

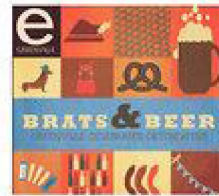
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## Call to campus police set off search for Hipps



MYKAL MCLEOD/STAFF

Tucker Hipps fell to his death in this area underneath State 93. Hipps' body was found Monday afternoon.

## Recording released of conversation on regular line, not 911

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CLEMSON — A friend of Tucker Hipps called the Clemson University Police on Monday afternoon before Hipps' body was found in Lake Hartwell to ask if anyone there knew his whereabouts but he didn't want to file a report, according to a recording released by campus police Thursday.

The caller told a dispatcher he had been running with Hipps and fellow Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers that morning and didn't realize he didn't make it back with the group until they returned to campus.

It was not a 911 call but a call to the regular campus police line, Chief Johnson Link said. The students did not file a missing person report, but his officers began looking for Hipps right after the call came in at 1:45 p.m., he said.



MYKAL MCLEOD/STAFF

These two parallel bridges are where Hipps fell into the shallow water of Lake Hartwell during a run with other fraternity members on Monday morning.

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## Regulator 'surprised' Duke hasn't acted yet

Company vowed to remove  
coal ash from two basins

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COLUMBIA — A state utility regulator says he is surprised and disappointed that Duke Energy has yet to remove any coal ash from any of its South Carolina sites even though coal ash is being removed from utility basins in North Carolina.

But a Duke spokesman told *The Greenville News* that none of the coal ash from its North Carolina sites has yet been removed and said relocating the material requires regulatory approval.

The comments of state Public Service Commissioner G. O'Neal Hamilton of Bennettsville came after an attorney for environmental groups told the commission Thursday that the coal ash lagoons at Duke's W.S. Lee Steam Station in Anderson County are unsafe and pollute.

Duke on Tuesday told the South Carolina Public Service Commission, which regulates utilities, that it would remove coal ash from a 17-acre coal ash basin closed in the 1970s at Lee as well as a coal ash storage area there and would tell environmental regulators by the end of the year what it will do about the ash in two active basins on the site. Duke plans to close the basins after it converts its facility from coal to natural gas next year.

The basins are located next to the Saluda River and about seven miles upstream from drinking water inlets for two communities.

Duke has not yet decided when it will move the coal ash or where, officials said Tuesday. The utility maintains the dams and active basins at the Lee site are safe and is working on a remediation plan to fix the slope on one of the basins to make it meet industry standards, officials have said.

"I think it's somewhat of a surprise to this commission that no ash is being removed because this has been an ongoing situation that we've heard about and talked about," Hamilton told Holleman at one point. "We've seen reports of trucks moving in North Carolina and I assumed that was happening here and it's a little disappointing."

Ryan Mosier, a Duke spokesman, said no coal ash has yet been removed from any of its North Carolina sites.

He said a decision has been made to remove coal ash from four of the company's 14 North Carolina sites, including Asheville. He said the utility must go through a regulatory process to remove the ash.

"Excavation plans will need to be submitted and approved by state regulators before that work could begin," he said. "We're exploring options for where that ash could go at the sites where we've decided relocation will be needed. We are continuing our engineering work at the other 10 North Carolina sites to inform closure decisions that are protective in the long-term, just as we are in South Carolina at W.S. Lee and Robinson."

Environmental officials have asked that coal ash, a byproduct of burning coal that contains trace amounts of arsenic

## Supreme Court: Tax agency violated spirit of FOI

Records request regarded  
2012 breach of tax data

By Tim Smith  
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enue, told *The Greenville News* that the agency paid the money because it felt the fees were "reasonable" and wanted to avoid another court battle.

He said the agency is reviewing its procedures in responding to FOIA requests in light of the Supreme Court ruling last

thanks to this ruling," he said. "Information needs to be timely. This may send a message, I think."

Sloan is no stranger to FOIA battles or court challenges of state and local government. He has sued numerous agencies, the Legislature and even the governor





## GOOD NEWS AT PUMP: Gasoline prices are down and going lower. **A4**



Lee Corso, masquerading as Cocky, brandishes a real rooster, taunting his co-host Kirk Herbstreit on ESPN's GameDay broadcast in October 2013. The popular pregame show returns to Columbia on Saturday.

### >>> ON THESTATE.COM

Follow live updates from College GameDay's visit to the Horseshoe starting at 8:45 a.m. Saturday on [thestate.com](http://thestate.com).

