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SC man released after arrest at Capitol

President of Prestage Farms
was carrying loaded handgun

By Mary Troyan
Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — A Camden man arrested after authorities said he tried to take a loaded handgun into a con-

gressional office building pleaded not guilty Thursday to a felony gun charge.

Ron Prestage, a veterinarian and president of Prestage Farms of South Carolina in Cassatt, is charged with car-

rying a pistol outside his home or business, a violation of the District of Columbia's strict gun laws.

He was arrested Wednesday morning at an entrance to the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill, where many members of Congress have offices.

Prestage, 59, was jailed Wednesday night and arraigned Thursday afternoon

in D.C. Superior Court, wearing a business suit, handcuffs and chains around his waist. His attorney, Robert Spagnoletti, entered the plea and requested a speedy trial.

Prosecutors said Prestage is licensed to carry a gun in South Carolina, and didn't object when Spagnoletti asked that Prestage be released until his next court date.

Magistrate Judge Karen

Howze ordered Prestage released and required that he check in with pretrial services once a week by telephone until his preliminary hearing Aug. 13.

Spagnoletti declined to comment as he was leaving the courtroom with Prestage.

Prestage, president-elect of the National Pork Pro-

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Joy's death remains a mystery

No obvious cause
found for elephant

By Lyn Riddle
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Pathologists performing a necropsy on Joy, the longtime Greenville Zoo elephant who died on her way to a new home in Colorado, didn't find a cause of death.

Bob Chastain, the president and chief executive officer of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs, said in a statement released by the Greenville Zoo that the report tells more about what didn't cause her death than what did.

"They don't know exactly what happened, but they believe she passed away quickly and suddenly, as there was no evidence of struggling or trauma," Chastain said in an email to Jeff Bullock, director of the Greenville Zoo.

Joy, also known as Joni, fell down on her chest inside a trailer somewhere between Amarillo, Texas, and La Junta, Colorado, on June 14.

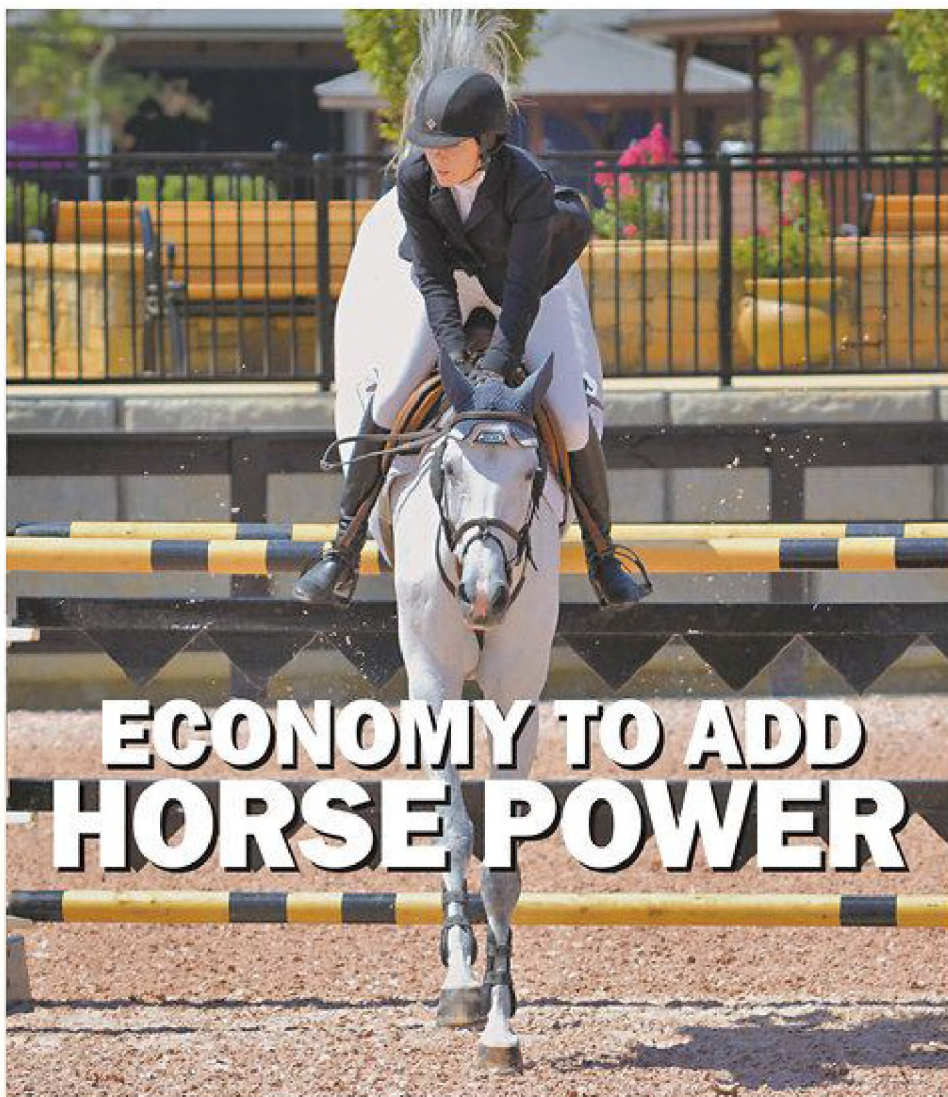
She had been loaded on the trailer in Greenville the day before and spent the night near Memphis. Accompanying her in a chase car were the Greenville Zoo's veterinarian and deputy director Heather Miller and longtime handler Christine Dear. The transporter was Ed Novack of Animal Exchange in Cairo, New York.

