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Highway commissioner urges gas-tax increase

Wooten updates Rotarians on state transportation department

BY JOE PERRY
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FLORENCE — S.C. Department of Transportation Commission Vice Chairman Mike Wooten used figures and statistics to make the case for a gas tax increase when he spoke Monday to the Florence Rotary Club.

Wooten, who represents the 7th Congressional District that stretches across Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion and Marlboro counties, strongly refuted any notion of fiscal mis-

management at the state Department of Transportation.

The gist of Wooten's presentation was to underscore an annual funding shortfall of \$400 million needed to repair the state's crumbling infrastructure.

South Carolina's gas excise tax of 16.75 cents per gallon is among the lowest in the nation, he noted, and was last raised in 1987.

Comparing the Palmetto State often to North Carolina and using the metaphor of leaving monochromatic Kansas while traveling to multicolored Oz, Wooten said the S.C. transportation

department is responsible for 41,000 miles of highways with a \$1.6 billion budget. The Tarheel State, he said, has a \$5.2 billion budget for its department of transportation.

"And they've got less road miles than we do," he said.

However, the website for North Carolina's DOT shows a \$4.4 billion budget with responsibility for 80,000 miles of highway and 13,638 bridges. South Carolina owns and maintains 8,300 bridges.

Funding for the SCDOT is the

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S.C. Department of Transportation Commission Vice Chairman Mike Wooten, who represents District 7, spoke to the Florence Rotary Club Monday afternoon during their regular meeting at Victors.

JOE PERRY/MORNING NEWS

Homeowners faced with big bills to fix dams deemed unsafe

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — People who live around dozens of lakes in South Carolina are under emergency orders to repair or replace dams that ruptured or were deemed unsafe by inspectors after the historic rains this month, and they face staggering bills ranging from thousands of dollars to perhaps millions.

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"That's the magic question," said Laban Chappell, co-owner of a 40-acre lake in Lexington that emptied when the lake's dam failed Oct. 4.

Chappell owns an old mill that has been converted into shops and restaurants near the lake. He's been told it will take no less than a million dollars to repair the dam, depending on the design. For now, he's too busy trying to get flooded businesses back up and running to think about how or whether to rebuild the dam.

He is among dam owners under an Oct. 30 deadline to hire an engineer and figure it out. The directive comes from the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the agency responsible for inspecting the dams but one that has been historically understaffed and underfunded, and in some cases never inspected dams before they breached.

Across the state, 75 dams are under emergency repair orders — 28 of them in hard-hit Richland County, where floodwaters busted through or spilled over a series of earthen dams built decades ago along Gills Creek, which runs through the capital city area of Columbia. An engineer's detailed inspection, as well as repair or replacement plans, must

A helping hand



Gov. Nikki Haley help pack cleaning kits for flood victims on Oct. 26 for a "Team South Carolina" event at the Williamsburg County Recreational Complex.

PHOTOS BY JOSHUA LLOYD/MORNING NEWS

Governor Nikki Haley stops in Pee Dee for disaster relief event

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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KINGSTREE — During a Monday morning visit in Kingstree, Gov. Nikki Haley helped pack disaster relief kits and talked to local flood victims about their options for repairing damages done to their property during the "1,000-year flood."

The event, held at the Williamsburg County Recreational Complex, was a part of Haley's

not going to stop until we come out of this stronger than when we started," Haley said. "We're going to keep coming back to these areas until they feel like they're on their feet again."

FEMA officials and agents with the U.S. Small Business Administration were on hand, helping with applications for relief. Several state departments were also on hand, including Social Services, Employment and Workforce, Health and Human Services, the Department



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Area braces for monster tides, rain

Next few days could erode beaches even more, flood Charleston streets

BY BO PETERSEN
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A king tide Tuesday morning could become one of the 10 highest ever recorded, forecasters say. High tides are going to wrack the beaches — again —

all week, in what could be the start of a long winter for coastal residents. And downtown street flooding could be a problem for the next few days.