### >>> IN BUSINESS

Fans can bite into a new brand of hot dogs Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium. **B4**

### >>> IN SPORTS

1994 team, USC's first bowl-winner, to be honored at Saturday's game. **C1**

# GAMEDAY IS BACK

The University of South Carolina will grab the national college football spotlight this weekend with the arrival of ESPN College GameDay.

The national show previewing college football games will air for three hours Saturday from the Horseshoe. The Gamecocks host the University of Missouri at 7 p.m. at Williams-Brice Stadium.

#### USC'S RECORD WHEN ESPN GAMEDAY VISITS

**Nov. 10, 2001:**  
Florida 54, USC 17

**Sept. 11, 2004:**  
Georgia 20, USC 16

**Aug. 31, 2005:**  
USC 24, Central Florida 15

**Oct. 28, 2006:**  
Tennessee 31, USC 24

**Oct. 9, 2010:** USC 35, Alabama 21

**Oct. 6, 2012:** USC 35, Georgia 7

2012, when the Gamecocks beat Georgia.

Some of the events Friday for USC students and Saturday for the GameDay broadcast, which is open to the public.

#### FRIDAY

**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** Poster-making for students to wave during the broadcast; in front of the Russell House

**11:45 a.m.:** Pep rally featuring Cocky and USC cheerleaders; in front of the Russell House

**Noon to 2 p.m.:** Cornhole contest for students with a top prize of two backstage passes to GameDay; in front of the Russell House

**5 p.m.:** Camping by students starts on the east end of the Horseshoe between the GameDay set and McKissick Museum

#### SATURDAY

**7 a.m.:** Pit area in front of the GameDay stage opens for students



**9 a.m. to noon:** Live broadcast, featuring Chesney's musical performance and ESPN analyst Lee Corso announcing his pick for the USC-Missouri winner by donning one team's mascot head

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# Does ex-trooper who shot driver have PTSD?

Criminal lawyer says that's a logical defense to explain his actions



Groubert

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A former South Carolina Highway Patrol trooper facing criminal charges in connection with shooting a driver in the Columbia area may have had post-traumatic stress disorder syndrome from a prior shooting incident, a Columbia lawyer said Thursday.

"It's a logical defense for what happened, and a reasonable one in some cases — but there has to be a valid basis," said Joe McCulloch, who has handled numerous criminal cases.

McCulloch said that on Thursday morning, when he watched the dashcam video recording of former Lance Cpl. Sean Groubert shooting Levar Jones during a routine

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## 'MOST IMPORTANT THING I'LL EVER DO'



'SportsTalk's' McCrerey donates kidney to ensure his stepdaughter gets transplant

By BOB GILLESPIE  
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Kevin McCrerey is back on the air in Columbia. One of the hosts for the S.C. Radio Network's state-wide "SportsTalk" show along with Phil Kornblut and Tom Hayes, the 36-year-old sports nut — known to friends and audiences as "K-Mac" — once again is reporting on the Gamecocks and Tigers and everything else, dishin' out opin-





## How to fix the Braves

(Brett Gardner would be a start)

GENE SAPAKOFF, C1



## Scars remain one year after Georgetown fire

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## City's tourism cops taking scenic route

Officers will target businesses that skirt the rules in historic district



PHOTO BY ZOLLER/STAFF

A group of tourists brought in by a bus Wednesday take a tour of The Battery. Three new officers are policing Charleston tourism.

BY ABIGAIL DARLINGTON  
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The three new enforcement officers who were recently hired in the city's livability department have spent the past week on guided walking tours, carriage rides and tour buses.

They're not soaking up the sights, but learning the routes and daily operations of an industry they're starting to police next week.

The city hired the new officers after getting an earful from residents this year about the need for better enforcement of tourism regulations. The issue routinely came up in public forums and other meetings.

"They adopt these plans but then they don't enforce them. They say they manage tourism, but then they really don't."

Randy Pelzer, a resident of the South of Broad neighborhood

held by the Tourism Management Advisory Committee, which has worked for the past six months to gather input from the community about their experiences with tourism in downtown Charleston.

The group of 31 residents and tourism professionals was appointed by Mayor Joe Riley in April to examine the city's Tourism Management Plan and strategize how it should be

updated by the end of the year. It's the fourth round of updates the city has ordered since its first Tourism Management Plan was adopted in 1978, which is often touted by the city as the first of its kind in the United States.

Charleston now has a reputation for regulating tourism more

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### If you go

**WHAT:** Tourism Management Advisory Committee meeting  
**WHEN:** 8 a.m., Friday  
**WHERE:** Historic Charleston Foundation, 40 East Bay St.



