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Students improve on ACT scores

Exam results in Upstate beat state, national averages

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Students in Greenville County Schools topped the state and national averages on the ACT college entrance exam for the sixth year in a row, while Anderson 1 ranked No. 2 in the state, and Pickens County placed fourth.

Greenville was No. 7.

None of those districts' averages, however, were close to the average scores of the freshman class at Clemson University or the University of South Carolina.

Greenville's mean composite score on the four parts of the test was 22.0, up from 21.8 last year.

Pickens averaged 22.4, up from 21.8 last year.

Anderson 1 came in at 22.7, up from 21.8.

Clemson's new crop of freshmen averaged 28.3 on the ACT, according to Admissions Director Robert Barkley. At USC, Scott Venzyl, associate vice president for

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Candidates argue over job figures

Sheheen challenges claim that 24,000 on welfare found work

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COLUMBIA — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen is alleging that Gov. Nikki Haley and the state Department of Social Services are misleading the public in touting the number of people moving from welfare to jobs.

But DSS officials said 24,000 people in welfare programs have received jobs during Haley's tenure, and a spokesman for Haley countered that Sheheen prefers "having people stay on welfare."

Sheheen also alleged Wednesday that private vendors who have donated to the Haley campaign have been paid \$12.5 million in recent years to help find jobs for those on welfare, but that their efforts have resulted in fewer jobs than the agency found without

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Drug shortages concern doctors



HEIDI HEBBRUN/STAFF

Hospitals and pharmacies regularly cope with shortages of drugs, which, they say, can negatively impact treatment.

Hospitals, pharmacies turning to backup plans

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Deep in the belly of Greenville Memorial Hospital, around the corner from its bustling pharmacy, Fred Bender pages through a report outlining the antibiotics, pain killers and other medications that are in short supply.

The list includes about 40 drugs on any given day, said Bender, director of pharmacy services. And it could top 100 or more over the course of a year, he said.

"This is a significant problem for hospitals not only in Greenville," he told *The Greenville News*, "but all over the country."

And retail pharmacies are in much the same

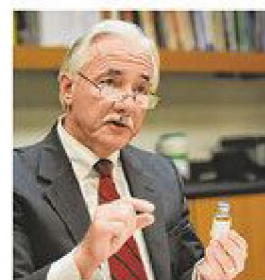
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HOW IT WORKS

Watch as Fred Bender, director of pharmacy at Greenville Health System, explains the drug shortage in a video at GreenvilleOnline.com.

WHAT'S ON THE LIST?

To see a list of drugs on the current shortage list, go to www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drug-shortages/default.cfm



Fred Bender, director of pharmacy services at Greenville Health System, says shortages of generics are a particular problem.

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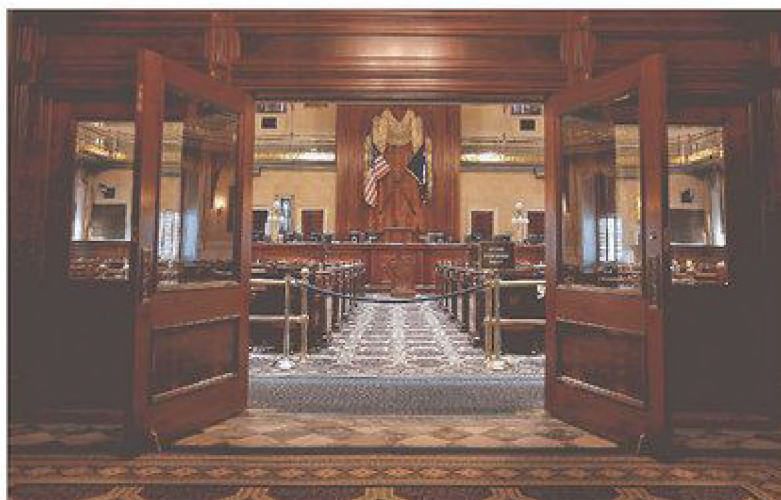
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'I was so frustrated. I was naive.'

