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Healthy Food Hub

There were audible buzzes and hums of large machinery performing site work at the future Healthy Food Hub during Friday's celebration of the latest Northside revitalization milestone on an adjacent lot. **PAGE C1**

Natural gas soars

The frigid winter is setting the price of natural gas on fire. Friday, the price in the futures market soared to \$5.18 per 1,000 cubic feet, up 10 percent to the highest level in three and a half years. The price of natural gas is up 29 percent in two weeks, and is 50 percent higher than last year at this time. **PAGE A3**

Life support ruling

A judge on Friday ordered a Texas hospital to remove life support for a pregnant, brain-dead woman whose family had argued that she would not want to be kept in that condition. Judge R. H. Wallace Jr. issued the ruling in the case of Marlese Munoz. **PAGE A5**

Lyman investigation

The State Law Enforcement Division said Friday it has an open and ongoing investigation in the town of Lyman. SLED spokesman Thom Berry did not specify the nature of the investigation. **PAGE C1**

WritefullyHis

A local business and Spartanburg County students helped bring cheer to hundreds of veterans this past holiday season via WritefullyHis LLC, an ecumenical stationery company. **PAGE C4**

Chase suspect shot at campground

Man dies following
pursuit, standoff

By DANIEL J. GROSS
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A deadly exchange of gunfire broke the silence of a quiet, rural campground in Cherokee County Friday afternoon.

Fatal shots from law enforcement officers brought an abrupt end to a vehicle chase and standoff with a man inside a recreational vehicle that lasted more than an hour.

Clint Evans McKinney, 53, was driving a silver Buick near Gaffney and led S.C. Highway Patrol on a vehicle chase that went to the Spartanburg NE/Gaffney KOA Campground on Sarratt School

Road. A trooper first saw McKinney make a wide right turn around 1:30 p.m. and suspected he was under the influence of alcohol.

The trooper tried to make a traffic stop, but McKinney fled for about nine minutes until he came to his camper and ran inside before troopers could apprehend him, said Lance Cpl. Bill Rhyne.

At least a dozen law enforcement vehicles were scattered about the campground Friday afternoon as Gaffney police, Cherokee County sheriff's deputies and troopers surrounded McKinney's camper.

He had been living inside the camper for several months,

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MICHAEL JUSTUS/MICHAEL.JUSTUS@SHJ.COM
Law enforcement officials work at the scene of a shootout that took place Friday afternoon at KOA Campground on Sarratt School Road in Gaffney.

"This has been an incredible journey."

JIM NEWSOME, president and CEO of the S.C. Ports Authority



Gov. Nikki Haley speaks during an opening reception for the Inland Port in Greer on Friday.

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Haley, top officials help dedicate Inland Port

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State and local officials gathered on Friday in Spartanburg County to dedicate the South Carolina Ports Authority's new \$4.3 million Inland Port.

Gov. Nikki Haley and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham joined with Rep. Trey



WALL STREET

Slump sparks investor worries

By PAUL WISEMAN
The Associated Press

Fear is back in the market. Investors are worried about slower economic growth in China, a gloomier outlook for U.S. corporate profits and an end to easy-money policies in the United States and Europe. They're also fretting over country-specific troubles around the world — from economic mismanagement in Argentina to political instability in Turkey.

Those fears converged this week to start a two-day rout in global markets that was capped by a 318-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average Friday. It was the blue-chip index's worst day since last June. The Dow plunged almost 500 points over the two days.

The Dow finished down 2 percent at 15,879 Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 38 points, or 2.1 percent, to 1,790. The Nasdaq composite fell 90 points, or 2.2 percent, to 4,128.

As investors shunned risk, small-company stocks fell even more than the rest of the market, and bond prices rose.

Despite the sell-off, U.S. stocks



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Wealth of homes under construction

High-end building fueled by boomers, retirees

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The number of residential building permits for high-end homes is rising in the Upstate, with Greenville leading the way.

The Upstate had 768 building permits for single-family

homes valued at more than \$400,000 in 2013, according to a quarterly report compiled by The Market Edge, a Knoxville-based firm that tracks such data. In 2012, that total was 591.

More than 400 of those permits were from Greenville County, with 369 in the metro area in 2012.

The Columbia market had 66

total high-end permits last year, and the Asheville area had 253, according to The Market Edge.