An 8-foot plus tide in the morning was forecast by National Weather Service, Charleston, following a Monday

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evening tide forecast to top 7 feet. Tides above 7 feet are high enough to trigger coastal flood advisories.

The morning high tide is expected downtown at rush hour — 8-8:30 a.m. — but could cause trouble until 10 a.m., said meteorologist Carl Barnes with the Weather Service. High tides will persist

near or above the 7-foot level until the weekend.

The king tides are being pushed by a perigee moon, or the moon passing close to Earth, as well as by winds out of the northeast. The winds are part of a complex weather system partly spawned by the remnants of powerful Hurricane Patricia. Winds on Monday already were gusting at more than 25 mph.

Rain that began to fall Monday will continue through Wednesday and

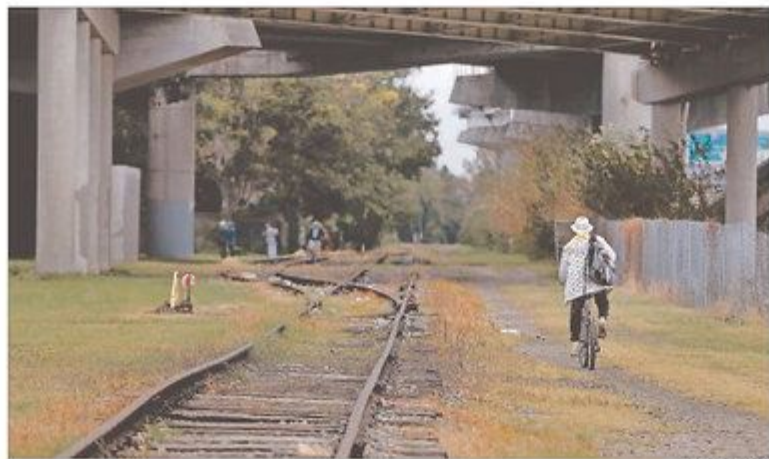
might total 2 inches or more. It could be a downpour at times, Barnes said. "We're not looking for any widespread flooding, (but) if you have high tide downtown, it doesn't take much rain to get a significant impact," he said.

Peninsula streets will be closed if they become impassable, said Charleston Police spokesman Charles Francis. The closings will be reported at postandcourier.com.

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A new route to fun

Deal with railway brings Lowcountry Lowline park closer to reality



A path used by pedestrians and cyclists follows the railroad lines stretching from Woolfe Street to Courtland Avenue. Friends of the Lowcountry Lowline have a contract to purchase the 1.7 miles of railroad right of way between on the upper part of the Charleston peninsula to create a greenway.

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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No train has rumbled over the rails between Meeting and King streets for several years, and plans to create a new urban park there are getting on track.

The Friends of the Lowcountry

Lowline announced Monday it has a contract with Norfolk Southern Corp. to purchase the 1.7-mile-long right of way from Courtland Avenue to Woolfe Street.

Now comes an equally challenging part: finding the money to close the deal.

The Friends of the Lowline de-

clined to reveal the specific contract price, but they said it's in the low eight figures — and that the price was subject to an independent appraisal of the approximately 10 acres along the route, much of which parallels Interstate 26.

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pc Poll
What do you think of the proposed plan to turn unused rail lines between Meeting and King streets into a new urban park? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Schools to define scope of audit

Board may not pursue forensic examination

BY DEANNA PAN
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The Charleston County School Board wants a thorough, detailed audit of the district's finances following the recent discovery of an \$18 million budget shortfall. It just may not be a "forensic" one.

On Monday, the school board voted 6 to 1 to define the scope of work for a forensic audit of the Charleston County School District's 2014-15 budget at the board's next Audit and Finance Committee meeting before moving forward with the auditing process.

"It may or may not include a forensic audit depending on what the scope selected is," said board member Todd Garrett, chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee.

The motion, introduced by Garrett, authorized district staff to issue a request for proposals from five audit firms.