**Poll**  
Are city officials doing enough to regulate Charleston's tourism industry? Find this story at [postandcourier.com/polls](http://postandcourier.com/polls) to vote.

## Attorney General Holder to resign

Republicans promise fight over nominee

BY NEDRA PECKLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eric Holder, America's first black attorney general and an unflinching champion of civil rights in enforcing the nation's laws, announced his resignation Thursday after leading the Justice Department since the first days of President Barack Obama's term. He is the fourth-longest-serving attorney general in U.S. history.



Holder

Holder, the administration's point man on the civil rights investigation into the police shooting of an unarmed 18-year-old in Ferguson, Missouri, won't leave until a replacement is confirmed, which means he could remain in office for months.

Senate Republicans signaled they were preparing for a confirmation fight after years of battles with Holder. Said Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell: "It will be scrutinizing the president's replacement nominee to

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## Fill 'er up! Gas going below \$3

Lowcountry drivers likely to see savings

BY JONATHAN FAHEY  
Associated Press

The price of a gallon of gasoline soon may start with a "2" across much the country.

Gasoline prices typically decline in autumn, and this year they are being pulled even lower by falling global oil prices. By the end of the year, up to 30 states could have an average gasoline price of less than \$3 a gallon.

That's great news for Charleston resident John Hatcher, who drives a truck and often pulls a trailer full of scrap metal and other things.

He can spend up to \$40 per day on gas, he said, so he estimates the price drop could save him at least \$20 per week.

With prices where they are now, he said, "I have to make trips count."

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## Fort Moultrie's shining moment

Coins to depict Sgt. Jasper, flag in 1776 victory

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**SULLIVAN'S ISLAND** — Fort Moultrie is about to be made of something richer than any other park in South Carolina. Silver bullion.

An image from the history of the iconic national park at the tip of Charleston Harbor will be minted onto quarter coins in 2016. As a bonus, a number of "investment coins"

will be minted, 3-inch discs of fine silver. Those coins now sell for about \$225 each.

Sgt. William Jasper waving the Palmetto flag was picked by a U.S. Mint citizens committee earlier this week. Gary Marks, committee chairman, called it a depiction of an iconic moment in the classic 1776 Revolutionary War victory that immortalized the fort.

"We felt it was a heroic rendering of Sgt. Jasper," said Marks, a Lebanon,

Ore., medallist artist.

"It's a great recognition, and 2016 will be the centennial celebration of the National Park Service," said Park Superintendent Tim Stone. "Sometimes Fort Moultrie gets in the shadows of Fort Sumter. But a whole lot of history took place here."

The Fort Moultrie coins will be among five national park or site designs issued for 2016 as part of the

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This design rendering of Sgt. William Jasper is expected to be featured on some quarters in 2016.



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# ESPN is coming



## Gamecocks to be on GameDay

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ESPN's "College GameDay" program will broadcast Saturday from Columbia in advance of the South Carolina vs. Missouri game. The live three-hour show, which features Chris Fowler, Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit and Desmond Howard, will be aired nationally beginning at 9 a.m. It will broadcast from the Horseshoe on the USC campus.

"We're always fired up to get those guys here," South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier said. "That will be added to the excitement here on campus the day of the game. (I) look forward to seeing those guys. They've been very good to us."

Country music superstar Kenny Chesney will perform at Horseshoe, and will also serve as the celebrity guest picker on the broadcast. ESPN said Chesney will do an acoustic rendition of "American Kids," a song off his new album, "The Big Revival." Chesney is a self-proclaimed Tennessee fan, but is also a friend of

### Saturday's game

**WHO:** No. 13 South Carolina (3-1, 2-1 SEC) vs. Missouri (3-1, 0-0)  
**WHERE:** Williams-Brice Stadium, Columbia  
**WHEN:** Saturday at 7 p.m.  
**TV:** ESPN

Steve Spurrier, and recently produced a documentary about the USC head coach called "The Believer" for the SEC Network.

Saturday will mark the seventh time "GameDay" has visited Columbia, and the Gamecocks own a 3-3 record in those games. The most recent was in 2012, when South Carolina beat then-fifth-ranked Georgia, 35-7.

