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Muschamp's seat not hot, but it's warm



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HOOPER, Ala.

No, Will Muschamp is not on the hot seat.

In fact, nobody has even said Will Muschamp is on the hot seat. The "hot seat" talk surrounding South Carolina's new head football coach comes from a national columnist who listed Muschamp in the "pressure mounting" category of his annual "hot seat rankings."

Nobody is saying there's any chance Muschamp's job is in jeopardy in the next year, but there is a

real issue at the heart of this conversation and that is this: The Gamecocks' new coach won't get the benefit of the doubt usually afforded new coaches.

Muschamp was Florida's coach from 2011-2014 and was fired with a 28-21 record. Fair or not, that was his honeymoon period.

He entered his turn at SEC Media Days on Thursday knowing that, and he seemed at ease in spite of it, joking with writers he knew from the Gators heat

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DEREK ANDERSON/AP

USC coach Will Muschamp speaks to the media Thursday during SEC media days in Hoover, Ala.

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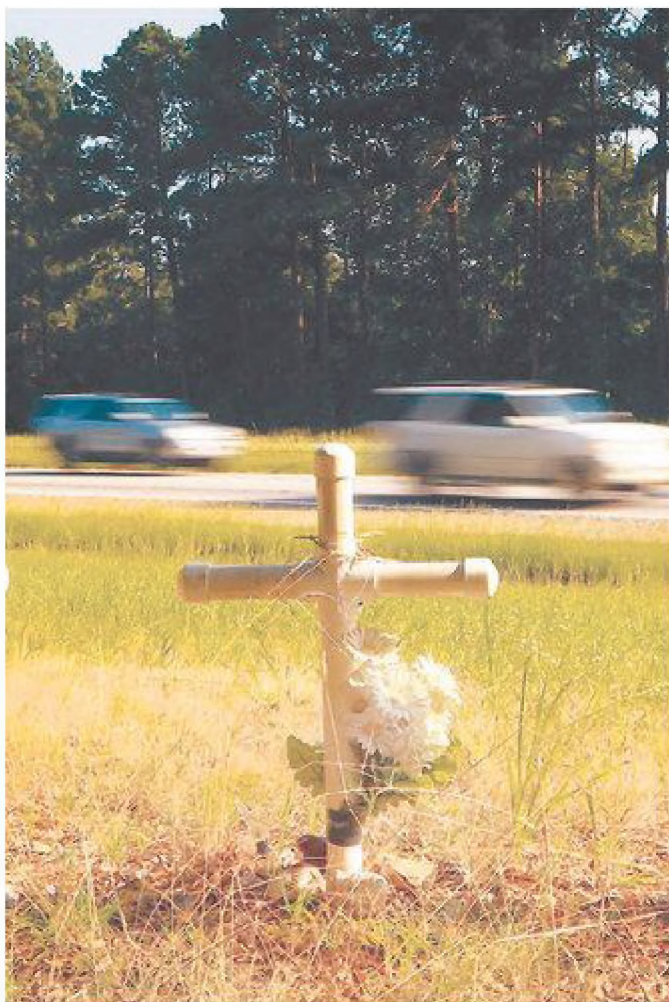
DEADLY SC ROADS

77 PERCENT

increase in fatalities nationwide from 2014 to 2015

16 PERCENT

increase in SC fatalities from 2014 to 2015



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Not only are more people dying on the state's roads in recent years, fatalities are double the rate than they are nationally.

ATTACK IN FRANCE

TRUCK PLOWS THROUGH CROWD, KILLING 80

Man drove more than a mile through revelers celebrating Bastille

Day in Nice, France, before he was killed in shootout with police. 4A



ELECTIONS 2016

What SC thinks of Trump's VP pick

Indiana Gov. Pence seen as solid conservative choke

Several S.C. Republicans served with Pence in House

"Conservatives can rest assured that there will be a solid, conservative voice on the inside..."

BY KRISTOW MARGHAUT
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S.C. political leaders largely had positive reactions Thursday to reports that Republican Donald Trump will name Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his vice-presidential running mate.

Multiple news outlets reported the presumptive GOP presidential nominee



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Pence.