Attitudes in the Legislature stunned a women's shelter director as she worked in vain for a new domestic violence law.



The South Carolina House of Representatives is empty after the end of the term. The last time the Legislature acted to strengthen domestic violence laws was a decade ago when fines and sentences were increased for repeat offenders.

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BY DOUG PARDOUE, GLENN SMITH, JENNIFER BERRY HAWES and NATALIE CAULA HAUFF
The Post and Courier

Becky Callahan stepped onto the South Carolina Statehouse grounds, filled with optimism, to support a proposed law that would provide better protections for victims of domestic violence.

She thought lawmakers would be stirred to action by the national scorn the state has received since September when it was ranked No. 1 in the nation in the rate of women killed by men.

Callahan, executive director of Safe Harbor, a Greenville-based women's shelter, figured legislators might finally be ready to pass a new law aimed at stemming the carnage.

"I felt like we really could get something done."

She left the March 27 hearing with her hope all but shattered. She didn't know the legislators on the panel, but one of them asked her a question that referred to female victims as "those types of people."

Her mouth fell open in shock at the attitude she thought had died long ago.

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Till **death** do us part

A 5-DAY SERIES

WEDNESDAY: South Carolina has lost three times as many women to domestic violence over the last 10 years as it has service members killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined. The state's top officials and lawmakers express concern over the problem, yet little is being done to stem a death toll that is more than double the national rate.

TODAY: State lawmakers had an opportunity during the last legislative session to tackle the problem, yet 12 bills to do something died.

FRIDAY: Some of the deep-seated beliefs of South Carolinians, including religion and tradition, foster the state's No. 1 status in the rate of women killed by men in domestic violence.

SATURDAY: Numerous public and private organizations — from police and courts to women's shelters and religious groups — deal with domestic violence across South Carolina, yet effective coordination and cooperation remains almost nonexistent.

SUNDAY: Possible solutions to help reduce the violence and the death toll.

34 sailors ousted in cheating scandal

Punishment follows investigation at nuclear school

BY SCHUYLER KROFF
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GOOSE CREEK — The Navy announced Wednesday at least 34 sailors are being kicked out for their role in a years-long cheating scandal at the nuclear training school here, prompting ranking officers to pledge a renewed commitment to teaching ethical conduct and promoting better security of its exams.

The 34 sailors were all attempting to qualify for supervisory instructor roles tied to two nuclear propulsion plants used as live classrooms for teaching students to handle shipboard nuclear reactors.

The reactors are part of the Nuclear Power Training Unit and are kept on ships moored at the Charleston Naval Weapons Station.

They are of the kind used in propulsion systems for the Navy's fleet of 62 submarines and aircraft carriers.

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Mayor Joe Riley spoke at the planning commission meeting about the need to manage the growth of nightlife on the peninsula.

Bar limits watered down a bit

Panel urges 1-year freeze on new late-night spots

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The city's Planning Commission on Wednesday balked at a proposed plan for a three-year moratorium on new bars that can stay open past midnight in the peninsula's entertainment district, and instead will recommend that City Council approve a one-year break.

Charleston Mayor Joe Riley, Police Chief Greg Mullen and Tim Keane, the city's planning director, had asked the commission to approve the three-year plan to give the city time to develop a solid, inclusive plan to better

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Poll

Do you agree with the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City of Charleston about the bar closing ordinance? Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

For a special multimedia presentation, go to postandcourier.com/TillDeath



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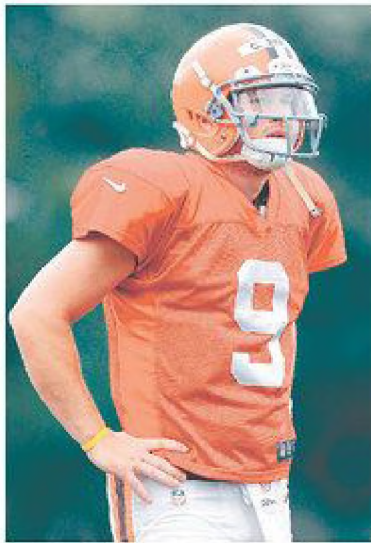
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USC fans show Shaw love

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SUPREME COURT CASES

City wins, loses in Vista hotel dispute

Columbia avoids a potential multimillion verdict but could face another in 10-year-old legal fight

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The city of Columbia dodged a \$3 million or greater legal bill Wednesday when the S.C. Supreme Court ruled it did not have a binding contract with a team of architects, developers and others with whom it had an initial agreement — later abandoned — to build a city-owned hotel in the Vista.

