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Rose: Don't break law, we won't sue

Critics say former state lawmaker's actions aimed at remaining relevant

BY BRENDA RINDGE
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If you're a Dorchester County resident and have a beef with the government, it seems that Mike Rose is your man. The former state lawmaker has filed

at least six lawsuits against Dorchester County, Summerville or Dorchester School District 2 in less than two years along with lawyer Andy Gowder of Pratt-Thomas Walker. "I'll make a deal," Rose said this week. "If they'll stop breaking the law, we'll



Rose

stop filing lawsuits." Some accuse Rose of filing the suits to stay relevant, but the Summerville lawyer says all his claims have legal merit. "We have filed no lawsuit without having authority to back it up and without first taking it to council," Rose said. "When they don't change what they're doing or

explain themselves and then they have a defiant, indignant attitude, the only way we can bring our public servants into check is to sue them."

Most recently, Rose filed a claim to stop the county's referendum to ask residents if they want to spend \$43 million on parks and libraries.

It's too late to remove the question from the Nov. 8 ballot — which was finalized in August — but if Rose is successful, next month's votes won't count and the

county won't be able to move forward with issuing bonds for the projects.

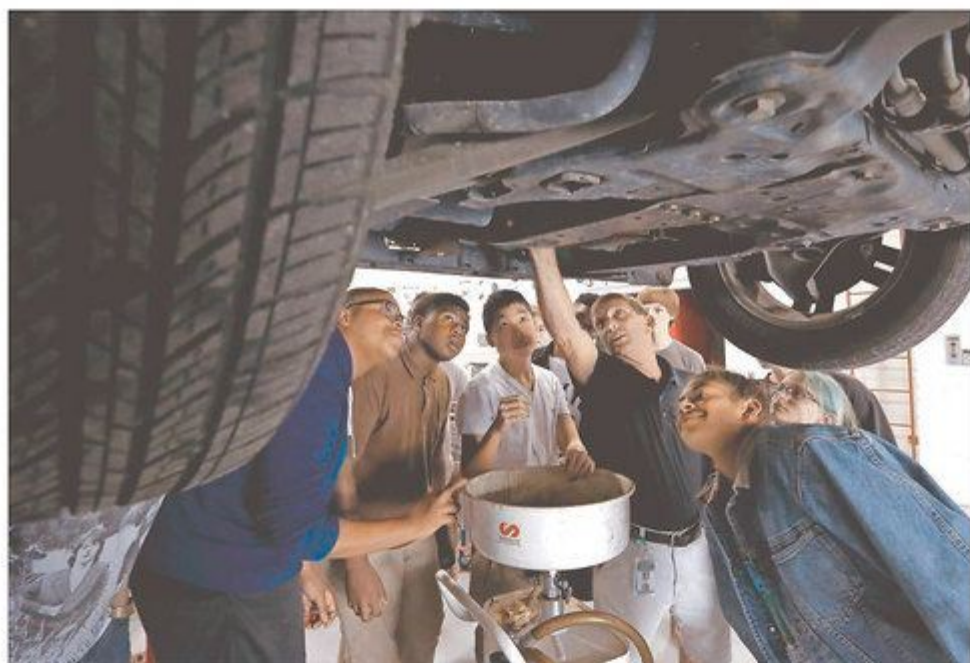
County officials downplayed Rose's efforts.

"I can't figure out what Mike Rose dislikes so much about the general population in Dorchester County," said County Council Chairman David Chinnis. "I believe he is a CAVE person: Citizen Against Virtually Everything."

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K-12 still feeling cuts of Great Recession

S.C. per-student spending up, but still below 2008 levels, report says



Stratford High School automotive instructor Mike Bolton works with students underneath an engine in the school's auto shop. The shop was put together in the old woodworking shop through donations and volunteers.

BY DEANNA PAN
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School districts in South Carolina still haven't recovered from deep cuts of the Great Recession. Despite recent state investments in public education, a new report finds K-12 per-pupil funding re-

mains below 2008 levels.

South Carolina was one of 35 states spending less per student in the 2014 than in 2008, slashing K-12 education funding by 14.2 percent, one of the largest cuts in the nation, according to a new report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

As the economy rebounded, the state Legislature began reinvesting in K-12 schools, but nearly a decade after the recession began, general funding per pupil is still down half a percent this fiscal year from 2008.