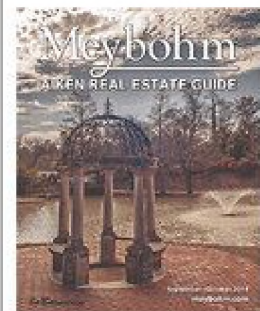
This game is a rematch of a classic contest last season when an injured Connor Shaw came off the bench in the second half to lead the Gamecocks past the Tigers, 27-24 in double overtime. The winner of this year's game should be in control to win the SEC East Division.

**More USC info:**  
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South Carolina wide receiver Pharoah Cooper (11) breaks free for a long run.

### COMING SATURDAY



## Lawsuit filed in police shooting

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The family of a man who was shot and killed by a North Augusta officer earlier this year has filed

a wrongful-death lawsuit against several agencies in Aiken and Edgefield counties. Attorneys for Anthony Satterwhite filed the summons and complaint in Edgefield County on Sept. 5. The complaint lists Satterwhite as the plaintiff, representing the estate of his brother, Ernest Satterwhite. It lists Edgefield County, the Edgefield County Sheriff's Office and the North Augusta Department of Public Safety as defendants.

**Complaint filed  
against local  
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### AREA DEATHS

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## State funding brings new textbooks

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For the past eight years, Aiken High School science teacher Edna Mills has offered a marine science class for her students – relying on a textbook published in 2005.



We thought we would get high school English books at the state level. But only the middle school books were





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## Brunson-Dargan's Wright named Teacher of the Year

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Kathryn Wright (left) hugs Brunson-Dargan Elementary Principal Ada Sindab on Wednesday after Wright was named the 2014 Darlington County School District Teacher of the Year.

HARTSVILLE — Dozens of Darlington County School District teachers, administrators and staff members filled tables inside the Lawton Park Pavilion on Wednesday evening to enjoy dinner and hear who would be named the district's 2014 Teacher of the Year.

The distinction landed upon the shoulders of Kathryn Wright, an exceptional education teacher at Brunson-Dargan Elementary School in Darlington.

District Superintendent Eddie Ingram made the announcement. Afterward, he read a letter penned by the parent of one of Wright's students.

"I've seen several pages of praise and heard many great things about Mrs. Wright from her colleagues and

her principal," Ingram said. "But there was one letter that captured it all."

He quoted the letter.

"I'm a very proud parent of a child who spent the last three years in Mrs. Wright's class, learning and thriving in ways I once only dreamed about," the parent wrote. "It is because of Mrs. Wright that my child is confident and independent and engages with other children in social settings."

"Mrs. Wright always encourages her students to do their very best, to love reading and to respect others. The motto at Brunson-Dargan is 'Where dreams become a reality.' In my heart, Mrs. Wright will always be a Teacher of the Year."

An emotional Wright took to the podium to speak on behalf of her students and those who have helped her.

"Thank you so much. I have (my teacher assistant). I have a principal, who's an advocate for my children," she said. "I told my children one thing when I came through the door... I was where I was at the district office because of you. I would not have gone there if not for you. Thank you so much."

Wright earned a Bachelor of Science in sports science and a Master of Arts in special education from the University of the Philippines. She has spent time as an assistant professor at that university, as well as a preschool teacher, a physical education instructor and the instructor for a community recreation program.

In a pamphlet distributed to attendees at the banquet, Wright was quoted about her views on special

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### Hartsville

## Police warn of counterfeit money being circulated

From staff reports

HARTSVILLE — An influx of counterfeit U.S. money has been injected into the Hartsville area in recent weeks, according to the Hartsville Police Department. The department has arrested several people and continues to investigate the source of the counterfeit currency.

Businesses are encouraged to "be vigilant in their counterfeit currency countermeasures such as checking larger bills with testing markers and closely examining larger bills," the department said. Of the suspects already arrested in the case, several had purchased items advertised on Facebook or Craigslist with fake money.

"Individuals should take precautions and engage in transactions with people you either know or have (contact) information on such as names, addresses, phone numbers, email address, etc.," the department said. "Transactions can also take place, especially if large amounts of cash are involved, near banks or other establishments where the bills can be verified prior to releasing the property."

The department is working with the Darlington County Sheriff's Office, the Florence County Sheriff's Office, the State Law Enforcement Division and the United States



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## Wrongful death suit filed



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Hartsville's Dwayne McDaniel carries a flag following the 2012 Class 3A state title game in memory of teammate Ronald Rouse, who died from a heart condition in October 2012.

## Late player's family claim negligence after death on field

BY CHRISTOPHER MCKAGEN  
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DARLINGTON — The mother and father of a Hartsville High School student athlete, who died on the playing field in 2012, filed a wrongful death lawsuit Thursday against several agencies, locally and statewide. The family demanded a jury trial in the case.







