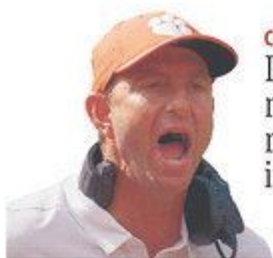


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*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7



The Cheerful Giver, an anonymous donor who has generously funded numerous Midlands charities and organizations, recently gave \$10,000 to the Richland Library. The Ballentine library has outgrown this current location.

‘Cheerful Giver’ hopes to inspire generosity with anonymous gifts

BY SARAH ELLIS
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The Cheerful Giver is something like a saint, something like a Santa, but nothing like a celebrity.

At least as far as most of us can tell; he doesn't give us much to go on.

One of the Midlands' most generous benefactors is also one of its most mysterious, anonymously donating hundreds of thousands of dollars to dozens upon dozens of organizations in need over the past two years.

"He's very caring and paternal. He's very gracious and



The donation from Cheerful Giver will help build a learning center at an under-construction library branch in Ballentine.

humble. He's very grateful and giving," said JoAnn Turnquist, president and CEO of the Central Carolina Community Foundation, which works with the Cheerful Giver to connect with the organizations he gives to. "He's glorifying God by giving gifts and serving these nonprofits that are making a difference in the

community."

The Giver's mission boils down to a pair of simple goals: to help and to inspire.

"We hope that the mystique of 'The Cheerful Giver' would start some conversations and make more people aware of the great needs in

THE CHEERFUL GIVER'S GIFTS

\$10,000

Recent donation to Richland Library's new Ballentine location

\$324,496

Donations matched for more than 200 nonprofits, ranging from about \$1,000 to \$2,500 each, during the 2015 Midlands Gives campaign

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Midlands organizations that have received one of the giver's weekly surprise donations in the past year

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DHEC SEEKS MORE FUNDS

Dam safety a \$5M issue

■ South Carolina's environmental agency is seeking nearly \$5 million for dam safety in next year's budget after a second major storm socked the state.

BY SAMMY FRETWELL
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South Carolina's environmental agency is seeking \$5 million in next year's budget to shore up, inspect or remove dams in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, the second major storm to smack the state in two years.

South Carolina needs \$2.3 million to stabilize or tear down about 24 dams shaken by Hurricane Matthew and about \$3 million to inspect most of the state's other dams to ensure they are in optimum shape, according to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

The request to increase DHEC's budget for dams is contained in the department's 2017-2018 budget plan, which was completed last week.

"DHEC's dam safety program has dealt with two disasters in two years, which has strained an already limited budget," the agency said in its budget request to lawmakers. The request said DHEC needs money "to place dams into a safe status and to provide detailed information on dams around the state to help mitigate future impacts."

The agency's plan, if approved by lawmakers next year, brings to more than \$8 million the amount of money taxpayers will have spent on dam safety issues since a historic flood in 2015, the agency's budget request says. The nearly \$5 million proposed in next year's budget would be a one-time, nonrecurring increase.

Between last year's flood and Hurricane Matthew in October, at least 70 state-regulated dams burst as rising water crashed against the aging structures and overtopped many of them. Hundreds of other dams sustained damage. At least 20 of the 70 regulated dams that failed broke during Hurricane Matthew.

State Rep. Bill Clyburn, who sits on a committee that examines DHEC's budget, said the state has to spend money because its dam safety pro-

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Milestone S.C. race may be in works

As Trump extends influence in S.C., Scott weighing a run against McMaster in 2018

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Three weeks after his decisive election win, President-elect Donald Trump has extended his brand in South Carolina.
Consider the evidence:

- He plucked Gov. Nikki Haley to be his United Nations ambassador, meaning the S.C. native will be an insider to his foreign policy.
- One of his earliest elected allies, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, will soon move up to become governor in one of the most rabidly Republican states in the South, pending Haley's confirmation in January.



Scott McMaster

■ McMaster continued the trend Tuesday by naming two Trump loyalists to assist him in creating his Governor's Mansion transition

team. Longtime Trump supporters Columbia consultant Ed McMullen and businessman Bill Stern will assist in McMaster's transition planning.

While the moves appear to be the continuation of Trump's links in the state, they also are in preparation for what many believe could be one of the most significant governor's races in state history.

South Carolina Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott is still mulling a run for governor in 2018, possibly against an incumbent McMaster.

He would also be in line to possibly

become the first black Republican governor in the South.

