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FAMILY TO FIGHT ON

No charges filed against Seneca officer who shot teen in drug sting

Former
solicitors
question
officer's
actionsRICK BRUNDRETT
STAFF WRITER

Two former South Carolina solicitors asked by *The Greenville News* to review a police video of the July fatal shooting of teen Zachary Hammond questioned Seneca police Lt. Mark Tiller's judgment, though one of them defended 10th Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams' decision not to charge the officer.

"Solicitors have a tremendous amount of power and a tremendous amount of discretion," said Summerville attorney Robby Robbins, a former solicitor for the 1st Circuit, which covers Calhoun and Dorchester and Orangeburg counties. "I certainly can't argue with Solicitor Adams' decision."

"I know that the family (of Hammond) is hurting, and the family would like to have seen a criminal trial, but under those facts, she (Adams) was well within her rights to do what she did."

Robbins, who served as deputy solicitor in the 1st Circuit for seven years and was the appointed solicitor for one year before leaving office at the end of 2004, cited Tiller's state of mind at the time of the shooting and statements reportedly made to officers by a female passenger in Hammond's car that she believed Hammond was trying to run over the officer as likely reasons for Adams' decision not to charge Tiller.

Tiller is heard repeatedly on the video after the shooting saying that the driver was trying to hit him.

Yet Robbins also believes there is "plenty of evidence to criticize the Seneca Police Department and the officer in the manner in which this incident took place."

As he approaches Hammond's vehicle, Tiller says, "I'm gonna shoot your f---ing a---."

Below, three frames from dashcam video released Tuesday by SLED show Seneca Police Lt. Mark Tiller firing two shots toward the driver's side window of Zachary Hammond's car. The red circles on the two bottom frames show what appear to be ejected shell casings.



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

■ Events were set in motion when Tori Morton sent an errant text message offering to sell cocaine and marijuana to a Highway Patrol officer.

■ Solicitor Chrissy Adams said in a letter to SLED that Hammond tested positive for cocaine and marijuana, and both drugs were found in the car packaged as if for sale.

■ In text messages found on Hammond's phone, Hammond said he was "in full outlaw mode" and intended to "go out shootin'."

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After seeing for the first time Tuesday a graphic video of his son being shot to death by a Seneca police officer, Paul Hammond said his family plans to "keep fighting" for justice for Zachary.

It was a video that law enforcement and judicial authorities had refused for three months to release, and which 10th Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams acknowledged Tuesday is "troublesome" and "demands answers."

However, after reviewing the dash cam footage in slow motion and frame by frame, she decided not to file criminal charges against Lt. Mark Tiller, concluding that he was justified in firing on the unarmed 19-year-old to protect himself and others from being run over by Hammond's car.

It didn't look that way to Paul Hammond.

"I think they're grabbing pretty hard saying that Zach was trying to run over the officer. It didn't look like that in the video to me," he told *The Greenville News*. "He's running beside the car. If anything he put himself in that position. To me it was very sloppy police work."

"We hope to get some kind of justice somewhere, really," Hammond said. "We just don't feel like it was a lawful shooting."

The video -- which had been sought by *The Greenville News* and other media under Freedom of Information Act requests -- shows Tiller pulling into the parking lot of Hardee's restaurant, accelerating and screeching to a halt behind Hammond's silver Honda Civic. An undercover officer's vehicle is parked beside Hammond's, and its door pops open as Tiller jumps into the scene shouting, "Hands up, put 'em up!"

As the Honda begins to move, Tiller can be heard yelling, "Stop! stop!" followed by, "I'm going to shoot your f--- a---." Two shots are fired.

It was all over in five seconds.

"He tried to hit me," Tiller can be heard saying, moments later.

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Inquiry expedited for cop who tossed girl

Richland sheriff 'wanted to throw up' after seeing video; deputy accused of excessive force, bias in past

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COLUMBIA — An internal affairs investigation into the school resource officer who was videotaped hurling a teenage girl across a classroom at a Columbia

area high school will be done by Wednesday. Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, who has led the agency for nearly 20 years, said the investigation into suspended Deputy Ben Fields will be expedited because the "facts pretty much speak for

themselves." After the investigation is done, Lott will decide if Fields gets to stay on his force. "I wanted to throw up," Lott said. "It makes you sick to your stomach when you see that video."

Attorney Todd Rutherford is representing the girl who was tossed by Fields and Nya Kenney, who was arrested for recording the incident while yelling at Fields to stop. Kenney was present during "what the world has now witnessed as a horrific act in a classroom," and the tried to do what any good citizen should do — stop it, said Rutherford.

