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Teacher evaluation program advances

New system ties educators' pay to student performance

By Ron Barnett
Staff writer

The new teacher evaluation system the state is piloting is like the computer models weather forecasters use, in the opinion of Greenville County Schools' testing expert: There are so many factors involved that accuracy is relative.

"If we have a meteorologist that predicts a 70 percent chance of rain next Wednesday and today is Friday, we're probably not going to fire the meteorologist if it's sunny on Wednesday," Dr. Jason McCreary said.

State Department of Education officials say the system levels the playing field for teachers, holding them accountable for their students' growth regard-

"It's gone so much to just the test, instead of looking at all the varieties of things that we can do to ensure that students are engaged in their learning."

JACKIE HICKS, S.C.
Education Association

said McCreary, who attended the meeting.

The state has to implement a system that ties teacher pay to student performance in order to comply with a waiver of the No Child Left Behind Act that was approved in 2012.

Teachers in Greenville County and elsewhere have come out in opposition of the new system, which they say is demeaning in that it gives teachers a letter grade, A-F, like students, and bases their pay on test scores.

Another new program is being tested to evaluate principals.

The Greenville County School District has developed its own teacher evaluation system — an enhancement of the system the state has been using since the 1990's called ADEPT (Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching). The district hopes to be granted a waiver and allowed to continue using its system, which McCreary says is more comprehensive.

Teachers now are paid based solely on their years experience and level of education.

less of whether they are teaching gifted students, special education students, or students from low-income families.

State education officials met with educators from across the state in Columbia on Monday to discuss the progress made toward implementing the new system, which the U.S. Department of Education says must be in place by the 2014-15 school year.

"Right now, a lot is tentative,"

TWO DAYS UNTIL DEADLINE

AGREEMENT IN THE WORKS, REID SAYS



Cloudy skies shroud the Capitol on Monday morning. Congress is at an impasse as Senate Democratic and Republican leaders remained at odds over spending in their last-ditch negotiations to end the crisis gripping the nation. PHOTOS BY SCOTT APPLEWHITE/LEAP

House needs to pass any deal

Associated Press

Racing the clock, the Senate's Democratic and Republican leaders closed in on a deal Monday night to avoid an economy-menacing Treasury default and end the two-week partial government shutdown.

"We've made tremendous progress," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid declared after an intense day of negotiations with Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and other lawmakers. "Perhaps tomorrow will be a bright day," he said, suggesting agreement could be announced soon after weeks of stubborn gridlock.

McConnell also voiced optimism — but the emerging accord generated little if any satisfaction among rebellious

"If we don't start making some real progress both in the House and the Senate, and if Republicans aren't willing to set aside some of their partisan concerns in order to do what's right for the country, we stand a good chance of



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Sheriff: Man suicidal, threatened his sister

Troubled man killed by deputies struggled with mental issues



"Everybody has his faults, but to harm someone was not in his nature," said Trudie Mack at a memorial for Derryl Drayton on Monday. The James Island man was shot and killed by Charleston County sheriff's deputies during a confrontation Saturday after one of Drayton's sisters said he had threatened to kill her, according to Sheriff Al Cannon.

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Before deputies went to his James Island home, Derryl Drayton told his sister that he was going to kill her, then himself.

For the family, it was the latest in a series of domestic disturbances at the Greenhill Road house. Drayton, 51, has struggled in the past with mental illness. He also spent two years at one of the state's high-security prisons.

Some of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies who re-

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To see photos from the march Sunday and video from Monday's press conference, go to postandcourier.com/multimedia.

sponded Saturday night and found Drayton on nearby Seaside Lane knew what they were getting into. They had dealt with him before.

But this time, they said, he had a knife.

Sheriff Al Cannon said Monday

that the law officers did everything they could to peacefully end the situation. But Drayton was intent on harming someone, he said, so two deputies took the ultimate measure. Drayton never offered to surrender before he was fatally shot, as some community members suggested, Cannon said. But the State Law Enforcement Division has been tasked with confirming those details.

Though some of Drayton's loved ones and neighbors expressed anger over his killing, his closest family

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Derryl Drayton, 51, was fatally shot Saturday by Charleston County Sheriff's deputies.

Land swap for school may help homeless

North Charleston shelter, land for new school envisioned

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The former North Charleston school that has caused headaches and legal woes for Charleston County school officials could become the city's only homeless shelter.

While some North Charleston churches have programs to help the homeless, South Carolina's third-largest city does not have a formal shelter for the hundreds estimated to be homeless there.