Miller said it isn't unusual for pathologists to be unable to find a cause of death for an animal.

She said although the necropsy didn't find a cause of death, the report brings closure to her. She was the one who found Joy dead in the trailer.

"We had the best of intentions," Miller said. "The outcome was not what anybody wanted. We did everything that we could."

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is a private institution and therefore not required to provide a



ECONOMY TO ADD HORSE POWER

The \$100 million Tryon International Equestrian Center, when complete, will include a hotel/spa and equestrian center accommodating 1,000 horses. The resort is expected to benefit Upstate equine-related business as well. FRANCES PARRISH/STAFF

NC equine center expected to boost Upstate business

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barns while smartly dressed riders in navy blue jackets sit astride their steeds, eyes focused on the show ring in front of them.

The hustle and bustle of the cen-

community."

The economic boost from the \$100 million center and resort when completed is expected to send economic ripples throughout the Un-

estled in the foothills of



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Clemson design's foes taking battle to court

Claim architectural review panel changed rules after initial approval



This artist's rendering shows the proposed Clemson University architecture building at 292 Meeting St., which now faces a legal challenge over its modern design.

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MUSC ASHLEY RIVER TOWER was approved by The Board of Architectural Review despite protests that it had nothing in common with the city's architectural traditions.



THE SHELL GAS STATION at Calhoun and Meeting streets also fueled controversy when the city approved its design in the 1980s. Many feel it makes no gesture to its historic context.



CANNON PARK PLACE office and retail building replaced a one-story home for seniors and drew criticism for its hodgepodge of window openings and its proximity to Calhoun Street.

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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It's far from the first controversial building proposed in downtown Charleston, but Clemson University's proposed architecture center is one of the few to trigger a lawsuit over the city's approval of its design.

Last month, the Board of Architectural Review voted 4-2 to give preliminary approval to the Spaulding Paolozzi Center design by Portland, Ore., architect Brad Cloppitt. The vote marked the second level of approval

Inside

Brian Hicks: Some can't see the issue for the microwave oven-looking building. **A2**

In the city's three-step review:

The design, which features curving, perforated concrete walls, metal screens along Meeting Street and other modern elements rarely found in the historic district, won approval despite opposition from the city's leading preservation groups and two neighborhoods.

This week, the Historic Charleston Foundation, the Preservation Society and the Charleston and Historic Ansonborough neighborhood associations took their fight to another venue: Charleston County's Court of Common Pleas.

Their lawsuit against the city and Clemson alleges that the board erred when approving the project four weeks ago.

Specifically, it says the board changed its rules after the center's

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Poll

Did the Board of Architectural Review err when it approved Clemson's architecture center? Find this story at postandcourier.com/vote.

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Marine veteran disarms gunman

'I had nothing to lose,' says tow-truck driver whose life was on line

BY DAVE MUNDAY
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Marine combat training may have saved a Charleston County man's life when a would-be robber stuck a gun in his face this week.

Tony Morris, a 45-year-old tow-truck driver, managed to disarm the man in his front yard off Ashley Phosphate Road Monday night.

He says his reaction was instinctive, but he only did it because he was sure the guy was going to shoot him even if he had turned over his money.

"The look in the guy's eyes, I was going to get shot whether I gave him my money or not," said Morris, a Desert Storm veteran.

"I had nothing to lose. It's dumb to try it, but in that situation, with his demeanor, I did not think I had a choice. It was either stand there and get shot or get shot trying to get away or take the gun from him."

It all started about 11:30 p.m. Monday when Morris stopped at the Kangaroo gas station on Ashley Phosphate Road on his way home. He paid with a \$100 bill, then noticed two men behind him eyeing the rest of the money in his wallet. The two men walked out without making a purchase.

Morris, his wife, Lara, and their 23-year-old son pulled into his yard and a white SUV also pulled up. Morris recognized the man who stepped out as one of the men from the convenience store. He appeared to be in his early 20s, dark-skinned, about 6 feet tall, medium build — with shiny gold teeth.

The man started off by asking Morris directions to Moncks Corner. After Morris explained, the guy wanted to know how to get to Orangeburg. Eventually Morris turned and started toward the house to join his wife and son.

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Execution outcry keeps debate alive

U.S. faces drugs shortages, legal fights

Associated Press

The nearly two-hour execution Wednesday of Joseph Rudolph Wood in Arizona looked troubling, but was it unconstitutional? The U.S. Supreme Court, which upheld the use of lethal injection six years ago, has held that "an isolated mishap" during an execution does not violate the Eighth Amendment.

Department of Corrections Director Charles Ryan read a

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statement outside his Phoenix office Thursday amid outcry over Wood's execution. He dismissed what he called a "preliminary and erroneous conclusion" that it was a botched execution. He called that portrayal "pure conjecture."

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Jeanne Brown (left), whose sister and father were murdered, speaks at a news conference as her husband, Richard Brown, listens. The news conference was held Wednesday after the nearly two-hour long execution of Joseph Rudolph Wood at the state prison in Florence, Ariz.

S.C. has 350 kids caught at border

Rumors led to protests last week

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — At least 350 children caught at the U.S. border this year have been sent to stay with relatives or other sponsors in South Carolina, according to federal data released Thursday.

Online

Review the Administration for Children and Families report at <http://bit.ly/usa.gov/infopbL8>.

published Thursday by the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.