"It could have been big," said Rick Detweiler, one of the winning

lawyers who defended the city in the legal battle that's gone on some 10 years. He did not know exactly how much money the city stood to lose if the matter had been sent back to lower court.

In a related case, however, the Supreme Court kept alive a lawsuit by architects Stevens & Wilkinson, who contend the city still owes the firm money for initial design work it did in 2003 on the proposed city-owned hotel that was to be connected to the Columbia

Metropolitan Convention Center.

That suit was sent back to the lower court to determine whether the city breached any contract it had with Stevens & Wilkinson and, if so, how much the city owed the firm.

"The city has huge exposure here," said Stevens & Wilkinson attorney Dick Harpootlian, saying a jury trial is possible. "We are considering right now whether we will ask for punitive damages."

Even without punitive damages, his client will be seeking at least \$2 million, Harpootlian said.

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GOVERNOR'S RACE

Sheheen says Haley 'lying' on welfare to work success

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Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen said Wednesday that Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has not — as she has claimed — moved more than 20,000 people "from welfare to work."

"What counts as employment at the Department of Social Services is not even a real full-time job," Sheheen said to reporters in Columbia, adding some former welfare recipients are counted as success stories but earn so little that they still need assistance.

Sheheen is hoping to make Haley's management of Social Services a key issue in their November rematch for governor. Food stamp recipients qualify as

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High court delays Virginia gay marriage

The Supreme Court on Wednesday issued an order delaying same-sex marriages in Virginia, a day before officials there were to begin providing marriage licenses to gay couples. Page A4

It's Game Week!

USC v. Texas A&M at 6 p.m. next Thursday at Williams-Brice Stadium

USC, TEXAS A&M RIVALRY KICKS OFF

Teams face off for first time on football field

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Can schools 1,035 miles apart that have never played build an instant football rivalry?

If the past few weeks are any indication, the answer is yes.

No. 9 South Carolina plays host to No. 21 Tex-

as A&M a week from Thursday in the first game broadcast on the new SEC Network.

Passion for college football runs high in Columbia and College Station, Texas.

Some Texas A&M fans have taken umbrage at USC coach Steve Spurrier's statement that the Aggies' non-conference schedule is soft. And, some

Gamecock fans are upset that Texas A&M fans will hold their Midnight Yell pep rally on the State House steps 18 hours before kickoff.

To pump up the pre-game buildup more, the folks at Ashley Furniture HomeStore in College Station are offering to write checks to customers for the cost of any

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INSIDE: Corey Robinson ready for stardom; update on the new practice fields. SPORTS



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS RETURN TO THE FIELD

Coming Friday: Game previews and the *Aiken Standard* Game of the Week

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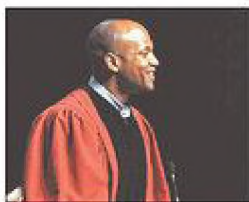
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WEATHER

Sales tax option gets official endorsement



Grassroots effort backs referendum for schools

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER
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The Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, the Aiken Board of Realtors and the Economic Development Partnership gathered on Wednesday as a unified voice to officially endorse the one-cent sales tax referendum for the Aiken County Public School District.

The announcement came during the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce's annual State of Our Community program.

The grassroots movement, now called "1 Cent Makes Sense," has grown to collectively urge Aiken County residents to vote "yes" on the one-cent sales tax referendum in the November general election.

To advocates, this tax increase would address the needs of some of Aiken County's older school facilities.