"We often worked together on the Republican Study Committee to advance conservative legislation," said Mike Pence, who



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Easley pastor GOP convention speaker

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From a makeshift studio in a small office building on a side street near downtown Easley, Pastor Mark Burns reaches out to the world with the gospel message via his internet-based Christian TV network.

Next week, he will be reaching out to the world at the Republican National Convention with what he sees as a similar message — one of love and unity in a time of hate and racial division.

It's not the first time Burns, who pastors a small church in the same office building on Wyatt Avenue, has stumped for the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

He's been a part of the Donald Trump touring train ever since before the ill-

luminare businessman officially began his campaign, firing up crowds before the candidate takes the stage in venues across the country, and in interviews with all the major media outlets.

He told *The Greenville News* on Thursday that he plans to say Monday at the RNC much the same kind of things he's been saying during Trump events.

"My message across this country on the Trump rallies has been consistent, which is about unifying our people," he said. "And when I say our people, I mean Americans — that we should not be focusing on the colors that divide us but really focus on the colors that unite us. That's the red, white and blue of America."

And Donald Trump, he says, is the candidate who has the ability to do that. "I think he is, by really focusing on is-

sues that are not color based but real issues that are impacting the human race," Burns said. "And that is, No. 1, jobs."

"Poverty doesn't know any color. Poverty doesn't recognize a race. Poverty can affect anyone despite the color of their skin."

How a small-town preacher who had no reputation as a political mover and shaker came to be a surrogate for Trump can be traced back to his internet-based TV network, theNOWnetwork.org.

Through it, Burns became acquainted with evangelist Paula White, a Trump ally, who invited Burns to participate in a meeting at Trump Tower in New York last September. Trump was exploring the possibility of running for president



LELAND OUTZ

Pastor Mark Burns of Easley, in his TV studio

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South Carolina coach Will Muschamp puts his optimism into play at the Southeastern Conference Media Days on Thursday.

MUSCHAMP: USC READY TO WIN NOW

Coach exudes confidence at SEC Media Days



» Media picks Tennessee to win the East, Alabama to win the West. See where the Gamecocks stack up. **Page 2C**

» Muschamp says the Gamecocks are planning on

Hospital trustees OK nursing home sale

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Greenville Health System trustees on Thursday unanimously approved the sale of the Cottages at Brushy Creek to a private nursing home company.

The 141-bed nursing home in Greer was built by GHS in 2007 and hasn't been making money.

The sale price was listed as \$10.1 million and a closing is expected by Sept. 30.

The decision was made to sell the facility to Orianna Health Systems, a private company based in Memphis, Tennessee with nursing homes in 11 states, including 17 in South Carolina. Thirteen of them are in the Upstate, including a 132-bed facility on Kutherford Road in Greenville.

Malcolm Isley, vice president of strategic services for GHS, said the hospital evaluated its holdings and concluded that nursing home services are not a core competency. So he decided the Cottages would be better off run by a company that specializes in skilled nursing care, he said.

Meanwhile, he said, the proceeds could be put into other services.

Rep. Mike Burns, a member of the Greenville County legislative delegation that has been critical of GHS's plans to restructure to a private non-profit from a public nonprofit, said that selling a property which is losing money makes sense.

"I don't have a problem with them going through proper channels to sell it off if it's not profitable," he said. "But I do have a problem with them going out and buying hospital systems like Oconee and Laurens, which were not profitable. I'm glad they're doing something to stem the losses and make a profit."

GHS recently announced a \$16 million budget shortfall. It's made pro-



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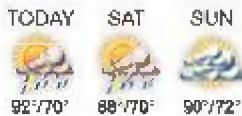
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UPSTATE



Warehouse jobs draw many applicants

Nearly 100 job seekers interviewed for 3D distribution center jobs paying up to \$14 an hour at Dollar General's Jonesville warehouse Thursday during a recruitment event at the Upstate SC Works office in Spartanburg. C1

Spring Fling Committee holds first meeting

The new Spring Fling Committee, formed by Spartanburg City Council and with members appointed by Mayor Julie Whitte, held its first meeting Thursday to discuss the annual festival. C1

