomap, which allows doctors to get a widefield view of the back of the eye.

"I figured I had better get checked out when I

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### Did you know?

■ Ocular melanoma, OM for short, is most often diagnosed in fair-skinned adults with fair or red hair and blue eyes, but it can occur in all races at any age. It is a malignant tumor that can grow and spread to other parts of the body, particularly the liver. It can be fatal. Ocular melanoma is different from skin cancer. It is much different than skin melanoma and it behaves differently, according to information from the Ocular Melanoma Foundation. OM is characterized as a very aggressive cancer. The exact cause is unknown. About 2,500 adults are diagnosed with OM every year. Routine eye exams are important, especially those who wear prescription lenses or have other eye issues.

### ARTS

## Agencies discuss H-tax funding

Museum, Arts Center, GCT reveal progress

By CHRIS TRAINOR  
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Just more than a year ago, Greenwood City Council approved a resolution to provide hospitality tax funding to help support operations and maintenance at Greenwood Community Theatre, The Museum and the Arts Center at the Federal Building.

Last week, representatives of each of those agencies met with City Council to discuss how the first year of funding deal went.

According to city manager Charlie Barrineau, the city agreed to pay the three agencies a collective \$300,000 through a period of three years — \$100,000 each year for 2011-13.

During last week's City Council work session, Arts Center executive director Anne Craig said all three arts agencies that received hospitality tax funding were "very grateful" for the money.

"With (the funding), we were able to sustain our organizations and offer quality programming to the community," Craig said.

Craig said the funding the Arts Center received was targeted at maintenance and upkeep of the facility, exhibit support and marketing. She said nearly 21,000 people visited the Arts Center in the last year for various events. She noted many of the Arts Center visitors were from out of town.

Stephen Gilbert is the new



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# Morning News

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## Coming Events

### Tom Rice Campaign in the Pee Dee

On Monday, GOP candidate for 7th District Congressional Seat will be all three meals in the Pee Dee on Monday. He'll be at Bojangles on West Boulevard in Chesterfield at 7 a.m. for breakfast, a C-Boon's at 124 Cashua in Darlington for lunch, and at Shug's Smokehouse, 2404 Kellytown Road in Hartsville, for dinner. The public is invited to all stops.

### Auditions for Carolina Master Chorale

Monday and Thursday through Aug. 23 from 6 until 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach. The Carolina Master Chorale will be auditioning choral singers for their coming season. Participants are asked but not required to bring a prepared piece. To schedule an audition, call 843-444-5774.

**Call for Artists:** Through Sept. 30, The Dr. N. Lee Morris Gallery at the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation Library are seeking artists for the first semi-annual Magic City Survey, a juried art competition. It is open to all amateur and professional artist ages 16 and older who reside in the Pee Dee. The theme is "Southern Impressions — Depictions of Life in the South." Artists can download instructions for submission and an entry form at [www.florencelibrary.org](http://www.florencelibrary.org). Submissions are free. For information, contact Hannah Davis at 843-292-7393.

### Auditions for the Florence Symphony Orchestra

Today at 4:30 p.m. in the FMU Performing Arts Center. The Florence Symphony Orchestra is auditioning for new players for the 2012-13 season. All player positions will be considered. Participants need to schedule an appointment. Those interested in becoming a symphony member should call the symphony office at 843-661-2541 or email the personnel manager at [markjacksonso@gmail.com](mailto:markjacksonso@gmail.com) for an appointment time. Participants should bring a solo piece and sight reading will be provided.

### Tom Rice Campaign in the Pee Dee

On Wednesday, GOP candidate for 7th District Congressional Seat will be all three meals in the Pee Dee on Wednesday. He'll be at Jimmy B's, 1963 E. Highway 76 in Marnio for breakfast, at the Charcoal Grill Restaurant, at 107 N 1st Avenue in Dillon for lunch, and at Ray's on Hwy 15-401 East in McColl for dinner. The public is invited to all stops.

