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Century Aluminum plant may shut down

600 jobs at stake as company fails to resolve impasse with Santee Cooper

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The Mount Holly aluminum smelter in Goose Creek may shut down at the end of this year after owner Century Aluminum and electric utility Santee Cooper failed to reach an agreement

on a new power contract for the plant. Michael Bless, Century's president and CEO, said the closure "would be a tragedy" and that he remains hopeful for a last-minute reprieve. The current contract expires Dec. 31.

"We want in the worst way to find a way to keep that plant running," Bless



Poll
Did Santee Cooper's board make the right call by rejecting Century Aluminum's request? To vote, go to postandcourier.com/polls

said of the smelter, which employs about 600 workers. The stalemate between Century and Santee Cooper intensified Monday as the utility's board of directors voted

10-0 to reject the company's contract proposal.

Bless said Monday that Century cannot operate under Santee Cooper's counter-offer. Century has been buying 75 percent of its power from an out-of-state provider since its contract was renegotiated in 2012.

Santee Cooper provides the remaining 25 percent and transmits all of the power to the Mount Holly site off U.S. Highway 52.

Santee Cooper's board on Monday offered to renew the current agreement for another three years without raising Century's power rates.

Leighton Lord, the board's chairman, said the utility's deal is "the most competitive offer that will keep this plant open." The agreement has saved Mount Holly about \$130 million since 2012, according to Santee Cooper.

Century says the current deal is no longer financially viable.

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Planned Parenthood suspect faces court

Charleston native Dear accused in slayings; speculation on motive swirls



Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood shooting suspect Robert Dear is seen Monday via video hearing during his first court appearance, where he was told he faces first-degree murder charges. At left is public defender Dan King.

BY SADI GURMAN
Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. — The man accused in the shooting rampage at a Colorado Planned Parenthood clinic made his first court appearance Monday and learned that he will face first-degree murder charges in the deaths of three people killed in the standoff with police.

Speaking in a raspy voice, Charleston native Robert Lewis Dear appeared via a video hookup from the El Paso County jail, where he has been held since surrendering after Friday's five-hour siege.

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Tone down abortion rhetoric, increase security at clinics, lawmaker tells Haley, **Page A7**

The white-bearded suspect wore a padded vest with black straps and gazed downward during most of the hearing. Victims' relatives watched from a courtroom. When asked by Chief District Judge Gilbert Martinez if he understood his rights, Dear replied, "no questions."

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Clinic suspect charged with 1992 rape in N. Charleston

BY MELISSA BOUGHTON
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The man accused of opening fire Friday in a Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood was charged with rape in North Charleston more than 20 years ago, according to police reports.

Robert Lewis Dear, a Char-

leston native, was arrested Dec. 31, 1992, on a charge of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. No disposition for the charge shows up on Dear's official criminal record, generally an indication that a charge has been dismissed.

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Serious action on warming in works

Developing nations' needs a key concern at climate summit

BY KARL RITTER
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Associated Press

LE BOURGNET, FRANCE — With dramatic vows to save future generations from an overheated planet, the largest gathering ever of world leaders began two weeks of talks Monday aimed at producing the most far-reaching pact yet to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and avert environmental havoc.

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"Instead of making excuses tomorrow, let's take action today."

Even before the gathering, more than 180 countries pledged to cut or curb their emissions, but scientific analyses show that much bigger reductions would be needed to limit man-made warming of the Earth to 3.4 degrees Fahrenheit over pre-industrial times, the internationally agreed upon goal.

The biggest issue facing the 151 heads of state and government at the summit is who should bear most of the burden of closing that gap: wealthy Western nations that have polluted the most historically, or developing countries like China and India that are now the biggest and third-biggest emitters of greenhouse gases?

"Addressing climate change should not deny the legitimate needs of developing countries to reduce poverty and improve living standards," Chinese leader Xi Jinping told the conference.

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Nitrous oxide during labor, becoming popular again, **D1**

SPORTS

Citadel at CSU: 'No one will be turned away,' **C1**

LOCAL

Mount P. boulevards shortcut getting new stop signs, **A2**

Couple battling cancer needs support, food on table

Gladys and Samuel have been married for 42 years. In the past two years, they have both been diagnosed with aggressive forms of cancer.