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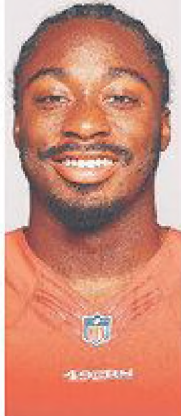
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LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC CORRUPTION PROBE

Metts sought help with legal fees

Suspended sheriff knew of investigation
'for over a year,' attorney acknowledges

By TIM FLACH
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Suspended Lexington County Sheriff James Metts knew he was a target of federal investigators at least a year ago, when he approached a law enforcement support group and county leaders for help with his legal battle, officials say.



Metts

Metts was rebuffed after sounding out the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association and some County Council members about their willingness to provide aid, officials say.

His inquiries about aid occurred well before Metts' indictment June 17 for misconduct in office.

"There is nothing improper about the sheriff making these inquiries," said Sherri Lydon, one of two attorneys representing Metts. "In fact, it is fairly

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SO (NOT) SUMMER SCHOOL

MUSIC CAMP GOES DEEPER THAN MELODY

Girls Rock Columbia
conveys lessons in
independence,
confidence

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Ten-year-old Skyler Huneycutt tapped her drumsticks three times and counted off the beat as her band, The Royal Hello Kitties, launched into another practice run of their original song Thursday afternoon.

"You'll run; I'll jump. You'll sing; I'll listen. You're going to sound amazing. So let's all sing." A confident and perky Aiyra Price, 9, sang the lyrics as she strummed her electric guitar, a hand-drawn "Girl Power" banner taped to the wall behind her. Beside her, 10-year-old Sabrina Drayton plinked the keys of an electric keyboard and with her soft voice sang the rousing chorus.

The girls were part of a group of young women who gathered for a music camp at Girls Rock Columbia, a nonprofit organization that provides a safe space for girls to explore their creativity and build self-confidence through music.



Olympic gold medalist from S.C. dies at 99

Sumter resident
came to
swimming
on a fluke

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For Helen Johns Carroll, competing in the 1932 Olympic Games was more than just a chance to perform on one of the world's most historic athletic stages.

It was a chance to serve her country; a duty that, according to her daughter Judy Player, she was proud of. "She stood up there when she received her medal in Los Angeles and said it was over-



Carroll

whelming," Player said. Carroll, 99, a gold medalist and former world-record holder, swam the

second leg of the 400-meter women's relay.

The mother of two and grandmother of six died Wednesday evening at her nursing home in Sumter. She lived in Sumter for 57 years.

Player said that growing up in Medford, Mass., there weren't very many pools for her mother to swim in. Ini-

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Local student loses parents, 2 brothers, nephew in Gaza

By ANDREW SHAIN

INSIDE

Moniz, Haley to tour SRS



Haley

Moniz

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz is accepting Gov. Nikki Haley's invitation and will be taking a tour of the MOX facility and other ongoing projects at the Savannah River Site.

According to press release sent out on Thursday, Moniz will be touring SRS

Monday morning along with Gov. Haley, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Frank Klotz, the undersecretary for Nuclear Security and National Nuclear Security Administration administrator.

At the Site, Moniz will meet with workers, local elected officials, and stakeholders to engage in discussions on the site's leadership in national security, environmental stewardship, and the development

of cutting edge environmental remediation technologies.

In addition to the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility, Moniz will also tour H-Canyon – the only hardened nuclear chemical separations plant still in operation in the U.S. – and the H-Tank Farm where workers are treating liquid waste and tanks.

He will also visit the Savannah River

National Lab's Applied Research Center, where the system to remediate the highly-enriched uranium is being developed.

Moniz's tour comes more than four months after Haley and the state of South Carolina filed a March 18 lawsuit against Moniz, the Energy Department and the NNSA.

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Augusta gets on up

Stars shine at James Brown screening



ONLINE
Check out the photo gallery from this event at aikenstandard.com

Tomi Rae Hynie, widowed wife of James Brown, graced the red carpet during the movie premiere of "Get on Up" with her son, James Brown Jr. The premiere took place at the Regal in Augusta.

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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AUGUSTA — Actor Chadwick Boseman said he prepared for the lead role as the Godfather of Soul, James Brown, by dancing until he got tired, reading, watching footage and traveling down to Augusta to see what the city was like. "I think it was all important, and, depending on what day we were shooting, I would find different things to inspire me," Boseman said on the red carpet before the premiere of "Get on Up."

The premiere took place Thursday night in front of Regal Cinemas in Augusta. Boseman's voice could barely be heard as fans cheered for him and shouted out quotes from the "Get on Up" movie trailer.

"I met with members of his family and others to really gain an understanding of the role," he added.

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Chadwick Boseman said dancing until he was tired was part of his process in playing the role of James Brown in "Get on Up."

Project Jackson ruling delayed

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A resolution for litigation against Project Jackson did not materialize on Thursday as anticipated.

South Carolina Circuit Court Judge J. Ernest Kinard Jr. stated at the July 18 trial that he would not give his verdict until reviewing orders from the legal teams of Steve Donohue, a River Club resident and plaintiff in the case, and the defense, the City of North Augusta, Mayor Lark Jones and North

Augusta City Council. Those orders were to be submitted by Wednesday.

According to Kyle Tennis, law clerk for Kinard, Donohue's team did not submit an order for review, so the case is still pending.