The board later voted to ensure that the scope of work includes a review of all of the district's personnel payroll records, including any job description or title changes and salary increases, in the 2013, 2014 and 2015 fiscal years.

"I'm fine doing a forensic audit if that's what we think is necessary," Garrett told The Post and Courier earlier. "If we don't think it's necessary, it costs a lot more money to do a forensic audit and I'd rather keep those dollars going into the classroom rather than spending them elsewhere."

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Voters will help decide how Mt. Pleasant handles growth

Property-tax hike for recreation also on ballot Nov. 3

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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MOUNT PLEASANT — This town's Latin motto translates into "to grow," and voters here will go to the polls Nov. 3 and decide how.

Twelve candidates, including three incumbents, are vying for the four at-large Town Council seats up for grabs in an election that has been dominated by development issues and concerns.

Town voters also will decide if they want to raise their property taxes by about \$80 on a \$400,000 home to pay for new public lands, recreation improvements and new senior and arts centers.

That referendum grew out of discussions about how the town should react to its growth. Its population is among the fastest-growing in the United States.

Controversies over specific developments have dominated council agendas during the past two years. Council

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voted earlier this month to approve a growth management plan with new growth curbs, but even that might not calm the waters. At least three controversial developments are tied up in lawsuits.

Various groups have backed certain groups of candidates, from the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce to a Facebook group aligned with the Save Shem Creek movement.

Incumbents Ken Glasco, Chris Nickels and Chris O'Neal are seeking new terms, while Councilwoman Thomasina Stokes Marshall is not running again. The challengers are Julio Avendano, Christian Branson, Bob Brimmer, Ben Bryson, Joe Buslow, Nick Collins, Will Haynes, Roddy Miller and Jim Owens.

The four top vote-getters on Nov. 3 will win and will be sworn in a week later.

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Why bringing home the bacon might be harming your health

Locals weigh in on study linking cancer, processed meats

BY HANNA RASKIN
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Bacon lovers don't have to give up the occasional breakfast strip, but local dietitian Jennifer Swallow says a new study showing processed meat consumption is as risky as asbestos exposure or smoking should discourage them from wrapping their meat-loaf in bacon.

"It wouldn't kill them to eat bacon once a month, twice a month," said Swallow, a licensed dietitian and nutritionist based in Summerville. "But we're talking two strips of bacon, not a bacon double cheeseburger."

While doctors in wealthier countries have long warned against eating too much meat, the World Health Orga-

pc Poll

Will the report about processed meats like bacon being linked to cancer cause you to change your eating habits? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

nization's cancer agency gave the most definitive response yet Monday about its relation to cancer. The agency said ham, hot dogs and other processed meats can lead to colon, stomach and other cancers, and that red meat is probably cancer-causing, too.

The findings don't say that a slice of salami is as dangerous as a cigarette, but they could weigh on public health policy and recommendations by medical groups amid a growing debate about how much meat is good for us.

Swallow, author of "You're Not a Caveman, Don't Eat Like One," fears the Paleo diet embraced by many followers of the CrossFit workout program has muddied the message about the dangers associated with eating meat products.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL BAILEY, WILSON PICKED FOR NORTH-SOUTH GAME

Chapin's Logan Bailey and Batesburg-Leesville's Terrence Wilson, two of the marquee players in the Midlands, among 15 Midlands players picked for North-South football game, **1B**



USC FOOTBALL HOW TO SOLVE RED ZONE BLUES

Gamecocks are trying to come up with new ways to score from inside the opponents' 20-yard-line, **1B**



SHOP AROUND 24-HOUR DINER OPENS NEAR USC

The Community Table, a 24-hour restaurant near USC, is scheduled to open

THE FLOOD OF 2015: RECOVERY

A slow walk through a flooded home with FEMA



Kimberly Anne Sonnenfeld examines the flood-gutted house she lived in with a FEMA agent. Rain and floodwater ravaged the Columbia area in early October, and FEMA responded to thousands of residents displaced as a result of the damage.