In order to get the treatment they need, Gladys and Samuel are unable to work.

Living on a fixed income, Gladys and Samuel regularly choose between paying medical bills and purchasing food. After not knowing where to turn, Gladys reached out to the Lowcountry Food Bank.

Thanks to the Good Cheer Fund, Gladys and Samuel will have a sup-



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port system and hope for their future. Contributions to The Post and Courier's Good Cheer Fund have helped the less fortunate in the Lowcountry since 1927.

The six charitable organizations sharing the funds collected are the Lowcountry Food Bank, the Salvation Army, Star Gospel Mission, the Association for the Blind, Coastal Catholic

Charities and Carolina Youth Development Center.

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Send tax-deductible contributions to the Good Cheer Fund, c/o The Post and Courier, 134 Columbus St., Charleston, SC 29403-4800. Donations also can be made in person or online at www.goodcheerfund.com.

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Footlight Players

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL, 1C RIGHT AT USC?



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Tigers fans grab tickets

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CLEMSON - Want a sellout? Have Clemson come to your party. Saturday's Atlantic Coast Conference Championship Game was officially announced as a sellout on Nov. 23, but Clemson's share of tickets had long since been gone, snatched up by eager Tigers fans less than a week after their No. 1-ranked team knocked off Florida State on Nov. 7.

On Monday morning, 700 tickets that had been held aside for Clemson students went on sale at 8 a.m., with lower deck tickets going for \$70, upper deck \$50. By 9 a.m., all were gone, as was the long line of campers who pitched tents in front of the ticket office over the weekend. Clemson and North Carolina each were originally given 5,500 tickets, but Clemson officials scoffed at that allotment.

"We knew that wasn't going to cut it, so we immediately requested an addi-

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Top-ranked Clemson places record 17 players in selection for All-ACC team, Page 1C

tional 6,000," said Clemson Athletic Department spokesperson Joe Galbraith. Saturday's sellout marks the first for the ACC Championship Game since,

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BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF
Clemson's Deshaun Watson plays against Wake Forest

The Chandler School offers students struggling with ADHD or dyslexia in traditional classrooms a chance to shine



Students learn automobile mechanical and electrical systems in an autobotics class at The Chandler School.

PHOTOS BY NATHANIEL CARY

A school molded after its creator

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Dawn has not quite broken on a Friday morning as a handful of cars wind their way up a gravel driveway leading to The Chandler School in an old house-turned-school building on Augusta Road.

Four boys hop out, enter a classroom, pull chairs up to long tables and open thick automotive mechanics textbooks to a section about wheel alignments.

with a marker on a white-washed classroom wall.

Every school day, the four boys show up at 7:15 a.m. to learn about cars. They learn by doing, fixing, building. But also by writing and reading that thick textbook, two skills that present an added challenge to the students.

The Chandler School has a very specific mission to teach intelligent K-5-8th grade students who have language-based learning differences — such as dyslexia and ADHD — and prepare them for their future education in high



Lawmaker wants data on student offenses

Bill to require tracking of disturbing-schools cases

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A school resource officer's handling of an incident in a Richland County classroom caught on video that went viral has put heightened focus on the offense of disturbing schools and whether South Carolina authorities are using it indiscriminately to criminalize misbehavior in the classroom.

The 16-year-old girl forcibly removed by the sheriff's deputy from her desk and an 18-year-old student were charged with the offense of disturbing schools, authorities said.

Now at least one lawmaker is asking whether the catch-all offense is creating a "school-to-prison pipeline," and whether it is disproportionately targeting black students.

From 2010 through last year, there were 8,552 referrals statewide, mainly by police agencies, to the Department of Juvenile Justice for disturbing-school offenses by youths, according to DJJ records provided to *The Greenville News*.