Job growth is a contributor, said Dale Akins, president of The Market Edge, but "when there's that many high-end homes being built, these are not just jobs. There's some affluence in the market in Upstate South Carolina."

Newcomers and job growth, he said, mean the Upstate has

the best of both worlds.

Rising building permits mean more work for more construction workers, whose employment numbers have been slow to recover from the recession.

Greenville was named one of AARP's top five affordable cities for retirement last fall. South Carolina was the No. 2 moving destination nationally for 2013 in United Van Lines'

annual migration study.

Michael Dey, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Greenville, said people are moving here to retire and baby boomers who have accumulated a significant amount of wealth are now building their dream homes in the area.

They are choosing areas

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ONE PATH, TWO MESSAGES



SENATE RACE 2014

The paths of U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, left, and Sen. Tim Scott are crossing frequently these days, most recently at the Greer Chamber of Commerce's 76th annual celebration, as the two each campaign for a new term. PATRICK COLLARD/STAFF

Graham's 'establishment' record countered by Scott's tea party votes

By Rudolph Bell | Staff writer | dbell@greenvilleonline.com

That leaves Scott facing voters for the first

4 sought in fatal SC State shooting

Football player killed
outside campus dorm

By Bertram Rantlin
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The State

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"He was a good student," said S.C. State University president Thomas J. Elzey, who became emotional during a Friday evening briefing in the university's administration building.

S.C. State Police Chief Merriam Clarkson said Friday evening that the State Law Enforcement Division has taken the lead in the investigation. But he confirmed that police are trying to identify four people who were in the area at the time of the incident and have identified at least one person of interest. He did not disclose that individual's name and said no suspects were in custody.

Police have no motive for the shooting, Clarkson said.

Police were called to the Andrew Hugine Suites Living

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S.C. State student shot, killed

Gunman, 3 'persons of interest' sought in football player's campus slaying

BY CYNTHIA ROLDAN
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ORANGEBURG — As the sun fell at South Carolina State University, the campus atmosphere was of an eerie calm.

A student was shot here on Friday, and was pronounced dead at the hospital later in the day.

Police were still looking for the alleged shooter late Friday, and were interested in speaking with at least three additional "persons of interest."

School authorities declined to release the identity of the student who died, but the Orangeburg Coroner's Office identified him as Brandon Alexander Robinson.

20. He was a redshirt junior defensive lineman on the football team, according to the school's athletics website. He attended Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School prior to that.

"He's a very nice young man," said Thomas Elzey, university president, while holding back tears. "It hurts. It hurts us all."

University Police Chief Mernard Clarkson said what prompted the incident between Robinson and the shooter was unknown. The case has since been turned over to the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, which had been participating in the investigation early on at the request of university police.

SLED will lead the investigation

because state law requires it take over any case that involves the death of a student on campus, said Agent Thom Berry, SLED spokesman. Berry would also not name the suspect or how many persons of interest the agency is searching for.

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Brandon A. Robinson was the victim of Friday's shooting.

One powerful farm

Newly dedicated 'laboratory' in Colleton County roughly doubles S.C.'s capacity to generate solar energy



The Colleton Solar Farm, just outside of Walterboro, was dedicated Friday. The 14-acre site has 10,010 Canadian Solar panels that are fixed and tracking. Tig Sun Energy, in collaboration with The InterTech Group, Santee Cooper and South Carolina's Electric Cooperatives, developed the solar farm, the largest in South Carolina.

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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WALTERBORO — On a brutally cold day, a bundled-up crowd celebrated the advent of a new chapter in South Carolina's quest to harness the energy of the sun.

The Colleton Solar Farm roughly doubles the solar-power-generating capacity in the Palmetto State. When operating at its peak, the farm is capable of creating enough electricity



For more photos of the solar farm, go to postandcourier.com/galleries.

to power about 360 homes annually.

"We believe it is part of our mission," Santee Cooper Board Chairman Leighton Loed said Friday.

The 3-megawatt solar farm is less than 1 percent of the state-owned utility's generating capacity, but officials

said the facility represents a valuable opportunity to study the future of commercial sun power.

Issues to be evaluated include the effectiveness of fixed-tilt solar panels versus those that track the movement of the sun. Overall, 60 percent of the 10,010 solar panels used for the project are fixed.