In a plan to fill that need, Charleston County school leaders and North Charleston city officials have been in talks about a potential land swap that would give the school district some land on Remount Road near North Rhett Avenue to build a school. In return, the city would get the former Charleston Academy building on Rivers Avenue, next to the Jones Ford car dealership. "I think we can take that building and make it something positive for the community," North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey said.

He said in the near term, if the deal goes through, the city intends to let Jones Ford use the property as a car lot while the dealership goes through an expansion project. Then, the city would turn the building into a homeless shelter.

"We want to do that, and some other things, like job training," Summey said.

At World Harvest Community Church in North Charleston, Senior Pastor Thomas Clayton said there's certainly a need. The church used to let dozens of homeless people sleep in its building on inflatable mattresses. More recently, it set up a group of mobile homes behind the church for temporary housing.

"I've got about 15 people right now staying



Senior Pastor Thomas Clayton said a shelter is needed.

Poll

Does North Charleston need a homeless shelter? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

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What's in store for former Navy base?

Homes, recreation, high-tech firms might be in plans

BY DAVID SLADE
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Now that a 12-year-old plan to redevelop the north end of the former Navy base is dead, it will be up to North Charleston and the state's railroad agency to determine the future of that

important slice of real estate. The land covers hundreds of acres, including much of North Charleston's public waterfront and properties that could become home to new job-creating businesses.

"I think this could truly be the most significant decision the Lowcountry could make for the next 10 years," said Alan St. Clair, developer of the Lowcountry Innovation Center, a

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Quarters: On the old Navy base has been renovated by the South Carolina STRONG residential education program that seeks to help ex-convicts and former substance abusers turn their lives around.

'Labor of love' gives ex-convicts fresh start

Mansion makeover lets group expand at old Navy base

BY GLENN SMITH
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A historic home on the former Navy base that once served as a commander's quarters soon will house former prison inmates looking to turn their lives around.

The addition of Quarters

C will allow South Carolina STRONG, a residential education program for ex-convicts and former substance abusers, to expand from 28 to 65 people. The nonprofit organization, which opened in May 2006, occupies two other buildings on the former base as well.

The 5,084-square-foot Colonial Revival mansion known as Quarters C was completed in 1908 and served as a base commander's residence, according to

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Group poised to redevelop old cotton warehouse

Plan envisions hotel, rooftop condos

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One of Columbia's western gateways would have a 100-room hotel, high-end condos and commercial space in about two years if City Council accepts a proposed contract Tuesday for the sprawling Palmetto Compress building.

A new Columbia-based development group, Palmetto Compress Preservation Developers LLC, tentatively has agreed to buy the 320,000-square-foot, century-old, former cotton warehouse from the city.

A draft contract calls for the developers to pay the city \$5,907,000, said Fred Delk, director of Columbia Development Corp., which negotiated the agreement.

The city bought the four-story warehouse and its 4.7-acre site in April for \$5.65 million as part of an effort to protect the building from demolition. The city also paid for additional improvements to get the property ready to be sold.

"We're going to make \$100,000," Delk said Monday of the deal put together with Vista businesswoman and preservationist Rosie Craig, who earlier this year insisted the building could be preserved and reused.

Craig said she hopes to have the property finished in two years. "That's our intention."

Craig said her plans are to have a roughly 100-room hotel, a handful of rooftop condominiums and a mixture of retail and office space along Blossom Street, near the University of South Carolina campus.

"I intend it to be another award-winning, preservationist rehab," Craig said. "I don't want to create something that looks modern."

If Craig's plan becomes reality, it would be a major victory for preservationists who fought loudly to protect the warehouse from being razed. The initial owners had said that, after spending 25 years trying to find a buyer, no would-be purchaser could come up with a financially feasible reuse of the structure.

Part of the agreement with Craig's group is that they will

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BUDGET SHOWDOWN

Senate leaders say they are closing in on a deal to raise the debt limit and end the federal shutdown, just days before the U.S. exhausts its ability to borrow.

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Wounded USC student is 'determined to fight'

Upstate girl, 18, is paralyzed by stray bullet; students hold prayer vigil for her recovery



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Students pray during a vigil Monday night at the USC Greek Village. Martha Childress, a freshman and member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, was shot while waiting for a taxi in Five Points early Sunday.

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Two high school friends reunited for the weekend, with one, now a USC freshman, showing off her new campus to her out-of-town guest.

