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## Magnet students discuss healing, diversity

2014 watermelon controversy spurs era of 'courageous conversations' at high-ranking school

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In the 14 months since Academic Magnet High School football players smashed a watermelon and set off a nationwide racial controversy, incidents at the school have ebbed with sticky tones of race and diversity on their own terms — in the halls, in the

student newspaper and even in a panel discussion they organized themselves. Speaking before the student-run Diversity Panel in a packed auditorium Dec. 2, ASHHS Principal Judith Peterson praised the students for engaging in "courageous conversations" on uncomfortable topics. "I'm not sure that we could have had this panel discussion without having

the conversations that we had this year," Peterson said later. In October 2014, reports arose that members of the ASHHS football team were throwing watermelons on the ground as a post-game victory celebration during a particularly strong season. Most schools in ASHHS divisions are majority Black, and the majority of players from majority white

ASHHS smashing watermelons — which figured prominently in 20th-century minstrel shows and racist iconography — caused consternation among some Black families and the local NAACP. For the district involved, the incident had swift and far-reaching consequences. The district dismissed football coach Bud Walske and then

quickly rehired him after students and parents rallied in his defense, ordering him to take racial sensitivity training as a condition for his return. School board members also meted out the decision, and district Superintendent Nancy McElroy resigned amid the furor. Several parents sued

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## Metanoia to the rescue

Nonprofit improves neighborhood, one home project at a time



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Allen Brown and Mike Nelson replace a 50-year-old roof at Edna Washington's home in North Charleston on Dec. 15 as part of a program sponsored by Metanoia, a self-help nonprofit that has rebuilt or repaired nearly 100 homes in the area.

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Edna Washington didn't know what she was going to do after October's record rainstorms left the roof of her South Charleston home damaged and leaking.

She knew patching leaks would not hold for long on the nearly 60-year-old roof. It's the same one that was there when she moved into the house at 2635 Blaney St. in 1958.

Newspapers and local news outlets would not hold for long.

old patches. As she watched the October rains pour inside from one end of the house in the other, Washington knew it was well past time for a new roof.

She became especially worried when the rain began to drip from the light fixtures.

She applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which had set up shop in Charleston to help those flooded out.

But she said, the agency was more interested in helping people with water flooding in from the ground, not from the roof.

She wasn't certain where to turn for help, and knew she wouldn't be able to save enough money to tackle the job until summer.

That's when she heard about a special home-ownership repair program offered by Metanoia, a nonprofit self-help organization in the Charleston neighborhood.

Metanoia offered to do the job for her under a program financed with money from United Way and the National Fair Housing

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## Occupiers digging in at federal refuge

Militia group's action follows rally over Ore. ranchers' sentences

BY KIRK JOHNSON  
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New York Times News Service

SEASIDE, ORE. — An armed anti-government group vowed Sunday to continue to occupy a federal wildlife refuge building in rural Oregon to protest its treatment of two local ranchers.

Federal officials said that they were monitoring the situation, but there did not appear to be an imminent plan to confront the protesters.

The Oregon State Police warned local residents to stay away from the wildlife refuge building "for their safety" and said it was working with other law enforcement agencies to bring the occupation to an end.

Authorities said they believed that no other areas of Harney County were "in immediate danger."

The occupation came in Harney County, claiming to be part of a militia group supporting local ranchers, when in reality their men had alternative means to attempt to overthrow the county and federal government in hopes to spark a movement across the United States, the Oregon police said in a statement Sunday.

The occupation began Saturday afternoon following a peaceful demonstration in which more than 100 people marched through downtown Burns, Oregon, to protest the prison sentences of two ranchers convicted of arson. Dwight Hammond, 73, and his son Steven, 46. The Hammond men have been ordered to report to prison in California Monday after a federal judge ruled that the sentences they had served for arson were not long enough.

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## Does Mt. Pleasant have enough natural spaces?

Mayor says town plans close look at survey

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MOUNT PLEASANT — A new survey shows that 10 percent of all land here is open space — 4,357 acres used for recreation, passive parkland or conservation areas — and a local conservation group hopes the result will spur debate about whether the town should have more.

The East Cooper Land Trust commissioned the study as a first step in its larger mission to preserve a land conservation discussion on the northern end of Charleston County, said Catherine Main, the trust's executive

director.

The study, done with support from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, also sets a baseline for a town that is among the nation's fastest growing.