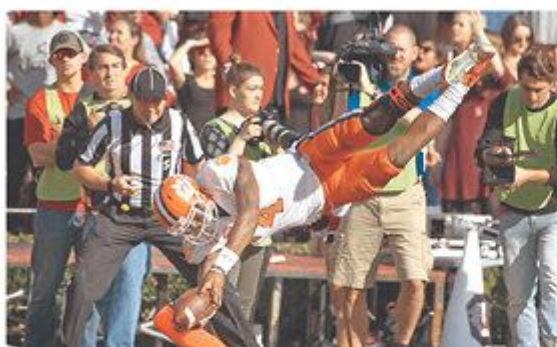
A referral is a report or complaint made to DJJ about a potential criminal disturbing-schools offense, though it doesn't necessarily mean the student was arrested or charged, a DJJ spokesman said.

DJJ couldn't provide *The Greenville News* with specifics on how many of the 8,552 cases resulted in a charge, though DJJ spokesman Eric Rousey said about 55 percent of all referrals for various offenses end up in Family Court, which has jurisdiction over juvenile criminal cases.

Neither DJJ nor the state Department of Education could break down the numbers by the specific schools where the incidents occurred. Nor did the figures indicate the racial makeup of the students.

The Greenville and Pickens county school districts said they do not track criminal disturbing-school charges and could not immediately provide their own records of those incidents.

Newberry trying to end Dillon's dominance in **Class 2A title game, 1B**



Clemson, Watson where they want to be: **ACC championship game, 1B**



Cartoonist Robert ARIALL's take on **Clemson's 12-0 season, 2C**

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The USC coaching search carousel

A look at some of the presumed candidates in South Carolina's search for a new head football coach:



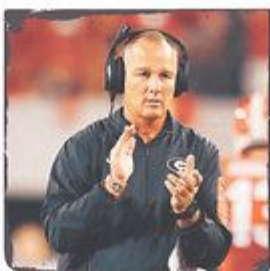
TOM HERMAN

Current job: Houston head coach
Next game: Vs. Temple in AAC title game Saturday
Update: Reports say he's close to new deal to stay at Houston
USC competition: Georgia, Missouri



KIRBY SMART

Current job: Alabama defensive coordinator
Next game: Vs. Florida in SEC title game Saturday
Update: Georgia alum said to be Bulldogs' top choice
USC competition: Georgia



MARK RICHT

Current job: Fired as Georgia head coach
Next game: Will coach Bulldogs in bowl
Update: Says he'll listen to anybody who has interest
USC competition: Miami, Virginia, Maryland



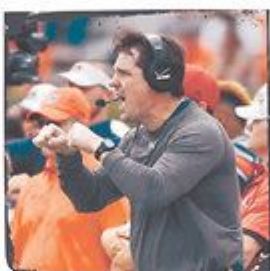
LARRY FEDORA

Current job: North Carolina head coach
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Update: Can 11-1 Tar Heels get into playoffs with win?
USC competition: Staying at North Carolina



DAN MULLEN

Current job: Miss. State head coach
Next game: Bowl
Update: Being mentioned for several openings
USC competition: Georgia



WILL MUSCHAMP

Current job: Auburn defensive coordinator
Next game: Bowl
Update: His name popped up Monday, but USC officials denied contact
USC competition: Staying at Auburn



USC MEN'S BASKETBALL GAMECOCKS KEEP ON ROLLING

The Gamecocks streak past Western Carolina 76-53 to improve to 7-0, **1B**

SHOP AROUND FIREFLIES LAND IN THE VISTA

Columbia's new minor-league baseball team, the Fireflies, opens a store selling merchandise and apparel in the Vista, **5B**



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Video release trend bucked in S.C.



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A Chicago judge last week ordered the release of a year-old dashcam video that shows a police officer fatally shooting a teenager 16 times. That action follows other high-profile cases where judges and authorities have released similar footage amid public pressure. That trend has not yet been

N.A. continues to block shooting footage of Ernest Satterwhite Sr.

applied to the February 2014 shooting death of 68-year-old Edgefield County resident Ernest Satterwhite Sr. despite several media requests and a Freedom of Information

lawsuit filed earlier this year by the *Aiken Standard*. Chicago officer Jason Van Dyke, 37, faces a charge of first-degree murder in the shoot-

ing death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. A judge set Van Dyke's bond at \$1.5 million on Monday.

Hoping to calm public protests and anger—and knowing the video's release was imminent—Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez filed the murder charge early, instead of waiting several weeks later.