"Three-fourths of our schools are more than 40 years old, half of our schools are more than 50 years old, and there are, sadly, schools in this county that are more than 65 years old," Dr. Deidre Martin, chair of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, said. "And to me, if you really think about it, it's shocking that an educated and caring community like Aiken has not made more of an investment in public education."

If voters overwhelmingly vote "yes" on the Nov. 4 ballot, a possible \$125 million in tax revenue would fund the replacement of several original school buildings, including Aiken High School and North Augusta High School, over a 10-year period.

The funds also would help other schools throughout Aiken County.

Ten percent of that funding would be used to reduce the School District's debt service budget related to facilities, and upkeep of the aging facilities.

"I believe with all my heart that there comes a time when you have to step up and do what is right," Martin said. "And I believe that investing in the next generation is absolutely what is right. Our local schools need our support."

This tax would not only impact the schools, but in turn, draw more homeowners to Aiken County, according to Julie Whitesell with the Aiken Board of Realtors and Meybohm Realtors.

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On behalf of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, the Aiken Board of Realtors and the Economic Development Partnership of South Carolina, Dr. Deidre Martin, left, chair of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, and Bart Blackwell, chair elect of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce, announced all three organizations would endorse the one-cent sales tax referendum, during the Chamber's annual State of Our Community program Wednesday. See a photo gallery from the event at aikenstandard.com.

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Details released on Project Jackson lawsuit



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Friends to pay tribute to Rogers

BY CARLOS GALARZA-YEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — If the good Lord is calling Karly Rogers to rest after her tireless work as the long-time director of the Oconee County Red Cross, then her many friends, schoolmates, colleagues and people she's helped



along the way want to send her off with song, music, heartfelt love and appreciation. Friends are rallying in support of Rogers, 57, who is seriously ill after she was diagnosed with cancer last month. She was recently admitted to the Cottingham Hospice House in Seneca.

On Saturday, friends are gathering at the Walhalla High School auditorium from 6 to 9 p.m. to celebrate Rogers' love of helping others. They'll pay tribute by way of her other great love — music and song.

Wayne Morton, a writer and former local talk radio host, has known Rogers since they were children. He is one of the organizers of the tribute and will also emcee the event.

Admission to the concert is free, and donations to defray Rogers' medical costs will be taken by Red Cross volunteers.

"It's a group effort by people who love her and worked with her," Morton said Wednesday.

Skip Mabry, a church music minister in Seneca, learned to play the guitar when he was 14 from Rogers' late father, Jimmy Rogers, who helped many budding musicians from his music store in Seneca.

"(Mabry) and Rogers sang together for many years," Morton said. "He was one of the first to call and say, 'We

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Fatal fire called 'tragic accident'

Walhalla fire, police investigators look for clues in Tuesday blaze

BY CARLOS GALARZA-YEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Local fire and law enforcement officials worked until the wee hours of Wednesday morning looking for clues into the origin of a house fire in a respectable residential area that claimed the life of a 49-year-old man.

Investigators with the Walhalla fire and police departments

joined South Carolina Law Enforcement Division agents after the fire was put out before 10 p.m. Tuesday night to determine the cause of the fire.

"Right now it looks like a tragic accident," Walhalla Police Department Lt. Paul Harris said Wednesday.

Personnel with the three agencies stayed at the scene ap-

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A fire in this home on North Andover Drive in Walhalla killed a 49-year-old man on Tuesday night.

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ONE IN A MILLION

BY CAITLIN HERRINGTON
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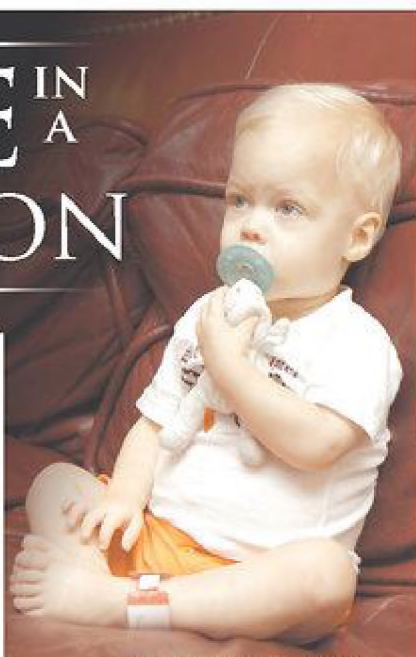
SENECA — Lachlan Tannery is just like most boys his age. At 21 months old, he loves Thomas the Tank Engine, chasing his brother, playing ball and, as any true Southerner does, a cold sippy cup of sweet tea.

