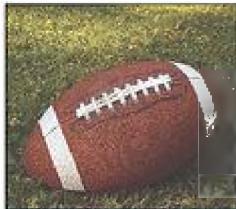


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Haley announces Saluda County is Work Ready

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SALUDA — Gov. Nikki Haley had some exciting news for Saluda County residents Thursday.

At the Roxy Foods plant, Haley announced Saluda County received Work Ready certification. The certification comes in part from having a certain percentage, different for each county, of workers, unemployed persons, college and high school students take and pass the WorkKeys assessment. Haley said the achievement will attract employers to the county.

"They're the fourth county to receive the certification in South Carolina," she said. "Every other county — Clarendon, McCormick and Colleton counties — once they received the certification companies contacted (the South Carolina Department of

Commerce) asking about those communities."

Work Ready certification also requires meeting goals for graduation rates, soft skills and public-private partnerships. Ramita Vali, Roxy Foods president, said the decision to support the Work Ready initiative was a no-brainer.

"We need quality employees," Vali said. "The process of making the noodles we do is very exact, very technically precise. We need employees that can make fast decisions who are smart. We need happy employees."

Roxy Foods, formerly Sunray Z Foods, moved to the old Milliken plant at 782 Columbia Highway in Saluda County in the spring of 2013. With a scheduled investment of \$12 million and 150 full-time jobs over five years, the announcement came as a huge boon to Saluda County.

"You have picked such an amazing community to move into. (At the time) this was the first major announcement we had had in Saluda County in 10 years," Haley said.

The Work Ready certification provides a beacon to employers that a county has the kinds of employees they need, Haley said.

South Carolina Manufacturer's Alliance President/CEO Lewis Gossett said employees of every stripe want a highly developed workforce.

"Everybody knows we have the power, the power, the water, the roads," Gossett said. "But they want to know if you've got the people that can fill the plants. If you've got these kinds of quality people in your workforce, you'll get the jobs to come. If you don't, you won't."

State Sen. Shane Massey, Saluda

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Gov. Nikki Haley speaks with President and CEO of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance Lewis Gossett while finishing her tour of Roxy Foods plant in Saluda County. Haley was on hand Thursday morning to announce Saluda County's certification as Work Ready, the fourth county in South Carolina to receive that designation.

CAMPING OUT

By MATT BRUCE
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A dozen of local youth put their talents on display Thursday morning at the Brewer Recreation Center held a graduation ceremony for its annual summer camp.

A dozen children ages 7 through 11 participated in the six-week day camp, which was held at the facility just off East

Cambridge Avenue. Many of the campers' parents were on hand for Thursday's fare-well, which featured several performances involving activities the children learned during the summer.

"The boys and girls here have had a really good time," said Marcella Strong, who served as a teacher for this year's camp. "The children have really learned more sports than just basketball and foot-ball — like tennis, soccer and karate. Some

Kids complete Brewer Recreation summer program

was so fast through them six weeks we couldn't finish everything the way that we wanted to because we had to move from one schedule to the next. But it was all fun and everyone really enjoyed it. Everything was just great this year."

Many of the campers made tie-dye T-shirts spray-painted with a collage of colors, which they wore during Thursday's graduation ceremony.

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A team of campers perform a "Chainsaw Dance" during a summer camp graduation and open house Thursday morning at the Brewer Recreation Center. From front are Jamere Little, Jakalin Pendermon, Jaylon Williams, Brian Cheatham and Jordan Davenport.

■ METH

DEU closes out month with another bust

By STAFF REPORTS

Greenwood County narcotics officers arrested a Hodges man Thursday during another meth bust.

Eric Scarboro, 27, of 110 Nation Road, was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, distribution of meth, improper disposal of meth waste and felony possession of a firearm in connection with the incident.

Agents from the multi-jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit nabbed the suspect late Thursday afternoon, making it their eighth meth-related bust of July. Scarboro represented the 19th suspect booked on such charges during last month's wave. IDEU officials said they responded to the suspect's residence to serve arrest warrants on the distribution charge.

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ERIC SCARBORO

■ NEW STORE

Wal-Mart Trust purchases land

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Wal-Mart quietly has been working on its second project in Greenwood.

Three tracts of land were purchased by the Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, according to titles to real estate and a land title survey filed with the Greenwood County clerk's office.

The three tracts total more than 33 acres and cost the retail giant more than \$1.4 million. The future site is between Bixby's 25 Northeast and Cambridge Avenue East.

According to building plans submitted to the county building department, the new store is set to encompass 152,000 square feet under roof and will include an auto center. Greenwood's current Wal-Mart Supercenter on Hwy. 72 bypass NW is a little more than 199,000 square feet on about 25 acres.

Wal-Mart's South Carolina arsenal

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