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Police to consider creation of safer sale areas

BY TRIPP GIRARDEAU
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Local law enforcement is now considering having safe areas where online buyers and sellers can conduct business transactions safely, after last week's fatal shooting in Aiken County proved just how dangerous online transactions can be.

On Nov. 25, 22-year-old Frank Frazier Jr. was killed after he and another unidentified man allegedly lured a couple to Willis Hill Road with a fake ad for a used car on Craigslist, according to a report provided by the Aiken County Sheriff's Office.

The couple met Frazier in a secluded location on Willis Hill Road and Frazier was shot in the chest by the woman after he and the other suspect pulled their guns in an attempt to rob them, according to the report.

In order to keep tragic events like this from happening, many law enforcement agencies across the nation have opened their lobbies to the public in order to let them safely conduct their online business transactions.

In South Carolina, the Columbia Police Department and the Greenville County Sheriff's Office have opened their lobbies for this exact purpose.

"Aiken Department of Public Safety does not have any safe sale zone as of yet," said Lt. Jake Mahoney with the Aiken Department of Public Safety.

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AREA DEATHS

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WEATHER



CHAMPIONSHIP COVERAGE



FILE PHOTO BY MIKE ADAMS

Devonte Hill of Silver Bluff sprints for a touchdown against Woodland.

A tradition on the Bluff Bulldogs' championship drive remains

BY ERIC RUSSELL
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COLUMBIA — Not much has changed out in Petek Junction — not the television series, but the area nestled in the southern portion of Aiken County. It's still the same quiet, quaint place it has been for several years. The high school located in the area hasn't changed either: Silver Bluff High keeps producing state championship contenders.

"We keep things pretty much the same as they've been for a long time," Silver Bluff head coach Al Low said during the news conference for this year's Class AA, Division II state championship game on Monday.

The tried-and-true formula has the Bulldogs within grasp of their sixth state title in school history on Saturday when they take on Abbeville for a second time this season.

As one of the coaches said during the news conference for one of the other state title games, a town always remembers the team that makes it to a state championship game. Winners are held in higher regard, as shown by the year it all started for Silver Bluff, 1986. The late Charles

areas by way of coaching moves. Nearly 30 years later, and days before another title bout, one thing is still evident: The legacy of the Bulldogs' first state championship team lives on.

"As a varsity cheerleader at Silver Bluff High when they won the first state championship, we all knew it was the beginning of a true dynasty. Excellence was stressed not only in academics but athletics and beyond. It holds true to this day. It is wonderful to see the students experience what we did; the pride in the communities was electric and second to none," South Carolina High School League public relations director Tammie Newman said. "To now see Silver Bluff back in the state finals is a full circle moment for me. Anything is possible with a leader like coach Al Low."

It hasn't been just Low who turned the Bulldogs into the force it is today. Chriswell and his staff created a contender from day one, and Low ran with the momentum when he was handed the torch. The result is a program which has only suffered through two losing seasons. For current Midland Valley head coach Rick Knight, who was an assistant coach on the staff of the 1986 title team, his



AIKEN STANDARD FILE PHOTO

Former Silver Bluff assistant coach Rick Knight hugs a happy Troy Canty during Silver Bluff High's 7-6 State Championship win over Batesburg-Leesville High on Dec. 7, 1986. Knight is now the head coach of

All-Lakelands banquet honors the best of the area

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Superintendent's contract renewed

Abbeville County School District keeps Phipps for another year

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ABBEVILLE — Superintendent Jonathan Phipps got a one-year extension on his contract after the Abbeville County School District board of trustees discussed his evaluation Monday night.

After an hour and a half long closed door meeting, commonly referred to as executive session, board Chairman Stacy Mitchell said Phipps received a "favor-



JONATHAN PHIPPS

2014.

able evaluation," and his contract, which ends next year, will automatically be renewed for another year.

Phipps is going on his second year in Abbeville after becoming the superintendent in July

"He received a very favorable first year rating," Mitchell said. "It was a good consensus. There wasn't any question after reading all of the evaluations that it was very favorable, so it was easy to go ahead and have that roll over for one extra year in his contract."