South Carolina recovers

52,000

FEMA inspections scheduled to date in S.C.; 97 percent have been completed

66,000

South Carolinians signed up for aid from FEMA

\$5.5 MILLION

In FEMA assistance for expenses such as medical supplies

\$42 MILLION

In FEMA housing assistance for people forced from their homes by the flooding

\$48 MILLION

In FEMA aid to individual households

BY AVERY G. WILKS
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Kimberly Sonnenfeld walked through the halls of what once was her home, explaining to a FEMA housing inspector which parts of the house were the kitchen, the bedrooms and the "Woman Cave."

Not much is left inside the home on Glenhaven Drive off South Beltline Boulevard, now a skeleton of wood beams, ruined flooring and dangling wires.

Almost everything, from the chandelier to the floor, is covered with debris from the floodwaters that swept through the house Oct. 4, forcing out Sonnenfeld, her friend who owns the home and their pets.

"You see this on TV all the time,

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See a video and more photos from the FEMA walk-through

but you never expect it to be here," Sonnenfeld said.

"And it was horrible. And you start thinking, 'What do I have? What do I have? What do I do?'"

Last week, Sonnenfeld took another step on the road to recovery. She walked a FEMA housing official past the flat-screen televisions lying face down on the lawn and into her home for an inspection. Then, she listed what she had lost as the inspector tapped the screen on his tablet.

She explained how she had awakened on Oct. 4 and stepped into up to 8 inches of water, thinking the water

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SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Video shows violent confrontation between resource officer, student

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Duke Energy buying Piedmont Natural Gas



Heavy machinery works to move coal ash at the Duke Energy power plant south of Asheville.

WILLIAM WOODY/WWOODY@CITIZEN-TIMES.COM

Under plan, the Charlotte-based utilities would still have to get their customer rates approved by South Carolina regulators

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Duke Energy's plan to buy Piedmont Natural Gas won't immediately affect the prices that the two utilities are allowed to charge their thousands of Upstate customers, according to the South Carolina agency charged with protecting the public interest in utility matters.

The Charlotte-based utilities would still have to get their rates approved by South Carolina regulators, and any cost savings that their combination brings to their regulated businesses must be passed on to ratepayers, said Dukes Scott, executive director of the Office of Regulatory Staff in Columbia.

Scott said Monday after the \$6.7 billion deal was announced that he intends to review it with an eye toward consumer interests, even though Duke and Piedmont likely don't need

THE DEAL

\$6.7 billion
What Duke Energy is paying for Piedmont Natural Gas

730,000
Duke's retail customers in South Carolina (187,000 in Greenville County)

155,000
PNG's retail customers in Upstate South Carolina

49%
Gas sold by PNG going to generate electricity

90%
PNG's customers that are residential Source: Duke Energy, PNG

COST COMPARISON

Duke Energy and Piedmont Natural Gas rates will not change as a result of the deal, company officials said. In comparison with South Carolina Electric & Gas, Upstate costs are lower.

1,000 kWh a month

Duke Energy Carolinas: \$115.99

SCE&G: \$149.58

100 therms a month

PNG: \$22.57

ScanSource expansion will add more than 100 jobs

\$6M project proves South Carolina has 'diversity of jobs'

AMANDA COYNE
THE GREENVILLE NEWS

ScanSource will add more than 100 jobs over five years in a \$6 million expansion of its Greenville County headquarters, the company announced Monday with Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster.

The new jobs will be "highly-skilled career positions" at the technology distributor's headquarters off Pelham Road, and the expansion will convert 30,000 square feet of warehouse space into office space to accommodate sales and support staff. The project is expected to be completed in the next five years.

ScanSource is a technology distributor specializing in point-of-service, barcode and security products.

The expansion also marks a commitment to stay at the existing headquarters. The company has additional acreage that could be used for additional expansion in the future, CEO and co-founder Mike Baur said.

"I know my friends in Greenville city would love us to move downtown, but we have plenty of space here," Baur said.