Political scientists say even with McMaster's White House ties that might not be enough to dissuade Scott from challenging a fellow sitting Republican.

"Tim Scott has his own base, and coattails are only so long," said Winthrop University political scientist Scott Huffman of Trump's potential reach. "Scott has support in just about every twig and branch of the Republican Party in South Carolina."

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Slager tells his side: 'I was in total fear'

Describes struggle, says Scott came at him with Taser; defense rests



Former North Charleston police officer Michael Slager testifies Tuesday during his murder trial in the shooting death of Walter Scott. During testimony, Slager said Scott came toward him with the officer's Taser after grabbing the weapon during a struggle.

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Michael Slager sighed as the video appeared Tuesday on the TV screen above him. It was the same footage that had landed the former North Charleston policeman in jail for Walter Scott's death.

It played, and a prosecutor pointed to something on the ground: the Taser that Slager said Scott had taken from him during a fight. Slager can see that now, he said. The video kept playing, and the sound of the first gunshot from Slager's gun filled the courtroom. The prosecutor said Scott was about 18 feet away from the officer. Slager can see that now, he said. The video played on, and the prosecutor froze

the screen as it showed Slager dropping the Taser near Scott's lifeless body. Slager can see that now, he said. While he can see those things from the video, Slager testified in his own murder trial that he didn't realize them at the time. He knew only that he was scared of Scott, that he fired and fired — eight times in all — until Scott went down.

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Plan for W. Ashley kicks off

City may hire firm that mapped I'On

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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The city of Charleston may hire Dover, Kohl & Partners — a nationally known planning firm that helped map out Mount Pleasant's I'On neighborhood — to help plan its biggest project: the revitalization of West Ashley.

And Mayor John Tecklenburg said the good news is there will be new pots of money to start work on the plan's ultimate recommendations, which will be shaped next year and could go before City Council for approval as early as the summer.

Tecklenburg spoke Tuesday at the West Ashley Revitalization

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Carrier deal with Trump to save some 1,000 jobs

BY JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Air conditioning company Carrier said Tuesday that it had reached a deal with President-elect Donald Trump to keep nearly 1,000 jobs in Indiana. Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence planned to travel to the state Thursday to unveil the agreement alongside company officials.

Trump spent much of his campaign pledging to keep companies like Carrier from moving jobs overseas.

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Thousands flee Tenn. blazes: 'It was like we were in hell'

Wind-fanned flames roared in Gatlinburg



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WILDFIRES SPREAD FROM SMOKY MOUNTAINS INTO GATLINBURG, TENN. **PAGE 1B**

Mayor: City won't support site plan

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The effort to build a modern office building along the banks of the Reedy River at the edge of Falls Park is facing stiff opposition from the city, which has delayed ruling on a request by the developer to allow construction closer to the river.

The city instead is in active negotiations to buy the sliver of property, following a public uprising over the propo-

sal for a four-story, brick-and-glass office building steps away from the historic Main Street bridge.

"The building's not going to go there," Mayor Knox White told *The Greenville News* on Tuesday. "Our proposition has been that we're willing to buy the property. We're in negotiations on that price."

Meanwhile, a prominent environmental attorney representing the founders of the park has written a second letter to the city's administration to oppose what he says are revised plans that would by-

pass the city's buffer requirements by raising the building above the riverbanks.

The plan, if the city were to allow an exception to its requirement that development be set back 50 feet from the river, "would be a conspicuous and cruel joke," wrote Frank Holleman, an attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center, which is representing the Carolina Foothills Garden Club that shepherds

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WAKEFIELD, BEASLEY & ASSOCIATES/CITY OF GREENVILLE
Plans for a new office building along the Reedy River at Falls Park.



Renee Bergman, a regular user of the Southern Pressed Juicery app, picks up her breakfast order from Taylor Feltner before going to work on a busy Monday.

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Restaurants cater to people's busier lives

'Technology is becoming a staple ingredient' in industry

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On a Monday, by 8 a.m., Renee Bergman has already ordered her breakfast, paid for it and picked it up. This morning's meal? A Copacabana parfait bowl from Southern Pressed Juicery. With its homemade almond milk, avocado, raw honey and homemade coconut maple granola, the SPJ signature menu item is a favorite healthy way to start the day for Bergman, a former registered dietician who now works for Synnex.