Fields, who is also a state lawmaker. "For her efforts, she was arrested," Rutherford said. "It's embarrassing to me as an elected official, and the sheriff ought to be embarrassed about that as well. The fact



Fields

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No charges for officer in S.C. teen's death

Seneca shooting caught on video began with text sent in error to trooper



Images from dashboard video show Seneca Police Lt. Mark Tiller as he approached and fired at Zachary Hammond, who was driving a car in a Hardee's parking lot. Tiller fired twice as the car pulled away, striking Hammond, who died at the scene.



Tiller

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A text mistakenly sent to a state Highway Patrol trooper triggered an undercover investigation that ended in a blur of gunfire, a dead 19-year-old and a dramatic video that answered some questions and raised new ones about police

departments' use of deadly force. The revelations came Tuesday after Chrissy Adams, 10th Cir-

cuit solicitor, announced that her office would not charge Seneca Police Lt. Mark Tiller in the July 26 shooting death of Zachary Hammond.

In a letter to the State Law Enforcement Division, she said Tiller's actions were justified.

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Hammond

Expert: 'No justification' for deadly force in case

BY DOUG PARDEE
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An officer's decision to shoot a Seneca teen was outrageous and unnecessary, a noted expert on police accountability said.

The video showing Seneca Police Lt. Mark Tiller shooting Zachary Hammond also points to a larger problem of officers who fire at fleeing vehicles, said Samuel Walker, a professor emeritus at the University of Nebraska.

Though Tiller was cleared of wrongdoing by a state prosecutor, Walker said the video shows that the officer "placed himself in a vulnerable position" and could have let the fleeing 19-year-old go.

Tiller could have picked up Hammond later, Walker said. The officer saw the suspect, knew what car he was driving and had the license plate number. In addition, the teen was suspected of a nonviolent drug

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Brooks Harrison looks out the door to Eastside Soul Food where he works as tidal flooding covers downtown streets Tuesday in Charleston. "Can't do business in the middle of this ocean," he said, wondering when he would be able to open the store.

Frustrated residents deal with soggy mess once again

Another dangerously high tide expected a day after water enters homes, stalls traffic, ruins cars

BY BO PETERSEN,
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The Post and Courier

The tide had swept to just below the top step where Brooks Harrison stood Tuesday morning at Eastside Soul Food on America Street. "Can't do business in the middle of this ocean," he said. Harrison and hundreds of other people who live or work near

the saltwater edge won't do much better Wednesday morning. Those areas face more widespread flooding before winds turn to give them their first break, dropping the morning high tide below the dangerous 8-foot level. Coastal floodwaters Tuesday morning came from one of the highest tides on record, swamping cars, seeping into homes and snarling traffic in downtown Charleston.

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Carson on blunt talk: 'I don't buy PC stuff'

References to Nazis, slavery could hurt

BY STEVE PEOPLES
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Associated Press

COCONUT CREEK, Fla. — On the eve of his party's third debate, Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson promised not to curb his penchant for using extreme examples to prove his points, such as equating abortion with slavery and comparing Islamic State fighters to patriots of the American Revolution.

"I don't buy the PC stuff. I just don't buy it," Carson said in a Tuesday interview with The Associated Press. He said the country can discuss complicated issues as adults, and he suggested people could learn from his example. "One of my goals is to get us to mature as a society," he said. "We should be mature enough to be able to talk about things without going into a tirade."

To date, Carson's style has not affected his climb through the GOP's ranks to challenge Donald Trump as a front-runner for the Republican nomination. Indeed, many conservatives embrace the unvarnished approach of the retired neurosurgeon who has never before run for office.

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VIOLENCE ON VIDEO

Classroom conflict ignites a firestorm



Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said he quickly asked federal officials to investigate the Spring Valley High incident.



Cellphone video images show two angles on the Spring Valley incident.

FBI will investigate deputy's actions on videos

BY GLEN LUKE FLANAGAN
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The FBI and the U.S. Justice Department will investigate an altercation Monday between a school resource officer and a female student at Spring Valley High School that was caught on video and posted online.

"The Columbia FBI Field Office, the Civil Rights Division, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina have opened a civil rights investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a student at Spring Valley High School," a Department of Justice spokesperson wrote in an email.

Snippets of three videos

Richland deputy was 'a ticking time bomb,' woman says

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Richland County Sheriff's Department Deputy Ben Fields, at the



sued and lost an excessive-force lawsuit against Fields — told The State newspaper Tuesday.

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Road issues cause a mystery

City may never find root of Gem Lakes area problems

BY DAN BROWN

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The City of Aiken may never fully know what happened to cause the Gem Lakes extension area road failures.