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Official: No Syrian refugees expected to land here

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Pickens County Council has gone on record: Refugees from war-torn Syria are not welcome here.

Meanwhile, Greenville County Council is working to set up a meeting to get answers from federal officials on the refugee resettlement program and its potential impact within its borders.

But there aren't any Syrians coming, at least through 2016, according to the director of the Spartanburg branch of World Relief, a Christian refugee resettlement agency.

The State Department has not approved Spartanburg, or another similar agency based in Columbia, to resettle the 10,000 Syrian refugees

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■ **FELONY DUI**

LU student charged in fatal wreck

By **ARIEL GILREATH**
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A soccer player at Lander University faces a DUI charge after her passenger died from a crash in Spartanburg County.

Courtney Marie Hagedorn, 22, of 200 Knollwood Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky was arrested Sunday night and charged with felony driving under the influence after a

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COURTNEY M. HAGEDORN



CARLOS Z. LINDSEY

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■ **TIP RECEIVED**

4 arrested after drugs found in motel safe

From staff reports

Greenwood County Sheriff's deputies arrested four people Saturday at the America's Best Value Inn on Bypass 72 NE after finding a safe containing drugs, according to a report.

According to the report: — Carlos Zachary Lindsey, 39, of 118 Williams Ave., Greenwood was charged with possession of controlled substance and possession of less than one gram of methamphetamine or cocaine base.

— Chelena Rocquel Fess, 22, of 505 Ridgewood Drive, Waterloo was charged with trafficking in meth 28 grams or more, possession of con-

File confirms suspension

Sheriff releases Strickland's personnel file, DEU bank documents

By **DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ**
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Personnel files released Monday confirm Lt. Brandon Strickland is on paid administrative leave from the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office drug enforcement unit, but provides no additional details on what allegations Strickland faces.

"Pending investigation into allegations of misconduct in office, you are hereby

placed on suspension with pay pending the outcome of the investigation," said the suspension letter, which is dated Oct. 12. "While on administrative suspension you are relinquished of all law enforcement duties and are to surrender your agency identification and all agency firearms, this is to include all agency property."

The document was part of more than 600 pages of personnel and bank documents the Index-Journal received from a

request made Oct. 14 under the Freedom of Information Act.

Strickland is one of two drug enforcement unit agents on administrative leave from the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office amid investigations by Sheriff Tony Davis and the State Law Enforcement Division into financial transactions and allegations of misconduct in

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BRANDON STRICKLAND

TONY DAVIS



Students at Lander University gather in the dark Monday night after running in the Moonshine 5K to promote alcohol awareness.



Moonshine run at Lander promotes

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Height increase passes

Downtown building limit raised from 50 to 55 feet

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The City of Aiken approved a new height ordinance for its downtown area buildings. The new ordinance increased the maximum height from 50 feet to 55 feet before a standing-room-only crowd filling the City Council chambers during its Monday meeting.

The approval allows Hotel Aiken owner Neel Shah to proceed with his \$10 million renovation of the downtown hotel, but the new ordinance also applies to all downtown buildings. Council denied a July request to increase the building height to 75 feet. Typically, a defeated request cannot be brought back to Council within a year, but the new request for

55 feet instead of 75 feet was considered "substantially different," which is allowed under the ordinance, and the ordinance returned to Council in September. The new ordinance was approved and sent to the Planning Commission for review, where it was again approved. Council approved the new height ordinance by a 5-0 vote. Council members Dick Dewar

and Steve Homoki were absent. Comments from the audience favored approval of the new ordinance, saying Aiken was taking a step forward into the future, but there was also opposition saying a variance to the height ordinance would have resolved the problem.

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Steeplechase expects twists with new field



The 24th edition of the Aiken Fall Steeplechase on Saturday will be the first conducted at the Aiken Horse Park Foundation's Bruce's Field. It also will also be the first held on Halloween.