Mitchell said the evaluations were graded based on goals the board set for the superintendent, and the categories are "doesn't meet expectations," "meets expectations" and "exceeds expecta-

tions."

One of the goals for the superintendent was increasing graduation rate, and Mitchell said the rate increased under Phipps from 82 percent to 85.4 percent.

Mitchell said the board will discuss new goals for Phipps for next year's evaluation.

In other business:

—The board decided to have their retreat tentatively on Feb. 12 and Feb. 13 but have not decided on a location.

SC HEALTH

Abortion clinic security questioned by Democrats

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A Democratic state representative asked GOP Gov. Nikki Haley on Monday to increase security at the three clinics in South



NIKKI HALEY

Carolina that provide abortions following last week's deadly shootings at a Planned Parenthood in Colorado.

"It doesn't matter whether you're pro-life or pro-choice, our focus right now should be to make sure what happened in Colorado Springs doesn't happen" in South Carolina, said Rep. Mia McLeod of Columbia, a three-term House member who's running for an open Senate seat in 2016.

"We need increased security at South Carolina clinics now," she added, without being specific.

McLeod called on the governor to coordinate with state and local law enforcement to monitor clinics in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville.

Haley's office said the governor's already doing that. Officials with the State Law Enforcement Division and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have told Haley there are "no known threats" to Planned Parenthood in the Southeast, said her spokeswoman, Chaney Adams.

"The governor will continue to communicate with law enforcement to make sure we do everything we can to keep all South Carolinians safe, as violence is never acceptable in our state," Adams said.

Robert Dear, a 57-year-old former South Carolina resident, is accused of opening fire Friday at a clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado, killing three people and injuring nine others. Colorado Springs police have declined to disclose any information on his motive.

"I'm afraid some of the rhetoric being tossed around by some South Carolina politicians may motivate someone here at home to try the same thing," McLeod said.

Her request comes a day before a House Oversight panel, on which she sits, holds its next hearing on abortion clinics in the state. The panel's investigation was among several launched by Republicans following the release last summer of secretly taped videos showing Planned Parenthood officials in other states discussing

OH, CHRISTMAS TREES



JOSHUA S. KELLY/INDEX-JOURNAL

Local tree lot set up for the holidays

Gregory Saxon spruces up the North Carolina Fraser Fir trees on sale for the Christmas season Monday morning. For the last seven years, Saxon has helped sell trees from the lot beside Bojangles on the 72 bypass, and each year he says they sell at least a few hundred trees. The trees come from a large farm in Boone, North Carolina, and take five to 10 years to mature, growing about a foot a year. "We are a full service location," Saxon said. "Here we will bag, trim and drill the trees — we even sell stands for them. We are the whole operation. Some places make you do all the work yourself."

Giving Tuesday refocuses holiday spending

By MARY KATE MCGOWAN

has participated, Bass said the YMCA



CYBER MONDAY LOSING SOME OF ITS LUSTER?

BUSINESS, C4



PATRIOTS NO LONGER CHASING PERFECTION

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SPORTS



Tigers hope to limit turnovers

Clemson's recent dangerous tendency for turnovers hasn't yet affected its winning ways, but could come back to haunt the Tigers with the four-team playoff hanging in the balance. **B1**

Spartans get first win

The USC Upstate men's basketball team entered Monday's game against visiting Toccoa Falls with an 0-7 record. Four of those losses were by four points or less, but this time there was no doubt as the Spartans rolled to their first win, 101-59. **B1**

UPSTATE

Professors discuss ISIS, US response to terrorism

Three Converse College professors hoped to shed some light on the origins of the Islamic State and potential U.S. responses to ISIS attacks during a special panel discussion Monday night. **C1**

Nonprofit plans social media blitz

A Spartanburg County nonprofit organization is hoping to harness the power of social media to encourage residents to give back. Christmas in Action is holding its annual fundraiser, Giving Tuesday, to raise money for a future ReBuild project. **C1**

ENVIRONMENT



British Prime Minister David Cameron, left, Britain's Prince Charles, center left, Prince Albert II of Monaco, center right, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel arrive for a group photo as part of the COP21, United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Le Bourget, outside Paris, on Monday. MARTIN BUREAU/POOL PHOTO VIA AP

World leaders meet for climate talks

By Karl Ritter
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The Associated Press

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French President Francois Hollande, center, shakes hands with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, left, as President Barack Obama leaves the 'Mission Innovation: Accelerating the Clean Energy Revolution' meeting at the COP21 United Nations Climate Change Conference Monday in Le Bourget, north of Paris. IAN LANGSDON, POOL PHOTO VIA AP

of the Earth to 3.8 degrees Fahrenheit over pre-industrial times, the internationally agreed-upon goal.