Engineer Rick Toole told Council during its Monday meeting that regardless of how much testing the City does on Machine Drive and Huron Drive in the

Gem Lakes extension area, the city may never fully know what caused the widespread road failures that have plagued the neighborhood since 2008.

Toole and City Engineering and Utilities Director George Grinson reported to Council on Monday as directed in the approved petition presented by Council member Reggie Ebner during the Oct. 12 meeting.

In the affected areas, the deep trenches for sewer,

storm water and potable water would be analyzed and required to meet the City's specifications.

"When you say analyze, I understand that to mean rigorous testing," Toole told Council on Monday. "We may never be able to fully understand what caused the roads out there to fail. When you talk about soils and sub-grade conditions, Mother Nature didn't give us a road map. What you find on one side of the road you won't necessarily find on

the other."

Toole proposed two methods of testing for Council's consideration — materials sampling testing, where engineers dig out a section of road and analyze the base materials and proof rolling, which pulverizes the sub-base materials and mixes it with cement to make what Toole called "concrete soil."

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WEATHER

Test scores trail state

County student assessment results below S.C. average

BY LARRY WOOD

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Students in Aiken County Public Schools scored near or below the state readiness levels on most of a series of new and formerly used assessment tests administered in the spring.

In April, students in grades three through eight across the state took the ACT Aspire assessment tests in English language arts and math for the first time. Students in grades four through eight also took the SC Pass assessment in science and social studies in May.

High school juniors took the ACT and ACT WorkKeys for the first time in the spring. The ACT is designed to measure academic achievement in English, mathematics, reading and science and includes a writing component.

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The ACT WorkKeys is designed to measure career readiness. Those results were released in September, with 90 percent of this year's graduating class assessed as being ready for work.

ACT Aspire and the ACT reflect more rigorous academic standards and expectations, District Superintendent Dr. Sean Alford said in a press release issued by the District on Monday night. "Overall, we are assessing students by a more rigorous standard," Alford said. "South Carolina, like many other states, is working to increase learning expectations for students."

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2015 ACT Aspire English language arts			
Level	ACPSD % Ready + Exceeding	South Carolina % Ready + Exceeding	
3rd Grade	64.0	65.1	
4th Grade	69.9	67.2	
5th Grade	67.3	67.6	
6th Grade	63.2	66.3	
7th Grade	65.9	70.2	
8th Grade	70.4	70.8	

2015 ACT Aspire Math			
Level	ACPSD % Ready + Exceeding	South Carolina % Ready + Exceeding	
3rd Grade	53.4	58.0	
4th Grade	47.2	49.4	
5th Grade	45.8	48.2	
6th Grade	46.2	53.2	
7th Grade	23.4	36.4	
8th Grade	24.7	32.0	

2015 ACT Aspire Reading			
Level	ACPSD % Ready + Exceeding	South Carolina % Ready + Exceeding	
3rd Grade	27.0	31.8	
4th Grade	30.1	32.8	
5th Grade	29.7	33.6	
6th Grade	33.6	36.9	
7th Grade	32.3	36.9	
8th Grade	44.4	46.7	

Project Jackson closer to development



BY T.J. LUNDEEN

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NORTH AUGUSTA — North Augusta City Council set in motion the development to bring Project Jackson to the riverfront.

Approved at the meeting Monday were the Master Development Agreement, the Authorization of the City of North Augusta to enter into an Installment Purchase Transaction and the creation of a Municipal Improvement District. All of those passed on first reading with a 6-1 vote with Jimmy Adams voting against each item.

The Master Development Agreement related to Project Jackson is

be part of the project. The agreement is "by and among the City of North Augusta, GreenJackets Baseball LLC, Ackerman-North Augusta Hotel Company LLC, Greenstone Hammond's Ferry LLC and North Augusta Riverfront Company LLC."

The document, which is the crux of Project Jackson, underwent an exhaustive review from Steve Donohue, a strong supporter of the project.

"Projects like these run into delays," Donohue said. "I don't know what put this on the railroad track to have a lower-A baseball team by April 1. I'm pleading with you, don't put the stadium first. Have the private funding in place before you build a

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Emerald girls golf finishes 9th at state
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McCormick has interim superintendent

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The McCormick County School District now knows the person who will help it transition when Superintendent William Wright leaves at the end of November.

Cleo F. Richardson Jr., a retired superintendent from Lee County School District and a consultant at Cleo Richardson and Daughters,



CLEO F. RICHARDSON JR.

LLC, accepted the interim superintendent position Tuesday night during a special called meeting. He served as interim superintendent in Florence School District 1 after his retirement.

Richardson, who earned a doctorate of education from South Caro-

lina State University in Orangeburg, started teaching in 1978 at Marion Elementary School.

