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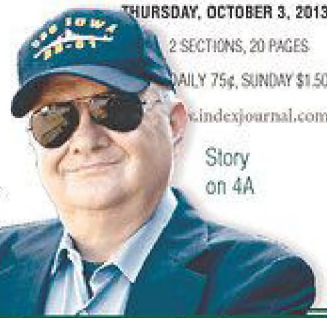
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Dickenson gets suspension

Abbeville fire chief was suspended 1 week without pay following Aug. 30 scuffle in Spartanburg County



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By **MATT BRUCE**
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City of Abbeville officials this week revealed new information concerning the fallout in the wake of Abbeville Fire Chief Neal Dickenson's disorderly con-

duct citation in August.

According to a personnel action form the Index-Journal acquired Tuesday through a Freedom of Information Act request, Dickenson was suspended from his duties for one week following the Aug. 30 scuffle in

Spartanburg County.

The one-page document indicated Dickenson's suspension went into effect retroactively Sept. 10, and he was docked for 40 hours of pay during the two-week pay period that ended that day. The 20-year fireman was

allowed to return to work from the suspension Sept. 11.

The weeklong suspension stemmed from Dickenson's alleged involvement in a fight in the bleachers of an Abbeville High School road game at Woodruff High during the sec-

ond weekend of the football season. Spartanburg County deputies described the fracas, which involved two other Abbeville men, as a "large fight." Records indicated it took six officers to

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"She was a young lady who loved life, who loved her family, who loved friends, who loved people."

Greenwood reverend Jason Wilson



Friends and family mourn the loss of Alisha Martin Boyter during her funeral Wednesday.

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CELEBRATING 'BUG'

Hundreds come to pay last respects to Alisha Boyter

By **MATT BRUCE**
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Hundreds came Wednesday afternoon to pay their final respects to a Greenwood woman who was tragically killed in a car crash during the weekend.

Alisha Martin Boyter was expecting to give birth to a son named Hayes Elliot in Decem-

ber. She and her unborn child died in a brutal two-car wreck along S.C. Highway 225 late Friday night. A host of loved ones were on hand at Wednesday's procession to mourn their heartbreaking loss.

"She was a young lady who loved life, who loved her family, who loved friends, who loved people," said Greenwood reverend Jason Wilson, who

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Greenwood law enforcement officers form a line to guide Alisha Martin Boyter to her final resting place Wednesday afternoon.

FATALITY

Man struck by truck

55-year-old dies as result of injuries

From staff reports

A Greenwood man died Tuesday night after he was struck by a truck in Uptown Greenwood.

Greenwood County Coroner Sonny Cox identified the victim as 55-year-old Derrell J. Anty, of 7 Gilliam Court.

The incident occurred about 9 p.m. Tuesday along South Main Street near Greenwood High Apartments. That's where Anty was struck by a Ford pickup truck traveling north along the road.

According to a Greenwood police report, witnesses at the scene told police the victim walked into the road heading east across the street with his head down just before he was hit. The driver of the vehicle said she saw the man standing on the double yellow lines in the middle of the thoroughfare at Circular Avenue, and she slowed her vehicle down.

She continued driving and struck Anty on the right side of the pickup, and swerved around his body to avoid running him over, she said. The woman then turned into the apartment complex and called police.

Officers noted the victim was wearing a gray shirt and dark blue shorts at the time of the crash, and indicated the area where the collision occurred was not well lit. Anty was initially taken to Self Regional Medical Center, where doctors indicated he sustained a fractured pelvis and was not in stable condition. He was then airlifted to Greenville Memorial Hospital, where he succumbed to the injuries at 1:50 a.m. Wednesday.

No charges have been filed in the incident.



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National Guard won't process same-sex benefits at SC facilities, 1B

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SHUTDOWN TALKS GET NO DEAL

Dems reject GOP bills to
reopen parts of government

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama brought congressional leaders to the White House on Wednesday for the first time since a partial government shutdown began, but there was no sign of progress toward ending an impasse that has idled 800,000 federal workers and



A furloughed federal worker holds out a sign Wednesday in Washington. AP

curbed services around the country.

Obama "refuses to negotiate," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, told re-

porters after private talks that lasted more than an hour. "All we're asking for here is a discussion and fairness for the American people under 'Obamacare,'"

But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said neither the president nor Democrats in Congress would accept changes in the nation's 3-year-old health care law as the price for spending legislation needed to end the two-day partial shutdown.

With the nation's ability to borrow money soon to lapse, Republicans and Democrats alike said the shutdown

could last for two weeks or more, and soon oblige a divided government to grapple with both issues at the same time.

The White House said in a statement after the meeting that Obama had made it clear "he is not going to negotiate over the need for Congress to act to reopen the government or to raise the debt limit to pay the bills Congress has already incurred."

It added: "The president remains

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Probation agency disputes audit

Some legislators still doubt
department's use of funds

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COLUMBIA — Three months after a critical legislative audit, officials of the state's probation agency say they have accounted for how they spent \$3.8 million in sentencing reform funds.