"It has never been more important to save places for our children to play outdoors," she said.

Mayor Linda Page said she has seen the survey and plans to make it more in depth, particularly as the town progresses with efforts to redevelop property tax increase in part to cover recreation and park land — a referendum some critics said was too vague.

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## Activists urge S.C. to do more to help students with dyslexia

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In 2013, the South Carolina Dyslexia Task Force published a 69-page report at the General Assembly's request, addressing six specific ways the state could help students who suffer from the inherited learning disorder.

Three years later, dyslexia advocates are frustrated that state leaders haven't implemented any major policy changes.

"I've been told by legislators that, 'We're just going to introduce this in our own time,'" said Sandy Steele, who runs it. Steele is a page for the South Carolina chapter of Dyslexia 123. "It doesn't sound like they're listening."

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### Poll

Should S.C. lawmakers and educators do more to help dyslexic students? Go to [postandcourier.com/polls](http://postandcourier.com/polls) to vote.

For more about the dyslexia support group in Charleston, email [charles-tondyslexiaparents@gmail.com](mailto:charles-tondyslexiaparents@gmail.com) or go to [www.meetup.com/charleston-dyslexiaparents](http://www.meetup.com/charleston-dyslexiaparents).



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## Bill would up penalties for killing police dogs

Anderson County lawmakers profile new legislation

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Hyco, the police dog who was shot and killed by a suspect in an Anderson County carjacking case, will live on in the South Carolina Code of Laws, if a bill prefiled byasley House member Neal Collins and members of the Anderson County delegation becomes law.

The bill would stiffen the penalties for harming or killing a dog or horse used by law enforcement, instituting a minimum mandatory sentence of two years for killing one of these animals. Called "Fargo's and Hyco's Law," the

bill would raise the fine up to \$20,000 and require restitution for the cost of replacing the expensive animals. Fargo was a K-9 in Richland County. He was killed in December 2011 after chasing a robbery suspect.

"To me it's a commonsense bill that strengthens something that needs to be strengthened," said Collins, a first-term Republican. "I think the community is

definitely in support of this."

Four people were charged with two counts of attempted murder and one count of cruelty to a police dog or horse in the incident that led to Hyco's death on Oct. 21.

Under current law, the offense is a misdemeanor with a penalty of 1-5 years

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## Greenville suspect faces multiple charges

Arrest in connection with 2012 homicide

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A Greenville man is scheduled to go to trial this week in connection with a 2012 homicide.

Brandon Dashon Adams faces charges of murder, armed robbery, first-degree burglary, kidnapping, criminal conspiracy and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. He was charged in connection with the robbery and fatal shooting of Joseph Crite, 51, of Greenville.

The trial is scheduled to start Monday at the Greenville County Courthouse after a jury is selected.

Arrest warrants allege Adams and another individual went to Lanford Drive to rob Crite and forcefully entered his apartment in the early hours of Dec. 11.

They had firearms and held Crite at gunpoint while searching his apartment, according to arrest warrants. Crite, who was disabled and lived in the home alone, was shot multiple times, authorities said. He was pronounced dead at the scene, found in the bedroom of his apartment off White Horse Road.

Adams was one of four individuals — three were teenagers at the time of their arrest — charged in connection with the homicide. He is being represented by Ivan Toney. Adams, who also has pending charges outside of this trial, is being held at the Greenville County jail.

Assistant Deputy Solicitor Lucas Merchant and Assistant Solicitor Ryan Holloway are prosecuting the case.

Michael Antonio Anderson, of Greenville, was also charged with murder and criminal conspiracy in the homicide. He is also being held at the Greenville County jail.

Munishia Harper, also a Greenville man, was charged with murder, criminal conspiracy, kidnapping, burglary, armed robbery and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime.

Mercedes Nykisha Adams was

## Aloft soars with local art



Jonathan Brashier, general manager of Aloft Hotel, talks about the local art featured around the hotel.

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Aloft Greenville Downtown is all about local art.

The new hotel, which opened Dec. 22, has purchased about 40 original works by several visual artists, 10 of whom are based in the Greenville area.

"We want our customers to experience the best of the local area and we find that engaging with local artists is the best way to do that," said Juan Smith, vice president of lifestyle hotels for McKibbin Hotel Management, Inc. Greenville artist Judy Verhoeven, who has one piece featured in the hotel, said local artists are thrilled.