Board member Al Bell said the board has not decided if the interim superintendent could fill the permanent position, but he said it was a possibility.

Board attorney Charles Boykin said Richardson will probably start within a few weeks as the Board wishes him to begin when Wright is still in McCormick.

Boykin said the interim superintendent will make within the parameters of Wright's compensation, which is about \$142,000 a year.

The board released the names and resumes of three finalists to become interim superintendent when Wright leaves Nov. 30 to take a superintendent job in Hertford County, North Carolina. Wright has been superintendent in McCormick for two years.

The other two named finalists are: — Carol P. Lenderman, an inter-

im superintendent and director of instruction, assessment and accountability of Williston School District 29.

— Percy A. Mack Jr., a retired superintendent of Richland County School District 1, is the CEO of Navigational Leadership Systems, LLC.

The three finalists were named at a called board meeting Monday night after the board interviewed six candidates. The Index-Journal has requested the names of the other three candidates interviewed.

ABBEVILLE

Electronic system to track facility needs

By ARIEL GILREATH
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An electronic system called SchoolDude is being implemented in Abbeville County School District to make keeping up with facility maintenance easier.

Sam Jones, director of facilities and operations for the district, presented SchoolDude to the board of trustees Tuesday night along with a list of needs for different schools in the district.

Jones said engineers from Stanford University created SchoolDude after questioning if buildings have a life expectancy and if it can be measured. From there, the system was created to help alert facility and maintenance supervisors when something in the building needs to be updated and its lifespan has run out.

Superintendent Jonathan Phipps said it tracks everything that needs maintaining down to the door locks.

"It's quite a lengthy process," Jones said. "First of all, you've got to put all your buildings' history in, and if you've got old buildings, you've got to put what size they are (and) what year they were built, but you've got to tell them what you've done to that building over the past however many years — 30, 40, 60 years."

From there, Jones said the program takes that information along with information from personal assessments and predicts the needs for the buildings for the next 30 years, which can be broken down into smaller increments to make capital projects plans, such as a five-year capital projects plan.

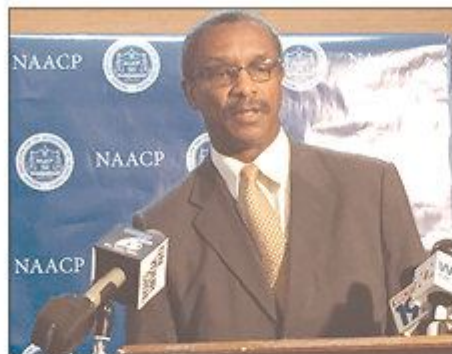
Jones gave the board members a list of needs gathered from observations made by school principals and the program.

OUTRAGE IN THE CLASSROOM



PHOTOS BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

This three image combo made from video taken by a Spring Valley High School student Monday shows Senior Deputy Ben Fields trying to forcibly remove a student from her chair after she refused to leave her high school math class in Columbia.



ABOVE: South Carolina NAACP President Lonnie Randolph speaks at a news conference about the incident that occurred Monday at Spring Valley High School.

BELOW: Cars sit in the parking lot Tuesday in Columbia S.C. at Spring Valley High School. The Justice Department opened a civil rights investigation Tuesday after Fields flipped a student backward in her desk and tossed her across the floor for refusing to leave her math class.

Arrest of teen girl who texted in class starts civil rights case

By MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A girl who refused to surrender her phone after texting in math class was flipped backward and tossed across the classroom floor by a sheriff's deputy, prompting a federal civil rights probe on Tuesday.

The sheriff said the girl "may have had a rug burn" but was not injured, and said the teacher and vice principal felt the officer acted appropriately. Still, videos of the confrontation between a white officer and black teenager stirred such outrage that he called the FBI and Justice Department for help.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott suspended Senior Deputy Ben Fields without pay, and said what he did at Spring Valley High School in Columbia made him want to "throw up."

"Literally, it just makes you sick to your stomach when you see that initial video. But again, that's a snapshot," he said.

Fields said, promising to be fair.

Email, phone and text messages for Fields were not returned.

The deputy also arrested a second teenager who verbally objected to his actions. Both girls were charged with disturbing schools and released to their parents. Their names were not officially released.

The second student, Niya Kenny, told WFTX-TV that she felt she had to say something. Doris Kenny said she's proud her daughter was "brave enough to speak out against what was going on."

Li, Curtis Wilson told The Associated Press in an email to "keep in mind this is not a race issue."

"Race is indeed a factor," countered South Carolina's NAACP president, Lonnie Randolph Jr., who praised the Justice Department for agreeing to investigate.