But the night ended tragically for the young women, when the freshman was struck by a random bullet while waiting for a taxi near the iconic fountain in Five Points. Martha Childress, 18, is paralyzed from the hips down after a .40-caliber bullet lodged in her spine, said her uncle, Jim Carpenter, who is serving as the family's spokesman. She also suffered damage to her liver and a kidney, but doctors were optimistic those wounds would heal, he said.



COURTESY OF CHILDRESS FAMILY

Martha Childress, 18, was shot early Sunday.

Childress graduated in the spring from J.L. Mann High School in Greenville. She earned a 4.0 grade-point average there and chose to study at the University of South Carolina.

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Suspect, 20, was on parole, probation for burglary

By JOHN MONK
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The 20-year-old man accused of firing the shots early Sunday in Five Points that left a University of South Carolina student paralyzed already has spent time in prison on a felony conviction and was out on both parole and probation at the time of the shooting, law officials said Monday.

According to the S.C. Department of Corrections, Michael Juan Smith had been released on parole from state

prison in February, after serving 10 months of a two-year sentence for violating probation. Smith was on probation in that case after getting a suspended sentence for second-degree burglary.

"He's a hoodlum that's been plaguing our county with burglary for some time," Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said Monday.

"He's a flat-out hoodlum criminal. All our guys know him."

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CRIME IN FIVE POINTS

Violence in Five Points has been in the spotlight because of

break up a 2 a.m. brawl

damaged, but no one is hurt.



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Little Free Library promotes literacy



Sandra Terry visits the Little Free Library on the corner of Colleton Avenue and Charleston Street.

Bookcases encourage residents to take a book, return a book

BY DEDE BILES
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Literacy is important to Sandra Terry. "It's been my passion for a long time," she said. "If you can't read, you are always going to be dependent on other people, and it's difficult for you to find a really good job." Terry spearheads a Sand River Woman's Club project that provides a bookcase filled with books for each new house built by Aiken County Habitat for Humanity. She's also gotten the organization involved in a Little Free Library effort that puts boxes of free books in neighborhoods for residents to read. "A friend in Wisconsin, where the Little Free Library started, sent me an article about it," said Terry, who

Want to help?

WHAT: Little Free Library effort that puts boxes of free books in neighborhoods for residents
HOW: Call Sandra Terry with the Sand River Woman's Club at 803-649-0420.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

loved the program's "take a book, return a book" concept (www.littlefreelibrary.org). Terry got her husband, Dennis, who puts together the Habitat for Humanity bookcases, to build her a Little Free Library box out of wood this past spring. She painted the top

red and the door black and white. She also painted Harry Potter's glasses, a red book and a lavender lightning bolt on the box's left and right sides. Then Terry put her Little Free Library on a post on the corner of Colleton Avenue and Charleston Street and stocked it with books for children, teenagers and adults. "In the beginning, hardly any books were put back in," Terry said. "But just recently, I've seen a couple of books in there that I know I didn't put in, so it's slowly beginning to come around. As time goes on, I hope more people will bring books back or share other books that they liked. But if they don't bring a book back, I'm still happy because I know they're reading."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
Carly Prosser, 21 months, was diagnosed with cortical blindness.

Carly's journey touches family overseas

Infant diagnosed with blindness

BY AMY BANTON
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Carly Prosser is not even 2 years old but has already touched the lives of many people, including a family overseas. The North Augusta toddler was diagnosed with cortical blindness at 5 months old and later began suffering from seizures. The Facebook page Carly Unlimited was created for her, and it has attracted almost 3,000 members from the community, around the United States and even other countries. Cortical blindness is a neurological visual impairment in which the eyes are functional, but the brain doesn't signal them to see, according to her mother Amy Prosser. Prosser said that two months after Carly's diagnosis, she started having infantile spasms and the seizures have caused developmental delay. Carly is unable to sit or stand. Carly also has a feeding tube in her stomach due to the frequent seizures.

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One Table seeks Thanksgiving Day volunteers

BY DEDE BILES
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Want to do a good deed on Thanksgiving Day? The organizers of the One Table community dinner are looking for volunteers. Registration begins today. You can sign up by email at volunteer@onetable.org. "We'll take volunteers until Nov. 15"

Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 28. It will be held downtown in The Alley, and turkey with all the fixings will be served. Last year, approximately 1,700 people showed up, Wade said. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs. Some jobs may require heavy lifting, some require fast thinking and some require only a smile and willing spirit, according to One Table's web.