"I think it's just amazing," Verhoeven said. "I know several of the artists who have work here and I think we all agree that it's a nice thing they're doing for local artists."

From the moment customers walk into Aloft Greenville Downtown, located at 5 North Laurens Street, they encounter paintings and sculpture.

The lobby features a mobile of 185 individual glass birds by Clemson-based artist Eileen Powell.

"It's spectacular," Smith said of Powell's mobile. "The hotel features a great, eclectic selection of art."

Each of Aloft's 134 rooms and suites include



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three copies of local art, two on the walls and one on bed headboards.

The sleek six-story hotel, perched atop a few stories of parking and retail firms, also plans to host art gatherings and education meetings in its on-site "WXYZ Bar."

### A key component

McKibbin Management emphasizes local visual art in all of the 80 properties it manages, about a dozen of which the Tampa-based firm also owns.

"Art is a key component of our hotels," Smith said. "Since

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## RETURNING HOME

Three hard-hit communities work to get lives back in order three months after the flood

### FOREST LAKE



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Sayako Akizawa, left, and Zoltan Baros, dancers at Columbia Classical Ballet, rehearse inside a temporary studio inside Richland Mall.

**Pavlovich Ballet School hopes to be back in studio next month**

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The place was just as Radenko Pavlovich had always wanted it to be.  
He had just completed a state-of-the-art renovation to his 14-year-old Pavlovich Ballet School, home of the Columbia Classical Ballet company, in Forest Acres. He reopened his newly outfitted studio, at the base of Forest Lake just off Forest Drive, on Aug. 4.

Exactly two months later, rushing flood waters tore through the building, smashing windows, destroying the newly installed floors, technology, music books, costumes, photos - everything. Eight feet of water rose inside and, when it receded, left behind snakes, fish and a couple feet of mud.

The dance studio was one of numerous businesses in the Forest Lake area that were destroyed by the October floods. They, like many other residences and business owners in the Midlands, are wading through the recovery process at various paces.

"It was surreal. I'd never seen anything like this in my life," Pavlovich said of his flooded studio. "We were trying to salvage anything that was inside, but there was nothing."

Days after the flood, Pavlovich suffered a heart attack.

"It was like ... if you were not beaten enough, let me get beaten up a little bit more," he said. "Gen-

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### LAKE KATHERINE



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Jason Snyder looks on as his son Cole, 10, walks where the family's home once stood on Rickenbaker Road in Columbia. The house suffered major damage during the flood and had to be torn down.

**Residents eager for neighbors to return - and many plan to do so**

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A life jacket topped a Christmas tree on Quail Lane. Christmas lights dangled from a dumpster and signage unit outside a home on Leja's Court.

Hopeful symbols of holiday cheer dotted the Lake Katherine neighborhood, wrecked by October floods.

But drive down Burwell Lane, Rickenbaker Road, Downing Street and other streets here, and dozens of homes remain vacant and hollow. It's a reminder that the neighborhood isn't what it should be, lives aren't back to what they were and people still need help.

"When a crisis happens, everyone's first instinct is to help, and you do," said Jennifer Suber, president of the hard-hit Cross Hill neighborhood, which sits at the base of Lake Katherine. "And then as time goes by, everyone gets on with their lives. And you don't realize that for these people, this is their life. They're continuing to live in this crisis."

Whether it's meal trains, laundry angels or gift cards shipped from friends in New York - friends who had benefited from Columbia's kindness after Hurricane Sandy in 2012 - help has continued to pour in for flood victims in the Lake Katherine area.

"One less meal they have to pay for, one less thing they have to plan and do is just super helpful," Suber said. "We're not going to stop asking

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### PINE GLEN



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Logan Gillet and fiancé Dennis Lester are struggling with the slow pace of government agencies over their flood-damaged home in Lexington County's Pine Glen neighborhood.

**Some damaged homes won't be rebuilt because of elevation requirements**

BY TIM SLACK  
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Some flood-damaged homes in Lexington County's Pine Glen neighborhood will be razed instead of rebuilt.

Returning to the flood-prone area in St. Andrews frightened retiree Janet DuBeau.

"It's a little too scary," she said. "I've had nightmares about it."

Even if DuBeau were willing, renovation of the home is too big a challenge for her, she said.

Federal and local requirements would force her home to be elevated nearly 14 feet as a safeguard.