"South Carolina has been moving in the right direction after making

very deep cuts after the recession hit," said Michael Leachman, director of state fiscal research at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a left-leaning think tank based in Washington, D.C., and one of the report's authors.

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Old Naval Hospital land sales sought

Owners would use funds to pay debts

BY DAVID SLADE
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Investors — including Donald Trump Jr., who owns North Charleston's tallest building, the former Charleston Naval Hospital, are seeking permission in bankruptcy court to sell off pieces of the 23-acre property in order to pay debts.

The Chicora Life Center group purchased the 10-story building from North Charleston and planned to rehabilitate the building as a social services hub, with Charleston County agencies occupying three floors.

When Charleston County pulled out of the deal early this year, citing repeated delays, a lender foreclosed and Chicora Life Center sought bankruptcy protection.

Utah lawyer Doug Durbano is majority owner of the company, followed by Mount Pleasant resident Jeremy Blackburn and members of his family, with Donald Trump Jr. holding a 10 percent stake.

Blackburn and Trump have done business together previously, and they were principals in another North Charleston business that ended up in foreclosure.

In November, a judge will consider Chicora Life Center's proposal to raise an estimated \$3.5 million by selling off the three corners of the Naval Hospital property, at Rivers and McMillan avenues, Rivers Avenue and Dorchester Road, and McMillan and Spruill avenues.

The vacant hospital building and most of the property would remain.

The estimated proceeds would be more than the \$2 million that North Charleston paid the federal government for the entire property in 2012.

The Chicora group bought the property for \$4.2 million, claims to have invested more than \$20 million. The group estimates it's worth between \$38.7 and \$52.9 million now.

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Confident in polls, Clinton

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New faces aim to guide schools

Five school board seats are up for election between the two Richland County school districts. A crowded field of 18 candidates, featuring only one incumbent, hopes to win votes on Nov. 8.

BY SARAH ELLES
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Four or five new school board members will emerge from a crowded field of 18 candidates between the two Richland County school districts.

Longtime board members in both Richland 1 and Richland 2 are tran-

sitioning out of their positions, making way for hopeful newcomers and a few who have run or held board seats in the past.

For the first time in 24 years, Vince Ford won't return to his post on the Richland 1 school board. His at-large seat, along with that of Pamela Adams, opens up at a time when the district has come under fire for flubbing an application for



Ford

reimbursement of federal funds for low-income students. Some parents publicly asked Superintendent Craig Witherspoon to resign over the loss of \$3.1 million.

The six candidates for the two Richland 1 at-large seats are Darrell Black, a former professor and chief information officer; Otha Dillihay, a retired human resources officer for the district; Avni Gupta-Kagan,

an education consultant; Donna Mack; Germon "Mama G" Miller, a nonprofit executive; and Lila Anna Sauls, director of the St. Lawrence Place transitional housing community and the Homeless No More nonprofit.

Voters can select up to two at-large candidates. The top two vote-getters will win seats on the school board.

The candidate with the most financial support for her campaign

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COMING UP

COMING TUESDAY: Candidates on the ballot in Lexington County school board races



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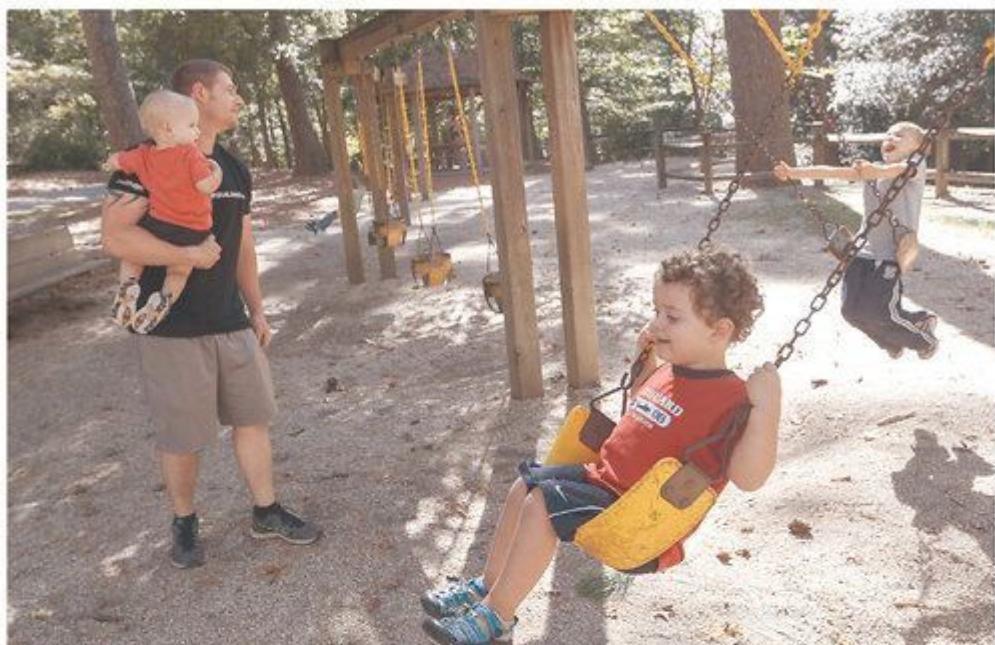
A WAR ON WILDFLOWERS?