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Delaying retirement

There was a time when Tom Sadowski thought he'd stop working after turning 65 earlier this year. But he's put off retirement for at least five years — and now anticipates continuing to do some work afterward. **PAGE D1**

Baby Hope case

New York police Assistant Chief Joseph Reznick went this weekend to visit the grave of a child long known as Baby Hope, as he's often done in the past two decades, but this time he came with more answers than questions about her death. **PAGE A3**

Dig Pink

Chapman ditched its usual orange and blue uniforms in exchange for pink on Monday. The Panthers are one of several area high school volleyball teams that have hosted events to promote awareness for breast cancer and other life-threatening diseases throughout the month. **PAGE B1**

Iran talks resume

Iran is promising a new proposal to break the deadlock over its nuclear program when it resumes talks today with the U.S. and five major world powers — the first since the election of a reformist Iranian president. **PAGE A4**

Haley's deadline

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is giving her Cabinet agencies two months to come up with a list of every building they own. **PAGE C1**

CITY COUNCIL



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Above, Stewart Park in Spartanburg is pictured. An activity center is planned for the park.

Parks investment approved

Leaders budget \$2.5M
for upgrades, including
facilities on west side

BY LYNNE P. SHACKLEFORD
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Spartanburg City Council gave its nod Monday to a \$2.5 million investment in city parks during the next several years.

The plan calls for a new west-side neighborhood park, a Stewart Park activity center, numerous improvements at smaller neighborhood parks, the completion of the football field and parking area at C.C. Woodson Community Center and designated funding for bicycle and pedestrian trails. Under the plan, work on a new Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center would begin by fiscal year 2017.

During a presentation before council Monday, City Manager Ed Memmott said the plan would not be possible without council agreeing to close the Swim Center.

The proposed parks budget would be paid for with a \$1 million low-interest loan; \$330,000 from the sale of One Morgan Square; \$250,000 each from the projected 2014 fiscal year operating surplus and Hospitality Tax reserve fund, and \$750,000 total from fiscal years 2015 to 2019 through savings from closing the Swim Center — a move that is also paying for the low-interest loan. The plan includes \$172,000 in annual debt service that is now designated for C.C. Woodson for the new T.K. Gregg center in fiscal year 2018.

After the meeting, Councilwoman Jan Scallisi called the plan "well-balanced" and "fair" because funds were spread across most districts and addressed a



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Caleb Coley, 14 months-old of Spartanburg, smiles as his mother.

BUDGET BATTLE

Senate leaders hopeful of deal

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Racing the clock, the Senate's Democratic and Republican leaders closed in on a deal Monday night to avoid an economy-menacing Treasury default and end the two-week partial government shutdown.

"We've made tremendous progress," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid declared after an intense day of negotiations with Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell and other lawmakers. "Perhaps tomorrow will be a bright day," he said, suggesting agreement could be announced soon after weeks of stubborn gridlock.

McConnell also voiced optimism — although not as much as Reid, D-Nev., had — and the details under discussion generated little if any satisfaction among rebellious House conservatives.

Officials said that in the discussion to date, the \$16.7 trillion federal debt limit would be raised enough to permit the Treasury to borrow normally until mid-February, if not a few weeks longer.

The government would reopen with enough money to operate until mid-January at levels set previously, and agencies would be given flexibility in adjusting to reduced funding levels imposed by across-the-board spending cuts.

Officials cautioned that those details could change, and there was even more uncertainty about other elements of a possible deal.

Under discussion was a one-year delay in a \$63 fee imposed on companies by the health care law known as Obamacare for everyone covered by an employer-sponsored plan. By day's end, though, Republican opposition to the provision placed it in jeopardy — just as Democrats had earlier pushed back against the proposed repeal of a medical device tax contained in the health care law.

The two sides also were discussing a requirement that individuals seeking subsidies under the health



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Council leases heart monitors

Abbeville County votes for new tech in ambulances

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ABBEVILLE — Abbeville County Emergency Management will

have the latest heart-monitoring technology within the next month. Abbeville County Council voted 6-0 to allocate previously budgeted funds to a contractual agreement

with Phillips Medical Capital for new heart monitors. Councilmember Claude Thomas was absent.

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JIM LAMBETH

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■ **MCCORMICK SCHOOL BOARD**

Chairman to leave post

MCCORMICK — Jim Lambeth said somebody else can have all the fun.