BY DEDE BILES
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The 24th edition of the Aiken Fall Steeplechase on Saturday will be different from its prior versions in a couple of important ways. It will be the first conducted at the Aiken Horse Park Foundation's Bruce's Field since major improvements were made to turn it into a state-of-the-art equestrian center. It also will be the first held on Halloween, said the Steeplechase Association's event coordinator, Rebecca Vigne.

The gates will open at 9:30 a.m., and there will be five races, including the \$15,000 Budweiser Holiday Cup. The post time for the first race will be 1 p.m. "We are looking forward to a day of

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See a detailed map of the Fall Steeplechase's field for this year, 8A

good weather and good racing," said Aiken Steeplechase Association President Albert Bostwick. "We are hoping that everything will go smoothly, but there have been significant changes, and we are coping with those the best that we can."

Since the Aiken Spring Steeplechase in March, five horse show rings with all-weather footing have been built in the infield of the steeplechase course. In addition, eight barns were constructed on the south side of Bruce's Field.

Those additions forced Steeplechase Association officials to make adjustments involving parking and where

people and vehicles can go on the property. Vigne is encouraging spectators to arrive as early as possible because there could be some delays in getting everybody to where they need to go. "I wouldn't plan to come at noon and expect to be able to see the first race at one o'clock," she said. "There are some differences, and we are going to have to be aware of the Horse Park's new facilities while we are moving everybody around, especially in the infield."

Added Georgianna Conger-Wolcott, the Steeplechase Association's secretary: "We are asking everyone

to be patient."

There also will be various restricted areas that will be marked with tape. "The horse show rings will be off limits," Vigne said. In addition, there will be no public access to the barns. "We are asking everyone to please cooperate," Bostwick said. Because it will be Halloween, there will be trick or treating for children from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "We are encouraging our patrons in roadside parking spaces to bring candy to give out," Vigne said. At 2:15 p.m., there will be a costume contest in addition to the traditional hat contest.

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Price tardy filing ethics report

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Aiken Democratic mayoral candidate Lessie Price belatedly filed a required campaign finance report Monday, but only after the South Carolina Republican party issued a press release pointing out that it was late.

Price is running for mayor of Aiken against Republican candidate Rick Osborn. The pre-election report was to be filed with the S.C. Ethics Commission on Oct. 19 for Price and all candidates on the Nov. 3 general election ballot statewide. The pre-election report is required to include all contributions and campaign expenditures made through



the due date. "The report was not submitted in a timely manner due to emergency situations with my staff," Price said in a written statement Monday evening. "The campaign has now filed the Pre-Election report and currently is in compliance. The report is online and available for public review. I take full responsibility for any delays."

The State GOP was blistering in its criticism of the Price campaign and

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Breast cancer survivors, fighters honored

Hundreds of breast cancer survivors clad in pink honored Monday at An Uplifting Event, a luncheon sponsored by the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. The event was held to celebrate the lives of breast cancer survivors and encourage those currently fighting the disease. **C1**

Driver charged with felony DUI

The driver in a collision on Interstate 26 on Sunday evening that killed a Clearwater, Fla., woman has been charged with felony DUI resulting in death. **C1**

Three people exposed to rabies

Three Upstate residents were exposed to rabies this month through handling dead skunks. In separate incidents, the skunks had attacked dogs. S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control officials warn that even dead animals can transmit rabies. **C3**

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SC FLOODING

Homeowners face big bills

Many are legally responsible to fix dams deemed unsafe

By Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press

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USC Upstate tries to move forward

Fatal wreck investigation continues; 5K race planned for Tuesday

By Daniel J. Gross
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Josh Lee was always the "fun guy," and when it came to running, he gave it everything he had, his associate cross-country coach said.

USC Upstate will hold its inaugural #SpartanStrong 5K race at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the wake of Lee's death and the deaths of three other student athletes in a fiery crash earlier this month.

Now more than two weeks after the four were killed, few details have been released involving the cause of the crash, while the campus community is taking steps to move forward.