Red Bank resident Mari-gold Wilson warns that a new Lexington County ordinance could prohibit homeowners from growing native grasses and wildflowers in their yards.

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Lexington park slated for a face-lift



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Democrat Chris Fedalei and Republican Rep. Trey Gowdy

Congressional foes to discuss issues at event

Four to meet at Furman University

AMANDA COYNE
THE GREENVILLE NEWS

A full crowd will watch candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives discuss the issues at Furman on Monday evening.

Political science professor Danielle Vinson will moderate discussions between U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy, Democratic challenger Chris Fedalei, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and Democratic challenger Thomas Dixon p.m. in

the Watkins Room of the Trone Student Center. Gowdy and Fedalei will engage in a moderated conversation for 40 minutes, followed by Scott and Dixon for 40 minutes, with a four-way discussion between all candidates capping the event.

There will be no speaking time limits or strict rules for the candidates to follow. This format was chosen over a traditional debate to show "civility and substance," as indicated in the event's title: "A Conversa-

tion with South Carolina Congressional Candidates: An Experiment in Civility and Substance."

Furman distributed 350 free tickets to its students, faculty, staff and the public; the event is sold out.

Both first-time Democratic candidates face uphill battles in deep red Republican districts. The fourth congressional district, which Gowdy represents, is rated as the second most Republican district in South Carolina by the Cook Political Re-

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Election key for state's economy

Trump, Clinton differ on free trade

JEFF WILKINSON
THE STATE

Donald Trump, the Republican Party's nominee for president, might be leading in the polls in South Carolina, but his economic positions on immigration and foreign trade would hurt the Palmetto State's economy, experts say.

"... Free trade is a big, big deal for workers here."

MARK WITTE,
COLLEGE OF
CHARLESTON
ECONOMIST

South Carolina workers because the state is manufacturing-heavy, depends on exports and imports, and has one of the nation's leading ports.

Like the majority of the America public, economists and business leaders interviewed are not overly enamored with either candidate. One economist even refused to comment because he felt the plans weren't worthy of comment. But the majority

However, Sen. Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee, has softened her support for a major free trade deal as the campaign has progressed, they say. And free trade is perhaps the most important economic issue for



Smash-and-grab burglaries in the region have caught the attention of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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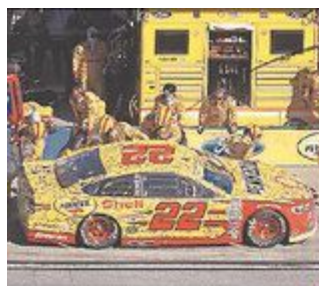
Region 'getting slammed'

SCOTT KEELER

plate through the front door.

According to reports, more than 420 guns have been stolen in the Charlotte area this year. "North Carolina's getting

The ATF is offering a reward of up to \$7,500, which will be matched by the National Shooting Sports Foundation — the



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Greenville teen killed in single-vehicle wreck

A Greenville teen was killed in a single vehicle crash in Spartanburg County on Sunday morning.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger reported that Haven Olivia Blackwell, 16, of Forrester Drive, was killed in a crash. According to the State Highway Patrol, Blackwell was driving a 1998 Toyota vehicle westbound on Reidville Road about 2.5 miles east of Reidville at 4:07 a.m. Sunday when the vehicle went off the right side of the roadway, striking a utility power pole. The vehicle overturned and Blackwell was ejected from the vehicle. Blackwell was not wearing a seatbelt.