Lambeth, who served as the chairman of the McCormick County School District board of trustees for two years, said Monday night's meet-

ing was his final one controlling the ceremonial gavel.

Lambeth said November's meeting will include a vote for chairman and vice chairman of the board, and before that vote took place, Lambeth eliminated himself from consideration.

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Battle on the docks

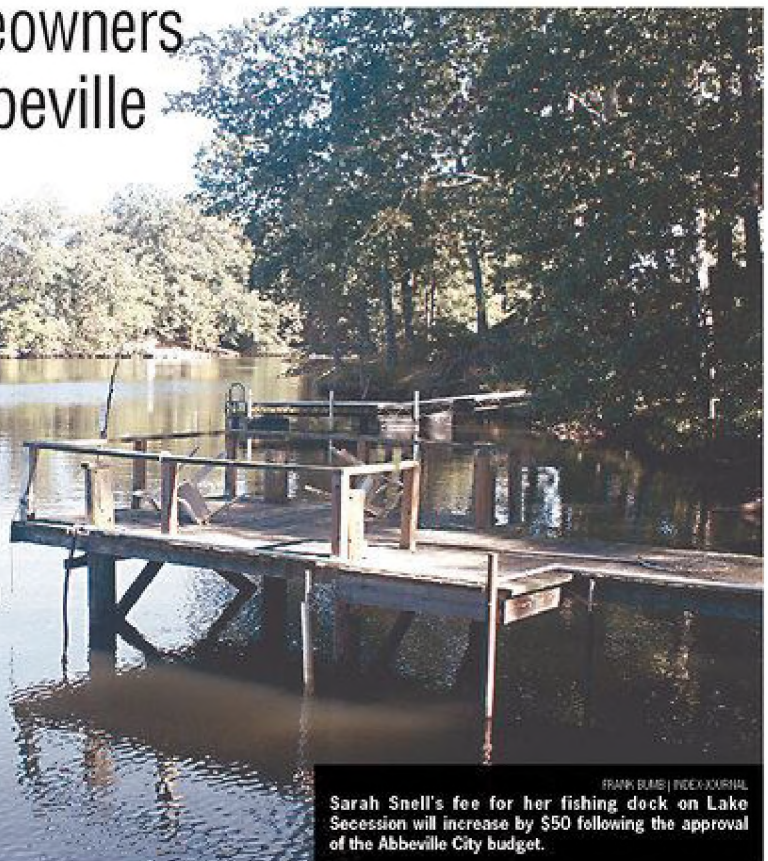
Lake Secession homeowners spar with City of Abbeville

By **FRANK BUMB**
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ABBEVILLE — Owners of Lake Secession docks will see fees more than triple with the new City of Abbeville budget.

That fee increase has left homeowners along Lake Secession furious with what they perceive as a lack of communication, taxation without representation and an effort to fund Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) mandates on the backs of homeowners.

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Sarah Snell's fee for her fishing dock on Lake Secession will increase by \$50 following the approval of the Abbeville City budget.

Ben Stein addresses a crowd at the Madame Curie Society dinner Monday night during



Stein tackles health care, tea party

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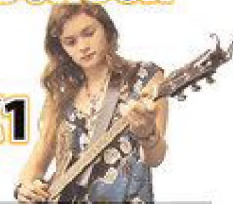
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Gunshots rock Walmart parking lot

Police report no arrests, apparent injuries in Monday afternoon disturbance

BY ROB COTTINGHAM
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No suspects have been arrested nor have any injuries been reported after several gunshots rang out at Walmart on Monday afternoon.

According to the Sumter Police Department, at about 2:30 p.m. officers responded to the Broad Street store in reference to multiple shots being fired in the business' parking lot. Police said witnesses on the scene reported seeing two

groups of men riding in separate vehicles arguing in the parking lot on the grocery store side of the building. Minutes later, several shots rang out, and the two vehicles reportedly fled the scene, according to police reports.

Deputies with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office and officers with the Sumter Police Department responded immediately to the scene and began investigating. Moments after the gunshots were reported, details of

a pursuit in progress on U.S. 378 also came through police scanners at *The Item*, but it wasn't clear whether it was related to the incident.

Within minutes, however,

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HAPPY HOWL-O-WEEN



ABOVE: Urijah and Savon, two bull mastiffs, dress as Elmo and the Cookie Monster from Sesame Street during the "howl-o-ween" costume contest hosted by SPOT (Sumter Park of Tail-waggers) at Dillon Park on Saturday. Urijah and Savon tied for second place, while Lucy, BELOW, won first place in her "The Champ" costume.