NATION & WORLD



Obama confronts race issues at town hall

America's fraught debate about tensions between blacks and police spilled over Thursday into hang-wringing about societal problems beyond any one person's capacity to fix — even the president. At a town hall meeting recorded to be broadcast in prime time, President Barack Obama cautiously offered suggestions, but no surefire solutions. A7



Police officers and a soldier stand by the sealed off area of an attack after a truck drove on to the sidewalk and plowed through a crowd of revelers who'd gathered to watch the fireworks in the French resort city of Nice, southern France, on Friday. A spokesman for France's Interior Ministry says there are likely to be "several dozen dead" after a truck drove into a crowd of revelers celebrating Bastille Day. CIARAN FAHEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Truck slams into revelers in Nice, at least 80 dead

By Ciaran Fahey and Raphael Satter
The Associated Press

NICE, France — A truck loaded with weapons and hand grenades drove onto a sidewalk for more than a mile, plowing through Bastille Day revelers who'd gathered to watch fireworks in the French resort city of Nice late Thursday. At least 80 people were

killed before police killed the driver, authorities said. Nice prosecutor Jean-Michel Pretre described a horrific scene, with bodies strewn along the roadway, and Sylvie Toffin, a press officer with the local prefecture, said the truck ran over people on a "long trip" down the sidewalk near Nice's Palais de la

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CAMPAIGN 2016

Trump postpones VP choice

Presumptive GOP nominee cites France attacks for decision; Pence the favorite

By Julie Pace and Jill Colvin
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump abruptly postponed plans to announce his vice presidential pick following a day of rampant speculation, citing the "horrible attack" in Nice, France, that left scores dead.

Trump had planned to hold his first event with his yet-to-be-named running mate Friday morning in New York. He announced the change of plans Thursday evening on Twitter. The stunning announcement raised questions about the status of Trump's selection process. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence had emerged as a late favorite for the job, though Trump said he had not finalized the pick and advisers cautioned he could change his mind.

"I haven't made my final, final decision," Trump said on Fox News.

After spending much of Thursday in Indianapolis, Pence flew to New York late in the day, according to a Republican familiar with the process. Indianapolis television station WTHR posted a video showing Pence arriving at a private airport in New Jersey early Thursday evening.

Trump did not say when he planned to announce his running mate. He's up against a clock: The Republican convention kicks off in Cleveland Monday.

In addition to Pence, Trump's

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USDA funds project on drug abuse

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — The Florence County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse received a \$318,218 grant Wednesday from the United States Department of Agriculture to help increase access to treatment and preventative care in rural communities throughout South Carolina.

"We're going to have a fully integrated statewide telehealth system for the alcohol and drug agencies,"

said Randy Cole, chief executive officer of the Florence County Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse at Circle Park.

Although the system will benefit patients across the state, Florence is credited for receiving the grant because Cole and Circle Park applied on behalf of the statewide drug and alcohol system formed by legislative Act 301.

When patients are transferred from a behavioral center such as Circle Park to a hospital or other rehabilitation center, the line of

communication often is cut after paperwork is signed to confirm that a patient was received.

Cole hopes the money from the telemedicine grant will change that. The grant provides a video system, which will serve as a tool for communication with patients, referrals and other folks on the network, Cole said.

It allows for a warmer exchange and a face-to-face discussion between patients and their counselors.

"Most of our population falls through the cracks. When they

want help for an alcohol or drug issue, they fall through the cracks," Cole said. "It's just one more way to eliminate barriers to service."

The system also can link some of the smaller centers with larger centers across the state to provide access to more services.

The grant is part of a larger USDA announcement of nearly \$23.4 million Distance Learning and Telehealth grants, which will fund more than 80 projects in 32 states.

Florence's project is one of 36

telemedicine projects, which are used to provide a wide variety of health services from primary care to chronic and specialty health needs and can be used to address opioid misuse, a problem that is especially prevalent in rural areas, according to the USDA.

The funding was announced Thursday by Tom Vilsack, the United States secretary of agriculture, who is leading an interagency effort on the opioid epidemic affecting communities across the country.