But despite his similarities to others, especially his twin brother, Calhoun, Lachlan is one in a million.

Lachlan has juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML).

Typically diagnosed in children under the age of 4, JMML accounts for roughly 12 percent of childhood leukemias every year, according to the JMML Foundation's website. In the United States, there are one to two cases per million children.

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Lachlan Tannery needs a stem cell transplant to save his life. His twin, Calhoun, may be a possible match. If not, the Tannery family will rely on the service of "Be The Match" to find a donor. A donor drive will be held tonight from 5-8 p.m. at Jazz on the Alley for people to sign up with the national registry, which pairs people who have leukemia with complete strangers who can save their lives.

Council agrees to bide time on hotel project

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — They no longer have legal access to the building, but the developers of The Courthouse Inn have been given until next month to secure financing for the project.

Oconee County Council voted unanimously Tuesday to give local real estate agent John Powell and partner Jim Carswell until its Sept. 16 meeting to explore options with a new lender for the proposed hotel on Main Street in Walhalla.

The original lease agreement expired Saturday, but at a meeting of the real estate, facilities and land management committee last week, Powell asked for a "few-day extension" to work on new financing, committee chair Paul Cain said.

The partners had since contacted the committee

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Spittoono cranks up in Clemson today

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
THE JOURNAL

CLEMSON — Now that Clemson University students have returned to campus for class, an annual mu-

festival's board of directors, said the event will run from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. today and Friday and from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday.

THE LINEUP
To see the full stage

val, donates a majority of the funds collected from the event to local charities. Rakey said last year's festival was a "tough year" as the event was plagued by rain, but the group was still able to donate a few

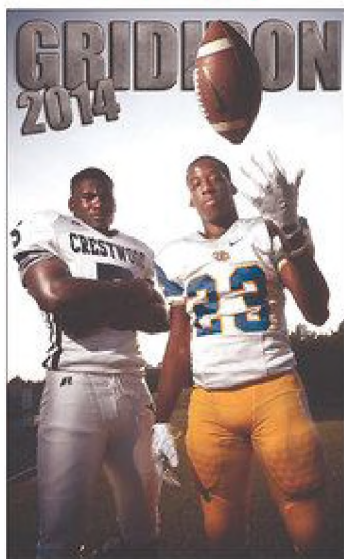


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Man dies in home fire

Reportedly disabled victim, 59, discovered near an exit

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A 59-year-old Sumter man is dead after a fire consumed his home on Wednesday morning. According to reports, emergency

workers responded to 16 Runnymede Boulevard shortly after midnight Wednesday in reference to a house fire. When firefighters arrived, heavy smoke and flames were visible coming from the residence.

At the end of the driveway, a woman approached the crew and said her husband was still inside the home.

"She told us she woke up to thick

black smoke in her room," said Capt. Mike Ward of Sumter Fire Department. "Her first thought was to get her niece and husband out of the home. When she went to the lower-level living room, where he would usually hang out, all she saw was the glow of the flames."

Firefighters worked quickly to fight the blaze, employing three

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EDUCATION IN SUMTER

New roles, new niches in schools



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Jacques McCoy, a math and science teacher at Rafting Creek Elementary School in Sumter School District, works on a poster for his classroom recently. The teacher, a Morris College graduate, said he's working on his teaching style this year.

Educators settle in at Sumter district with help from colleagues

BY RAYTEVIA EVANS

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Jacques McCoy is teaching a classroom full of superheroes — or at least that's the theme the math and science teacher is going with at Rafting Creek Elementary School.