In fact, Bergman confesses, she stops by SPJ almost every morning, sometimes picking up both breakfast and lunch and taking it with her on her way to work. And thanks to the healthy juice and raw foods cafe's four-month-old App, this ritual takes five minutes or



Judge tells Roof he can no longer rely on lawyers

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Dylann Roof

CHARLESTON - The self-described white supremacist who dismissed his nationally recognized defense team cannot rely on them as co-counselors as he faces trial in the killing of nine black parishioners, the federal judge overseeing the case made clear Tuesday.

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In deciding to act as his own attorney, Roof enjoys some practical benefits, but also is subject to disadvantages, said U.S. District Court Judge Richard Gergel, stressing that the defendant cannot lean on his former defense team as co-counselors.

"I do not want the people he dismissed making the decisions. I do not want this to be an issue later," Gergel said. "We've got a lot of balls in the air in this case, and this is a new one."

Roof is accused of killing nine people in a June 2015 shooting at a Wednesday night Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

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Man dead, deputy injured after shots fired near Iva



Law enforcement agents work Tuesday at the scene in Anderson County where shots were fired during a pursuit.

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A man was killed and a deputy was injured Tuesday afternoon during a pursuit near Iva, Anderson County Sheriff John Skipper said.

Alexander Chance Partain, 31, of Iva died as the result of a gunshot wound that he suffered in the chase, said Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore.

The deputy, whose name had not been disclosed by authorities Tuesday night, suffered a head injury and is being treated at AnMed Health Medical Center, Shore said. The deputy's injuries are not believed to be life-threatening, officials said.

The pursuit started shortly before 1 p.m. on Bascomb Drive. Skipper said the

Online

See more on this story, including video, at independentmail.com.

deputy got behind a vehicle that then sped up dramatically.

Lt. Shelia Cole of the Sheriff's Office said the deputy had pulled the vehicle over on Bascomb Drive just outside Iva city limits when a man in the car jumped out and ran into a wooded area.

The man was later identified as Partain.

Skipper said there an altercation during the chase and shots were fired. The deputy who was injured was not shot, she said.

At least two dozen law enforcement vehicles responded to Bascomb Drive.

Bob Reynolds was working on his

shed when he witnessed the incident, which happened behind his property, he said.

Reynolds said he saw a patrol car follow and stop a Honda.

Reynolds said a female deputy arrested the driver of the car, a woman. Authorities had not filed charges against that woman as of Tuesday night.

Reynolds said that a man who was in the car "rabbited out of the passenger side door."

Reynolds said a male deputy then started chasing the man. Reynolds said several other deputies arrived to help with the chase.

Reynolds said he heard two or three gunshots.

"And then all hell broke loose," he

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Issues arise in church shooting trial

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Richardson agreed to email

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Legislators open to McMaster as governor

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EASLEY - Henry McMaster occupying the governor's chair could be good for state legislators, according to members of the Pickens County legislative delegation.

McMaster is likely to rise up from the lieutenant governor post sometime in

day reception at Tri-County Technical College's Easley campus. "He knows the only way to get something done in politics is to talk about it and compromise. He knows that. He's the kind of guy who will have an open door for legislators."

Haley and her predecessor, Mark Sanford, both had reputations for being largely hands-off during legislative ses-

Hiott said. "He's promised to work with us on a lot of different issues. ... I think he will certainly have a different style. I'm not criticizing Gov. Haley. She has her own style. I got used to that, and I thought she worked well with us."

Hiott, Clary and incoming state Sen. Rex Rice all expressed hope that some kind of progress is made in the next ses-



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BLAZE SCORCHES GATLINBURG

'Hell opened up'

NEWS DIGEST

2 Trump campaign officials helping with transition

COLUMBIA — Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster has enlisted help in taking over as governor if the U.S. Senate confirms Gov. Nikki Haley as President-elect Donald Trump's pick for United Nations ambassador.

McMaster's office said in a release Tuesday he's asked longtime GOP adviser Ed McMullen and real estate developer Bill Stern to help with the transition.

McMullen led Trump's campaign in South Carolina and is a vice chairman of the committee planning Trump's inauguration.

Stern, the longtime former chairman of the State Ports Authority, also was a leader in Trump's campaign.

McMaster was the nation's first statewide officeholder to endorse Trump, whose pick for U.N. ambassador gives McMaster a job he's long wanted. The state's former GOP chairman and two-term attorney general lost to Haley in the 2010 GOP gubernatorial primary.