"It would be living in a tree house," she said. "I would love the view, but how would it look being that high compared to others? And I have arthritis, so it would be too tall to climb up."

Pine Glen homeowners are learning that restoring a home in the aftermath of a flood can be complex and time-consuming. Some neighbors probably will join DuBeau in leaving the neighborhood of 134 homes flooded during recent rain across the Midlands in October.

Pine Glen was swamped when the lower Saluda River overflowed after SCE&G released water from Lake Murray upstream to protect its 85-year-old rather dam.

Residents had to revisit the scare this past weekend, when SCE&G opened one of the dam's floodgates again due to rising waters. The water came

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## It's almost Cookie time in Aiken Sales start Friday with new prices

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Local fans of Girl Scout cookies will be paying more for the tasty treats when the selling season begins Friday. The Girl Scouts of South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands council has raised the price per box from \$3.50 to \$4.

"The price is up to each council, and some councils are selling them for \$3 a box," said Susan Schneider, Mountains to Midlands' director of public relations and advocacy.

"It's been a decade or so since we've increased our price, but we finally had to bite the bullet. The cost of the cookies to us was going up because the cost of the ingredients was rising and the cost of shipping the cookies was rising."

The Mountains to Midlands council serves Aiken County and 21 other counties in the Palmetto State. The council's headquarters is in Greenville.

"The primary purpose of the Girl Scout Cookie Program is for girls to learn skills that will help them get a job someday and be successful," Schneider said. "It teaches them business ethics and how to set goals, make decisions, manage money and get along with people. It also is the Girl Scouts' primary fundraising program. All of our proceeds will stay within our council."

The Girl Scouts in the Mountains to Midlands Council sell approximately 1.5 million boxes of cookies each year, Schneider said.

Katie Miller, of Aiken, is a veteran Girl Scout troop leader and cookie manager.

"We'll have about 255 Girl Scouts selling cookies this year in the Aiken area," Miller said. "We encourage all of them to set a personal goal. The ones that do set goals, we find, are the ones that typically sell the most cookies because they are excited about

### Sales teach Scouts five essentials for life



All information provided by Girl Scout Research Institute, Dec. 2012/www.girlscouts.org

## County Council cites jobs, safety for 2016 goals

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The new year brings a sense of renewed conviction in the form of New Year's resolutions.

For the members of Aiken County Council, their New Year's resolutions include goals for the coming year, what they'd like to accomplish over the next 12 months.

County Council Chairman Ronnie Young said the County will continue to focus on the quality of life and improvements in the safety of county residents as top goals in 2016. The services provided by the County need to be addressed and upgraded wherever possible in 2016. Young said, citing an emphasis on public safety and emergency services. "We will continue to focus on economic development with every effort to bring new industry and new jobs to Aiken County."

Persuading the state legislature in Columbia to restore the County's local government fund is another critical issue according to Young.

"Over the last six to seven years, they have cut our funding by \$10 million," Young said.

"This is money that the legislature proposed to return back to the counties from the general fund of the State. There was a formula set that the state would return 4.5 percent of the previous year's general fund back to the counties."

Young added that the issues with Langley Pond will be addressed in 2016.

### Kathy Rawls, District 1

District 1 Council member Kathy Rawls cited the infrastructure improvements getting underway in Aiken County, and the work on Roy Warner Park as two of her primary goals for the coming year.

"I am excited that the expansion of Warner Park will finally start this

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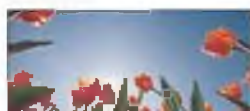
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## Lawmakers talk infrastructure dilemma

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**Editor's note:** This is the second in a series of articles about the upcoming session of the South Carolina General Assembly. Each member of Aiken County's delegation spoke with the Aiken Standard for an interview, except for Don Wells, who did not return our monthly press line.

While the South Carolina Legislature appropriated funding for state roads this past session, lawmakers were unable to compromise on long-term funding

### Coming up

**Today:** Infrastructure  
**Tuesday:** Education  
**Wednesday:** Domestic violence  
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of the biggest and most frustrating issues facing the state's General Assembly this upcoming session.

Legislators lamented that debates over gas tax, flat tax and income tax rules prevented a long-standing roads package from reaching Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. In addition, flat tax opponents

The outcome last year was a quick fix to jumpstart improving the state's roads and highways. More than \$700 million in supplemental funds are being used on roads, including \$70 million specifically for the state's Volvo acquisition.