How well solar panels convert sunlight into electric power is a key area of

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"A lot of people are going to look at Colleton County in a different light."

State Rep. Kenneth Hodges

More ethics trouble for Ford

Filing focuses on senator's spending after he left office

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The S.C. Senate Ethics Committee has brought a fresh complaint against former Sen. Robert Ford, who resigned eight months ago after he was ensnared in a similar ethics probe.

Ford described himself as a victim of the committee and said the complaint has no merit. He said he closed his campaign account and used the remaining \$14,000 for nonprofit work.

"I consider myself the most honest elected official right now in this country," he said, adding that when other senators leave office, "everything in their campaign account, they spend on themselves."

The complaint says a preliminary investigation found probable cause to support allegations that Ford converted campaign funds to personal use and misrepresented expenses on his campaign disclosure forms.

It was signed by the committee chairman, Sen. Luke Rankin and refers to campaign disclosure reports due on July 10 and Oct. 10 of last year — after Ford left office.

Ford, a Charleston Democrat who had served in the Senate almost two decades, resigned in May, as the committee accused him of using campaign

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In Real Estate

STATS & FACTS: The 2014 Charleston area real estate market.

FDA to give nutrition facts label a makeover

Health experts want easier to read calorie counts, sugar amounts

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Those nutrition labels on the back of food packages may soon become easier to read.

The Food and Drug Administration says knowledge about nutrition has evolved over the last 20 years, and the labels need

to reflect that.

As the agency considers revisions, nutritionists and other health experts have their own wish list of desired changes.

The number of calories should be more prominent, they say, and the amount of added sugar and percentage of whole wheat in the food should be included. They also want more clarity on

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Local experts react. A8
A look at the nutrition facts label. A8

how serving sizes are defined.

"There's a feeling that nutrition labels haven't been as effective as they should be," says Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science

in the Public Interest. "When you look at the label, there are roughly two dozen numbers of substances that people aren't intuitively familiar with."

For example, he says, most of the nutrients are listed in grams, the metric system's basic unit of mass. Jacobson says people don't

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Do you consider the nutrition labels when purchasing food? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.



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or \$20 to spend \$40.
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after
S.C. State
student
shot, killed**

No motive found; school
locked down several hours

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**Fear is back in the
stock market****-318.24**

Worried about slower growth in China, a gloomier outlook for U.S. profits and an end to easy monetary policies, investors sold off stocks Friday, sending the Dow Jones Industrial average down more than 300 points. Over the past two days, it dropped almost 500 points. **Page B4**

**Potato farm critics
dispute 'radical' label
by Farm Bureau**

By **SAMMY FRETWELL**
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Wayne Furtick never thought much about environmental causes until hearing that a mega potato farm wanted to siphon billions of gallons of water from his community's beloved river.



Furtick

So late last year, the 73-year-old Springfield cattle farmer began speaking against the water withdrawal plan, worried that a Michigan agribusiness could drain the river while irrigating potato fields.

Now, Furtick and his neighbors are under attack as part of a campaign to discredit potato farm critics.

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**COOL DAY
TO PLAY**

**Adrian Morales tries
to keep warm as
USC opens practice.
An early question:
Who will play short?
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**Cold may bring
record power bills****\$142.29**

Cost per 1,000 kilowatt hours
of electricity from S.C. Electric
& Gas.

101,118

Total kilowatt hours used by
SCE&G customers Jan. 7, when
the temperature dipped to 13 in
Columbia. It was an all-time record
for energy use from the utility.

17 degrees

Forecasted low for next Wednesday. Lows are expected
to remain mainly in the 20s and 30s until Feb. 2

SOURCES: S.C. Electric & Gas and weather.com

They are expected
to be the highest
since 2010 as the
cold persists into
early February

By **KRISTY EPPLEY RUPON**
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This frigid January isn't just freezing your toes, it could cast a cold chill over your bank account, too.

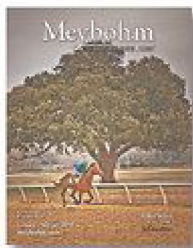
Extreme weather typically means higher electric bills. But S.C. Electric & Gas customers are about to get hit with a double whammy. An extended cold snap coupled with the end of a program designed to level out bills throughout the year promises to cause sticker shock for some consumers.