— The Associated Press

UPSTATE



Rain welcome, but more needed

Spartanburg County's latest rainfall wasn't nearly enough to ease drought conditions. The National Weather Service reported that .97 inches of rainfall was recorded at the Greenville-Spartanburg



Smoke rises around the charred remains of two vehicles Tuesday in Gatlinburg, Tenn., after a wildfire swept through the area Monday. ANDREW NELLES/ THE TENNESSEAN VIA AP

Southerners escaping wildfires forced to flee through dangerous landscape

By Steve Megargee and Jonathan Mattise
The Associated Press

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — With flames dripping from tree branches like lava and the air filled with embers, thousands of people raced through a hell-like landscape as they fled from wildfires that killed three people and destroyed hundreds of homes and a resort in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Fanned by hurricane-force winds, the flames reached the doorstep of Dollywood, the theme park named after country music legend and local hero Dolly Parton. But the attraction was spared any significant damage.

The fires spread quickly on Monday night, when winds

NUMBER TO KNOW

14,000 Approximate total of residents and tourists who were forced to evacuate the city of Gatlinburg, Tenn., because of wildfires

topping 87 mph whipped up the flames, catching residents and tourists in the Gatlinburg area by surprise. Police banged on front doors and told people to get out immediately. Some trekked 20 minutes to catch lifesaving rides on trolleys usually reserved for tours and wedding parties.

"There was fire everywhere. It was like we were in hell. Hell opened up," said Linda Monholland, who was working at



In this aerial photo, smoke rise above Gatlinburg, Tenn., on Tuesday the day after a wildfire destroyed numerous homes and buildings. PAUL EFIRD/KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL VIA AP

"There was fire everywhere. It was like we were in hell. Hell opened up."

— Linda Monholland

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Twenty people were displaced after a Tuesday morning fire at Brittany Place Apartments just off West Main Street in Rock Hill.

ROCK HILL

Woman recalls jumping from 2nd floor during fire

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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ROCK HILL

The smell of smoke and soot lingered in the air at Brittany Place Apartments on Tuesday morning. With it were expressions of thanks.

Fire ripped through several apartments at the complex just before 3 a.m. Tuesday while many residents were sleeping, ravaging eight units and displacing nearly two-dozen people. However, officials say no one was injured and everyone made it out of the building safe-

ly - including one resident who jumped from a second-floor balcony to escape the blaze.

Ajsonta Goodwin was awakened by people yelling outside her second floor apartment in building No. 1955. After hearing someone yell "Fire," the 20-year-old resident grabbed her phone, keys and purse and opened the front door that led into the breezeway.

"I couldn't go out the front door. Everything was black," she said of the smoke that filled the breezeway.

Goodwin said she went to the balcony and began screaming for help, but the firefighters and

paramedics weren't yet there.

"It was either wait until they come or just take that chance and jump off the porch," she said. With no shoes on and only her phone and the clothes on her back, Goodwin climbed over the railing and jumped, landing on the ground below. She wasn't injured.

"It went very fast," she said. "People were crying, screaming, yelling. There was this older guy, we were beating on his window."

Goodwin's apartment was one of the eight damaged by fire. Four others had water and smoke damage, according to fire

“IT WAS EITHER WAIT UNTIL THEY COME OR JUST TAKE THAT CHANCE AND JUMP OFF THE PORCH.”

Brittany Place Apartments resident Ajsonta Goodwin

officials. Harry Smith Jr.'s first-floor unit was one of those.

"My (smoke) alarm woke me up," he said. "I saw the flames when I opened my front door. I just ran around off my balcony."

Smith said no furniture in his apartment was damaged, only the floors.

"I didn't get hurt," he said.

"That's the main thing," Edward Cephas said he was awakened by neighbors knocking on his door when the fire broke out.

"Right away, they were trying to make sure I was out, beating on the door and all that," he said. "My sister lives right

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Clemson's Dabo Swinney says Tigers' dominance was the real story. 1B



INSIGHT

THOUSANDS FLEE TENN. WILDFIRES

Thousands fled from wildfires that killed three people and destroyed homes and a resort in the Great Smoky Mountains. 5A



LOCAL

FOUNTAIN UNDER REPAIR INTO 2017

The fountain at Fountain Park is closed for repairs and will not be ready to reopen in time for ChristmasVile. 3A

CHESTER

Second man paroled, seeking exoneration for 1973 killing

BY ANDREW DYS

innocent."

The parole board then voted 5

Degraffenreid, who parole officials and Kendrick say has

Degraffenreid and co-defendant James Robert McClurkin

On that day, McClurkin was paroled, then released from prison Nov. 16.