McCoy is one of several local educators finding themselves in new positions as the academic year starts.

Although it's only the first week of school for Sumter School District, McCoy has hit the ground running, emphasizing his classroom theme with DC and Marvel comic books on display in the class and using the theme to make learning interesting and a fun experience for his fifth-grade students. "I really wanted to use that to get

"This year, it'll be like McCoy 2.0, and I'll do everything I did last year at an elevated level and take some of those things and improve on them."

JACQUES MCCOY

Rafting Creek Elementary School teacher

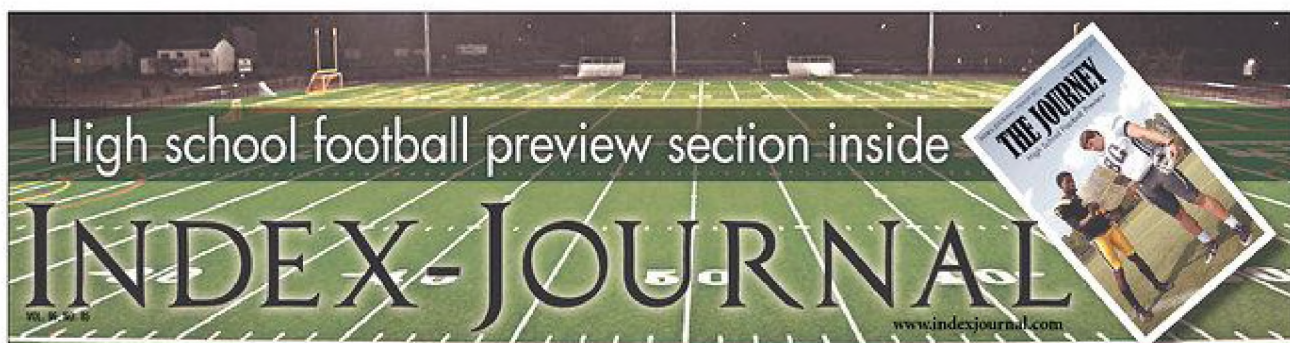
well, and he and the students are getting back into the rhythm of things. McCoy said he always wanted to become a teacher because it's his calling. He has always been in an educational atmosphere with his mother being a day care provider for many years and an aunt who is a social worker.

The Ohio native and Call Me MISTER alumnus became a permanent substitute at Rafting Creek last year and had to put his own education and training to the test.

With the help of Principal Ida Barboza, McCoy said he was able to learn from someone who was a

teacher, it's a really good thing," McCoy said. "This year, it'll be like McCoy 2.0, and I'll do everything I did last year at an elevated level and take some of those things and improve on them. I want to definitely bring in stronger strategies for teaching my students and become more organized this year."

Like McCoy, first-year teacher and Ohio native Zachariah Lowe will join the small group of male teachers in Sumter School District. After moving to the Palmetto State only a week before school started, Lowe said he has managed to find exactly what he was looking for in



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Erskine to make salary cuts, other changes

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The Erskine College and Theological Seminary board of trustees voted to address the school's urgent

financial issues Aug. 15 at its regularly scheduled board meeting.

Cliff Smith, Erskine's Vice President for Communications, said the institution is making several major changes, part of an immediate plan

by new president Paul Kooistra, in the hopes of bringing back financial stability. The changes include a 5 percent salary cut for employees, as well as cuts in retirement benefits, an approximately 2 percent tuition

increase for students that amounts to about \$830 to be assessed mid-year, and potential personnel changes.

Committees will be formed at both the college and seminary to review programs offered and person-

nel. Personnel changes, that could include layoffs, will be announced by Oct. 1.

Smith said the changes are, in

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Brush covers major portions of a condemned house at 161 Robinson Ave. that awaits demolition.

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City to demolish five buildings

Cites dilapidated structures for lack of property taxes

By FRANK BUMB
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Five structures in the city limits of Greenwood are done for after a unanimous vote by Greenwood City Council on Monday.