SCE&G spokesman Eric Boomhower said he could not say how

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Tips for saving
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Several scams target elderly

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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A 75-year-old Aiken woman on Jan. 14 wired her grandson \$1,300 for bond after he was arrested in Mexico for drug possession. The only problem is, it wasn't her grandson — it was a scammer cheating the woman out of money.

The woman filed a report with the Aiken Department of Public Safety. She told police she'd received a call from her grandson asking for the bond money, so she sent it to him via Western Union.

The first step to avoid falling victim to the lottery scam is to be aware of what lotteries and games you play.

The man claiming to be her grandson called back the next day and told her he needed another \$2,000 for court costs. According to the incident report, the woman later found out her grandson had never been to Mexico. This operation is known as the "grandparent scam," and is one of seven scams that commonly target the elderly, according to a recent article in *USA Today*.

According to Detective Jeremy Hemmree of Aiken Public Safety, the grandparent scam is common around Aiken, and many scams targeting the elderly have been going on for some time.

"It's probably more reported now, than before," he said. Of the other scams mentioned in the story, the "advanced pay/lottery scam" is also seen frequently in Aiken. As part of the scam, a caller tells the victim they've won a large prize, and in order for them to collect the prize, they must first pay a fee or taxes, usually a few hundred dollars.

Hemmree said the first step to avoid falling victim to the lottery scam is to be aware of what lotteries and games you play, especially if the call comes from an organization outside the country. "It's hard to win something if they haven't played it," he said. "If you haven't been overseas or at some point conducted business overseas, then you can't win something you don't play."

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WEATHER

Chamber names people of the year

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Newberry Hall are top businesses



Newberry Hall owners Maggie, left, and David Sacks, named as the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the Year winners, are congratulated by their daughter, Emily Sacks, standing, and banquet manager Samantha Caniglia.

BY AMY BANTON
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The 96th Annual Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce Dinner was a rocking night for many local businesses and leaders.

The 1930s-themed event held on Friday evening at USC Aiken's Eberhardt Center celebrated a year of great business and honored those who have made an incredible impact on the Aiken community.

The Chamber's 2013 Outstanding Woman of the Year was Dr. Cindy Besson, a local obstetrician-gynecologist, who was described as a professional business woman by day and a "roll-up the sleeves, get it done" parent at night who is a powerful advocate for those in need.

Besson has taken in students who were struggling to succeed because they didn't have the right environment to do so and pushed them to reach their full potential.

Besson challenged the audience at the dinner to look around their own community and help others.

"There are a lot of people in need, and we have so much," Besson said. "If we just look around and think about it, we can make our community better."

Gregory White Smith, who helped bring Juilliard to Aiken, accepted the award on Smith's behalf.



John Besson enthusiastically celebrates with his mother, Dr. Cindy Besson, after she was named Woman of the Year at a Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce awards banquet on Friday.

Diane Mangiante, director of Juilliard in Aiken, accepted the award on Smith's behalf.

Mangiante said he wouldn't have wanted her to accept the award for him but rather the hundreds of citizens who donated their time and assets to help make his dream of bringing The Juilliard School to Aiken come true.

The Large Business of the Year was Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

With the help of its about 5,000 employees, it has been able to give a lot back to the Aiken community. SRNS President and CEO Dwayne Wilson said he was honored, but this award goes for his



Man of the Year Gregory White Smith

Gregory White Smith helped bring Juilliard to Aiken. In the past six years, more than 16,000 students and 17,000 members of the community have experienced Juilliard thanks to his efforts.

With the help of his partner Steven Naifeh, Smith was able to form a partnership between the City of Aiken and The Juilliard School of New York. Smith also established a successful jazz camp this past summer that attracted students from all over the country and is instrumental in bringing St. Matthew's Passion to Aiken in 2014. Smith also wrote a Pulitzer Prize-winning book with Naifeh.

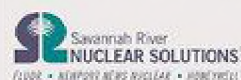


Woman of the Year Dr. Cindy Besson

Dr. Cindy Besson is a local obstetrician-gynecologist who has touched the hearts of many in the community. She has served as president of the parent-teacher organizations at Schofield Middle School and Aiken High School, she has acted as a medical missionary during multiple trips to Nicaragua and has reached out to children and teenagers in the community who needed a boost in moral and stabilization in their lives to succeed.