"There will be no ruling today (Thursday)," Tennis said. "The judge did not receive an order from the plaintiffs and would not be able to go through one at this late hour. He will be on vacation starting (today) and will return before Aug. 4, when he will be in court in York County. There could be a ruling by early August, but I cannot speculate as to an exact date."

Belton Zeigler, lead attorney for the defense, called the delay "disappointing."

"The City has done everything it can to bring this to a prompt end," Zeigler said. "The delay hurts the citizens of North Augusta, because it is putting up road blocks in one of the most amazing developments that could happen. Project Jackson could revitalize the core of North Augusta, and it's fair to say the City is disappointed."

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AREA DEATHS

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Craig Reaves, owner of Sea Eagle Market, drops sausage into boiling water Thursday in preparation for the Lowcountry Supper at Henry C. Chambers Park.



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Rotary Club of the Lowcountry volunteer Annette Petit serves Beaufort's Jason Meyer, center, and his wife Megan while their daughter Hannah Grace Meyer hitches a ride during Thursday night's Lowcountry Supper during the 59th Annual Beaufort Water Festival.

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MORE ONLINE

For video from the Lowcountry Supper, go to <http://bit.ly/1gflc6W>.

Thousands lined up in the heat Thursday night for the Lowcountry Supper at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.

For supper at the 59th Annual Beaufort Water Festival, organizers decided that instead of bringing in shrimp that was cooked off-site, they'd

move the cooking in closer to the table, with boilers stationed behind the serving tables.

"We found that people enjoy a warmer product instead of cold shrimp," said James Nutt, a Water Festival coordinator.

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HEALTH CARE LAW

House to vote on suit

GOP: Obama failed to implement law as it was written

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Over Democratic objections, Republicans cleared the way Thursday for a House vote on legislation authorizing an election-year lawsuit accusing President Barack Obama of failing to implement the 4-year-old health care law as it was written.

The vote in the Rules Committee was 7-4, with all Republicans in favor and all Democrats opposed.

Republicans say the lawsuit is necessary because Obama is exceeding his authority as president by failing to carry out legislation that Congress passed and signed into law.

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REPUBLICANS IN FAVOR, DEMOCRATS OPPOSE



REPUBLICANS say the lawsuit is necessary because President Barack Obama is exceeding his authority as president by failing to carry out legislation that Congress passed and he signed into law.



DEMOCRATS swiftly countered that the suit is a political maneuver designed to improve Republican prospects in the November elections.

BEAUFORT FIRE STATION

Construction could begin in September

By ERIN MOODY

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The city of Beaufort is about two months away from breaking ground on a new fire station, and less than a year from its expected completion date.

MORE INSIDE

A rendering shows the new fire station that

Bids will be accepted from prequalified contractors between Aug. 15 and 30, according to the city. Construction

UN school in Gaza caught in cross-fire

By IBRAHIM BARZAK
and IAN DEITCH

est day so far of the current round of fighting. However, the Israeli

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Death ruled murder

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — Investigators are following up leads in the Saturday death of a Darlington woman.

Darlington County Coroner J. Todd Hardee identified the victim as Dorothy Bumgarner, 56, and Tuesday ruled her death as a homicide following an autopsy, according to a release from the coroner's office.

Bumgarner was found in a car in the 1400 block of North Main Street Saturday, according to a release issued by Darlington County Sheriff Wayne Byrd.

Deputies and investigators are interviewing witnesses and family members and evidence collected at the scene has been delivered to the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) lab for analysis, Byrd said through the release.

Please contact the Darlington County Sheriff's Office at 843-398-4501 with any information pertaining to this case.

Local man charged with kidnapping and more

From staff reports

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies Tuesday arrested an 18-year-old Hartsville man and charged him with kidnapping following a Hartsville area incident.



Sanchez-Alegria

Deputies responding to a residence were told that the suspect "held the victim at knife point, and tied her up. The victim was sexually assaulted during this incident," according to a release issued by Darlington County Sheriff Wayne Byrd.

Darlington County deputies and Hartsville police arrested Ignacio Sanchez-Alegria, 18, 736 Bush Avenue, Hartsville.

He is charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct, first-degree kidnapping and petit larceny, according to the release.

He remains in the Darlington County Detention Center without bond as of 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, according to the center's website.



Dr. Richard Conner (right) has been practicing dentistry in Hartsville for 50 years. He has decided it is time to retire. Dr. Sharla Price will be taking over his practice.

Hartsville dentist retiring after 50 years

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON
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Dr. Richard E. Conner, a dentist in Hartsville for 50 years, has decided it's time to retire.

"I don't want to be invited out, I want to go on my own terms," he said jokingly from his office on Carolina Avenue.

His last official day is Tuesday, but he plans to help out a few mornings a week during the transition of his practice to Dr. Sharla Price of Florence. She has been working with him since July 10.

A reception was held last Tuesday for all of his patients to meet her.

Conner said he arrived in Hartsville in 1964.

"I came in July," he said "So this is my 50th year."

After graduation from dental school, Conner, a native of Lamar, knew he wanted to return to the Pee Dee.

"This is as close to Lamar, home of the Silver Foxes, as I could get," he said. "Hartsville seemed like an obvious choice at the time."

One he hasn't regretted.

His first office was on North Sixth Street. Later in 1970, he built his current office which is located at 946 W. Carolina Ave.

"It has been so exciting to see things improve (in this profession)," Conner said. "That is why I have stayed in it so long."

Conner has seen a lot of improvements in the field of dentistry over the past 50 years.