## Greenwood Genetic Center celebrates 40 years

By **FRANK BUMB**  
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Dr. Hal Taylor received an interesting phone call from his good friend, Dr. Roger Stevenson in 1974. Stevenson, a pediatrician, wanted to build a genetic research.

"I was thinking Richmond, Columbia, Jacksonville," Taylor said. "And he goes, 'Greenwood, South Carolina.' So I pull out my atlas — we didn't have Google or even computers for that matter back then —

and found the tiny, tiny dot for Greenwood."

Why did Stevenson choose Greenwood 40 years ago to become the home of one of the pioneering genetic research centers in the world?

"There was a great deal of support," Stevenson, a native of Neeses, said. "Jim Self was very supportive and he got the state involved."

At a celebration of its 40th anniversary the scientists and supporters of the Greenwood Genetic Center revelled in the

successes of the past and the promise of the future. Support for the GGC only increased, evidenced by the presence of Frank Wideman, president of the Self Family Foundation, and state Sen. Billy O'Dell.

"Over the last 10 years, in reoccurring funds, the state has pumped in about \$29 million to the GGC," O'Dell said, crediting the Greenwood County legislative delegation. "Which has allowed a further \$60 million in federal funds to come in. So about \$90 million over

the past ten years."

That funding is paired with a unique partnership between the GGC and Clemson University.

"We all know about the success that Clemson has had with the (International Center for Automotive Research)," O'Dell said. "I honestly think we're going to see the same from the research and education partnership between Clemson and the GGC."

The support GGC receives See **GENETIC**, page 4A



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Crowds stand to clap for Dr. Roger Stevenson's, center, accomplishments and dedication for the past 40 years with Greenwood Genetic Center Thursday evening at the 40th anniversary dinner.

### ■ HEALTH

## Enterovirus strain claims SC, too

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Soap and water. Scrub, scrub and scrub some more.

Two cases of the country's most talked-about enterovirus have been confirmed in South Carolina, bringing the number of states with confirmed cases of EV-D68 to 32 as of Wednesday, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The two cases were treated at Children's Hospital of Greenville Health System, and have since been discharged, according to Sandy Dees, senior media relations coordinator for GHS.

The virus is one of more than 100 strains of non-polio enteroviruses. This strain was first identified in California in 1962, but has not been commonly reported.

EV-D68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness. Mild symptoms may include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches.

Children who had severe respiratory illness had difficulty breathing or had wheezing, and many of these children had asthma or a history of wheezing, according to the CDC.

Infants, children and teenagers are most likely to get infected with the enterovirus and become ill, because they have yet to develop an immunity to the viruses.

"We've all had an enterovirus at some time," said Nancy Lumley, infection prevention coordinator at Self Regional Healthcare.

Lumley said hand hygiene

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## SUPER NETWORKING is SUPER FUN



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Inside an enclosed plastic bubble Landon King grasps for coupons blowing around him Thursday at the 7th annual Super Networking Night held at the James Medford Family Event Center at Piedmont Technical College. An estimated 700 attendees gathered to gain valuable information as the Chamber members showcased their businesses.



Kevin Lynch of Old Man Catering at Lander University hands a piece of candied bacon to an attendee Thursday at the 7th annual Super Networking Night held at the James Medford Family Event Center.





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# Woman, 3 children victims of home invasion by 5 men

**Armed suspects at large after midweek incident**

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Sumter County deputies are investigating reports of a home invasion that allegedly involved

five suspects storming into a residence with guns drawn Wednesday morning.

According to a report from Sumter County Sheriff's Office, the incident unfolded about 8:15 a.m. at a house in the 6400 block of Sweet Olive Court, just south of the Stateburg community.

The victim — a 28-year-old female — told officers she exited her

home to drive her three children to school, only to find all four tires on her pickup truck flat. As she was checking the vehicle, five black men emerged from a wooded area across the street from the residence. The suspects allegedly forced the woman back into the house at gunpoint and ordered her

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## No cubicle on this job site



A man works atop the AT&T cellphone tower, which sits off Harvin Street, on Sept. 17 at sunset.

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# 1st black attorney general resigning

BY NEDRA PICKLER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eric Holder, America's first black attorney general and an unflinching champion of civil rights in enforcing the nation's laws, announced his resignation Thursday after leading the Justice Department since the first days of President Obama's term. He is the fourth-longest-serving attorney general in U.S. history.