— From staff reports

STATE

Man stabbed during church service

WEDGEFIELD — A 65-year-old Sumter County man is charged with stabbing the person sitting in front of him in church.

Local media outlets report Billy Lewis of Wedgefield is charged with attempted murder for stabbing a man during services Sunday at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Authorities have not identified the victim. He was airlifted to a hospital in Columbia with severe injuries.

Witnesses told Sumter County Sheriff's deputies that Lewis stood about 9:30 a.m. and began stabbing the man in front of him in the back and head for no apparent reason. A nurse attending the service helped the victim until emergency responders arrived.

Deputies say Lewis has a history of mental health issues, but that hasn't included violence.

— From wire reports

SHORING UP STATE'S SYSTEM

Lawmakers eye pension fix

Closing pension to new hires touted as option

By Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Some lawmakers looking to shore up South Carolina's pension system for public workers say transitioning to a 401k-like plan is a possibility. But experts caution such a move won't erase existing debt.

Legislative leaders aren't advocating the idea — at least

not yet. But several want to explore it.

"Every single solution is on the table and will be debated and considered," said Sen. Kevin Bryant, R-Anderson, co-chairman of a legislative panel studying possible solutions.

GOP Rep. Bill Herbkersman, the other co-chairman, said the panel will "definitely look" at a hybrid plan that maintains pensions for existing employees but puts new hires into a "defined contribution" system, such as 401k retirement accounts. Currently, public employees in

South Carolina can choose that path over a pension, but few do so.

Republican state Treasurer Curtis Loftis says such a hybrid is inevitable, as he believes the existing system is beyond repair.

"Within the next five years, the state will have to close its pension plan to new entrants," he said after a State Fiscal Accountability Authority meeting. "The numbers are so large now, I don't think it can be turned around."

He's referring to a projected

pension debt of \$20 billion. The deficit has amassed since 1999 due to a combination of legislative decisions, investment underperformance and fewer workers supporting more retirees.

But that huge figure doesn't mean the system's collapse is imminent. It represents the state investment portfolio's current worth of \$28 billion, compared with benefits likely owed to all 550,000 people in the system until they die,

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ELECTION PHOTOGRAPHY

BALLOT SELFIES



In this Oct. 20, 2008, photo provided by Nikola Halcyone Jordan, Jordan poses with her election ballot in Omaha, Neb. Jordan believes the selfies are a great way not only to share her views on the issues, but also to stress the importance of voting and being civically active. A Nebraska lawmaker added a provision to state election law in 2016 to allow ballot selfies. MARI ZAPOROWSKI/COURTESY OF NIKOLA HALCYONE JORDAN VIA AP

A look at where they are allowed or not

The Associated Press

Secrecy in the voting booth has become a thing of the past



Tom Schedler says ballot selfies are allowed in the state, though he's not a fan of them.

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FLESH-EATING BACTERIA

Infection kills man in four days

By Cleve R. Wootson Jr.
The Washington Post

About 80,000 people get some form of vibriosis every year, usually from eating raw or undercooked shellfish, according to the Centers for Disease Control. For most, the worst symptoms are diarrhea and vomiting.

Michael Funk was one of the unlucky ones.

On Sept. 11, he was in Ocean City, cleaning his crab pots as he and his wife prepared to return to their winter home in Phoenix, according to the Daily Times of Salisbury, Maryland.

But somewhere in the murky water lurked a strand of flesh-eating bacteria, *Vibrio vulnificus*. It came in contact with a cut on his leg, and within hours he began to feel ill.

The infection moved rapidly. Days later, ulcerated and full of lesions, it was "like something out of a horror movie," his wife, Marcia, told the newspaper. The flesh-eating bacteria is in his

ROUGH LANDING

Josh Lambo's field goal in overtime sent the Falcons and Matt Ryan (2) to their third loss. **1B**



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Vendors sell their custom-made goods to festival attendees at Sertoma Field in Walhalla for the city's Oktoberfest.

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Food, music, dance all part of Oktoberfest in Walhalla

ALLISON WELLS
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WALHALLA - For the past 38 years, Walhalla residents have opened their arms to locals and visitors alike to celebrate Oktoberfest and the city's German heritage.