LEFT: Stella, a long-haired German shepherd, stares inquisitively at another visitor.

BELOW LEFT: Kekoa, an Australian mountain dog owned by Dr. James Atkison, waits for the winners to be announced.

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Long-range forecast indicates possible snow in February

BY RANDY BURNS
Special to The Item

Snow lovers in the tri-county area have reason to be hopeful this winter, forecasters said.

As is the case each winter, there's a 50 percent chance of snow. It might snow or it might not.

The *Farmers Almanac*, widely regarded to be as accurate as any long-range forecaster, says South Carolina will have a major snowfall in February.

"Significant snowfalls are forecast for parts of every zone," a forecaster wrote in the *Farmers Almanac*. And South Carolina is in one of those zones.

Need more encour-

agement?

Meteorologist Rob Guarino of *liveweather-blogs.com* has forecast one inch of snow for Sumter in February.

"The timing is key this entire winter with cold outbreaks and additional moisture from the south that could bring one to two snow events for South Carolina, one that could disrupt travel in late winter," he said. "So combining the two jets (jet streams) is where we need to be if you like snow and ice. Severe weather is more likely in February and March."

February 2013 is fondly remembered by snow fans in northern

Rob Guarino,
meteorologist

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EPIC MATCHUP
Beasley, Tigers preparing for monster game against FSU. C1

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Spending problem?

Oconee's money trail since 2010

\$2.5M — Echo Hills purchase
\$2.4M — Echo Hills pads & prep
\$3M — Broadband matching
\$1.8M — Tyler contract for reassessment
\$17M* — Jail bond
\$1.1M — Jail delay costs (legal, architect, consultant fees)
\$4.2M* — Jail debt (principal + interest)
\$1.3M — County legal fees (2009 + 2010)
\$10M — Sewer South (up to \$10M)
\$1M — Hampton Inn
\$44.3M — TOTAL

*County Administrator Scott Moulder disputes putting these figures in calculations. See story for details.
Source: Donna Linsin, local government watchdog

Watchdog: County spending on projects tops \$40 million

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Seneca resident Donna Linsin has been called a government watchdog in the past, and she says the label doesn't bother her.

"Every citizen and taxpayer should be a government watchdog," she said. "It is our obligation, duty and responsibility to ensure that our government is watching out for all of us, not just special interests."

Linsin usually sits next to her husband, Larry, and takes

'Folks, this county does not have a revenue problem. This county has a spending problem that our leaders have failed to address.'



Donna Linsin
Seneca resident

notes at every Oconee County Council meeting she attends, and she rarely misses one.

Last week, the Linsins joined about 18 other Oconee County taxpayers who raised

their voices in opposition to a proposed 1 percent sales tax increase to pay for capital projects. The sales tax increase is scheduled to be on the ballot in the 2014 general election.

Linsin said she is against the referendum being on the ballot because she doesn't think a simple majority should raise taxes on everyone, whether they want the projects or not.

"We have a representative government to decide tax issues, not a majority rule government in which one faction of voters has the authority to raise taxes on other citizens," Linsin said.

During last week's meeting,

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Tech going tobacco-free

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

PENDLETON — Effective Aug. 1, 2014, tobacco products will no longer be allowed on the grounds or indoor facilities of all Tri-County Technical College campuses, and those in violation could face a fine of up to \$300.

During its meeting Monday, the College Commission unanimously approved the change, which also includes Tech learning centers and college-owned vehicles.

The new policy prohibits tobacco products, whether inhaled or ingested, as well as electronic cigarettes. Tobacco products defined in the policy include not only cigarettes or e-cigarettes, but also cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco.

The policy also states that signs will be posted throughout all campuses, located in Pendleton, Easley and Anderson, indicating that tobacco use is prohibited.

Tech President Ronnie Booth said the policy applies not only to students, but also staff, faculty, contractors and visitors to the campus locations. He told the board making the new policy effective next August will



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This artist's rendering depicts a potential 9/11 memorial being discussed for construction in Oconee County.

Committee seeks funding for Oconee County 9/11 memorial

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WALHALLA — Members of a volunteer committee, meeting with Oconee County school board members and firefighters across the county Monday, said financial assistance is needed in making a 9/11 memorial near the new Walhalla High School a reality.

"We need your help," said Jim Alexan-

der, who, along with Keowee Elementary School Principal Josh Holliday, presented an update regarding the project to the board. "I'm asking you as individual board members to make a donation. We're looking for any and all kinds of help."