"Twenty years ago, he said, root canals were the cutting edge of technology; today it is implants."

"I've been doing implants for six years," said Conner, a fellow in the International College of Implantology. "I was the first in Hartsville to do implants."

He said it is the reason he has stayed in dentistry as long as he has. But he said as much as he likes being on the cutting edge of technology, it will be his staff and patients that he will miss the most.

"The techniques and technology are interesting but people supersede that," he said.

Conner said he still has some of his first patients that come to see him.

"I saw three last week that have been my patients for 50 years," he said.

Conner said he is grateful to have had so many loyal patients and the patronage of so many people in the area.

"I could not have had the successful practice that I have without the help of my wife of 51 years," he said.

Married to Joan Conner, they have two grown children, Richard Jr., an attorney in Hartsville, and Anna Coe, who lives in Charleston with her husband, Steve. The Conners have five grandchildren.

Conner not only built his business in Hartsville and raised his family here, he also gave his time and talents to the community.

He was a member of the Center Theater Building Commission for 10 years, was twice the chairman of the board of deacons at First Baptist Church, and a charter member of the Hartsville Kiwanis Club. He continues to serve as a deacon at First Baptist and a Kiwanian.

Professionally, he is a member of the Pee Dee District Dental Society, having served as president, and the Pee Dee Dental Study Club, where he has held every office at least once.

Conner said he retires with confidence that his patients will be well cared for.

"Dr. Price is a good fit for my practice," he said. "She reflects the standard of high quality and patient concerns we have striven for during the last 50 years."

Price comes to Hartsville from Florence. She is trained in IV sedation.

She said although she has extra training, her office will continue to be a general practice. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Without the responsibilities of work, Conner said he plans to do some traveling and getting reacquainted with some of the hobbies he hasn't had time for a while for like woodworking, sailing and other water sports.

Sonoco reports growth in second quarter

From staff reports

Sonoco reported financial results for its second quarter ending June 29, 2014.

Second quarter 2014 GAAP earnings per diluted share were 59 cents, compared with 53 cents in

\$2.43 to \$2.53 per diluted share and the company continues to target \$2.51 per diluted share.

For 2014, free cash flow is projected to be approximately \$110 million, compared with previous guidance of \$130 million. The change is due primarily to the funding of a proposed settlement of environmental claims and

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Clemson rising junior and former Dorman star Blake Kennedy earned a spot in the U.S. Amateur Championship, which is set for Aug. 11-17 at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga. **PAGE B1**

Sentenced

An Inman man pleaded no contest to assaulting a teenage girl at Holly Springs Volunteer Fire Department in February 2011. Charles Robert Holleman, 33, entered an Alford plea to second-degree assault and battery. **PAGE C1**

Fighting in Gaza

A U.N. school in Gaza crowded with hundreds of Palestinians seeking refuge from fierce fighting came under fire Thursday. At least 15 civilians were killed and a tableau of blood-spattered pillows, blankets and children's clothing were scattered in the courtyard. **PAGE A3**

Fewer layoffs

As the U.S. economy has improved and employers have regained confidence, companies have been steadily shedding fewer workers. **PAGE C5**

Hospital shootout

A doctor told police that a patient fatally shot a caseworker at their hospital complex before the doctor pulled out his own gun and exchanged fire with him and wounded him, a prosecutor said. **PAGE A4**

READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL



Curtis Pearson puts up a new message on The Beacon's marquee for the arrival of the Carolina Panthers for summer training camp.

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Insurance rebates coming to Carolinas

By BRUCE SMITH
The Associated Press

More than \$21 million in health insurance rebates will be coming to consumers in the Carolinas from companies the federal government says spent too many premium dollars on profits and red tape last year.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released data Thursday showing that more than 205,000 consumers in South Carolina will receive more than \$13 million in rebates. That's an average refund of \$92 per family.

In North Carolina customers will be receiving more than \$8 million in rebates in the coming weeks. More than 182,000 consumers will benefit and the refund amounts to about \$77 per family.

Nearly 7 million consumers nationwide will receive about \$330 million in refunds. The refund nationally will average about \$80 per family.

The refunds are being made, for the third year in a row, under the federal Affordable Care Act, sometimes known as "Obamacare."

The law created the so-called the Medical Loss Ratio Rule — also known as the 80/20 rule — with the intent of making insurance companies more efficient. Under the rule, health insurance companies must spend at least 80 percent of premium dollars on "patient care and quality improvement activities," according to a release issued with the new data.

Those companies that devote too much to profits and red tape owe refunds. The HHS report concluded that, last year alone, consumers saved \$3.8 billion on their premiums upfront because companies were operating more efficiently.

Those entitled to refunds will get them in one of several ways. They may get a refund check in the mail or a lump-sum reimbursement to the account used to pay the premium. Or customers may receive a reduction in future premiums.

Employers providing health insurance must provide the refunds in similar ways or can choose another method that helps their workers, such as enhancing benefits.

No trend found in trio of large jet crashes in a week

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DEU busts fifth meth lab in a month

From staff reports

Three Ninety Six residents were arrested Wednesday night after area drug agents found yet another meth lab in Greenwood County.

Matthew Harvley, 24, of 708 McKenzie Road, was charged with conspiracy. Tammie Harvley, 46, and Robert Johnston Jr., 34, both of 4712 S.C. Highway 178 South, were

charged with separate counts of manufacturing methamphetamine in connection with the incident.