Walhalla was first inhabited and named by a group of German settlers from Charleston who wanted their own slice of heaven — in Norse mythology, Walhalla is the garden of the gods. The western corner of South Carolina provided those grounds.

Oktoberfest attendees this year once again enjoyed traditional German foods from bratwurst to strudel and listened to German music, such as polkas, performed by the Little German Band. The event kicked off Friday and ran through Sunday, including vendors selling crafts and gifts, dancers, and children's activities.

Hundreds of people from across South Carolina and the Southeast turned out to enjoy the festivities.

Barbara Justus has been the director of Oktoberfest for nearly 30 years.

"This is just a family-oriented event," the Walhalla native said. "There's something for everyone, and it grows each and every year."

Special entertainment for the event this year included musician Adam Carter on Saturday afternoon and a performance by the Walhalla Bavarian Dancers.

Caroline Hoadley, who directs the Walhalla Bavarian Dancers, said this year was the group's 23rd dancing at Oktoberfest. They started by doing authentic Bavarian dances just for the event in Walhalla but now dance throughout South



Officials try to lure unknown employer

'Project Smokey' could add 60 jobs, they say

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Anderson County is courting a manufacturer that could bring 60 new jobs to the Pendleton area.

Officials have not made public the identity of the company, which is code-named "Project Smokey" in county documents.

County Administrator Rusty Burns said the company is considering making a \$19.5 million investment in this part of the Upstate.

"This would be a big win because this company is looking at a building right outside the Pendleton town limits that has been sitting idle for a while," Burns said. "And the jobs it would bring have an average salary over \$20 an hour, so it would be wonderful to land that."

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★ ELECTION 2016

Clinton takes fight to Arizona

State long considered to be conservative stronghold

THOMAS BEAUMONT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX - There is palpable momentum for Democrat Hillary Clinton in Arizona, a state so traditionally Republican that her party's nominee for president has carried it just once in the past 64 years.

Encouraged by Donald Trump's failure to unite the GOP in Arizona, Democrats are scrambling to capitalize in the

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DECISION 2016

Ruling makes it harder to monitor elections

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WASHINGTON

November's presidential election is the first in more than 50 years in which the federal government won't send a full complement of specially trained observers to monitor elections in states, such as Mississippi, with long records of discriminatory voting practices.

After the Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* weakened a core provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the U.S. Department of Justice can deploy special election observers from the Office of Personnel Management only where authorized by a court order.

Because of that requirement, the department will deploy a smaller number of its own staff attorneys and other personnel to monitor elections next month in roughly half the states.

Unlike the special observers, the department staffers won't have the authority to view activity inside polling places and locations where votes are tallied unless they get approval from local officials.

That potential loss of access to real-time voting operations is causing concern among civil- and voting-rights activists about the integrity of Mississippi's vote process.

"Not having that seat on the front lines creates a disadvantage," said Kristen Clarke, the president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, one of the nation's leading civil rights organizations. "I think you need to be inside the polling sites shoulder to shoulder with poll workers and observing carefully every aspect of the process to ensure all voters are treated fairly."

Federal observers "watch the election process, to collect evidence, to deter wrongdoing, to defuse tension and to promote compliance" with federal law, according to a recent speech by Vanita Gupta, the head of the civil rights division at the Justice Department.

They also look for different treatment of voters based on race and whether materials and assistance are provided for non-English speakers and voters with disabilities.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

3 killed in Sunday morning crash in Chester County

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CHESTER

Three people were killed and another seriously injured in a head-on crash Sunday morning just north of the city of Chester on Saluda Road, officials said.

Chester County Coroner Terry Tinker identified those who died

as Anthony "Tony" Lynn Roof, 46, of Chester; Willie James Perry, 76, of Rock Hill; and Sir Lawrence Darby, 53, of Rock Hill.

The driver of a 2006 white Ford van, Joseph Dewayne Knox, 42, was taken by helicopter to Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

Charges are pending in the case.

Knox was traveling south on

Saluda Road with Roof when his 2006 white Ford van veered off to the right around 12:30 a.m., according to Tinker and State Trooper Joe Hovis. Knox came back onto the road and struck Perry's red Dodge Ram pickup truck head-on. Darby was a passenger in Perry's vehicle.

At the wreck scene, debris, including car parts that landed in tall grass down a small hill,

littered the side of the road where the vehicles crashed. A couple of prescription bottles, a microphone and other items were scattered near the road where officials labeled the scene with orange spray paint.