Underwood and the detective assigned to the case were at Tuesday's parole board hearing, but a mix-up in where they were supposed to testify forced the

Attorney: Motion to dismiss misleading

Defendants in Aiken traffic stop respond to dismissal request



FILE PHOTO BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
Elijah Pontoon and Lakeya Hicks look at their attorney Chris Wilson, of Bamberg, as he addresses community members at a town hall meeting at the Smith-Hazel Recreation Center in Aiken.

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Attorneys for an Aiken County couple claiming they were subjected to unconstitutional searches in 2014 are calling efforts made by lawyers for the Aiken Department of Public Safety, its chief and four police officers to dismiss claims from one of the parties "unnecessary."

Elijah Pontoon and Lakeya Hicks sued last year the city, the Aiken Department of Public Safety, four of its police officers and Chief Charles Barranco, alleging both were unconstitutionally searched during a traffic stop on Oct. 2, 2014.

The federal lawsuit states two police officers performed a public cavity search of Pontoon in broad daylight after Hicks' vehicle was pulled over for a paper tag on Horry Street, near Richland Avenue.

Hicks claimed her breasts were exposed during the search in front of male officers, court records state.

Earlier this month, the attorneys for Aiken Public Safety, Barranco and four former and current officers — Chris Medlin, Brian Hall, Penny Shultz and Clark Smith — asked the court to dismiss claims made by Hicks due to her "willful failure to partici-

pate in the discovery process, or in the alternative sanctions deemed fit and appropriate by the Court," according to court filings.

Court records said defense attorneys had tried after "numerous and diligent" attempts to depose Hicks, but were unsuccessful. Pontoon was deposed on May 6.

But in new court documents filed Monday, lawyers for Hicks and Pontoon state the motion filed by the defendants "mislead the Court as to the true nature of the proceedings while

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Jackson man charged with killing mother's dog

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A Jackson man was arrested on animal cruelty charges Sunday by the Jackson Police Department after the man's mother reported her son killed her dog.

Marc Anthony Cantrell, 18, of the 200 block of Third Street in Jackson, is charged with one count of ill treatment of animals in general, torture, according to jail records.

A Jackson police officer was called to the family home on Saturday regarding a disturbance between Cantrell and his mother. When police arrived, Cantrell's mother told police her son admitted to strangling and stabbing her dog to death after she pressed him on where her dog was, according to a police report.

As the officer approached Cantrell, the officer reported Cantrell tensed up and started to stare down the officer, while also showing signs of aggression by opening and closing his hands repeatedly.

The officer warned Cantrell he would use a Taser if he did not comply, and Cantrell dropped to his knees and was arrested without incident, police reported.

A voluntary statement written and signed by Cantrell's mother said on Nov. 26 she came home and found her dog missing, and when she asked her son what happened, he said he didn't know.

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Area deaths

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Weather

Defense rests its case



AP PHOTO/GRACE BEAHN/POST AND COURIER POOL
Former North Charleston police officer Michael Slager gestures as he testifies in his murder trial in Charleston on Tuesday. Slager is charged with murder in the shooting death last year of Walter Scott.

Closing arguments are possible today in Slager trial

BY ANDREW KNAPP AND
BRENDA RINDGE
The Post and Courier

CHARLESTON — Former North

Charleston police officer Michael Slager on Tuesday gave the most exhaustive accounting yet of Walter Scott's shooting death when he took the witness stand in his own murder trial.

After five more witness, many of whom sought to back up Slager's reputation as an officer, the defense rested its case. In all, 23 people testified for the defense.

Closing arguments are possible today.

With his voice cracking at times,

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Tennessee wildfires concern local residents



BY DEDE BILES
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Raging wildfires have destroyed or damaged hundreds of buildings in the eastern Tennessee resort towns of Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, which are popular vacation spots for Aiken-area residents.

Thousands of people had to be evacuated from the Sevier County communities, and there were reports of at least three deaths.

Using online news sources, James "JC" Crider followed what was happening Monday night closely as the flames

"We had been hearing things over the last several days," said Crider on Tuesday afternoon. "But when I saw Facebook posts and live feeds of the fires advancing yesterday, it really hit home as to exactly how widespread they were going to be. It's just crazy because we were just up there and everything was fine."

Accompanied by their three children, Crider and his wife, Julia, attended a family gathering near Gatlinburg that included Crider's four brothers and his parents. They stayed in a large luxury cabin Nov. 10-13.

"The fires weren't close then, but there

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Patheon plans to expand

Plan in place for Florence facility as takeover looms

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FLORENCE — Pharmaceutical manufacturer and developer Patheon already has plans in place to expand what will soon be the former facility of Roche Carolina Inc., officials said Tuesday.