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Augusta, believe it will take better negotiating from the Senate to produce a concrete bill.

"The problem is that there are no

### More on the gas tax, other issues

The Senate and House crafted separate versions of how to fund the state roads and highways, with both calling for an increase in gas tax and vehicle fees. Sen. Tom Young, R-Aiken, spoke about the House plan, which included raising the gas tax by 10 cents per gallon, increasing vehicle fees and an income tax cut.

Overall, the plan would have generated \$400 million annually for roads. The Senate amended the bill to allocate \$740 million for roads and raise the gas tax by 12 cents with any changes in the state income tax.

Sen. Shane Mussey, R-Judgefield, said





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OLD DANCE ALLIANCE  
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### Dancer reaching new heights

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**W**hen Gregory Nelson started dancing with E.L.Y.A. Dance University three years ago, he was quiet and kept to the back row. This December, he rose above his fellow dancers during the Greenwood Christmas Parade when he performed on 3-foot-tall stilts.

Nelson, 16, was one of the original E.L.Y.A. dancers, which stands for Focus Inspired Young Achievers, when Tarveis Miller opened the studio in 2012. Although Nelson had danced in shows in the Virgin Islands where he grew up, he had never danced in a studio before.

"It was kind of nerve-racking going into it," he said.

Nelson moved to Greenwood from Tortola, one of the British Virgin Islands, about four years ago with his family, including his 15-year-old sister, Madison Nelson, who also dances at E.L.Y.A. Nelson was born in Greenwood, but moved to the Virgin Islands at a young age.

"The Virgin Islands is always home for us because that's all we know," Nelson said.

With this year's Greenwood Christmas Parade theme of "Christmas Around the World," Miller decided on a Caribbean Christmas theme, which was solidified by Nelson's experience with stilts.

"Because I'm from the Virgin Islands, it's a very common thing during the parades," Nelson said.

Nelson learned how to walk with

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Stacey Thompson, former executive director of The Museum and Railroad Historical Center, sits on the back of the museum's engine car Thursday morning.

## Moving on

### The Museum and Railroad Historical Center to begin search for new executive director

By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY  
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Stacey Thompson, executive director of The Museum in Greenwood, announced she accepted a position with The Morris Museum of Art in Augusta, Georgia.

Thompson, 34, who grew up in Greenwood, is scheduled to begin her new job as registrar for The Morris

Museum supporters. "It will also allow me to work closer to my home in Georgia and my family."

Thompson has been executive director of The Museum and Railroad Historical Center in Greenwood since Nov. 1, 2010. During her five years or so at the helm, Thompson said there have been many notable accomplishments for the organizations, with the help of staff and supporters.







## STANDOUT OVERCOMES ADVERSITY

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## OBAMA TO FOCUS ON GUN VIOLENCE

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### LOCAL DIGEST

#### Victims in fatal Union crash identified

Two people have been killed in a three-vehicle wreck on West Main Street in Union. According to Union County Coroner William Holcombe, the crash occurred shortly before 9 p.m. Friday in the 1300 block of West Main Street. Jimmy Dale Price, 40, of Union, was driving a 2009 Ford Escape and died at the scene, according to Holcombe. The coroner reported that Yousha Michelle Vinson, 39, of Union, was a passenger in Price's vehicle when the wreck occurred. She was taken to Spartanburg Medical Center where she later died from her injuries. The Union County Coroner's Office and the Union Public Safety Department are investigating the accident.  
— From staff reports

### STATE

#### Spoletto Festival USA lineup announced

Historic Charleston is a large focus of this spring's 40th edition of the Spoletto Festival USA, from glimpses of the city in the iconic opera "Porgy and Bess" to the tragedy of the Emanuel AME Church shootings. A6

### TIP SHEET

#### Today

- Spartanburg School District 4 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the district office, 118 McEdeco Road, Woodruff.
- Spartanburg School District 6 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the district office, 1390 Cavalier Way, Roebuck.

#### Tuesday

- Spartanburg County Planning Commission meets at 4:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 366 N. Church St., Spartanburg.

CAMPAIGN 2016

## Countdown to caucuses

A year of pregame gives way to a sprint into Iowa

By Thomas Beaumont  
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — It's been a year of town halls and weekend forums and lunchtime meet-and-greets for those who would be president, with nights spent sparring in televised debates and endless days fundraising to pay

for TV ads, direct-mail fliers and organizers to get out the vote.