### Farmers' market in downtown Florence

Wednesday from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. 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 many items, including locally grown produce, various meats, cheeses and dairy products, artisan craft items and more. Vendors will

## Hope Health might be solution for Bush site

Eyesore plot at downtown gateway might be ceded to community health organization

BY TUCKER MITCHELL  
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FLORENCE — Turn a former city eyesore into a beacon of hope and safe harbor for those seeking affordable health care in an increasing unaffordable world? Sounds like a pretty good idea. The Florence City Council

might get the ball rolling on turning that notion into reality Monday when it considers a plan to donate the old Bush Recycling site at the corner of Irby and Lucas streets to Florence's Hope Health. If the donation and several other events came to pass, the federally-approved community health center would, at some point, build a new and expanded

### Want to go?

Florence City Council meets at 1 p.m. Monday in the City-County Complex on Irby Street. The meeting is open to the public.

facility at the old Bush site.

Hope Health CEO Carl Humphries said his group "is excited about the prospect."

"The city has offered us the possibility of donating and so we're going to go through the process of evaluating this," said

Humphries. "It could really be big for Hope Health and our clients."

And big for the city, too.

Florence officials took a big step in 2008 when they used a combination of federal grants, city money and a \$500,000 contribution from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation to clean up the Bush site and moved the company several miles north. The clean-up, which took more than

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## SNEAK PEEK IN BENNETTSTVILLE



PHOTO BY JOHN D. RUSSELL/MORNING NEWS

Betty Carter (right) stands with Charles Bailey looking at televisions on display in the electronics department on Sunday during employee and family preview night at the new Walmart, off of SC Highway 9 in Bennettsville. The store is scheduled to open Wednesday and will employ 200 people.

## Walmart opens its doors

BY JOHN D. RUSSELL  
Morning News  
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BENNETTSTVILLE — Employees and their loved ones got a sneak peek Sunday at the biggest little Walmart in Marlboro County before its opening this Wednesday.

It's the first one in the area. Until now, the closest stores were in Cheraw or Laurinburg.

This Walmart store, located off SC Highway 9, is technically a Supercenter, according to store manager Raeford Carr, Jr. The store is just less than 100,000 square feet and will employ 200.

The store is one of Wal-Mart's smaller, as most stores are just over 100,000 square feet with the big supercenters close to 200,000 square feet. Still, Carr said, the average customer won't miss too much.

"It's a smaller prototype store if you look at the square footage, but it has the same merchandise," Carr said. "It's more self-serve oriented because there is no deli or hot bar, and most everything is pre-packaged."



Walmart employee Peggy Saner (left) takes her fiancé, Bill Brown, by the hand through the apparel department she helped set up during employee and family preview night Sunday at Bennettsville's new Walmart store.

On Sunday night, the store opened its doors to employees who brought family members to show off all the hard work they've put in just setting up the store over the past two months. Peggy Saner was all smiles as she took her fiancé, Bill Brown, by the hand to show him the apparel department she's been working on.

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## Social Security

## Deficit swamps surplus

The Associated Press

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Few issues directly touch as many people in the United States as does Social Security. In this second installment of a four-part series on the retirement system, The Associated Press examines Social Security's long-term financial problems as millions of baby boomers retire and the ratio of workers paying into the system to people drawing benefits narrows.

WASHINGTON — As millions of baby boomers flood Social Security with applications for benefits, the program's \$2.7 trillion surplus is starting to look small.

For nearly three decades Social Security produced big surpluses, collecting more in taxes from workers than it paid in benefits to retirees, disabled workers, spouses and children. The surpluses also helped mask the size of the budget deficit being generated by

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### INSIDE

Now that Social Security is paying more in benefits than it collects in taxes, there is a fierce debate about whether those shortfalls are adding to the federal budget deficit.

Social Security's long-term funding shortfall is big by any measure. How big? That depends on how you look at it.

Compared with most public pension systems in Europe, Social Security is downright frugal. **10A**

## No more arrests forthcoming in dog-burning case

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FLORENCE — Police do not

lola Jones Park a little more than a month ago.

That suspect remains in custody at a S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice facility, Florence

served a group of people pouring lighter fluid on a small dog and lighting it on fire near Lola Jones Park. When officers arrived, they spoke to the woman who called

skin, Raines said.