Greenwood City Council voted 7-0 to approve a \$19,850 bid from Greenwood-based B&B Construction to demolish five properties within the city. Of those properties, one is a city-owned structure. The remaining four are private properties.

Greenwood City Manager Charlie Barrineau said the decision to demolish any private structure is never made lightly.

"These are properties we've been working to identify and notify the owners for a number of years," he said. "If we're to a point where demolishing is an option than we've gone through a number of steps."

Barrineau said all of the properties had not had property taxes paid for numerous years.

"We put large, 4x6 signs in front of the house saying this house is subject to demolition to get anybody to come forward and claim them," he said.

According to the bid pro-

posal submitted by B&B the average cost for a demolition of the four private properties is \$4,337.50. A storage shed at 720 Phoenix St. is owned by the city and will be demolished for \$2,500.

"The vacant property will more than likely serve as space for more storage of event-related equipment (barricades, etc)," Barrineau said in an email.

The remaining \$17,350 will come from the city's Community Development Fund.

Barrineau said demolition should be completed within the next 30 days.

"It's pretty simple, these properties have already been cleared for asbestos," he said. "Anything salvageable the contractor would go through. The rest will be taken out by an excavator into a roll-off container and taken to the landfill."

Several other properties the city targeted for demolition, however, are not in the slate of demolitions due to the presence of asbestos.

Mayor Wellborn Adams said he is looking at options to mitigate the increased cost removing asbestos-filled buildings.

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Long Cane Elementary School principal Millie Ricketts reads to a class of kindergarten students on Wednesday morning.

EDUCATION

Fire leaves Pecan Drive home in ashes

By MATT BRUCE
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A Greenwood home sat in ruins following a fire that raged at the residence Wednesday afternoon, burning it to the ground.

Several fire crews responded to the house at 207 Pecan Drive just after 1 p.m., and were greeted by flames shooting through the roof of the single-story, ranch-style brick structure.

No one was injured during the blaze, as the occupants of the home were away when it sparked. Officials said the fire



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This three-story building in the heart of Norway has been called the biggest building between Columbia and Savannah, and between Orangeburg and Aiken.

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Four accused
of passing
counterfeitBy RICHARD WALKER
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Four Midlands residents have been accused of passing counterfeit money at Walmart. Authorities say they seized nearly \$4,000 in fake bills.

A bond hearing was held Wednesday for Given Vandelen, 30, Johnny Hutto, 24, and Christopher Jeffcoat, 33, all of Gaston, who were charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Joseph Allen, 43, of West Columbia, was charged with one count each of possession of cocaine and obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Orangeburg County Magistrate Willie Robinson set bond on the Gaston trio at \$2,130. Allen's bond was set at \$7,130.

Allen told the court he had not been charged with anything since 2002. However, Robinson asked him about his criminal history that included an assault and battery and a pending drug-related charge in Lexington. Allen clarified that he meant he hadn't been charged with any "serious" charges.

When it was his turn, Jeffcoat said he was told he could make money by spending what authorities say is counterfeit money.

"It was stupid, we have known better," he said.

After bond had been set on the men, Robinson asked Vandelen if she was "part of the group at Walmart."

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transformSCSU group meeting with
SACS about accreditationBy DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Report

A group of S.C. State officials will go to Atlanta on Friday to discuss the university's accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The seriousness of the issue is leading President Thomas Elzey to take about 18 members of his task force to the meeting, he told trustees on Wednesday.

"We all know this is it," he said. "This is an absolutely top priority. Other travels, other expenditures can be put aside, but this is absolutely a number one top priority for the university."

The university was placed on probation in June by the accrediting agency



SCSU Board Chairman William Small wants private meetings with President Elzey. Story, A5

for issues including governance, failure to comply with board responsibility, handling of financial resources, lack of qualified administrative officers, lack of financial stability, organizational structure, control of sponsored research and external funds and improper use of Title IV program responsibilities.

But Elzey told trustees he's learned that there are new developments with SACS.