All of it is aimed at people like Jocelyn Beyer, a Republican from the small town of Sully in rural central Iowa, who says despite the many months of political clamor, she's only just now starting to think about her vote for the White House.

"I can't say I've paid much attention," Beyer said. "The moral issues are what I focus on. If I had to vote today, I'd vote for Ted Cruz." The Texas senator is atop the pack in Iowa, home to

the leadoff caucuses on Feb. 1.

For all the attention showered on early-state voters in the past year by candidates, their unpaid volunteers and high-dollar ad makers — and, yes, journalists, too — the truth is that what happened in 2015 was only the pregame show.

The race for the White House starts this week in earnest, as voters such as Beyer begin to tune in and the candidates try to win them over during a four-week sprint to the Iowa caucuses.

"The race is still fluid," said

Beth Myers, who managed 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney's campaign and supports former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush in 2016. "There's still a twist or two in this primary story that we don't know yet."

Where to begin?

It's easier to start with the Democrats.

Sen. Bernie Sanders, a Vermont independent, hopes an upset in Iowa and a victory in the New Hampshire primary a week

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FORMER DORMAN, CLEMSON STANDOUT

## Humphries carves out niche in NFL

Wide receiver getting noticed in Tampa Bay

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tampa Bay quarterback Jameis Winston believes the key to his team's growth is getting more players with the passion and drive of former Dorman and Clemson receiver Adam Humphries.

The former Florida State Heisman Trophy winner was describing the overall growth of his team in the aftermath of Sunday's 38-10 loss at Carolina and what the team needed to begin approaching the level of the 15-1 Panthers.

When asked about Humphries' contributions as an undrafted free agent who spent three games on the practice squad before finding a niche on the 53-man roster, Winston got a bit intense.

"Adam Humphries is the reason we're going to win next year because that guy has it," Winston said. "He has it. He has the mentality that when he goes out there he's balling. He's relentless and he knows how to persevere. He has a chip on his shoulder and that's why he was so successful for us this year."

Humphries finished fifth on the team and third among wide-outs with 27 catches for

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### Bound for Arizona

Former Dorman and Clemson receiver Adam Humphries completed his rookie season with Tampa Bay's 38-10 loss Sunday at Carolina. He didn't miss a second of Clemson's Orange Bowl









**Emancipation Worship Experience**

## Jesse Jackson shakes, wakes voters

The Rev. Jesse Jackson speaks at the Emancipation Worship Experience on Sunday afternoon at Majority Baptist Church.



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FLORENCE — The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. talked about the importance of voting when he spoke Sunday to a packed Majority Baptist Church sanctuary at the Emancipation Worship Experience.

Jackson said the service was a commemoration of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and the journey through slavery and freedom.

The Pee Dee Baptist Association brought the activist to the church as a way to kick off voter registration.

Jackson said he wants to see a massive turnout for the Feb. 27 Democratic Party primary election.

"All roads lead to South Carolina in the 2016 election," Jackson said. "Once they leave Iowa and New Hampshire, the most representative state, the most multicultural, the most multiracial is South Carolina. A lot of focus is on voter registration and

voter turnout."

Jackson said 1.2 million African-Americans are eligible to vote in South Carolina, but only 900,000 are registered. He has started an initiative to get 100,000 more African-Americans registered to vote and turn out in the upcoming primary.

Jackson said the upcoming presidential election is important for many reasons, including diversion to issues that matter. The focus should be on attacking

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## AgriBiz Expo returning next week

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FLORENCE — Drums, biotechnology and a food-truck rodeo might only come together once a year.

The fourth annual South Carolina AgriBiz and Farm Expo will be held Jan. 13-14 at the Florence Civic Center, and it's expected to be bigger and better than last year.

Efficiency and effectiveness on the farm is the focus, according to a

news release from the Department of Agriculture. The expo will host several education sessions with topics such as marketing, organization, agriculture today and tomorrow, cover crops and soil health.

Both days will also feature

a symposium aimed at small farmers, that will tackle topics such as social-media strategies, agritourism and "farm to table."

Breakfast and lunch at the expo are new this year and will feature offerings of the Fresh on the Menu Food Truck Rodeo, which ranges from doughnuts and burrito to seafood.