Besson is called "mom" by not just her own sons, but also by other children in the community whom she has worked with over the years.

Large Business of the Year Savannah River Nuclear Solutions



SRNS serves as the Savannah River Site's largest waste contractor. It is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

Over the last few years, it has donated many funds and time to various nonprofit organizations around the area such as contributing more than \$300,000 to the CSRA Heart Walk in the past four years.

Small Business of the Year Newberry Hall



Owned by Maggie and David Sacks, Newberry Hall has been the host of many community events since 2001. The business has grown from three to 15 employees over the past 12 years, and half of those employees have been there for more than five years. In 2008, the business tripled in size after the Sacks renovated the building in 2008.

The business has opened and shared its resources, such as its kitchen and banquet hall, for key events

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Vehicular manslaughter charges added to indictment

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More charges were filed this week against a teen arrested last year in the wake of a fatal crash that killed a pregnant Greenwood woman and her unborn son.

Prosecutors lodged a pair of vehicular manslaughter indictments Tuesday against Darius K. Andrews, Greenwood County court records indicated. The indictments, which

came from the 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office, are for counts of reckless homicide (death results within one year, caused by injury from vehicle), and carry a maximum term of 10 years in prison.

Andrews, 17, of Greenwood, was arrested Sept. 28 following a

much-publicized wreck along S.C. Highway 225 that killed 21-year-old Alisha Martin Boyter and her unborn son. Boyter, the wife of a Greenwood police officer, was seven months pregnant at the time of the two-car collision that sent four people to the hospital with injuries.

Andrews, according to reports, was driving one of the vehicles involved in the wreck and was originally charged with two counts of felony driving under the influence.

Those charges carry up to 15 years in prison each. The teen suspect, who remains behind bars since his arrest, went before a circuit court judge to have his bond reduced last week. The judge took his ruling under advisement and had yet to render a decision on the bond reduction as of Friday evening. Andrews' current bond on the two original charges is \$150,000. His attorney beckoned the court to cut the bail posting to \$50,000.

During the Jan. 16 hearing, prosecutors noted Andrews had trace levels of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in his blood at the time of the incident. THC is the main mind-altering ingredient found in marijuana. A preliminary report from the South Carolina Highway Patrol showed he had no alcohol in his system.

The SChP report indicated the

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DARIUS K. ANDREWS

SLATED FOR UPGRADE

County Council debates possibility of repairs for Stoney Point Road

By **CHRIS TRAINOR**
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Greenwood County Council continues to discuss the possibility of repairs to Stoney Point Road.

Those talks resumed this week during the council's finance and administration committee meeting.

The Links at Stoney Point's Jim Medford approached the council some time ago about the potential for upgrades to the road.

The Links at Stoney Point is set to host a Symetra Tour golf tournament this year. The Self Regional Healthcare Foundation Women's Health Charity Classic will be played Mother's Day weekend at Stoney Point. In fact, Stoney Point is set to host a Symetra Tour event each year for the next 10 years.

The Symetra Tour is a women's professional golf tour serving as a stepping stone to the LPGA.

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Greenwood County Council continues to discuss possibly widening and resurfacing Stoney Point Road in order to handle the potential increase in traffic to The Links at Stoney Point during the Symetra Tour golf tournament in coming years.

Meth discovery in Saluda County leads to man's arrest on multiple charges

■ **SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL**
Commission learns about penny tax



Touring the Ruins



Rett Summerville is working single-handedly to restore the Ruins, a historical house in Sumter, and fund its upkeep for the coming years.

PHOTOS BY MATT WALSH / THE ITEM

Thomas Sumter estate could become tourist spot under council proposal

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT
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A historic home dating from the 18th century could be opened to visits from the public if Sumter County Council approves a zoning change on Tuesday.

The Ruins, as the 200-year-old property is known, sits on land once owned by Sumter County's namesake in an residentially zoned area of Stateburg. Revolutionary War Gen. Thomas Sumter owned a plantation on the site dating back to 1784, according to documents filed with the Sumter Planning Department, and the current house was built about 1800 for Capt. John Mayrant, a sailor who served under John Paul Jones in the Continental Navy.

Rett Summerville, the Ruins' private owner, is seeking to rezone the property to agricultural conservation, a change that could allow him to host visitors to the historic site.