He was notified on Tuesday that the accrediting agency will be sending him a letter regarding the most recent Inspector General's report, and he'll be expected to respond to the report along with the other issues, he said. But he

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OCA gets fresh look for new year

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
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Students at Orangeburg Christian Academy returned to school on Monday to a remodeled kitchen and





GRIDIRON METTLE Bruins' offensive line to be tested Friday night. **Page 1D**

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Officials: FPD, community work well

City councilman says a Ferguson-like situation possible; others say no

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — As the racially fueled protests and riots in Ferguson, Missouri, continue to captivate the nation, one local elected official said enough isn't being done to prevent such a situation in Florence, a claim city officials deny.

In a press conference Wednesday outside the County Complex, Florence City Councilman Ed Robinson said Florence is "at a boiling point here that has not exploded yet" that is being fueled by injustice and economic disparity.

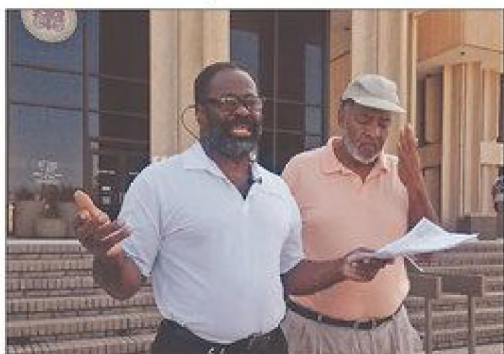
"We need to take proactive moves to stop that. We have to stand up. We need to

come together as a community, deal with some of these problems, discuss it and find out how we can resolve it so black folk can be part of the growth and development of the city," he said.

Robinson said the city is not doing enough to help minorities succeed in the community, especially in diversifying the city's police department that he said does not appropriately represent the demographic of the city.

"That's the main thing that they're saying, and I heard that said in Ferguson, same thing, that we cannot find qualified black police officers," Robinson said. "So there needs to be a more concerted effort,

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Florence City Councilman Ed Robinson speaks during a press conference Wednesday outside the County Complex with former city council candidate James Kennedy about race and the city police department.

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MORNING NEWS

READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Read all about Pee Dee prep teams in this special section inside today's edition.



FOCUSED ON FRIDAY

The Wilson High School cheerleading team practiced Wednesday in preparation for its first true test of the season: Friday's football game against Timmonsville.

"We gotta make sure this thing is A-1," said coach Tanisha James.

It's her first year coaching at Wilson High School, but her relationship with the girls stretches further back. "I coached them when they were in the seventh and eighth grade," she said.

"We just want the girls to move forward," said Kenya McCullough, the first-year junior varsity coach.

The girls jogged through the hallways and stretched, then the junior varsity and varsity teams broke apart to focus on their particular routines. The varsity team, wearing yellow, occupied a classroom.

"We're working on it," said Morgan Williams, a senior, about the team's preparation. "Everyone will be watching us."

— Veasey Conway



ABOVE: Leah Brody, a Wilson High senior, rehearses a cheerleading routine. BELOW: Tyra Timmons, a senior, listens to teammates during practice.



HopeHealth breaks ground in downtown

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — In a little more than a year, HopeHealth will be holding the grand opening ceremony for the first phase of its new health clinic with likely as much fanfare as it held its groundbreaking Wednesday.

State and local leaders along with downtown business owners and U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., turned out in the afternoon heat to shovel dirt on the 20-acre site that was a

junkyard just north of Darlington Street. Now, after years of grants, demolitions and acquisitions, work on the site is set to begin for a clinic that will serve thousands of people, HopeHealth CEO Carl Humphries said.

"We're going to be serving 30,000 patients the first year we open the facility to the tune of 60,000 visits the first year. That's 30,000 people calling this facility their health care home," Humphries said. "The second part of the project that

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Florence Mayor Stephen J. Wukela speaks with U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new HopeHealth clinic Wednesday in Florence.

SC Supreme Court reinstates conviction in Dillon dog attack

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COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Supreme Court

manslaughter and three counts of owning a dangerous animal and allowing it to be unconfined, resulting in the death of the boy. Collins was sentenced to

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