On Monday, it was announced that Patheon had signed an agreement to take over the 300,000-square-foot plant on the Old Marion Highway. The deal is expected to close in no more than 60 days, Patheon spokeswoman Mari Mansfield said Tuesday.

"In our planning for this acquisition, we are hoping to grow the facility," she said. "We are at capacity producing API (active pharmaceutical ingredients), and with this acquisition, it allows us to expand that capacity and take advantage of the skilled talent there — the technical and scientific expertise."

Existing suites within the Roche facility were not being used, she said, and Patheon plans on "bringing to life some of that unused space."

Mansfield said she couldn't confirm whether the local workforce of about 200 would grow as a result of the plans.

Florence County's economic development director Joe W. King said Tuesday his understanding all along has centered on Patheon's plans to grow its Florence footprint.

"There's a lot of unused space out there and Patheon wants to take advantage of the talent on-site. You always make plans to grow but you never know what the future will hold," he said. "They're preserving 200-plus jobs, keeping them employed and it's like Christmas the week after Thanksgiving."

Roche Carolina Inc. spokesman Pete Mazzaroni said Tuesday that Patheon has communicated plans to restart what Roche calls the pilot plant, an 80,000-square-foot facility that's been idle five years. It's known as the pilot plant for smaller-scale development projects as opposed to larger-scale commercial launches of pharmaceuticals.

Sometime earlier this year, though, a deal between Patheon and Roche failed to materialize late in the nego-

The city's parking garage is wrapped in 80 apartments by a private developer.



Free parking



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The \$9 million, 320-space parking garage at the corner of Cheves and Irby streets in the heart of downtown Florence is open for public use.



The city offers free electric car charging ports in the deck.

Downtown Florence garage open to the public

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FLORENCE — A path to relieve some of downtown's parking woes has finally opened up.

The \$9 million, 320-space parking garage at the corner of Cheves and Irby streets in the heart of downtown Florence is open for public use.

Parking in the downtown

area has long caused headaches and contentions between government agencies, but officials said this is a step to relieve some of that pressure.

Ray Reich, Florence downtown development manager, said the new deck was well worth the wait.

"The beauty is it will relieve the parking needs of

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Florence One announces winter concerts

From staff reports

FLORENCE — The season for winter concerts is upon us. For the next few weeks, musicians at Florence School District One schools will be busy.

From Monday through Dec. 15, students from six schools will be involved in 14 concerts that will feature choral, strings and band performances.

children and can be purchased from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the PAC box office, 201 S. Dargan St. in downtown Florence or at the door on the night of the event.

Most of the other school concerts are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted below.

The schedule:

» Monday: South Florence

Concert, WFHS auditorium.
» Tuesday: Wilson High School Chorus & Tiger Production Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., Allie Brooks Auditorium at Wilson High School.

» Dec. 8: Williams Middle School Winter Showcase Dance/Drama, 6 p.m., Williams gym.

» Dec. 8: Wilson and Williams Band Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m., Allie Brooks Auditorium, Wilson

7 p.m., SFHS auditorium (\$10).

» Dec. 12: FSD1 High School Honor Choir with the Florence Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., FMU Performing Arts Center (\$20 to \$40).

» Dec. 13: Wilson High School and Williams Middle School Orchestra Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m., Allie Brooks Auditorium, Wilson High School.

» Dec. 13: West Florence High

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Patheon to buy Roche Carolina

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FLORENCE — A little over a year ago, Roche Carolina Inc. announced a restructuring as the Switzerland-based pharmaceutical concern sought a buyer for its Florence facility.

Sold. Pharmaceutical developer and manufacturer Patheon announced Monday it has signed an agreement to take over the 300,000-square-foot facility situated on 1,100 acres along Old Marion Highway.

"Under the terms of the purchase agreement, Patheon will

acquire the site for an immaterial sum, plus the cost of associated inventory and spare parts," a press release on Patheon's website stated.

"Patheon has also entered into a multi-year supply arrangement with Roche. Patheon expects the supply agreement to help defray the costs associated

with running the site for the next few years while it adds new client work into the facility. Over time, Patheon expects the Florence facility to have a similar financial profile to its other sites in its drug substance segment."

Pete Mazzaroni, Roche Carolina's director of communications, said the deal is expected

to be closed "in 30 or so days, plus or minus." The target date of completion is toward the end of January. The current workforce is nearly 200 people, he said. That number has trended down since a Nov. 12, 2015, announcement from Roche of an

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State Sen. Leatherman staying put

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FLORENCE — Florence Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. has said he will not become South Carolina's next lieutenant governor.