"I don't envision somebody being out there every week," Summerville said, "but maybe once a quarter, there could be an event there; we could have horseback riding, maybe host a wedding reception."

But any action on the change was postponed by county council



Summerville stands on the steps of the Ruins as he discusses some of the renovations he's been doing to the historical mansion that was once home to Gen. Thomas Sumter.

'I don't envision somebody being out there every week, but maybe once a quarter, there could be an event there; we could have horseback riding, maybe host

on Millhouse Road, part of a larger land trust of several hundred acres.

Since the last council meeting, Summerville met with the other residents in the neighborhood to reassure them about his plans. Nothing new will be constructed on the property, Summerville said, and he has no plans to develop the wooded tract on Millhouse Road that borders many of the residents' homes.

A review by the Sumter Planning Commission concluded rezoning would not affect traffic

Bankruptcy on horizon, Tuomey says

BY BRADEN BUNCH
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Tuomey Healthcare System could be moving closer to bankruptcy because of its ongoing lawsuit with the federal government.

Interim president and CEO Michael Schwartz said Friday the insistence of federal prosecutors for Tuomey to set aside more money while settlement discussions and a possible appeal loom could force the local hospital in that direction.

"We have, in good faith, put \$50 million into an escrow account as we move forward



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Fire hero's former coach recalls days on the diamond

BY TYLER SIMPSON
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George Andrew "Andy" Johnson, who died early Wednesday morning after saving three neighbors from a house fire, will always be remembered by his family and friends as the type of man who would never turn away the chance to help someone. And that's how his former baseball coach remembers him as well.

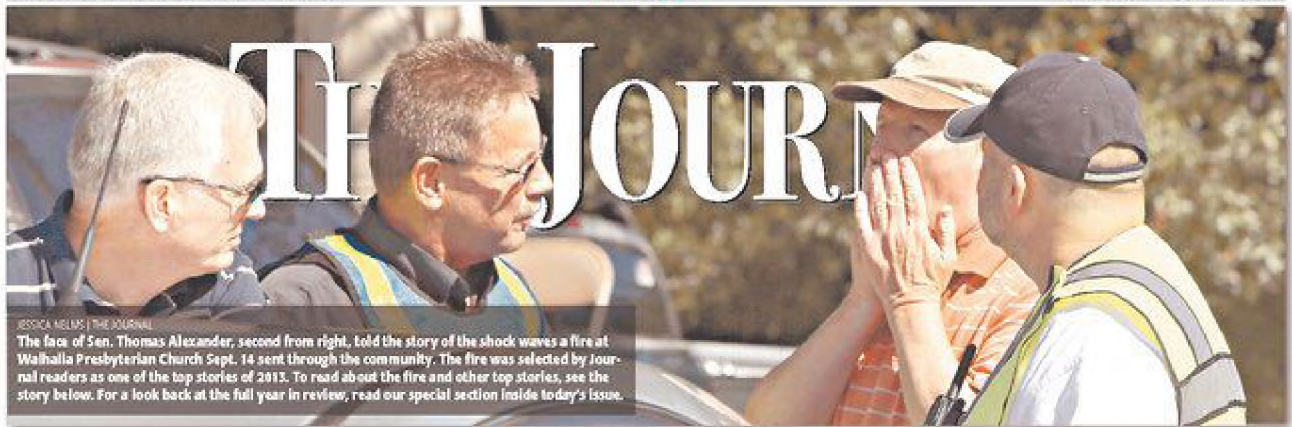
Former Sumter P-15's coach Hugh Betchman remembers Johnson from his days playing centerfield under him starting in 1976, saying that Johnson made a name for himself as a team player and the kind of player that everyone of his teammates would want to play with.

"Andy was a model person to coach, the kind any coach enjoys coaching," Betchman said. "He could just accept coaching in a way that would make him a better player."

Betchman said that Johnson was the type of player who always knew the right thing to do while on the field. He fondly remembers one particular playoff game where the coach of the opposing team remarked, "We would have whipped that crowd if it hadn't been for

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The face of Sen. Thomas Alexander, second from right, told the story of the shock waves a fire at Walhalla Presbyterian Church Sept. 14 sent through the community. The fire was selected by Journal readers as one of the top stories of 2013. To read about the fire and other top stories, see the story below. For a look back at the full year in review, read our special section inside today's issue.