"To be thrown out of her seat as she was thrown and dumped on the floor,"



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FOOD

FALL: IT'S ALL ABOUT THE APPLES

Check out the food section to find out what you can do with apples to create some delicious recipes to celebrate the season. 1C



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The eight candidates vying for three seats on Myrtle Beach City Council discussed public safety and possible solutions to the issue of crime. 3A

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FBI, Justice Dept. to look into school officer incident

FBI, U.S. Department of Justice agree to investigate an incident at Spring Valley High School

Video from Spring Valley High School shows school resource officer forcibly removing female student from desk

Officer is white, student is black in district where student body is 59 percent black

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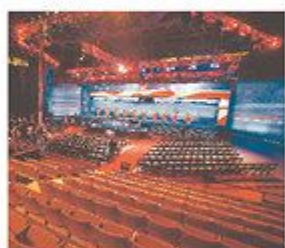
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GET A LOOK AT THE GOP DEBATE FIELD

After a lively first two debates, the GOP's crowded field is set to take the stage again. We know it can be difficult to keep up with all the candidates, so check out detailed breakdowns for each. 4A



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RJ CORMAN PUSHES BACK START DATE

The company had hoped to begin moving trains in Horry County this year, but the flood delayed the schedule. The company now hopes to have the trains in motion by February. 3A



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ST. JAMES GIRLS WIN GOLF TITLE

The St. James High School girls' golf team scored a big win in the Class AAA state tournament at Hilton Head. 1B



Lauren Roughton uses a vacuum cleaner to remove water from the floor of The Bar in Garden City Beach. Business owners are cleaning up following a king tide Tuesday in Garden City and preparing for more flooding.

LOCAL

King tide rolls in with flash flooding, again

BY AUDREY HUDSON
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The king tide rolling ashore this week caused flooding along low-lying areas of the Grand Strand on Tuesday, and the National Weather Service is predicting the water will rise even higher with Wednesday morning's tide.

Astronomically high tide reaches 8.6 feet on Pawleys Island

Low-lying streets flood in Garden City Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Pawleys Island

Dunes repaired in North Myrtle bulldozed over again by waves

prepared for the second onslaught this month of the unusually high tides by lining door-

ery, the rising marsh water simply rolled over the makeshift blockades, creating a four-inch

us," said Holly Hughes, who owns the grocery store. "It just kept coming in the back door, we couldn't keep up with it."

"This is supposed to be a fluke," Hughes said. "This wasn't supposed to happen again."

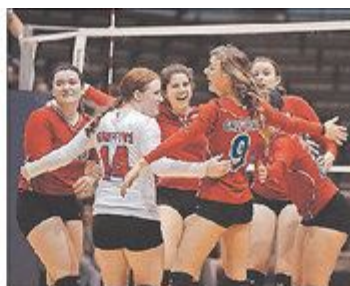
The king tide earlier this month mixed with record rainfall and the passing of Hurricane Joaquin offshore to cause flash flooding in North Myrtle Beach, Pawleys Island and Garden City. Beach erosion was also severe in those areas, with early estimates of damage from Pawleys Island reaching nearly \$1 million.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Ray DeBruhl says Tuesday's king tide was higher than what the Grand Strand experienced in early October.



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GRIFFINS WIN STATE TITLE

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Dorman wins 4A golf title

Dorman used experience and a strong front nine holes to win the Class 4A girls golf state championship in rainy conditions Tuesday at Lexington Country Club. **B1**

UPSTATE

Football player sues in hazing case

One of South Carolina's leading high school running backs has sued his former school, alleging players from Allendale-Fairfax High assaulted him this summer as part of hazing ritual condoned by coaches. **C1**

BUSINESS



Fire risk prompts GM to issue recall

General Motors issued its third recall in seven years for cars that can leak oil and catch fire, in some instances damaging garages and homes. The recall covers 1.4 million vehicles dating to the 1997 model year. **C4**

CONGRESS BUDGET AGREEMENT

No shutdown, no default

Leaders, President Obama back deal

By Erica Werner
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Striving to end a cycle of crisis, congressional leaders and the White House united Tuesday behind an ambitious budget and debt deal aimed at restoring a semblance of order to Capitol Hill and ending the threat of government shutdowns and

defaults until well after a new president takes office.

The outgoing House speaker, Republican John Boehner of Ohio, prepared to push the deal through his unruly chamber today as his last act before departing Congress at the end of the week.

All but forced to resign under conservative pressure, Boehner was nonetheless going out on his own terms. The budget deal stands as an in-your-face rebuttal to his hardline antagonists, on Capitol Hill and off,

who angrily oppose spending increases and compromises with Democratic President Barack Obama.