The owner did not believe the dog's injuries to be critical, but the injuries worsened overnight. "Initially, we were told the in-





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Wire Reports

### ■ A pretty dime

A dime made in 1873 has sold for nearly \$2 million at an auction in Philadelphia. The unique coin was minted in Carson City, Nev., during a one-day run of dimes.

The Philadelphia Inquirer said the anonymous winning bidder paid \$1.6 million for the pristine coin, plus a 15 percent buyer's fee. The 1873-CC "No Arrows" Liberty Seated dime was auctioned during a convention of the American Numismatic Association.

### ■ Backyard for rent

Want to rent a backyard in New York City? You can through the end of August for just \$100 an hour.

The "Timeshare Backyard" has returned for a second consecutive summer. The green yard in the East Village is wedged between two buildings.

The place comes with amenities, including a grill, plastic coolers, lounge chairs — and the sound of taxis honking their horns in the middle of Manhattan.

### ■ Bowling urn

A Pittsburgh-area bowling fanatic has gotten a Utah company to fashion a bowling ball urn for his ashes.

Forty-eight-year-old Tony Guarino called Storm Products Inc. of Brigham City, Utah, when he began wondering if the bowling ball company could make such a container. A company official said Storm was "honored" by the request and has since delivered the ball.

Guarino is an avid bowler whose only perfect game was bowled using a Storm ball. But he can no longer bowl because his terminal prostate cancer has spread to his lower back and pelvis.

The ball urn will be placed in Guarino's bowling bag when he dies, along with a ball his father used.

### ■ Animals gone wild

● A badger that wandered into a convenience store in northern Nevada held authorities at bay for nearly an hour before it was lured into a cage with cat food.

Photos show the badger baring its teeth through the store's glass door and later at an animal control officer trying to nab it with a noose on a stick inside the store. The baited cage was brought in after a tranquilizer dart missed.

No one was hurt in the standoff, and the badger was ultimately returned to the wild north of Reno.

● A black bear went in and out of a candy store in a Colorado resort town multiple times early one July morning, but he used the front door and didn't break a thing. He did, however, steal some treats.

Surveillance video shows the bear opening the door, grabbing some candy, taking it outside and eating it, then returning for more. He made seven trips in 15 minutes, finally leaving after a passing car apparently scared him away.

The store owner said the bear managed to pop open the door because the deadbolt wasn't completely closed. She said the only other person who took a picture was a



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Bamberg School District One elementary school students will enjoy the new, \$15 million Richard Carroll Elementary School.

# Building a foundation

## Districts freshen look, program for new year

By JERRY DURGAN  
T&D Correspondent

Bamberg and Denmark schools are ready for the 2012-2013 school year, district superintendents say.

With a new elementary school and extensive renovations to the middle and high schools, Bamberg School District One is "looking forward to a successful and productive school year," Superintendent Phyllis Schwarting said.

"We are very proud of our new elementary school and the renovations we've accomplished for the coming school year," she said. "Bamberg can be very proud of our new and renewed schools for the next 20 or 30 years. You can't get any better than that."

The new, 140,000-square-foot Richard Carroll Elementary School in Bamberg will house 4K through sixth grade. It cost \$15 million.

Schwarting said, "We have no unfilled staff vacancies this year. We've hired a new K1 teacher, a first-grade



The Times and Democrat will look at what's new in area schools throughout this week.

teacher, third-grade teacher and we have a new guidance counselor who

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Denmark-Olar Career Specialist Zelda Douglas at work. Bamberg School District Two is providing new programs for students and teachers.

## Romney, Ryan rev up; Obama weighs in

By KASIE HUNT  
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Associated Press

HIGH POINT, N.C. — In Paul Ryan's high-energy debut as Republican vice presidential candidate, Mitt Romney made one thing clear: His ideas rule, not his running mate's. "I have no budget plan," he said. "And

President Barack Obama, attending campaign fundraisers Sunday in Chicago, tagged Ryan as the "ideological leader" of the Republican Party.

"He is a decent man, he is a family man, he is an articulate spokesman for Gov. Romney's vision but it is a vision that I fundamentally disagree with," Obama said in his first public comments about Ryan's selection.





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