Coming up with the race was a way to bring the students together to encourage them to stay strong through adversity, said Carson Blackwelder, the associate coach of the cross-country team. The cost of the race is free for students and \$10 for non-students. "#SpartanStrong" T-shirts will also be available for purchase, and proceeds will go into the college's stu-



Ribbons, flowers, and notes of sympathy still adorn a tree Monday at the site where four USC Upstate students were killed in a early morning crash Oct. 11, on 4th Street off of Highway 9 in Spartanburg. The college is still struggling to move forward from the loss that claimed the lives of the four student athletes. A 5K benefit is planned for Tuesday evening on the USC Upstate campus. TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM

"Nothing can prepare you for a tragedy of this magnitude but the prayers, words of comfort, and healing thoughts have certainly helped us through some of the darkest hours."

— USC Upstate spokeswoman Tammy Whaley

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Area sees mosquito explosion

These aren't your typical Halloween bloodsuckers either

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In an attempt to get some yard work done, Evelyn White said she put on some mosquito repellent and went outside at her home on Boots Branch Road east of Sumter, but the mosquitoes quickly changed her mind.

"I could hardly do yard work," she said. "All of them jump on you at one time, and

you have to hurry back inside."

White said she has heard it is bad everywhere.

"I know it's bad in this area," she said.

Allan Penland, director of Sumter County Vector Control, said he is aware of people's complaints, and his department is on the job overtime and on weekends to try to get a handle on the situation.

"We have heard them, and we know it's bad, and we are working as hard as we can," he said.

With the recent 1,000-year flood leaving standing water throughout the area, it has given the mosquitoes a chance to breed profusely, he said.

"Wednesday, we had a hatch," Penland said, "a whole brood exploding."

He said the mosquito problem is countywide.

"We have received calls from all corners of the county," he said.

He said the department is trying to saturate the county, but only four trucks are available.

"We have three that do adulticide and one that does larvicide," he said.

According to the department's web page at www.sumtercountysc.org, adulticide is dispersed by using ultra-low-

volume ground equipment to spray to reduce the adult mosquito population. Permethrin is used as the primary insecticide, and with resmethrin used occasionally, the two products are non-persistent in the environment, the page says. "Non-persistent" means the product will only work for a short time, and it decomposes rapidly by environmental action.

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Haley's Team SC comes to Manning

Resources offered to residents affected by recent flooding

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MANNING — Manning resident Charity Cox said there was an estimated \$50,000 in damage to her house as a result of October's statewide three-day rains and floods. Her crawl space was flooded with more than 4 inches of rain, and her house's roof had major leaks, she said. Her application for assistance was denied, however, by both the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the Small Business Administration, she said.

The denial letter from FEMA stated that Cox was ineligible for assistance because her house had "insufficient damage."

The letter stated the following: "Based on your FEMA inspection, we have determined that the disaster has not caused your home to be unsafe to live in. This determination was based solely on the damage to your home that is related to this disaster. Although the disaster may have caused some minor damage, it is reasonable to expect you or your landlord to make these repairs."

Cox was one of the residents affected by the flood who addressed her concerns to Gov. Nikki Haley during her visit to Clarendon County on Monday. Haley was in Manning for a

Festival benefits teachers, students



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Members of the Alice Drive Elementary School Chorus perform for the crowd attending the Fall for Learning Festival at University of South Carolina Sumter on Saturday. The festival sponsored by the Sumter Education Foundation was a way to raise money for Sumter School District teachers to apply for mini grants to support innovative teaching ideas.

Superintendent impressed with turnout at inaugural event

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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The Fall for Learning Festival at University of South Carolina Sumter's Nettles Building on Saturday had members of the Sumter Education Foundation excited to plan the event for 2016.

"This place has been hopping all morning," Jackie Olsen, event chairwoman and foundation board member, said Saturday.

The foundation hosted the event to raise money for Sumter School District teachers to apply for mini grants to support innovative teaching ideas.



Lemira Elementary School students test their painting skills at the Sumter Gallery of Art's booth during the Fall for Learning Festival.