"Year after year, the S.C. AgriBiz and Farm Expo continues to be an exceptional event for showcasing all that South Carolina agriculture has to offer," Hugh Weathers, state agriculture commissioner, said in the release. "Attendees can gain insight into the latest technology and agricultural innovations while networking with trade-show exhibitors and other agribusiness leaders."

The first day of the expo will feature the Taste of South Carolina event, which highlights the 2016 Chef Ambassador class. South Carolina commodities including beef, pork, poultry, soybeans and peanuts will be front and center.

The commissioner's breakfast Thursday will be hosted by the S.C.

### IF YOU GO:

- » **WHAT:** S.C. AgriBiz and Farm Expo
- » **WHEN:** Jan. 13-14
- » **WHERE:** Florence Civic Center
- » **ADMISSION:** \$5 daily. Tickets for Taste of South Carolina and the commissioner's breakfast are \$25 each.
- » **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** or to buy tickets, visit [scagribizexpo.com](http://scagribizexpo.com).

## RECREATING HISTORY



COURTESY OF DARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

James Walters poses for a portrait next to his model of the Florence Stockade, which he is donating to the Darlington Historical Society.

## Walters donates Florence Stockade model to Darlington Historical Society

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FLORENCE — Though he considers himself an avid history lover, James Walters was never particularly interested in the Civil War.

Until he visited the site of the Florence Stockade, that is.

The Florence Stockade was

a Confederate prisoner-of-war camp on the outskirts of Florence during the Civil War. Many Union soldiers died there and ultimately were buried in what is now Florence National Cemetery.

When Walters, 76, visited the grounds for the first time, he was inspired immediately. He went home and created a three-dimen-

sional model of the stockade, using meat skewers, toy army men, moss and other items he found around his house and outside in the yard.

He worked piece by piece, imagining the prison camp grounds and recreating the scene.

"This all came out of my brain, you know," Walters said. "I ain't had no kit, no

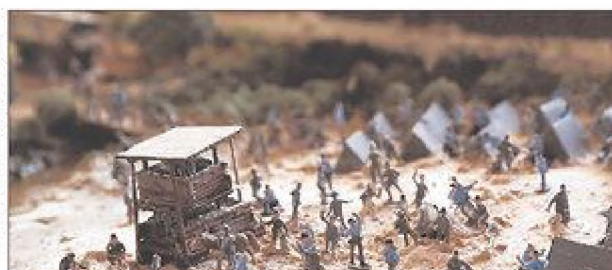
plans or nothing like that. It's just something I picked up from the stockade."

It took him nearly a year to complete, and he now is re-creating the model to donate to the Darlington Historical Society.

Originally, Walters' lack of interest stemmed from the

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Walters was inspired to create the Florence Stockade Civil War model after visiting the grounds on the outskirts of Florence.



Each Monday, the Morning News features a good news story on a person, place or organization in the Pee Dee.





Panthers clinch No. 1 seed in NFC <sup>1B</sup>

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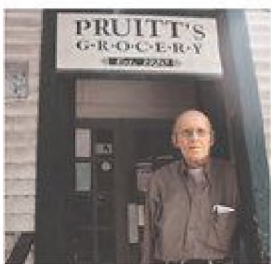
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## RETAIL



## REVAMP



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Beaufort County's business landscape saw numerous openings, closings and relocations in 2015, but a look ahead shows even bigger changes — including the year of Walmart — are upon us



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**S**omehow, we've closed the door on another year.

Looking back, the Beaufort County retail scene has seen significant change, including new restaurants opening, several businesses relocating, big-box retailers heading to Hildon and Beaufort getting its first Starbucks.

But before I highlight businesses that came and went over the past year, there are two renovations on longtime businesses in Beaufort that are worth mentioning.

The historic Victorian mansion at the corner of Bay and Newcastle streets in Beaufort was significantly restored this year, and reopened as an inn, **Anchorage 1770** — the name paying homage to its colorful history

and previous owners, the Elliott family (its original owners) and Adm. Lester Beardslee, who brought the mansion to its current grandeur in the early 20th century.

Only a couple of miles away, **Bitty's Flower Shop**, which opened in its original location in 1957 on Bay Street, reopened after a restoration by its new owner, Tierney Stone. The store has been on Boundary Street since 1988 and the original owner, Jenny Green, sold the family business for the first time to Stone this past summer.

Here are some other highlights from Beaufort County's business scene in 2015:

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