Timmonsville

Councilman says meeting set to discuss mayor's power

From Staff Reports

TIMMONSVILLE — Timmonsville Councilman Jimmy Pigate said a called council meeting will be held today to discuss Mayor Derrick Jackson's power and how taxpayers' money was borrowed to have former town Police Chief Gregory Palmer released from jail.

The meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. at town hall.

Pigate said the majority of the town's council members were not aware of the borrowing of money.

The Morning News has received no confirmation that money was borrowed to have Palmer released from jail, but Councilwoman Cheryl Qualls said following the July 5 council meeting that she had received a tip about taxpayers' dollars being used in a situation regarding Palmer and child support.

At the meeting, Qualls requested an audit to show how taxpayers' money had been spent the last two to three years.

Jackson fired Palmer at the July 5 meeting on behalf of the town, for unspecified reasons.

"As mayor and council, we have lost the confidence in his ability to lead the department," Jackson said at the meeting.

Town administrator Mary Blues said Thursday afternoon that she and the mayor were unaware of a called meeting set for today.

Pearl Street sinkhole repair continues

Reopening aimed for today

From Staff Reports

DARLINGTON — Repair work is continuing on a sewer line that collapsed Wednesday afternoon on Pearl Street at Sycamore Street, opening a large sinkhole in the road.

Special camp for special kids



PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS FOR MORNING NEWS

Cruise and Ben (right) play inside a caterpillar tunnel at the Florence YMCA during the Autism Avengers camp.

Autism Avengers Camp returns for second year

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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ABOVE: Ann Rexrode (left) and Kayla Woods (right) help T.J. make his American flag T-shirt, using his hand print as the blue portion of the flag.

FLORENCE — Last year, a group in Florence held the first camp at the YMCA for kids with an autism spectrum disorder. All 4 Autism, a nonprofit group in Florence, put on the Autism Avengers camp. Amy Pennington, development coordinator for the organization, said that because the camp was a huge hit, she and the organization wanted to offer it again.

"This is just so great," Pennington said. "It is so good to know that we have returning campers from last year. Almost every camper from last year

WANT TO GO?

• **WHAT:** Autism Avengers Camp
• **WHEN:** July 18-21, 9 a.m. to noon
• **WHERE:** The Florence YMCA, 1700 Rutledge Drive
• **COST:** \$30 per camper
For more information, contact Amy Pennington at apennington@all4autism.org or 843-471-6295.

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Police officers stand near a van with its windshield riddled with bullets on Thursday on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice, France.

NICE, FRANCE

At least 77 dead as truck hits revelers

Crowd had gathered to watch Bastille Day fireworks

'There was carnage on the road,' eyewitness says

Truck that plowed down people on sidewalk was loaded with grenades

BY CIARAN FAHEY
AND RAPHAEL SARTER
Associated Press

NICE, FRANCE

A truck loaded with weapons and hand grenades drove onto a sidewalk for more than a mile, plowing through Bastille Day revelers who'd gathered to watch fireworks in the French resort city of Nice late Thursday. At least 77 people were killed, authorities said, and

some officials and witnesses called it a deliberate attack.

Nice prosecutor Jean-Michel Prete described a horrific scene, with bodies strewn about along the roadway. However, he stopped short of using the word "attack," while acknowledging that "it has many ingredients of an attack that allow us to think that."

The ranking politician of the Alpes-Maritime department that includes Nice said the

truck plowed into the crowd over a distance of 1.2 miles, killing 77 people and wounding 50. Many of those on the ground were in shorts and other summer clothing.

Eric Ciotti said on BFM TV that police killed the driver "apparently after an exchange of gunfire."

Sylvie Toffin, a press officer with the local prefecture, said the truck ran over people on a "long trip" down the sidewalk near Nice's Palais de la Mediterranee, a building that fronts the beach.

Wassim Bouhici, a Nice native who spoke to the AP nearby, said that he saw a truck drive into the crowd. "There was carnage on the road," he said. "Bodies everywhere."

THE TRUCK PLOWED INTO THE CROWD OVER A DISTANCE OF 1.2 MILES.

The president of the Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur regional council, which includes Nice, said the truck was loaded with arms and grenades. Christian Estrosi told BFM TV that "the driver fired on the crowd, according to the police who killed him."