SPORTS WORLD SERIES BEGINS TONIGHT

The 11th edition of the Fall Classic begins tonight in Kansas City, pitting the Royals against the New York Mets. Who will come out on top? **1B**



LOCAL

DAMS DEEMED UNSAFE CAUSE BIG PROBLEMS

People who live around dozens of South Carolina lakes must repair or replace dams that ruptured or have now been deemed unsafe and the expense is staggering. Owners have until Friday to submit an engineer's detailed inspection. **3A**

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Conway star Edwards out for rest of season

Bryan Edwards suffered a non-contact right knee injury during Friday's win over South Florence

Edwards also will miss all-star events including Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas

University of South Carolina commit still on track to take part in offseason conditioning with the Gamecocks

BY IAN GUERIN
For The Sun News

Bryan Edwards sat on a bench a few yards from the Conway football practice field Monday.

With a black hoodie pulled over his head, he went back and forth between watching his teammates and checking "get well" messages on Twitter. The set of crutches propped up beside him told the bigger story. The Tigers star receiver and

53
receptions

969
yards

9
touchdowns
this season

USC commitment will have surgery Tuesday to repair torn cartilage in his right knee. He suffered the non-contact injury during Friday's win over South Florence. In the sliding scale of injuries, it's considered much less severe than a torn ligament. Still, it's robbed him of the remainder of a high

school career that has been about as decorated as any player to have come through the Grand Strand.

"It's hard to imagine not playing football," he said Monday, three weeks to the day after he was named to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas roster. "To kind of go from the top of the mountain to the bottom of it, all the accolades, everyone patting you on the back. Then, all of a sudden, you try to put it all back together."

Indeed, October was both one to remember and forget for Edwards. The recruiting service 247Sports.com named him the state's second-best college prospect. The week after he was honored as the area's lone Shrine Bowl pick, he was selected for the prestigious U.S. Army

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SPORTS

BIDS IN TO HOST BSC TOURNAMENT

The Big South Conference has received several bids from schools looking to host the men's and women's basketball tournaments. The site selection will be revealed after university presidents vote in the near future. **1B**



LOCAL

HORRY TO BUY LAND FOR FIRE STATION

Horry County will purchase a site for a fire station on the S.C. 544 corridor and it will be closer to highly trafficked areas. **3A**



SPORTS

AREA TEAMS EYE PLAYOFF BERTHS

The end of the high school football season is around the corner. Which teams are playoff bound and who are the teams that still have work to do? Find out in the



Boxes of donated goods are delivered to Carvers Bay High School from St. James High School on Monday. St. James collected cleaning supplies, clothes, toiletries and non-perishable food for flood victims at three Georgetown County schools. The deliveries were made in a U-Haul truck and a school bus to Carvers Bay High, Andrews Primary and Rosemary Middle schools.

LOCAL

Compassion and camaraderie: area students lend helping hand to flood victims

BY CLAIRE BYUN
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Georgetown County suffered some of the most damage from the recent historic flooding, and students at St. James High School in Murrells Inlet are trying to do what they can to help.

About 30 students and a handful of teachers delivered a U-Haul's worth of bedding,

St. James High School students, staff donated hundreds of boxes of supplies

Rosemary Middle, Andrews Elementary and Carvers Bay High schools all recipients

St. James students organized collection, delivered donations Monday

need Monday. Students dropped off supplies at Carvers Bay High, Rosemary Middle and

flood. "Everything has a starting point, and maybe if these fam-

said St. James senior Destinee Heath.

"Being so close to [Carvers Bay], it could have easily been us in this situation," she added. "If we help them, they'll help us."

St. James faculty wanted to help some of the Murrells Inlet-area teachers affected by the flood, but those teachers wanted to transfer that generosity to families who needed it more, said Beth Cox, event organizer and biology teacher.

"We gave the idea to our kids and they just flew with it," Cox said.

For a week and a half, students collected nonperishable food items, gently used and new clothing, paper products, toiletries, cleaning supplies and other household items to donate, Cox said. Students also collected money to buy supplies

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