Leatherman, the Senate president pro tempore in 2014-15 and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, among other titles, is widely considered the most powerful person in state government.

He intends to remain so.

"I have no intentions of becoming the lieutenant governor," Leatherman told the Morning News on Monday. "The people of Florence County elected me to represent them in the Senate and I owe them that. There's no question I can be much more effective for our area and for our state in the Senate."

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will replace Nikki Haley as governor if the U.S. Senate confirms President-elect Donald Trump's pick for the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

In Leatherman's opinion, McMaster will be able to choose a lieutenant governor after taking the top spot in state government — in accordance with a law passed in 2014 outlining procedure for the 2018 gubernatorial election.

That interpretation would mean Leatherman could retain his spot atop the state Senate, if chosen by

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FILE PHOTO/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

During last year's historic home tour in Hartsville, Frances Segars Jones greeted visitors in the kitchen of the Jacob Kelley House in Kelletown. The home will be one of three open Sunday for viewing.

Hartsville's historic homes open for the holidays

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Hartsville's three historic homes will open Sunday for their annual Christmas Open House from 3-5 p.m.

Featured on tour will be the Jacob Kelley House in Kelletown, the Thomas Hart House at Kalmia Gardens

and the John Hart Cottage on Home Avenue. The three historic homes, all listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be decked out appropriately in period decorations for the holidays. Admission is free.

Jacob Kelley House

"It is that magical time of

the year when the aromas of greenery, spices, cookies and wassail fill the air," said JoAnn Kelley Lee, a fifth-generation member of the Kelley family and member of the Jacob Kelley Museum Guild.

"All of these just seem to warm our hearts so come and enjoy 'A Step Back in Time,'" she said.

It's a magical time of the year when the aromas of fresh greenery, spices, cookies baking in the oven and wassail fill the air, said JoAnn Kelley Lee, a fifth-generation member of the Kelley family and member of the Jacob Kelley Museum Guild.

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The Hartsville Community Chorus performs Dec. 6

From Staff Reports



The Hartsville Community Chorus, directed by James Beaumier, will perform its annual Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6 at West Hartsville Baptist Church. Joining HCC will be the Hartsville Children's Chorale, led by its new director Caleb Shuler, along with members of the Red Regime band under the direction

Rutter (for chorus, brass and organ). The program will conclude with an audience carol sing-a-long.

"For me, this is the beginning of Christmas, when we get to perform beautiful music for the season," said Beaumier who is in his 27th year as director of the HCC. "We are delighted to welcome Caleb as our new Children's Chorale director, and I look forward to collaborating



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Teams rush through playoffs



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The Cheraw Braves defeated Fox Creek 63-31 in the second round of the playoffs. Cheraw faces Abbeville next Friday.

Braves vanquish Predators

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Staff Reporter

The Cheraw football team set a couple of new benchmarks last week as the Braves improved to 11-1 under first-year head coach Andy Poole with a 63-31 over Fox Creek in the second round of the high school playoffs.

The 11-1 mark is the team's best record since 2006 and came as the Braves set single-game records for most rushing yards and total offense

yards.

For the second week in a row, Monte Pratt carried the ball for more than 200 yards, using 15 carries to eat up 208 yards of real estate. Quan Pittman also had a big game with 13 carries for 151 yards, as Cheraw set a single-game record with 461 rushing yards for the night.

The Braves also completed 6-of-9 passes for 164 yards, to set a single-game record of 625 total yards.

The home team set the tone

for the game early, scoring three touchdowns in both the first and second quarters for a 42-18 lead by halftime.

The first strike came on Cheraw's second play from scrimmage, as quarterback Bradley Holliman hit Justin Brown in stride for a 78-yard touchdown.

Monte Pratt then broke a 16-yard touchdown run on Cheraw's next possession, followed by a 14-yard scam-

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Susan Griggs/Staff Photographer

McBee senior Alex Miller, left, scored a defensive touchdown with a fumble recovery in Blackville-Hilda's end zone, while teammate Ricardo Wright rushed for four touchdowns en route to the Panthers' plucking the Hawks 41-8 Friday night in Barnwell County.

Panthers ground Hawks

ROBERT MONNIE
Staff Reporter

The McBee Panthers amassed a quarter mile of total offense, all on the ground, paced by Ricardo Wright, who accounted for the lion's share of it. Wright forced six punts and scored a defensive touchdown en route to McBee's 41-8 thumping of Blackville-Hilda Friday night.