Holder, the administration's point man on the civil rights investigation into the police shooting of an unarmed 18-year-old in Ferguson, Missouri, won't leave until a replacement is confirmed, which means he could remain in office for months.

In an emotional ceremony at the White House, Obama said Holder did a "superb job" and credited him with driving down both the nation's crime and incarceration rate — the first time they have declined together in more than 40 years.

"He believes as I do that justice is not just an abstract theory," Obama said. "It's a living and breathing principle. It's about how our laws interact with our daily lives."

In a speech earlier this week, Holder described the dual personal perspective he brought to the job and how it applied to the Ferguson shooting, in which a young black man was shot and killed by a white policeman.

He said he had the utmost respect for police as a former prosecutor and the brother of an officer. But, he added, "As an African-American man who has been stopped and searched by police in situations where such actions were not warranted, I also carry with me an understanding of the mistrust that some citizens harbor."

Holder told The Associated Press in an interview that he's not sure whether the Justice Department will finish its investigation into the shooting before he leaves.

"I don't want to rush them," Holder said. He said once out of office, he will direct attention to "issues that

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# State earns Golden Shovel Award







**PET SMARTS:** Festival features fun and games, education for pet owners. **B1**  
**TEARFUL GOODBYE:** Attorney general Holder announces resignation. **D1**



## 13 arrested in Oconee drug roundup

Police searching for 10 more

BY NORMAN CANNADA  
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Thirteen people were arrested, and author-

ties were searching for 10 more at press time in a drug roundup Thursday in a cooperative effort between the Oconee County Sheriff's Office and the Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster police departments.

The roundup was the seventh in the "Operation Infinity" effort started by the sheriff's office when sheriff Mike Crenshaw took office in January 2013. "It was definitely a success," said Lt. Jeremy Chapman, who

oversees the narcotics division for the sheriff's office. "A lot of these cases come in and start out with tips. These are all street-level drug deals. We want to show that we are still actively working these deals and the complex cases also. We are still fighting the war on drugs." Chapman said the roundup

took about two weeks to plan. It included a variety of drug distribution cases, from methamphetamine to marijuana, crack and prescription drugs. "Operation Infinity is a reference to the ongoing commitment of the sheriff's office to

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## Oconee running low on building inventory

Blackwell: 'A good problem'

BY STEVEN BRADLEY  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Oconee economic development director Richard Blackwell has what he calls "a good problem" on his hands. The county is bringing in enough industry that it's running out of places to put potential businesses.

"Right now if a company called me and said, 'I need a 60,000-square-foot building in Oconee County,' I do not have that," he said. Blackwell said he has a 30,000-square-foot building in Westminster and a similarly sized space at the Seneca Commerce Center, and the next spaces available are 130,000 and 200,000 square feet.

"I don't have anything in between," he said. "So if somebody is looking for a 60,000-square-foot space, I have to say, 'I don't have anything,' which is something you never want to say in economic development."

Blackwell said build-to-suit space is available if a company is interested in going that route, but that didn't always fit the needs of prospective



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## FINISHING TOUCHES

Workers were in Seneca on Thursday putting up new Greenville Health System signs on the campus of Oconee Medical Center, which will be operated by GHS beginning on Wednesday. In addition, the hospital will revert back to its former name, Oconee Memorial Hospital, under the agreement.

## Linsin: Oconee has means to pay for capital projects

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Donna Linsin came armed with charts, visuals and handouts in making a presentation as to why she thinks a penny sales tax

is critical of what she deems wasteful spending of public funds. She made her presentation Thursday night to an audience of a couple dozen at a meeting of the

## TUCKER HIPPS DEATH INVESTIGATION

## 911 call released in death investigation

Spokesman: 15 reports of serious fraternity incidents since August 20

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND  
THE JOURNAL

CLEMSON — On the day Clemson University police officials released a 911 call from a Sigma Phi Epsilon pledge brother about Tucker Hipps' disappearance, a university spokesman said there have been more than a dozen reports of serious incidents involving fraternity members since Aug. 20.

While no connections to hazing have been confirmed in the case of Hipps, a 19-year-old sophomore found dead Monday



Hipps

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## Oconee sheriff issues statement

THE JOURNAL STAFF

WALHALLA — Oconee County sheriff Mike Crenshaw issued a statement Thursday about the investigation into the Monday death of Tucker Hipps, a fraternity pledge at Clemson, who died Monday in an apparent fall from the S.C. Highway 93 bridge in Clemson. "We are con-

## TRANSCRIPT OF 911 CALL

**Editor's note:** The Clemson University Police Department released a 911 call from Tucker Hipps' pledge brother Campbell Starr on Thursday. The call came in to dispatchers at around 1:45 p.m. Monday, just hours before Hipps was found dead in Lake Hartwell. Complete audio from the 911 call is available online at UpstateToday.com.