Meanwhile, Committee Chairman and Keowee fireman Brandon Shirley told firefighters attending the annual

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Movie legend in town

BY NORMAN CANNADA
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SENECA — The long-awaited Oconee County appearance of Hollywood legend Burt Reynolds finally came to fruition Monday.

Reynolds was at High Falls County Park near Seneca on Monday for the shooting of the romantic comedy "Elbow Grease," which began its third week of filming in Oconee County.

Shelby Henderson, casting director and associate producer for the movie, said Reynolds will be filming for the next few days but will not be staying for Saturday's Clemson-Florida State game at Memo-



Reynolds

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\$3.4M rental renovation on track

'Part of the appeal of these apartments is (their)

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — The second phase of a \$3.4 million renovation project at the Applewood Villas apartments next to Seneca's Shaver Recreation

putting in new floors, as well as adding new appliances, kitchen cabinets and bathrooms, said Bill Chamblin, a spokesman for Connelly Development, LLC, on Monday. Chamblin said 22 of the 24 apartments renovated

Based in Columbia, Connelly Development has done similar renovations throughout the Carolinas. Chamblin said low income housing tax credits made financing of the local project possible. The tax credit, which





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Florence City Council

Livability court next step in neighborhood improvements

Judges will help clear up city courts by enforcing code and nuisance complaints

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FLORENCE — A livability court is coming to Florence after city council members on Monday conditionally appointed five judges to rule and an administrator to manage the new entity that will focus on code en-

forcement and nuisance complaints.

The livability court will focus on nuisance and abatement issues and is modeled after the country's first such court that was started in Charleston. The court will strictly enforce codes such as when a neighbor's property is overgrown or dilapidated and nuisance complaints such as noise violations — minor infractions that clog the

city court system, Mayor Stephen J. Wukela said.

"We've got a persistent problem in the neighborhoods both with abandoned property, dilapidated property, lack of infrastructure and lack of investment," Wukela. "As you know the city has been working very diligently of late in particular with a neighborhood redevelopment program and this is part of it."

The court will consist of an administrative judge, two associate judges and three

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Livability Court

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Dogfight case still underway

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE — A young pit bull recovered this weekend from a dogfighting ring was being treated Monday for injuries, as Florence County Sheriff's deputies continued their investigation into the matter.

The pit bull, which officials estimate to be 18 months to 2 years in age, is on a 15-day standard hold at Florence County Environmental Services, but was taken to a veterinarian Monday to be treated for some injuries including a possible broken leg.

"It has some facial lacerations and some lacerations to the neck, and its right leg is possibly broken," Herbie Christmas, of Florence County Environmental Services, said. "We don't have the money to provide vet care for every stray, but because of the circumstances in this case, we did take the dog to a veterinarian to be evaluated and treated if needed."

Christmas said the dog has been friendly to him and his staff and has shown no signs of aggression.

"I saw him at 6 a.m. this morning. He was wagging his tail and even came to the fence and licked my hand," Christmas said. "But actually, animals that are bred to fight don't usually show aggression toward humans, because their handlers have to get in the ring with them. So if they show aggression toward the handlers, they usually don't make the cut (to fight). They're trained to be aggressive to other animals, not humans."

Christmas said there is no plan for the dog's future. He

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ALL ABOARD



PHOTOS BY JOHN D. RUSSELL/MORNING NEWS

Riders wait on the boarding platform as the train arrives on Monday at the Florence Amtrak station. The company announced Monday that it set a new record of more than 31.6 million riders this year nationally.

Florence Amtrak second in state

Train ridership sees boost throughout nation

BY JOHN D. RUSSELL
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Amtrak announced Monday that it set a new record for ridership in fiscal year 2013, carrying 31.6 million passengers.

That makes the 10th ridership record in 11 years for the transit giant — and Florence, S.C. is no stranger to the train's popularity. The Florence Amtrak train station was abuzz Mon-

day afternoon with people catching one of typically four trains a day that stop in the town.

Florence's station is the second busiest in South Carolina, with more than 52,000 passengers getting on or off this fiscal year. Charleston had the highest numbers with 82,147, and Columbia, Vemasee and Kingstree rounded out the top five.

Beverly Guyton, of Bishopville, was waiting for her train in Florence to ride 10 hours up the east coast to Delaware, MD, to visit her boyfriend.