Hovis said the wreck is still under investigation.

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ROCK HILL

'A ticking time bomb': Families speak out against 'choking game'

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ROCK HILL

Jennifer Steele doesn't feel very strong. She doesn't feel brave for speaking out about her 14-year-old son's death from the "choking game" earlier this summer.

What she feels is grief and pain and heartache, four months later.

Halloween and Christmas and the holidays are coming soon, and the Steele family can only brace themselves for an emotional few months.

"Memories of him dressing up in Halloween costumes flood my mind," said Steele, who found her son, Carson, lying in his room after playing the "game." "We're gearing up for a hard couple of months."

Just a week before Carson's death on June 18, he and his twin brother, Alex, had celebrated their 14th birthday.

In the "choking game," people cut off their airwaves, using a belt, rope or some other form of pressure on the neck, in an attempt to get a sense of euphoria.

The game claimed the life of another York County child earlier this year.

Officials say the activity can be done with scarves, belts, neckties or a variety of other objects that can be tied to bedroom furniture or doorknobs.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages parents, educators and health care providers to familiarize themselves with signs of the "choking game." Those may include discussion of the behavior, bloodshot eyes or marks on the neck.

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



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Laura Collins, a nurse practitioner student at Francis Marion University, saw both her grandmother and great-grandmother battle breast cancer, prompting her to spread awareness.

THE GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER

Family history prompts nurse to spread awareness

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — When breast cancer touches a family, it leaves a mark forever. For Laura Collins' family, there are two marks: one for her grandmother and one for her great-grandmother.

Already working as a nurse at Lake City Hospital, Collins is studying at Francis Marion University to become a nurse practitioner. She said working in the medical field is some-

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» The McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit travels to businesses and health-care facilities to increase accessibility to mammograms
» Rehab is a key, important component to life after surviving cancer

thing that has interested her since she was young. "My aunt is a nurse, and my mom is also a nurse," Collins said. "Medical stuff has been a big part of me

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THE NURSE NAVIGATOR

A guiding hand



JOE PERRY/MORNING NEWS
Toni McGiboney is a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in nursing who is also a certified oncology nurse and works as a lung and breast nurse navigator at Carolinas Hospital System.

Leader of 'Toni's Tigers' supports those in need

BY JOE PERRY
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is diagnosed with cancer, it's up to McGiboney to offer emotional support as well as a guiding hand

THE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

A fight to remember



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Breast cancer survivor Tracey Scott (left) poses with her daughter Ayshia at the family home in Florence.

Hardships, triumphs in victory over breast cancer

BY SCOTT CHANCEY
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FLORENCE — The pink T-shirt reads, "Survivor 9-27-16," marking the day Tracey Scott was declared free of breast cancer.

On the back, two boxing gloves clash, and it reads, "Knock Out Cancer."

Nothing signifies the end of a relentless fight like the ringing of a bell.

Or two.
Scott rang her first bell June 7, signaling her end with chemotherapy. On Sept. 27, she did it again to end radiation.

In a unanimous decision of doctors instead of boxing judges, Scott was able to resume her normal life from Stage-1 breast cancer. That, in her daughter, Ayshia's eyes, was "2smooth," a nickname her friends gave her at Trinity-Byrnes Col-

gate School, where she is a junior and the reigning Most Valuable Player for the girls' basketball team and its region.

"2Smooth is 'to be better than average,'" Ayshia said. "Never settling for less, striving to be better than the average person."

Ayshia designed her own font for "2Smooth" and put it on that pink T-shirt (which has not been printed yet), substituting the "o's" for cancer-awareness ribbons with the desire to sell them and donate proceeds to cancer research.

It's the least Ayshia could do to commemorate her mother's victory. It's a victory not just for Tracey but also for the entire family, because life slowly but surely is returning to normal.

Instead of bracing for chemo or radiation, Tracey prepares for physical therapy and the chance to spend time with family and friends while also getting another job af-

ter losing hers during her cancer battle.

"I'm a person that feels like everything happens for a reason, and my grandmother would say, 'What doesn't kill you makes you stronger,'" Tracey said.

But how did it get to this?

With every fight, there is a story, and the Scott family's story began in February when Tracey was admitted to a hospital for a pinched nerve in her neck and a bulging disc.