They seethed but acknowledged they were powerless to stop an agreement all but certain to pass with votes from Democrats and a sizable number of Republicans. Boehner brushed off their complaints, declaring that he intended to make good on his promise to leave a "clean barn" for his successor, Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, who is set to get the GOP nomination for

speaker today and win election on the House floor the day after that.

"I didn't want him to walk into a dirty barn full of you-know-what. So I've done my best to try to clean it up," a good-humored Boehner told reporters after a closed-door gathering of House Republicans, his last such weekly meeting after nearly five years as speaker and a quarter-century on Capitol Hill.

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VIRAL VIDEO

FBI, Justice Department to investigate student's arrest

By Glen Luke Flanagan
The (Columbia) State

COLUMBIA — The FBI and U.S. Department of Justice have agreed to investigate an incident between a school resource officer and a female student at Spring Valley High School in Columbia, which was caught on video Monday and posted online.

"The Columbia FBI Field Office, the Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina have opened a civil rights investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a student at Spring Valley High School," a Department of Justice spokesperson wrote in an email. "The FBI will collect all available facts and evidence in order to determine whether a federal law was violated. As this is an ongoing investigation, per Department of Justice policy we are unable to comment further at this time."

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott placed a call to Dave Thomas, special agent



In this photo made from video taken by a Spring Valley High School student on Monday, Senior Deputy Ben Fields tries to forcibly remove a student who refused to leave her high school math class in Columbia. The Justice Department opened a civil rights investigation Tuesday after Fields flipped the student backward in her desk and tossed her across the floor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SENECA CASE

Officer in shooting won't face state charges

By Seanna Adcox and Bruce Smith
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — No criminal charges will be filed in South Carolina against a police officer who fatally shot a 19-year-old during a drug sting, a state prosecutor announced Tuesday, but the U.S. Justice Department is still investigating and could bring federal charges later.

Solicitor Chrissy Adams announced that after reviewing the case, she determined that Seneca police Lt. Mark Tiller won't face state charges. She made the announcement after meeting with the family of Zachary Hammond, who was killed in the July 26 confrontation in a fast-food restaurant parking lot.

Dashcam video, when viewed at full speed, is troublesome, but the investigation shows Tiller broke no state laws, Adams wrote in an eight-page letter to the State Law Enforcement Agency. She noted Tiller was

More online

See video of the incident



PANORAMA

Music and more

Sumter Opera House announces a variety of acts for spring season c1

Don't give in to mosquitoes without a fight

BY JIM HILLEY
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How should you dress for Halloween this year?

Maybe as a beekeeper. That would be one way to keep the mosquitoes off.

Unfortunately, clouds of the pesky biting insects will be around for Halloween on Saturday.

They probably won't even say "Trick or treat," before helping them-

selves to some of your blood cells.

The bad news is, they are likely to be around long after the Halloween displays have disappeared from stores.

Vector Control Director Allen Penland said this week's rain will keep his crews out of the fields.

"That's three days we are going to lose," he said. "We can't spray when it rains or if it's windy."

Penland said as soon as the weather improves, the department will return

to spraying "day and night."

Clemson Extension Agent David DeWitt said we can blame the weather.

"With all the water standing around and more coming, that's obviously perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes," he said. "We had all of that water sitting around where it hasn't been before, and then it just sat there and we had warm weather that's ideal for mosquitoes."

He said he was hoping the cooler weather would help get rid of the

pests, but all it did was "slow them down."

"They'll likely be here until we get a good hard freeze," he said.

With the Halloween weekend approaching, numerous church groups and other community organizations have been planning outdoor events, but too many uninvited guests of the bloodsucking kind may frighten people away.

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Hot wheels, great cause



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Roger Davis and Dre Perry, above, talk about Davis' 1934 Plymouth dragster during the Caffeine and Gasoline Car and Motorcycle Show on Saturday at Sumter Cut Rate Drug Store and Soda Fountain. Below, Sumter residents check out some of the more than 140 entries in the show. The event also featured live music, and proceeds benefitted the Blinking Buzzards Shrine Unit.

Car show raises money for transportation needs of sick kids

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A minivan with a jet-powered engine created a ball of fire that lasted for a second as more than 400 spectators gathered to watch.

That was just one of the highlights of the Fourth Annual Caffeine and Gasoline Car and Motorcycle Show held Saturday evening in downtown Sumter, said organizer Todd Touchberry.

More than 140 cars, ranging from early 1920s models to modern day, were on display in a car show that raised money to help with sick children's transportation costs to medical facilities.