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China and India that are now the biggest and third-biggest emitters of greenhouse gases?

"Addressing climate change should not deny the legitimate needs of developing countries to reduce poverty and improve living standards,"

SHARING DATA BETWEEN AGENCIES

Software upgrade to assist police

Real-time data
will be shared
with sheriff's office

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Spartanburg Police Chief Alonzo Thompson knows that individuals committing crimes disregard boundary lines and don't limit their activities to specific jurisdictions.

As a way to enhance his department's investigative and crime fighting efforts, Spartanburg Police will be purchasing a new records management system through Spillman Technologies. The upgrade will allow for data sharing between the police department and the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, which already uses Spillman.

Acquiring Spillman will lead to the two largest law enforcement agencies in Spartanburg County sharing real-time police intelligence and incident data, Thompson said. "It will link data that is extremely important to piece together who's involved and where to go next," he said. "It helps eliminate some of the dead ends we run into and difficulty in tracking down leads."

Thompson gave the example of running the information of a person who city police had no prior contact with, but that the Sheriff's Office did. He said that person's data will be in the Spillman system and be readily available to the police department to provide investigative leads.

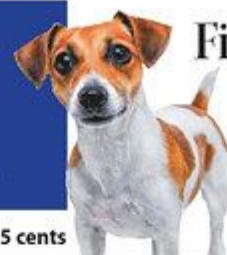
The police department has used its current police records management system for more than 15 years, and it has since become stagnant with the development of newer technology. After researching

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IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Swan Lake display sets our city aglow



The City of Sumter's Fantasy of Lights opened Monday night. See more photos from the event on page A3.

Fantasy of Lights means holiday season is here

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Christmas season is in full swing in Sumter after the lighting ceremony for Fantasy of Lights at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on Monday evening.

Mayor Joe McElveen said about 100,000 people drive through the park every year to see the lights.

He said it was tough for city employees to set up the lights this year because of

storm damage.

Much of the garden has been wiped out by the flood, but public works employees have done a great job working around the problems, McElveen said.

City Public Works Director Al Harris said it was a bit difficult for the department to complete the lighting displays while also working on other projects across the city.

"I applaud them for their



Mayor Joe McElveen's granddaughter, Adelaide, 2, crawled up on the stage to be with him during the Fantasy of Lights official opening.

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S.C. POLITICS

What can you expect in the next session?

Legislative breakfast
gives you chance to ask
delegation questions

BY JIM HILLEY
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After a year of unexpected turbulence in the Palmetto State, the next session of the South Carolina General Assembly will begin Jan. 12, and members of Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce can get an early look at what local legislators are expecting from

the session at the Chamber's annual Legislative Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Central Carolina Technical College Health Sciences Building, 111 S. Main St.

The General Assembly will have a lot on its plate when it returns to Columbia.

The last session ended in June with many issues unresolved, including how to pay to maintain the state's crumbling road system and comply with an S.C. Supreme Court order to improve funding for poor, rural school districts. Since the assembly adjourned, South Carolina has seen the death of state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, one of nine church members gunned down in Charleston on June 17; the removal of the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds; a summer of drought; and a 1,000-year flood. Legislators will also reportedly attempt to wrangle up a plan on whether to spend an expected \$1.2 billion surplus or re-fund it to taxpayers.

Chamber President Chris Hardy said all of the area's legislators are expected to attend.

"There will be a panel discussion as well as a question-and-answer period for attendees," he said. "Obviously they will be talking about some of the successes

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DONATIONS HELP NEEDY FAMILIES

Annual fundraiser begins season with strong start

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Salvation Army Social Worker Christy Lamb started her off Monday morning after the Thanksgiving weekend with a "ton of phone calls."