The discovery

Tracey originally had her annual mammogram scheduled for December, but because of schedule conflicts, she had it in January and thought nothing of it.

That was, until she was notified while in the hospital in February that her test showed a possible sign

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THE RARE VICTIM

Florence man overcomes breast cancer diagnosis



BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — Breast cancer is 100 times less common among men than women, with about 2,600 new diagnoses each year in the United States.

In April, Lake City High School teacher Jeff Collins became one of those men.

"Up until that point, 49 years of

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HURRICANE AFTERMATH

Bay Point: Hilton Head's second island on hold?

BY KELLY MEYERHOFER
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While Hurricane Matthew slammed the shores of Beaufort County's other barrier islands, Bay Point was spared extensive damage, said Bay Point Island LLC spokesman Tom Gardo.

However, plans to annex the uninhabited 347-acre island and transform it into a resort will halt until the beginning of next year at the earliest, Gardo said, because town officials "have their hands full" with the storm's aftermath on Hilton Head Island.

"We need to focus on the

reconstruction of Hilton Head first and repair what we already have," town manager Steve Riley said.

Riley said he has seen Bay Point just once — and that was from a helicopter high in the sky on the afternoon of Oct. 8, after the hurricane had hit.

"It was hard to tell (from that

height) what was down and what wasn't," he said.

From the ground, Gardo said Bay Point Island's caretaker reported some fallen pine trees and minor erosion on the sound. The wooden walkway from the dock onto Bay Point was washed away.

"The island held up extremely

well compared to a lot of other places," Gardo said.

But the island's annexation timeline will be pushed back a couple of months, he said. Still, there are no plans to suspend their annexation application in writing, he added.

Meanwhile, some town council members say they have been in the dark about Bay Point since the storm.

"I haven't gotten any update on Bay Point," said Ward 4 representative Kim Likins. "And to be honest, (Hilton Head) has been first and foremost in our minds. Bay Point hasn't even come into consideration as a priority right now."

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Daniel Whisnant, left, holds the glass in the frame as DJ Enloe, both with Foothills Glass, puts it into place Friday at the new Bojangles' restaurant off Buckwalter Parkway in Bluffton. The crew came back on Oct. 11 to restart work on the fast food business after Hurricane Matthew.

DEVELOPMENT

Which construction sites are back to work after Hurricane Matthew?

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Much of the construction in Beaufort County that you'll see in the coming weeks will be to repair homes

buildings and businesses damaged by Hurricane Matthew, but what about all the projects that were in progress before the storm grazed our coast?

Developers and contractors say they're eager to get back to work — and most, in fact, have.

JK Lay, owner of the Bojan-

gles' Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits in Beaufort, said he felt blessed that his new Bojangles' restaurant currently being built at Buckwalter Place in Bluffton didn't receive any damage from Hurricane Matthew. He said before the storm, he planned to open his restaurant early November.

At the Sea Turtle Market-

place, the former Pineland Station, on Hilton Head Island, "Lord willing, if it stays on track it will be sometime this November," he said. "Hopefully sometime before Thanksgiving."

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place, the contractor for the project, said there were a number of trees that needed to be removed and there is some remedial work to do on the site, such as erosion control and drainage, before work can resume. He said he hopes that will be in two or three weeks.

But Sandcastle Constructors is also anticipating delays from inspections and permitting after the Town of Hilton Head Island suspended all applications and reviews Oct. 13 to focus on emergency repair work. A post on the town's website states that staff will reassess the decision to freeze permits after 30 days.

Before the storm and after months of delays, Sandcastle Constructors announced they would resume work and begin assessing the site. The developer, John Wheeler, said the site would be assessed starting Oct. 3, just days before the mandatory evacuation and storm.

Stop N Stor, a climate-controlled storage unit facility at the intersection of Bluffton Parkway and Red Cedar Street in Bluffton, has been a work in progress since early this year.

Mick Jordan, director of real estate at Stop N Stor, said there was no damage to the site, aside from minimal debris, and workers have returned to the site this week. The evacuation, though, will delay the unit's completion. He said earlier this month that they planned to finish by late December or January 2017.

"(The hurricane) sure didn't help, you know, anytime you have the guys off the site ... everything was closed so we couldn't get inspections," he said. "So it definitely will be, probably some ramifications from that."

Despite the storm's delay, Jordan said he didn't think the project will get pushed back more than two to four weeks from its original completion date.

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