Sumter Cut Rate Drug Store and Soda Fountain presented the event, raising more than \$2,000. The money, which benefited the Blinking Buzzards



Shrine Unit, according to the website. "It's rewarding to know that you've helped sick children who are in need," Touchberry

year history, serving a limited menu.

Touchberry said he was overwhelmed and grateful for the number

County council to address road repairs, battle mosquitoes

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Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon said the county is working hard to handle the increase of mosquitoes in the area and is also moving toward permanent repairs following the recent flood.

Mixon said the county is receiving multiple calls per day regarding mosquitoes, and the county is doing extra for mosquito control, despite the added cost to the budget.

It's something that needs to be done, he said.

Mixon said the best times to spray for mosquitoes is right at sundown, but there are so many of the insects flying around that spraying during the day would also be effective.

He said the county manages the vector control department, but both the city and county cover the expenses.

Mixon hopes Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse the county for the added expenses for vector control, but the state and Department of Health and Environmental Control are the entities that need to determine if spraying for mosquitoes will be added to FEMA-covered relief.

He said mosquitoes are pretty much a statewide issue at the moment following the flood.

Mixon said areas affected by mosquitoes should alert Sumter County Vector Control should at (803) 774-0044 or (803) 774-0045, he said.

And, clogged ditches and drains should be alerted to Sumter County Stormwater Utility at (803) 774-3855.

As far as overall recovery and repairs, Mixon said the city and county officials will meet with FEMA representatives Thursday morning to continue reviewing damages in the area.

He said the county is applying temporary repairs to roads but

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Candidates discuss issues facing Hartsville

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The five candidates for Hartsville City Council addressed issues including jobs, the economy and quality of life during a discussion session Oct. 20.

Voters in council districts 2, 4 and 6 will elect council members in Tuesday's general election. In District 2, incumbent Bernice Wilson is facing a challenge

from Christopher W. Shirley. Wilson is a Sonoco retiree who has served on council since 2007. Shirley works for First Citizens.

District 4 incumbent Johnny Andrews, a council member since 1999, is running unopposed. Andrews, coordinator for the Hartsville High School International Baccalaureate program, also serves as mayor pro tempore.

In District 6, incumbent Billy Shirley, a retired businessman

who has served on council since 2002, faces a challenge from Casey Copeland, the director of Florence-Darlington Technical College's Hartsville site.

All of the candidates received the same questions in writing in advance of the session.

District 2

Wilson, a Hartsville native and lifelong resident, said Hartsville's greatest need is generating new

jobs for residents. "That will make Hartsville grow," he said. "I love Hartsville. There is no better place than Hartsville," he said.

"We need jobs. We need businesses and industry," Wilson said. "We need businesses so we can put our people to work."

He said he wants to see more done to improve conditions and the quality of life in the predominantly African-American South Hartsville area. "South Hartsville

is struggling," Wilson said. He said he wants to see more affordable housing opportunities and new business opportunities in South Hartsville. One way to do that, he says, is for the city to pursue grant funding. "We won't be able to do it all at one time. But we need to think about how we're going to do it," Wilson said. "The future, as far as I'm concerned, is now."

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Darlington County School District

SCPASS scores released

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Darlington County School District students scored close to state averages on the 2015 South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) test and exceeded state averages in four testing areas.

District students outscored the state average in fourth-grade social studies with 88.1 percent meeting or exceeding state standards in social studies compared to the state average of 85.3 percent. Among seventh-graders, 71 percent met or exceeded the standards in social studies compared to 67.9 percent statewide.

In science, 71.3 percent of district fourth-graders met or exceeded the standards compared to 69.9 percent of fourth-graders statewide. And among eighth-graders, 66.2 percent of district students met or exceeded the standards compared to 65.2 percent statewide.

"I am proud and appreciative of the efforts our students and teachers put into these assessments," said Darlington County Superintendent of Education Eddie Ingram. "On the SCPASS, which tests South Carolina standards currently being taught in our classrooms, our students tested on par with state averages and exceeded averages in four areas. This past spring marked the first time our students took the ACT Aspire and the first time all of our high school juniors took the ACT. Juniors scored very close to our district goal of an average composite score of 18. As for the ACT Aspire, while the scores are not what we would like them to be, the results will allow us to pinpoint areas that may need additional focus for our students."

The State Department of Education released the SCPASS scores Friday along with 2015 ACT Aspire scores for grades three through eight

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The Hartsville Memorial Library had a booth at the inaugural Duke Energy Lights Up the Night Community Festival. There were lots of books to browse through that were for sale by the Friends of the Library.

Duke Energy Lights Up the Night

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The first Duke Energy Lights Up the Night Community Festival on Saturday night was quite successful.