The discovery marked the fifth lab officers from the multi-jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit tracked so far this month. The latest finding came at the female suspect's residence along Highway 178 South.

According to a Greenwood County incident report, officers responded there about

9:30 p.m. Wednesday to serve warrants on one of the suspects. When they arrived, the homeowner gave them consent to search the premises.

Agents found six plastic soda bottles with meth residue on the property as well as three coffee filters that contained a total of 112 grams of meth, the report stated. Five of the

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MATTHEW HARVLEY



TAMMIE HARVLEY



ROBERT JOHNSTON

'Historical High'



PHOTO BY WARDY JONES / INDEX-JOURNAL

A Revolutionary War re-enactor tells a dramatic story to a crowd of the Sons of the American Revolution members who stopped by the Ninety Six National Historic Site on Wednesday afternoon.

Sons of American Revolution

■ ASSESSMENT

County revisits address ordinance

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The Greenwood County Address Management Department has been taking assessments of address displays throughout the county.

Each 911 (physical) address in the Greenwood City or Greenwood County geographic information system (GIS) will be visited and assessed for proper display.

In March 1991, the county passed an ordinance requiring all addresses assigned in the unincorporated areas of the county, city of Greenwood, and the towns of Ninety Six, Ware Shoals and Troy to visibly display address numbers. The ordinance was overlooked for the past two decades.

One month ago, county address management began its assessment and plans to enforce the ordinance once full evaluation is made in the area.

The department is working with neighborhood associations and looking to advertise the ordinance to help make residents aware of the importance in proper display. The creation of an instructional video also is a possibility.

The ordinance states, "When each dwelling or building has been assigned its respective number, the owner, occupant or agent shall be required to display the assigned number in accordance with the

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Self announces security breach



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Drop that burger

Scientist says 'beef is a lot worse environmentally than other meats'

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Now their dog's dead, too

Pet belonging to homeless family shot, killed at park

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Brady and Nina Lambert were already having a hard day. After checking out of their hotel room Thursday morning, the mother and son were without a place to stay

for the second time in three months.

Their one comfort as they headed back to Memorial Park was their two dogs: Ayakashi and Tinkerbell, who had stayed beside their owners since they lost their home. At

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BRISTOW MARCHANT / THE SUMTER ITEM
Brady Lambert looks at a photo of himself and his Rottweiler mix Ayakashi on his computer in Memorial Park on Thursday, not long after the dog was shot and killed by a stranger.

Walk to school about to get safer

Crosswell Drive gets \$400K grant

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When parents send their children out the door to school, they need to know they're safe.

A new grant should help parents of students who walk to Crosswell Drive Elementary School feel better about their children's safety. About \$400,000 better.

The Sumter Planning Department received notice Thursday it has been approved for a grant from the Safe Routes to School program of the U.S. Transportation Department to spend money improving pedestrian safety around the neighborhood elementary school, where many youngsters walk from surrounding homes to reach classrooms on the other side of a busy Lafayette Drive.

The money will be distributed as part of a nationwide competitive grant process.

"The whole state only has 10 schools that were approved for this grant," said Allan Yu, Sumter's senior transportation planner.

How the money will be spent has yet to be decided, but it will likely involve making improvements to the crosswalks around the school to make them more visible to drivers and safer for kids making their way across the street. Principal Anne McFadden said the school, in partnership with the City of Sumter, has been pursuing the grant since October 2013.

"Crosswell has a high population of walkers coming from Lafayette Street to Crosswell Drive. The grant is really to improve the infrastructure surrounding the school to include sidewalks and also better signs to make it safer for walkers," McFadden said. "My

Engineering not just for boys anymore



MATT WALSH / THE SUMTER ITEM
Middle-school students participating in the first-ever Sumter School District all-girls STEM camp at Sumter County Career and Technology Center work on programming a robot to complete a specific task. Fifteen students participated in the camp, which coordinators hope to expand next year.

New STEM camp introduces girls to engineering, robotics

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With the help of Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments, Sumter School District was able to introduce some of its middle-school girls to possible careers in science, technology, engineering and math. The district's first-ever STEM camp for girls allowed students to build small robots and learn

about web and game programming.

"Our goal with the camp is to get students excited about careers in engineering," said Rita Beard, Career and Technology Education coordinator. "This was an introduction to engineering for them, and it included a robotics platform. Engineering is a field where you don't see many females. One of the students said she wanted to be a nurse, but now she wants to look into engineering."

Beard, and science coordinator Lori

Smith, explained that the camp also integrated all aspects of STEM, including technology and math. The 15 participants — students representing six of the seven middle schools in the district — were able to build their own robots and program them to complete specific tasks. They also learned about game design and programming during the four-day camp.

Smith and Beard explained that some

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Alice Drive Elementary looks for new principal



IN THE BOOKS

Catheart wraps summer, turns focus to first fall as Seneca coach. C1

MAKING WAVES: Seneca company turning water into electricity. B1

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Teen guilty of attempted murder

'Just because the victim had a gun and marijuana does not mean the defendant had the right to stab the victim not once, not twice, but 11 times.'

Lindsey Simmons
Assistant solicitor

Cleveland handed 27-year sentence

BY CARLOS GALARZA-YEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — It didn't take long for an Oconee County jury to come back with a guilty verdict against a teen charged with attempted murder after he brutally stabbed his older cousin 11 times a year ago during an illicit transaction.