Lamb said she's been inundated with phone calls from folks wanting to know when they can go to see about



Now that she has a number of how much is in the fund, she should be able to start seeing clients this week.

This year's Fireside Fund, in honor

ly underway and off to an excellent start thanks to \$3,300 already given this year. With near-freezing temperatures expected by the end of the week, the donations will be a huge help to many families.

Dr. Charles "Pap" Propst died on May 20, 2015, at the age of 90. He founded Sumter Pediatrics with Dr. Ted Young in 1954, where he practiced

member of the Sumter community, serving on the former Sumter School District 17 school board, taking part in local clubs and affecting several generations of Sumterites.

Started in 1969, Fireside Fund is a partnership between The Sumter Item and The Salvation Army. The newspaper collects the money and gives it to



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City of Florence

Proposed hub would establish oasis in food desert

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FLORENCE — For many low-income neighborhoods in Florence, a gas station's selection of food essentials is often the only viable option when grocery shopping.

Several neighborhoods in Florence are described by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture as "food deserts" — meaning significant portions of these primarily impoverished communities don't have easy access to a supermarket or grocery store.

Officials say this fact has led to detrimental effects on the physical health of minorities in the city, as well as hurting local farmers and restaurants who are feeling the economic repercussions from

the lack of a sustainable market.

City Manager Drew Griffin said preliminary plans are in place to begin a food overlay district, or food hub, in Florence that will essentially allow local farmers to market and distribute their products directly to consumers.

"Our desire is to create a district that will service restaurants and businesses downtown, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods

where fresh food isn't available," he said. "This food corridor district would be designed to facilitate light manufacturing from locally sourced produce in an urban location."

Over time, the hub would include a seven-day-a-week farmers market, a warehouse, a food node that would allow dropoff and dispersion of local foods and the addition of a variety of food-

processing centers.

Griffin said anything from bread baking and honey production, to coffee roasting, meat packaging and microbrewing could potentially have a place in the food corridor. The idea is to cut out the middle man, shorten supply chains and lower costs for both the farmer and consumer.

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Florence

Biggest Loser seeks 80 entrants

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FLORENCE — The United Way of Florence County wants to lead 80 individuals towards a healthier lifestyle through Florence's Biggest Loser.

The 10-week weight-loss, healthy-lifestyle competition will return for the third year in January and contestants will have the chance to win over \$1,000 in cash and prizes.

With a registration fee of \$150, contestants will receive free membership to the McLeod Health and Fitness Center for the duration of their participation in the contest, fitness training sessions with certified trainers, nutrition counseling by a registered dietitian and nutritionist, prizes and the creation of a happier and healthier self. Funds raised will help the United Way with its annual campaign.

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Music legend Don McLean to headline FMU gala

From staff reports

FLORENCE — Songwriting icon Don McLean will headline an evening for Francis Marion University and its friends at the "Starry, Starry Night Scholarship Gala," April 2 at the FMU Performing Arts Center.

McLean, whose hits "American Pie," and "Vincent" are among the most popular songs of all time, will entertain gala patrons with songs, stories and music as only he can. A

PEE DEE PRODUCE



Ivory Wilson of Wilson Farms arranges sweet potatoes Monday morning at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market.

As fall slowly turns to winter, the crops are changing at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market in Florence. Gone are the sweet corn and watermelons; customers can now find selections of sweet potatoes, turnips, greens, holiday wreaths and Christmas trees. Some vendors have extended hours for the holiday season. Call 843-665-5154 for more information. The market is at 2513 W. Lucas St. in Florence.



Ruth and George Lee Gainey of Pamplico purchase some vegetables Monday morning at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market from Ivory Wilson (far right) of Wilson Farms.



Gabriel Bethea of Wilson Farms ensures stacks of fresh mustard greens, collard greens and turnips are properly covered and kept moist with damp burlap Monday morning at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market.

Florence County Sheriff's Office continues community outreach

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FLORENCE — The Florence County Sheriff's Office's series of outreach programs continued with recent deer hunts for a 9-year-old brain tumor patient from Georgia and

"It's wonderful for Will to be able to get out," Steve Asbell said. "We saw some this morning, but they were too far to shoot."