**DISPATCHER:** Clemson University Police and Fire.

**CAMPBELL STARR:** Hi, Um, I'm, uh, I'm calling to see if earlier this morning or some point today y'all picked up a like 19-year-old guy, like, brown hair. He's, like, my buddy. I'm looking for him.

**DISPATCHER:** We haven't arrested anybody today.

**STARR:** No, not like an arrest. No, like picked him up.

**DISPATCHER:** What do you mean picked up?

**STARR:** I don't know? Just like, like, just off of the side of the road or something.

**DISPATCHER:** Hmm. No. We don't just pick up people off of the side of the road. The only thing we do is if we have an arrest or if we have to send neckers out to somebody.

**STARR:** OK.

**DISPATCHER:** Where was the last place you seen your buddy?





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## Dead HHS player's family sues

Rouse's parents file wrongful death lawsuit against local, state agencies two years after tragedy

BY CHRISTOPHER MCKAGEN  
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DARLINGTON — The mother and father of a Hartsville High School student athlete who died on the playing field in 2012 filed a wrongful death lawsuit Thursday against several agencies, locally and statewide. The family demanded a jury trial in the case.

Ronald Rouse, an 18-year-old senior football player, collapsed twice on the field Oct. 5, 2012, during a home game against Crestwood while his parents watched. Rouse

would eventually be pronounced dead at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center.

His parents, Yvonne Rouse and Ronald Rouse Sr., claimed in the lawsuit that the South Carolina Board of Education, Darlington County Board of Education, Hartsville High School, South Carolina High School League, Lake Robinson Rescue Squad, Darlington County Emergency Preparedness and Darlington County exhibited negligence in regard to policies and actions throughout a sequence of events that ended with Rouse's death.

Five causes of action are listed in the lawsuit: wrongful death, a survival action on behalf of the deceased, negligent infliction of emotional distress, unfair and deceptive practices and breach of contract with an intended third-party beneficiary.

The Darlington County School District said its policies outline that it cannot comment on pending litigation.

Jerome Singleton, commissioner for the South Carolina High School League, said he had not heard of

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Ronald Rouse (74, center) died in 2012 while playing for the Hartsville Red Foxes.

MORNING NEWS FILE PHOTO

## A NIGHT OF MEMORIES, FUTURES



Kathy Mattea, a Grammy-winning singer and musician, performs at "An Evening of Hope," a benefit for McLeod's cancer center, Thursday night at the Florence Little Theatre.

The McLeod Regional Medical Center held "An Evening of Hope," its 15th annual cancer benefit event Thursday night at the Florence Little Theatre. The event helps support the hospital's Center for Cancer Treatment and Research.

An array of doctors, hospital staff and cancer survivors

were recognized. Florence Little Theatre veterans, the band Borrowed Time and headliner Kathy Mattea performed songs. Like many audience members, all the performers were touched by cancer in some way.

"It's near and dear to my heart," said Nick Townsend, who sang "You'll Never Walk

Alone." He dedicated his performance to his grandmother, a mentor and friends who are cancer survivors.

"This is a celebration of survivorship," said Dr. Rhett Spencer, a McLeod radiation oncologist. "They're living their life. That's what's important."

— Veasey Conway

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## Lucy T. Davis recognized as a Healthy School

BY MELISSA ROLLINS  
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FLORENCE — Obesity has been on the rise in the United States in the past 10 years, especially in children.

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is partnering with schools across the nation to stop the epidemic. One school that took the challenge headon is Lucy T. Davis Elementary School in Florence.

The school was recently awarded a Bronze Healthy School Award from the Alliance for its efforts. Davis was one of only 250 schools across the nation to be given an award.

Mandy Stoklosa, who teaches physical education and coordinates the program at the school, attended the Healthier Generation's Leader Summit in Washington, D.C., to accept the award.

"When we decided we wanted to go for the Bronze award, there was a lot of work," Stoklosa said. "I worked with the cafeteria staff to make sure that they were serving the right foods to the kids. We had to make sure that our P.E. time was as much as it needed to be for the standards and that there was activity time within the classroom."

Stoklosa said that the students were not the only focus for the program.