After the verdict Thursday at the Oconee County Courthouse, circuit judge Alex Macaulay sentenced 17-year-old Laquavius Cleveland to 22 years in prison for attempted murder and five years for possessing



Cleveland

a weapon during a violent crime. The judge ordered the sentences be served consecutively.

Defense attorney Charles Griffin tried to convince the jury that it was the older cousin, 32-year-old Shanon Kirkland, who precipitated the bloody altercation by going to see

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Seneca on board with 'Great Outdoors' initiative

City OKs \$15K commitment

BY CARLOS GALARZA-YEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Convinced that there's potential for growing more tourism revenue for Seneca, city officials agreed Thursday night to partner with Oconee County and other municipalities on an initiative that would enhance the area as a destination spot.

After hearing a presentation from Phil Shirley, who heads the county Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department, Seneca City Council voted unanimously to participate in the South Carolina Great Outdoors program by committing \$15,000.

The action was taken during a special called meeting after a council work session.

"We've all seen in the last 10 years how tourism has grown in Oconee County," Shirley said. "As we sit around the table we ask the question, what's next?"

Shirley said the Great Outdoors program, which would brand and market the entire county, along with what each municipality has to offer, has the potential to drive local tourism for the next decade and beyond.

In 2006, when the state began keeping track of tourism-related expenditures, visitors were spending about \$43 million a year in Oconee County, Shirley said. He said visitors enjoying the mountains, lakes, parks, eating at local restaurants, shopping and lodging spent \$51 million in 2013.

"We're seeing an additional \$8 million coming into our com-



Shirley



Firefighters from the Seneca Fire Department work to cut open a hole in the roof of the Goodwill building in Seneca for ventilation during training on Thursday.

Local fire departments train at commercial building in Seneca

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — A firefighter must be prepared for any type of fire, including those in larger buildings, and this week local fire departments have been gearing up their servicemen for training in just that situation.

Firefighters from the Seneca, Keowee and Friendship fire departments began training at the Goodwill building on Wells Highway on Thursday.

At the site the group of firefighters practiced ventilation, forcible entry and wall-breaching techniques

to educate the firefighters on how to respond to fires at commercial structures.

"It's not very often that we have commercial buildings that we respond to, and this helps us prepare ourselves for those in the future that we will go to," Seneca firefighter Paul Marcengill said.

Marcengill said most of the training happens inside the building, but because the property is vacant, the firefighters are able to practice ventilating the roof and forcible-entry techniques.

"Our biggest thing that we

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Shirley Estrich, left, the inspiration for "Truckstop Shirley" and her ability to communicate with truck drivers of all races in the segregated South during her 39 years of serving clients, is pictured with



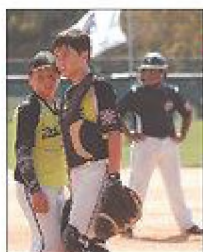
'Truckstop Shirley' still inspiring

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

CLEMSON — Nothing has ever come easy for Shirley Estrich, whether it was growing up as a sharecropper, waiting on truckstop customers for 39 years or

mid-1980s at an interstate truckstop, leading him to make Estrich the subject of his doctoral dissertation, continues today. It is the inspiration Estrich has provided that has led to plans for "A Truckstop Shirley Production," with and-

was writing and I wondered what he was writing about," Estrich recalled. "For two to three weeks, he would come in and write and drink his coffee. Finally, he asked if I would mind talking to him about a script."



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Conner can't brush away 50 years of memories

Longtime Hartsville dentist calls it a career

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HARTSVILLE — Dr. Richard E. Conner, a dentist in Hartsville for 50 years, has decided it's time to retire.

"I don't want to be invited out; I want to go on my own terms," he said jokingly from his office on Carolina Avenue.

His last official day is Tuesday, but he plans to help out a few mornings a week during the transition of his practice to Dr. Sharla Price. She has been working with him since July 10.

A reception was held last Tuesday for all of his patients to meet her.

Conner said he arrived in Hartsville in 1964.

"I came in July," he said "So this is my 50th year."

After graduation from dental school, Conner, a native of Lamar, knew he wanted to return to the Pee Dee.

"This is as close to Lamar, home of the Silver Foxes, as I could get," he said. "Hartsville seemed like an obvious choice at the time."

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Dr. Richard Conner (right) has been practicing dentistry in Hartsville for 50 years. He has decided it is time to retire. Dr. Sharla Price will be taking over his practice.

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STARS COME OUT TO SHINE



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Ashlee McLeod helps Bentley Merrill participate in a relay race down the aisle of Calvary Baptist Church as audience members cheer them. The church hosted the second annual Camp RAE's Got Talent on Thursday evening. Campers and members of the community performed a variety of acts. Their performances were judged by Florence County Coroner Keith von Lutcken, Morning News movie critic Laurie Crosswell, radio personality Ed Palmer and former Major League Baseball player Orlando Hudson. Camp RAE is a local organization focused on providing programming for disabled children. For more photos, visit scnw.com.



ABOVE LEFT: Barbara Hill, sitting with her grandson, Mason Doleman, 3, smiles as she cheers on a Camp RAE performer onstage. ABOVE RIGHT: Talent show judge Ed Palmer watches a performance onstage.



Florence County

Council nears OK for aid to local bid preferences

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in local bidder preference is a good way to keep the money local.



Smith

FLORENCE — The Florence County Council's administrative/finance committee gave the county staff approval to move forward with a revision to the county's procurement ordinance that will increase the local bidder preference during its meeting Thursday.