57TH TIME THE CHARM?: Tigers head to Chapel Hill looking to end infamous NCAA-record losing streak. **C1**

Third man charged in Westminster killing



Covone



Fulbright



Patterson

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

WESTMINSTER — A third man was charged Friday with murder in the death of a Westminster man who was killed in late December and found in

the debris of his burned-out mobile home last week. Zack Daniel Patterson, 23, of 410 W. Pine Grove Road, Fair Play, was charged with murder, according to warrants. Patterson was already in jail on an unrelated charge of

receiving stolen goods. He was denied bond on the murder charge.

Patterson was charged in the death of Richard Alan Marszalek, 61, of 141 West Spearman Road, Westminster. A statement released by the

Oconee County Sheriff's Office said investigators believe Marszalek was killed in an altercation between Dec. 27 and Dec. 29. Oconee County Coroner Karl Addis said an

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Kinks still plague e-buses

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — The city's experiment with electric buses continues to be on hold, and there's no telling when they'll be put into service.

"We are not going to make any predictions," Planning Director Ed Halbig said Friday.

The new Earth-friendly buses, purchased by Seneca from Greenville-based Proterra, Inc., thanks to a \$4.1 million grant from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), were supposed to start picking up passengers on the Clemson Area Transit (CAT) route Jan. 6.

Problems with the charging systems, and defrosters that have since been replaced, prompted officials to hold off with the announced roll out.

"We are finding that there are still things that need to be fully understood and worked out," Halbig said.

The charging stations — one downtown and the other on the grounds of Oconee Medical Center — continue to undergo adjustments. According to Halbig, once one of the new buses pulls into the charging station, an antennae on the station

STORIES OF THE YEAR



A former sheriff candidate headed to prison. The community rallied together to fight domestic violence. In addition to rooms, a new hotel brought with it controversy. A Hollywood legend made a film in Oconee County. These are just a few of the stories Journal readers chose as their top stories of 2013.

Bartee trial dominated headlines

BY NORMAN CANNADA
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The court case, trial and conviction of former Secret Service agent and Oconee County Sheriff candidate James Bartee was selected as the top story of 2013 in an online poll of Journal readers.

The results included were for votes through 4 p.m. Friday. Bartee's trial story easily outpaced the controversy surrounding \$3 million in cash and tax incentives given to the developer of the new Hampton Inn by Oconee County and the City of Seneca for the top story.

1. JAMES BARTEE TRIAL
James Richard Bartee Jr. was arrested in May 2012, charged with hiring Nick



James Richard Bartee Jr. talks with his attorney, Doug Brannon, and wife, Liz, before he was taken into custody after being sentenced following his conviction for solicitation to commit a felony on Sept. 3 in Walhalla.

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Helen and Larry Golan talk with John Cothran, owner of Rainmaker Ponds & Irrigation and Hardscapes Plus, about adding a pond and hardscaping to enhance their yard.

Businesses showcase services at home show

BY LINDSEY JOHNSTON
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Local landscapers, contractors, Realtors and other home improvement specialists are showcasing their services during the 10th annual Home and Remodel Show that runs through today at the Shaver Recreation Center.

The event is sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Oconee County and runs today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

Some of those at the show Friday said things are looking up for home building and remodeling, a sign the economic recovery is continuing.

"2008 was a rough year for me," said Justin Beachy, owner of Integrity Roof Cleaning. "The recession and my lack of advertising definitely hurt my business, but the recent rise in the economy and my coming to home shows like this has helped a lot. Last year was my best year by far."

Beachy is not the only one who has seen improvements in his business. Fred Hamilton, one of



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Alumni Association donates \$25K to Wilson High

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FLORENCE — A packed gym of Wilson High School basketball fans got a big surprise Friday night at halftime for the boys Wilson vs. Georgetown game.

Bryant Moses, president of the Wilson Alumni Association Florence Chapter, presented a check for \$25,000 to Wilson principal Eric Robinson on behalf of the association.

"We raised the money through homecoming events and fundraisers," Moses said. "We want the money to go toward

the education (of Wilson students)."

Robinson said he was pleased at the outpouring of support from the school's alumni.

"I think that we have the greatest school in the world, simply because of the alumni support we have," Robinson said. "They are very supportive of the school. With this money here, it helps our students; it goes 100 percent to the students, to help them with all the things they need."