"Fitness Forum came and did health assessments for staff members," Stoklosa said. "They

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## Florence County

## Council nears move to consolidate fire bonds







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## 'Friend of Orangeburg'



CHRISTOPHER HUFFETZ

Former Orangeburg Mayor Paul Miller shares a laugh with the audience after being named Citizen of the Year on Thursday night at the Kiwanis Club of Orangeburg's annual banquet at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center on Columbia Road. **Find a related video with this story at [TheTandD.com](http://TheTandD.com).**

## Former Mayor Paul Miller named Citizen of the Year

By GENE ZALESKI  
T&D Staff Writer

Former Orangeburg Mayor Paul Miller thought he was at Orangeburg's Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year banquet to see his friend David Coleman receive the prestigious award.

Instead, Miller was the one accepting the honor.

"I have enjoyed being a part of this community since I moved here and I appreciate you all giving me the opportunity to do the various things that I have done over the years," Miller told those gathered Thursday evening at Orangeburg's First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

"Thank you all for letting me serve and to be a part of this community," he said.

Miller is the 61st recipient of the award, presented by the Kiwanis Club.

Miller said he first realized he was the recipient when Jay Jackson, who pre-

sented the award, said the winner was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"It does not take a rocket scientist to figure that one out," Miller said. "I had a little inkling, but I had just too much going on to get into it."

In an effort to maintain the surprise, family members and co-workers entered the room after the announcement was made.

"Maybe that explains why some people have been ignoring me," Miller said to laughter. "I see some people in the back. All of them have been coy today too. Why did you all not tell me something?"

In presenting the award, Jackson described Miller as an individual who went beyond just his work as mayor.

"Paul did a lot of everything," Jackson said. "He did a lot of things in his lifetime in Orangeburg to better the community. He exemplifies the kind of person we want to name as Orangeburg's Citizen of

the Year.

"He is your friend, my friend and, more importantly, a friend of Orangeburg."

The Kiwanis present the award each year to a person who has contributed to the well-being of the community over several years. Local civic clubs nominate an individual they feel has contributed to the community.

Retired Orangeburg surgeon Dr. Henry Frierson received the award last year.

Bernice Tribble, 2002's Citizen of the Year, has known Miller for the past 27 years. She and her husband, Don, moved to the city in 1987 and became Miller's neighbors.

"What you see is what you get," Tribble said. "He is always the same."

She described him as an ambassador for Orangeburg.

"He has gone out of his way to do

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## Ex-SCSU lawyer gets 6 months of probation

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN  
T&D Staff Writer

CHARLESTON — Former South Carolina State University attorney Edwin Givens was sentenced Thursday to six months of probation for his role in a scheme involving the 2011 homecoming concert.

S.C. State's former chief of staff said he shouldn't have followed the university's leadership.

"You can't go along to get along. What's right is right and what's wrong is wrong. I didn't want to rock the boat. I should've turned the boat over," Givens said during his sentencing hearing on Thursday morning.

Givens said, "Ultimately the boat capsized."

During the federal court hearing, U.S. District Judge David Norton decided Givens' probation is effective from May 13, when he pleaded guilty to misprision of a felony for failing to report the scheme to authorities. S.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean Toal previously suspended Givens' law license for an indefinite amount of time.

"Many nights I laid awake wondering how I got myself into this predicament," Givens said.

He said while he served as general counsel at S.C. State, there was a "culture of retribution and a culture of Napoleon-like leadership."

But now, "A new culture has been created there," he said.

Documents from S.C. State appear to show the university spent about \$250,000 on the 2011 Homecoming concert but only took in about \$70,000 in revenue from the event.

Givens ended up receiving about \$500 during an ar-



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Former South Carolina State University attorney Ed Givens leaves the Hollings Judicial Center in Charleston after being sentenced by U.S. Judge David Norton.

anged meeting at the Hilton in Columbia on Sept. 13, 2011 in connection with the concert. He gave it to a university foundation.

"I did not feel comfortable with the way I received the \$500," Givens has said.

Givens said in court Thursday morning, "I'm emphatically apologetic."

"I apologize for the actions and inactions that have led me to plead guilty to misprision of a felony," he said.

U.S. Attorney Nancy Wicker said Givens began cooperating with authorities on Jan. 13, 2012.

She said in court that she

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## Accrediting agency head instructs S.C. State board



By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN  
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South Carolina State

## Split SCSU board can't elect chair



seek re-election as chair, although he plans to continue to serve as trustee. He told the board

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