In the second round playoff contest, which was de-

layed 20 minutes due to malfunctioning field lights, the visiting Panthers struck on their first possession when Dashonell Wright scored his 15th touchdown of the season with a two-yard push. Wright added the tote for two to establish his team's 8-0 lead.

McBee's next scoring opportunity was short-circuited by a fumble, but the offense got the ball back at its five-yard-line as a result of a Hawk punt.

With the offensive line continuing to control the trenches, Wright exploded through a four-lane gap and rocketed 81 yards to the end zone to increase the Panther lead to 14-0 early in the second stanza.

Following an exchange of punts that pinned the Hawks deep in their own territory, McBee linebacker Alex Miller captured the loose pigskin in his opponent's end

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Gov. Haley to become Ambassador Haley

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On the day before Thanksgiving, President-elect Donald Trump announced Gov. Nikki Haley as his choice to serve as the ambassador to the United Nations.

Haley and Trump have a tempestuous history as she was known to criticize him somewhat soundly in the past. However, in naming Haley as his choice, Trump moved away from his slate of older, white men, which had drawn fire in the days following the election.

"This month's elections have brought exciting changes to America," said Haley, in response to Trump's announcement. "Our country faces enormous challenges here at home and internationally. Last week, President-elect Trump asked if I would meet with him to discuss those challenges, which I was happy to do. He has asked that I serve our country as our next Ambassador to the United Nations. Pending confirmation by the U.S. Senate, I have agreed."



Gov. Haley

until the U.S. Senate acts affirmatively on my nomination. We still have much to do in South Carolina, and my commitment to the people of our state will always remain unbreakable, both while I continue to hold this office, and thereafter," Haley continued.

Speaker of the House Jay Lucas commented on Trump's selection of Haley to be ambassador to the United Nations.

"I commend Gov. Nikki Haley for her distinguished service to the state of South Carolina throughout

Former police chief hired as county deputy

JOAN YATES
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Former Pageland Police Chief Larry Brown has recently been hired as a deputy with the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office.

"Larry has 30 years of law enforcement experience," said Sheriff Jay Brooks. "He's certified. It's hard enough to get people now, but when you have someone who's certified, you can't let him get away."

According to Brooks, Brown has been hired primarily to help with courthouse



Larry Brown

security and work in public relations throughout the county.

"The deputies who work at

the courthouse have specialized training and have taken courses in that area," continued Brooks. "We're actively working on a full program to get ours where it needs to be. This is a part of what J.A. Graves is doing."

Brown resigned as chief of the Pageland Police Department on April 6. He had been on paid administrative leave since Oct. 2015 at his request, pending the results of an investigation into the police department by the State Law Enforcement Division, and was reinstated by Pageland

Town Council on March 7 after receiving information from the SLED that revealed an investigation into Brown had found no sign of criminal activity.

"They didn't find one thing Larry did wrong," said Brooks. "He went through two investigations, and they didn't find a thing. He's very strong and well thought of in Pageland. He's very active in the churches, especially in the western end of the county. We're glad to have him and his expertise at the courthouse."

'A Christmas Carol' in Cheraw

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Staff Reporter

No Christmas is complete without watching "A Christmas Carol," and this year people in the area have the opportunity to see a free, one-man rendition of the story at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in the fellowship hall of Cheraw First Presbyterian Church, located at 300 Market St.

This event is sponsored and organized by The

are advised to arrive early, as seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

The play can also be seen that evening at 6:30 at a dinner theater performance at The River's Edge restaurant, located at 162 Second St. in Cheraw. Tickets for that performance are \$25 and are on sale at the Matheson Library, The River's Edge and the Cheraw Recreation Department.

Master storyteller Tim Lowry of Summerville will

classic. He performs "in the very same style as Mr. Dickens himself, presenting a parade of amusing characters, and displaying a wide range of emotion with a witty tongue-in-cheek delivery." The play is appropriate for audiences age 10 and over.

Lowry has been telling folk tales and stories from American history for 15 years, as well as presenting storytelling and communication workshops at corporate retreats. Growing up in

from the people of Appalachia who "spun tales to entertain, teach morals and pass along local history."

Lowry has won multiple awards for his CD recordings and was named *Azalea Magazine's* Artist of the Year in 2014.

The performance is made possible in part by a grant from The Humanities Council.

For further information, call the Matheson Library at (843) 537-3571 or The

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