Robinson said that the Wilson alumni are great about giving above and beyond their monetary donations.

"They contribute so much, not only

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Wilson High School Principal Eric Robinson accepts a \$25,000 check to the school from the Wilson Alumni Association during halftime at the Wilson-Georgetown boys basketball game Friday night at Wilson.

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A JAMMIN' GOOD TIME



PHOTOS BY JOHN RUSSELL/MORNING NEWS

Jackson Mitchell (left) and Gavin Mitchell play inside the money machine Friday during the ninth annual Kids Jamboree at the Florence Civic Center. The jamboree continues from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. today. There will be shows all day for kids, games, educational activities and inflatables. Admission is \$7 for the whole day.



Micahela Hyatt (right) does a balloon magic trick with Howie the Great.



Looking to boost local employment

Rep. Rice hosts subcommittee meeting to find solutions for Pee Dee's poorest counties

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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DILLON — A Congressional subcommittee meeting on Friday sought to address the issues surrounding the dramatically high unemployment rates that plague the northern part of the Pee Dee region and other parts of the state.

U.S. Rep. Tom Rice, R-Myrtle Beach, chaired the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access during a field hearing at the Dillon Wellness Center, where he heard testimony from five local and regional economic leaders about ways to address high rural unemployment.

"This is the third time I've done this, bring in experts from the region, from the state and the federal government to talk about solving problems. I figure if we keep attention on it, if we keep showing collaboration, if we keep showing

that we can work together and we keep exploring the problems we're going to have success," Rice said. "We have had success, some of our counties have had more success than others and I want to spread that around the district."

Richard Kaglic, senior regional economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond based in Charlotte, said in his prepared statement and remarks, that do not reflect the view of the Fed, that work still needs to be done.

"... There is renewed optimism among some economic forecasters that growth in 2014 is finally going to break out of the low-trajectory GDP growth that has been the norm over the course of this now four and a half year recovery," Kaglic's remarks read. "I, however, do not see sufficient evidence that a meaningfully stronger economic recovery is on the near term horizon."

Rice asked Kaglic later if he thought taxation and regulations, particularly those in the Dodd-Frank



Rice

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SCSU football player slain; 4 suspects being sought



Brandon A. Robinson, 20, was shot and later died.

Campus
safe after
shooting,
chief says

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

A South Carolina State University football player was shot and killed outside of Hugine Suites on Friday, launching a manhunt in the surrounding area for four suspects.

The student, 20-year-old Brandon A. Robinson of Goff Avenue, was shot about 1:30 p.m. and transported to the Regional Medical Center for treatment.

"South Carolina State University is saddened today," S.C. State President Thomas Elzey said Friday. "We are saddened because of the loss of one of our students. Our deepest condolences go to the family of the victim."

An autopsy has been scheduled for Saturday, the same day as the funeral for Robinson's stepfather, Steven Rolley Sr. Rolley died at his home Friday, Jan. 17.

Officers continued their search for the suspects into Friday evening, focusing on the Goff Avenue area. Officials later said they believe the suspects have fled the area.

While the university has identified one of the suspects, campus Police Chief Memard Clarkson did not release the name of the suspect, citing the ongoing investigation. A Cluffin University campuswide alert confirmed the name and



LARRY HART/TSO

A section of the parking lot at Hugine Suites was cordoned off Friday afternoon as officials conducted an investigation into the fatal shooting of an S.C. State football player.

Manhunt underway for fatal shooting suspects

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
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Moments after an S.C. State University student was fatally shot, law enforcement officials from multiple agencies began their pursuit of four suspects.

The manhunt was concentrated in a residential section near the 10000 block of Goff Avenue and on Lewis Dunton Street.

The clanging of a small cowbell attached to the collar of a K-9 tracking dog could be heard, while overhead the deep "thum-thum-thum" of a helicopter's blades sounded as it circled the area around Goff Avenue and S.C. State University.

A trio of armed State Law Enforcement Division agents, who accompanied the leashed K-9, walked the perimeter of a home just off Lewis Dunton Street.

Two law enforcement vehicles arrived, but minutes later returned to the Goff Avenue resi-



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SLED agents work a search dog on an alleyway off Goff Avenue near Lewis Dunton Street on Friday.

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