Rouhlet said he witnessed the man emerge with a gun and start shooting.

Images being broadcast across French media showed revelers running for their lives down Nice's palm tree-lined Promenade des Anglais, the famous seaside boulevard named for the English aristocrats who proposed its construction in the 19th century.

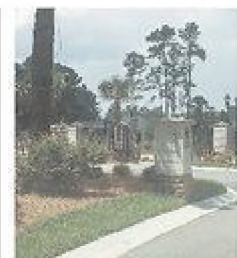
Video footage showed men and women — one or two pushing strollers — racing to get away from the scenes. And, in

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LOCAL

DEVELOPMENT GATES DAMAGED

A Palmetto Breeze bus damages a gate at a new housing development off Spanish Wells Road on Hilton Head Island. 3A



SPORTS

PHIL THRILLS AT BRITISH OPEN

Phil Mickelson shoots a 63 on the Royal Troon course, tying the record for the lowest round at a major. 1B



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Girl helps police, kids smile



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Ajita B. Rajendra, chairman and CEO of A. O. Smith Corp., congratulates members of the McBee A. O. Smith plant safety team Wednesday on receiving the company's top safety award on behalf of A.O. Smith McBee employees.

McBee A.O. Smith employees win safety award

BY JIM FALE
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McBEE — Employees of the A.O. Smith plant in McBee received the company's Lloyd B. Smith President's Safety Award for 2015 Wednesday during a ceremony at the plant, the company's top workplace safety award.

The award, named after a former chief executive officer of the Milwaukee-based company, is given annually to the A.O. Smith facility that achieves the best overall performance in workplace safety.

A total of 23 facilities worldwide were evaluated based on statistical measures as well as evidence of having a comprehensive, sustainable workplace safety program.

The award comes following a year in which employees at the plant launched nine new safety initiatives.

"This is an extremely difficult award to win," A.O. Smith Chairman and CEO Ajita B. Rajendra told employees during the presentation ceremony. "At a mature plant such as McBee, it can be very difficult to

keep a safety program from becoming stale and routine. Your team, however, has done an amazing job of keeping your safety program fresh, vital and in the forefront of everyone's thinking at McBee."

Rajendra said workplace safety is one of the company's core values. "We call it a value because values are constant — unlike priorities, they never change," he said. "It's right up there with taking care of the customer and treating each other with respect and dignity. For 142 years, our values have helped make

A.O. Smith what it is today, a great place to work."

"When it comes to keeping everyone safe, you can talk about equipment or processes, but what it really comes down to are people, men and women who embrace the responsibility of maintaining a safe and productive environment," said Kevin Wheeler, president of A.O. Smith's North American Water Heating business. "Effective is one secret to McBee's success, a reason why you've earned this award a record four

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Mahoney named editor of Hartsville Messenger

From staff reports

HARTSVILLE — Newspaper veteran Kent Mahoney is the new editor of The Hartsville Messenger.

Mahoney has spent 35 years in journalism, having worked in Missouri, Kansas and Texas, most recently at the Post Dispatch newspaper in Post, Texas, home of cereal magnate, C.W. Post. Mahoney spent most of his formative years in the Houston market.



Mahoney

"We searched long and hard to find the right person for this key job, and the wait was worth it," said Don Kausler II, regional editor of the Morning News and its affiliated weekly newspapers. "Kent comes to Hartsville and The Messenger with passion, experience, energy and enthusiasm. We look forward to him making a difference at the newspaper and in the community."

Mahoney has worked in community settings almost his entire career. "There is no subject matter too big or too small for community news," he said.

"I am thrilled and excited to be working with Jim Fale and Ardie Arvidson to continue the kind of reporting that Hartsville has come to know and love," Mahoney said.

As part of his role as editor, Mahoney will concentrate on high school and community sports.

"If you can keep score for it, or give a trophy for it, I'm all in for

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'We Heart Play'



Hudson Welch, 4, takes his swings off the T-ball stand during Wednesday's opening of 'We Heart Play' at Buery Park. The daily program for children of all ages will continue until Aug. 2.