Will has spent most of his life undergoing chemotherapy for an inoperable brain tumor.

Chemo is keeping Will steady for now, Steve As-

at River Neck Acres.

"We saw some deer last night, so about every time we step in the woods we're seeing deer," Steve Asbell said. The pair just hadn't seen the "right" deer yet, he added.

"Yesterday I saw a spike, but he wasn't very big," Will said.



As grads become saddled with historic amounts of student loan debt,

THE BOOMERANG KID PHENOMENON

has become the new normal

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PITTSBURGH — When the scholarship and grant money that Danielle Newman received to attend the University of Pittsburgh did not cover the full price tag of attending, the 18-year-old freshman used a student loan to cover the difference. Facing higher costs as an out-of-state student, she already assumes she will need student loans for the remainder of her undergraduate education.

"I borrowed \$5,500 this year. I plan to borrow \$6,500 next year and \$7,500 the year after that," said the rehabilitation science major from Newark, Del. "I will finish my undergraduate degree in three years, partly because it is so expensive."

Another hard reality Newman has embraced is that she will likely need to move back into her parents' home after she graduates, so she can make payments on her student loans while she gets started in the real world.

"I definitely believe that I will live with my parents for some period of

Study: One-third of college grads plan to move back home

time before I get my own place after graduation," she said. "I haven't talked to my parents about it because it's so far down the road. I'm an only child. I think they will be OK with it."

Saddled with historic amounts of student loan debt, the boomerang kid phenomenon — defined by college graduates who move out to attend higher education, but end up landing back on their parents' doorsteps — has become the new normal.

According to a Harris Poll done on behalf of the New York-based American Institute of CPAs, more than one third of college students who enrolled in the fall of 2015 plan to live at home following graduation due to student loan debt. They also thought they might have

to take a job outside their field of study.

On average, college students with loans thought they would be able to pay off loans in nine years after graduation. Only 18 percent said it would take more than 10 years. A quarter didn't know how long it would take; and 6 percent of those surveyed said they had never given it any thought.

Carrie Coghill, CEO of Coghill Investment Strategies, based in downtown Pittsburgh, said the potential downside of young adults moving back in with their parents after college is that they could get stuck in a stage of arrested development.

"The natural tendency as a parent is to want to take care of your child regardless of how old they are," she said. "As a parent, you should not revert to taking care of them as a child, such as cooking their meals, doing their laundry and paying their bills. That phase of life when they return home should be different than it was before they left."

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Former council member dies at 90

Fairchild served on Hilton Head Island's second-ever council from 1985 to 1987.

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A former Hilton Head Island councilman who served on the island's second-ever council died Friday.

Bruce Fairchild died at Hilton Head Regional Medical Center, five days after his 90th birthday.

Three years after moving to the Lowcountry, Fairchild joined the Hilton Head town council, serving from 1985 to 1987. He was also a member of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee from 1994 to 2004 — when he resigned to join the committee tasked with selecting construction projects for a sales tax referendum included on the 2004 election ballot.

Born in Syracuse, N.Y., on Nov. 23, 1925, to the late Wallace and Ruth Fairchild, he spent most of his life in the Northeast before moving to Hilton Head with his wife, Helen, in 1982. The couple were married from 1954 until Helen Fairchild's death in 2008.

Fairchild graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He also served briefly in the U.S. Army Air Corps around the end of World War II, following in the footsteps of his brother, an accomplished fighter pilot in the Pacific Theater, according to Fairchild's son Todd.

Fairchild spent nearly the entirety of his professional career in trust banking in the U.S. and overseas. He worked for banks in Rochester, N.Y., and in Plantation, Fla., after moving there in the mid-1970s, Todd Fairchild said.

The couple were on their way back from a trip to the Northeast when they decided to act on a friend's advice and take a detour to Hilton Head. They visited and quickly fell in love with the island, making plans to relocate there, Todd Fairchild said.

His father took a job with the Bank of Boston, opening the trust office for the Old Colony Trust Co., soon after his move.



Fairchild

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