The revision, if approved by the entire County Council, will increase the local preference given to vendors from 2 percent to 5 percent with a cap of \$10,000 and the local bidder required to match the low bid.

The staff is also working to revise other portions of the procurement ordinance and plans to have the revised ordinance ready to present for second reading and public hearing next month.

With the impact of the second capital project sales tax expected to be a major stimulus for the county's economy, county officials think the change

administrator K.G. "Rusty" Smith Jr. said. "And it also incorporates the disenfranchised business enterprises."

In 1994, when Smith was on the council, he pushed to create the 2 percent preference, which allows a local bidder within 2 percent of the lowest bid to receive the contract, with council approval.

Charleston, Beaufort, Anderson, Dorchester and Sumter have 5 percent preferences, with some additional provisions, such as matching the low bid.

"We want to look out for the local businesses. I think it's important to provide as much assistance to the local community as possible," Smith said.

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Millions in insurance rebates coming to Carolinas

The Associated Press

More than \$21 million in health insurance rebates will be coming to consumers in the Carolinas from companies the federal gov-

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That's an average refund of \$92

consumers nationwide will receive about \$330 million in refunds. The refund nationally will average about \$80 per family.

The refunds are being made

Under the rule, health insurance companies must spend at least 80 percent of premium dollars on "patient care and quality improvement activities," according to a release is-

more efficiently.

Those entitled to refunds will get them in one of several ways. They may get a refund check in the mail or a lump-sum reimbursement to the account used



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Ruby Doo, a stuffed farm mule, is a featured display at the Elloree Heritage Museum and Cultural Center. The museum showcases the rural life of the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s in Elloree and other parts of South Carolina, including farming and agricultural components.

MARTHA ROSE BROWN/T&D

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Elloree Heritage Museum exhibits depict early rural life

T&D Staff Report

The award-winning Elloree Heritage Museum and Cultural Center is one of the quaint Orangeburg County town's most prized treasures.

The museum opened its doors in 2002, and is the culmination of grass-roots efforts by dedicated volunteers. It's hands-on exhibits have been restored to portray rural life in South Carolina from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s.

The museum is located in what was the old Brandenberg Motor Co. The old Elloree Depot is used as the cultural center to showcase the area's rich agricultural and religious heritage.

The first-floor Historic Elloree gallery features a collection of stores from 1900 to 1930, which are designed to authentically typify small-town businesses of that era.

The second floor houses an art gallery and other exhibits. A photographic history of the town is available for viewing, along with exhibits detailing the archaeology of the Santee River.

A gift shop carries a selection of books, including "Cotton Fields to Golf Courses — A Pictorial History of Elloree and Santee." Home decor merchandise and wood crafts can also be found in the shop, along with children's books and toys.

A 100-year-old plantation cotton gin and the authentically furnished cabin of Elloree's founder, William J. Snider, are among the museum's other displays.

The walls of the Farm Wing are lined with old boards from local barns. Most of the artifacts have been donated by the descendants of local farm families.

In 2003, the Elloree Heritage Museum and Cultural Center gained statewide recognition by capturing the 2003

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After 7 years in court, boat landing issue becomes cost

By GENE ZALESKI
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A seven-year court battle ended earlier this year when Orangeburg County was given permission to take a privately-owned boat landing that had previously been used by the public.

Now the county and the owner need to decide on the value of Ness Boat Landing, which is located on the South Fork Edisto River off of Highway 70.

The parties are just restarting the process, said Howell Morrison, attorney for property owners Johnny and Kathryn Williamson. "When we are down the road a bit, we will know if we are heading for a jury trial or not."

Under the valuation process, Orangeburg County will issue a condemnation notice and say, "what it contends is a fair offer for the highest and best use of the property," Morrison said. Should an agreement between the county and the owner not be reached, the issue will go to the Circuit Court level and a possible jury trial.

Orangeburg County Administrator Harold Young declined comment on the matter.

The landing was privately owned but used as a public boat landing on the Edisto River. The Williamsons, who live on the other side of the county line in Barnwell County, purchased it in 2005.

They closed the landing to the public in 2006, saying they were concerned about criminal activity and Orangeburg County's refusal to assume liability for accidents. They also said another landing is nearby in Barnwell County.

Orangeburg County tried to condemn the landing in 2007 to reopen it to the public, but the Williamsons challenged the condemnation. In 2009, a master-in-equity's decision upheld the condemnation.

The state Court of Appeals agreed in 2011 that the con-

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Turner remaining as OCSD 4 leader

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Writer

He wants me to be is where I want to be.

Brenda Turner announced Thursday she will continue to lead Orangeburg County Consolidated School District 4. She recently interviewed for superintendent of Lexington School District 2.

In an statement emailed to OCSD 4 board members, Turner said she's pleased to tell them she'll be remaining in the district as its superintendent.

"I firmly believe this is where I am supposed to serve and I am honored to continue the journey with you," she wrote. "We are CONSOLIDATED 4 SUCCESS, and we will work together to provide a quality educational experience for every student!"



Turner

is superintendent of Williston School District 29 in Barnwell County.

OCSD 4 trustee Aaron Radd says he wished Turner well as she sought the job in Lexington, but he's glad she's staying.

"When Ms. Turner told me she'd applied for the job in Lexington, I was excited and sad — excited for her, but sad that we would be losing her," he said. "I figured that as good a superintendent as she is, she'd get the job. But it's their loss and our gain."

Board Chair Peggy Tyler could not be reached for

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