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Eugene Toby (center) shares a laugh with Helen Scott while waiting on the train Monday at Florence's Amtrak station.

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DABBLING IN DIRT



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Francis Fauling examines the progress of a collection of Red Rooster's Comb plants growing in his backyard. Francis, and his wife Mary, have an eclectic mix of flowers and plants at their Orangeburg home, including chili peppers, artichokes, elephant ears and oranges. Francis gives particular care to his dahlias, a plant that has earned him several blue ribbons at the Orangeburg County Fair. Mary Fauling stated that the couple just loves to dabble in the dirt. **View more images from the Faulings' garden at TheTandD.com.**

S.C. State student dies in accident

T&D Staff Report

South Carolina State University lost one of its students early Saturday morning when he was killed in a jogging accident in upper Richland County.

S.C. State President Thomas Elzey expressed the college family's "deepest sympathy" in an email message sent out to students following the death of junior Darius Emmanuel Brown.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our very own. Anytime we lose a member of the S.C. State family, it is devastating to the Bulldog community," Elzey said. "Our collective hearts are heavy. On behalf of S.C. State University, I extend our deepest sympathy to Darius' family and friends in this time of loss."

According to the Richland County Coroner's report, Brown was jogging on Long



Brown

around 8:45 p.m. Friday when he was struck by two vehicles.

He was hit by the outside mirror of one vehicle, and the impact knocked him into the path of another vehicle traveling in the opposite direction.

He was transported to Palmetto Health Richard, where he died around 12:10 a.m.

His mother, Desiree Brown of Hartsville, said her son was, "well loved among family and friends. He never met a stranger. He was always willing to help people."

Her son was "a good person. He was a wonderful son and a blessed child."

"I will always love him," she said. "He's going to be missed. He will never be forgotten."

Brown noted that Darius has a month-old son, named Dorion. She said she will hold memories of her son in her heart to share with her grandson.

Brown was majoring in engineering. He had enlisted in the S.C. National Guard and was expected to begin training next summer.

The S.C. State University Committee is holding a candlelight vigil in memory of Brown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Duke's Gymnasium. The Counseling and Self-Development Center is also available to provide grief counseling for students, faculty and staff. Call 803-536-7245 to make an appointment.

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See reaction from the S.C. State community to the death of Darius Brown at TheTandD.com

Small elected SCSU board chairman

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
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Dr. William Small Jr. was picked Monday to serve out the remainder of former trustee Dr. Walter L. Tobin's term as chairman of the South Carolina State University Board of Trustees.

Small said he is not seeking anything for himself, but only to serve the university.

He says he will seek to work with other trustees in "a full commitment to restoring South Carolina State University to its past glory."

"We have some team-building work that we need to do," he said. "I'm committed to doing that."

A resident of Vemasse, Small is a retired educator and small farmer. He joined the S.C. State board in July.

Small defeated Vice Chairman Bob Waldrep on a secret ballot by a vote of 10-3.

Waldrep, who's served as interim chairman since Tobin left office in June, will continue to serve as vice chair.

Prior to the vote, trustees discussed whether they are allowed to elect a chair for an unexpired term. Tobin's term as chairman expires in September 2014.

Trustee Dr. John Corbitt said, "There's no such language as 'unexpired term' in the bylaws."

He noted that the bylaws call for electing a



DALE LINDER-ALTMAN/T&D

The South Carolina State University Board of Trustees elected Dr. William Small Jr. as chairman Monday.

board chair for two years.

Trustee Katon Dawson, who nominated Small, said he did not nominate him for a full two-year term to keep the election of the chairman on the same schedule as vice chairman and secretary.

He also asked General Counsel Craig Burgess if his motion was appropriate.

Burgess said he'd need time to check it out, but trustees agreed to move forward with the vote.

The question of whether the vice chairman automatically becomes chairman when that position is left vacant has been under question for several months.

The bylaws do not specifically address the issue and do not give instructions about electing a new chair. However, they do specifically address the election of a vice chair. At the Oct. 1 meeting of the board, the agenda called for electing a vice chair, but trustees postponed it until Oct. 14.

Burgess said trustees decided at the earlier meeting that the bylaws left the issue to their interpretation. They decided that the election of a chairman would be more appropriate than electing a vice chairman.

However, the question of whether the vice chair moves up to chair is still undecided. The Bylaws Committee will meet on Oct. 24 to discuss the issue further.

In other business, the trustees approved President Thomas Elzey's proposals for tenure for 2013.

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Team of local competitors takes plunge

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