'We Heart Play' coordinator TeQuan Coe (left) and City of Hartsville Parks and Recreation Director Adam Bedard discuss ways to keep Hartsville's children active during a three-week program ongoing in city parks around Hartsville.

Program seeks to get kids outdoors this summer

BY KENT MAHONEY
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In an effort to keep local children active during the summer months, the city of Hartsville Parks and Recreation Department has launched "We Heart Play" at various locations around the city.

The two-hour play sessions will be at five different parks around the city and will involve children of

all ages in sports and other outdoor activities.

Hartsville Play coordinator TeQuan Coe will be spearheading the activities from 10 a.m. to noon each weekday through Aug. 2.

Coe is a class of 2016 Hartsville grad and a recent participant in the All-America City Selection process.

"I thought it would be

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Baseball coach, Kermit Smith, leaving Lander

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Greenwood family near France attack

From staff reports

Dr. Sameh Makar Hanna with Greenwood Internal Medicine said he and his family — wife Dalia Botros and children Nadine, 12, and Alexander, 6 — were near the scene of the Thursday night attacks in Nice, France, but were unharmed.

"God is good," he said via Facebook messenger.

Hanna said about 10 p.m. — or 4 a.m. in Nice — that he "never imagined this would happen to us, but grateful we left the shooting area just minutes before it happened."

In what officials and eyewitnesses are calling a deliberate attack, a truck

"Instinctively held the kids and ran too not knowing what was happening. My wife did see a lady bleeding out of her leg."

— DR. SAMEH MAKAR HANNA on seeing the attack in Nice, France

loaded with weapons plowed through Bastille Day revelers who'd gathered to watch fireworks in Nice late Thursday. Authorities said at least 80 people were killed.

"We saw the fireworks and went to watch it and got to the promenade

More coverage of the attack

■ Read 5A to find out more about the attack in Nice, France.

intersection with Rue du Congrès. It was packed so we did not get into the promenade. Took some pictures and as soon as it was over headed back to get less than a block away."

He said he didn't hear the gunshots, but saw the aftermath as people ran for shelter.

"Just about as we were getting our table and about to sit we saw a flood

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Fireworks go off behind Dr. Sameh Makar Hanna, right, wife Dalia Botros, left, and their 12-year-old daughter Nadine in Nice, France on Thursday night.

MORNING BLEND

Officials stress importance of penny tax vote

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"Have you hugged a cop today," asked Police Chief Gerald Brooks at Thursday's Greenwood Area Chamber of Commerce Morning Blend meeting.



GERALD BROOKS



JOHN LONG

"I'll admit," he told the crowd, "some of you look very huggable — but some of you don't."

Laughter filled in on the Square's ballroom as Brooks and others gave the crowd their explanation and pitch for why Greenwood should pass the Capital Projects Sales Tax referendum in November. Paul Bagnoli, chair of the public safety committee for the penny tax and one of the people who helped develop the county fire services eight-year master plan, was the first to take the microphone.

He highlighted some of the projects the committee selected to be funded by the penny tax if it passes in November. Among them were countywide improvements to the emergency radio systems, improvements to law enforcement record management and the fire services master plan.

The master plan would be broken down into three phases, he said. The first would include renovating existing fire stations

BEAST OF BURDEN IN NEED



PHOTO BY CONOR HUGHES / INDEX-JOURNAL

TOP: Joe Mann with rescue horse, Patches, Thursday at the Big Oaks Rescue Farm. BOTTOM: Mary Moss injects Yogi the horse with a treatment for an infection in his leg. The diverse range of treatments needed for the animals at Big Oaks Rescue Farm can be costly.



Struggling rescue farm seeks aid from the community

By CONOR HUGHES
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Big Oaks Rescue Farm, the saving grace of abused and neglected animals of all shapes and sizes since 2007, is now in need of rescue itself, according to owner and founder Joe Mann.

A drop in donations and a drought-driven rise in the price of hay has pushed the Greenwood County farm, which houses more than 300 animals, to the brink of financial collapse, Mann said.

According to Mann, Big Oaks' monthly expenses vary. See FARM, page 4A

Greenwood YMCA reopens swimming pool

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