An estimated two to three thousand people showed up, said Suzy Moyd, executive director of Main Street Hartsville, who helped with the organization of the event.

A laser show was sponsored by Duke Energy in the DeLoach Center at Coker College, one every hour from 6 to 10 p.m.

All four of them were filled to capacity, Moyd said. People were waiting in line to get into each show and had to be turned away at the 8 p.m. showing.

It was "impressive that our community supported the event in full force," she said. "And we had some amazing teams of community volunteers."

She praised the city of Hartsville staff for stepping up to help prepare the lot, install the stage in record



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CAROLINAS HOSPITAL SYSTEM

New COO relishes challenges

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FLORENCE — Florida transplant Kyle Baxter is enjoying his new job in the Pee Dee.

Not quite a month into his position as chief operating officer of Carolinas Hospital System, the 33-year-old Fort Walton Beach native is looking forward to what 2016 holds in store.

"People have a choice where they get their health care," Baxter said. "One of my goals — in case my wife

or kids have to come to the hospital — we need to have the best of everything here at Carolinas, and I think we do."

When Baxter was a 17-year-old high school student growing up in the Florida Panhandle, his grandmother's health took a turn for the worse and he saw firsthand how important it was for a patient with various ailments to receive comprehensive treatment.

"Throughout high school, visiting her in the hospital and all those different facilities, really made me want

to get involved in health care," he said.

Baxter's interest in the world of health care broadened at the University of Florida while working on his bachelor degree in health science. Speaking to one of his classes one day, a health care administrator explained how a hospital functions.

"I really didn't know there was this role," Baxter said. "You hear about firemen, you hear about doctors. ... " He laughed. "When I started college, I wanted to be a doctor, but by the sec-

ond year, I wanted to work in hospitals and do this."

Baxter stuck with his alma mater and earned a masters degree in health administration. Not long afterward, he found himself trying to organize an urgent care facility affiliated with North Florida Regional Medical Center, itself part of Hospital Corporation of America.

It was in disarray, but he saw an opportunity. He learned various aspects, such as what an outpatient

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Lake City loses a fixture

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LAKE CITY — Lake City lost one of its own Monday morning when former Police Chief Lev "Billy" Brown lost his 27-month battle with cancer.

Known by many people in the town for his ready smile that somehow



Brown

made him much larger than life than his small frame, Brown was a fixture in the city from his early years with the department. That service began May 11, 1977, and continued for 35 years until his retirement in February 2014.

Even then, Brown, while recovering from cancer treatments, said he hoped to continue serving, saying he would "continue to do some things for the city that (he could)."

Capt. John Kelly recalled working with the then-Patrol Lieutenant Brown early in his own career when the department had four shifts and four supervising patrol lieutenants.

"The goal was to get to Lieutenant Brown's shift — even though it was the night shift," said Kelly. "His shift was the shift to be on."

Kelly said Brown was enjoyable to work with, and his commanding personality helped bond the shift members over 3 a.m. coffee at the Huddle House.

"He made sure all the guys went to the Huddle House to talk to him, and that was just the bonding of the group," Kelly said.

"I wanted to follow in his footsteps, you could say. Every time he moved (up), I could see myself doing what he was doing. I learned from him. And if he asked you to do something, you would almost break your back to do whatever he asked, because you didn't want to disappoint him."

"He was loved everywhere and everyone knew him."

Those who loved Brown the most

Lasting impressions



MELISSA ROLLINS/MORNING NEWS

Paisleigh Butler, wearing the red bow, and her family are welcomed to the Francis Marion University athletic family by soccer player Peter Beniseau and Dawson Daniel, whose brother Maddox was "drafted" to the men's soccer team last year.

Young girl drafted by FMU through Team IMPACT

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FLORENCE — Paisleigh Butler was drafted and became a member of the Patriots women's soccer team Tuesday

afternoon at Francis Marion University. Incredibly, it happened before she even turned 6.

The draft day was a special celebration, marking the soccer team's official first day as a Team IMPACT partner, the second such team on the FMU campus.

Team IMPACT is a nonprofit group that connects children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses with local college athletic programs, greatly expanding their circles of support.

Paisleigh's mom, Leighann, said that she heard about Team IMPACT through Tracey Matthews Daniel, whose son

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FMU Theatre opens season tonight with 'The Tempest'

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — The Francis Marion University Theatre opens its 2015-16 season today with a performance of "The Tempest," a William Shakespeare classic.

"The Tempest" is a comedic play

IF YOU GO

» WHAT: "The Tempest"

» WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday

» WHERE: Francis Marion University's Fine Arts Theatre in the Hyman Fine Arts Center

» ADMISSION: Admission is free. Reservations can be made by calling

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