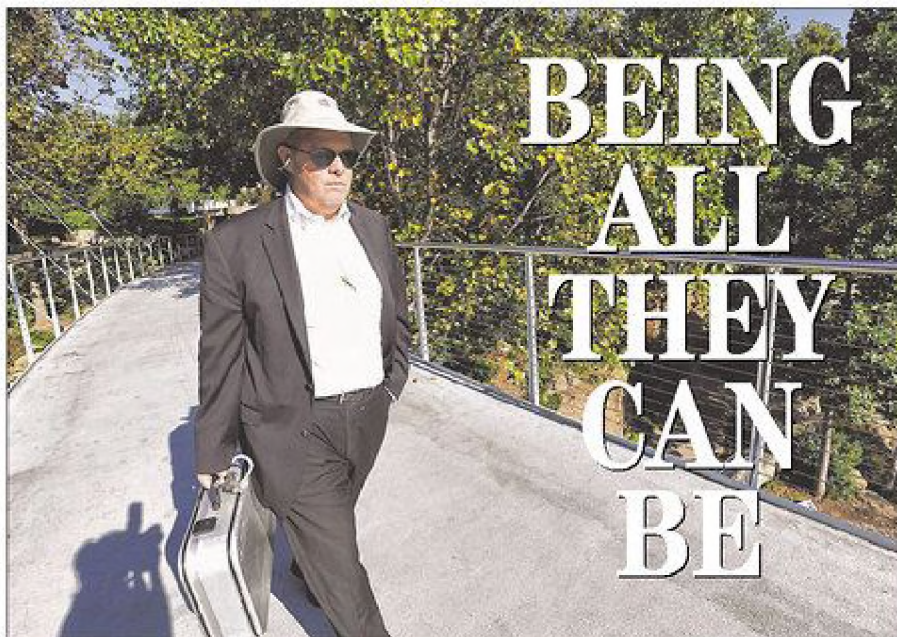
But their explanation is at odds with the findings of the Legislative Audit Council, and some lawmakers remain unconvinced the agency spent the money as intended.

At the crux of the issue is whether the state Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services used much of the money to expand its ranks of probation agents as the Legislature expected, or whether, as some lawmakers and the director of the LAC contend, the department used the money to replace staff.

The LAC concluded in June that the money was spent on building up cash reserves and to replace lost federal stimulus funds.

In an accounting for *The Greenville News*, the agency says it spent \$2.5 million on salaries and employer contribu-

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Kamran Popkin, a Navy veteran and entrepreneur, said the military gave him leadership experience at a young age. HEIDI HELBRUN/STAFF

Veterans draw on lessons from military service to succeed as entrepreneurs

By Amy Clarke Burns
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After they've become Army strong or aimed high or been among the few and the proud, veterans leaving military service often join the ranks of another band of distinguished Americans: entrepreneurs.

Veterans are 45 percent more likely to be self-employed than people with no military service, according to the Small Business Administration's Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development.

"Being an all-volunteer service, it takes a lot for a veteran — man or woman — to go sign up, get on the bus, go to training and in most cases go through a war. They become fiercely independent," said Robert Rehder, director of the Veterans Business Outreach Center at Fayette-

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"We know that small business has to contribute in a very substantial way to an economic recovery," Rehder said. "We want veterans to do it because they have some of the characteristics that we're looking for in small business entrepreneurs."

Whether they've served two years or 25, veterans have undergone extensive training and experiences that distinguish them from everyday civilians and prepare them for the minefield of business ownership.

"Being part of a bigger thing to the point of some level of self-sacrifice — that's what the military is and that's what entrepreneurship is," said Kamran Popkin, owner of Swag Club, a local ad-

Some of the things that you learn when you're in the military foster the idea for entrepreneurial spirit. If you're good at being in the military, then a lot of the stuff that makes it challenging for business owners is something you're already accustomed to.

MATTHEW PAVELEK

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USC Aerospace center hopes to land Boeing

School talking with plane maker
about projects, research

By ANDREW SHAIN
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When will Boeing become a wingman on the University of South Carolina's new aerospace research center?

There are signs the Boeing-USC relationship is growing, holding out the possibility of growing the state's new aerospace sector.

Representatives of the Chicago-based aerospace giant, which has a newly opened 6,000-employee plant in North Charleston, have attended events for USC's new McNair Center for Aerospace Research and Innovation. The center's new director also spent a year working for the company, and the school is talking with Boeing about sharing manu-

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Novelist Clancy dies at 66

By HILLEL ITALIE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In 1985, a year after the Cold War thriller "The Hunt for Red October" came out, author Tom Clancy was invited to lunch at the Reagan White House, where he was questioned by Navy Secretary John Lehman.

Who, the secretary wanted to know, gave Clancy access to all that secret material?

Clancy, the best-selling novelist who died Tuesday in Baltimore at 66, insisted then, and after, that his information was strictly unclassified: books, interviews and papers that were easily obtained. Also, two submarine officers reviewed the final manuscript.

Government officials may have worried how



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FEDERAL SHUTDOWN IN S.C.

Stalemate could affect home sales



Sean Madden, with Two Men and a Truck, moves items Wednesday into Occo Skin Studio in Columbia.

Federal financial and consumer safety checks
could bring mortgage business to a grinding halt

By CASSIE COPE
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Even though some government housing loans are still available during the federal government shutdown, the government pa-

INSIDE: Graham, Mulvaney, Sanford give up salaries in shutdown. **Page A4** Wall Street 'flying blind.' **Page B4**

perwork required for some mortgage lenders may hold up those trying to buy a home.

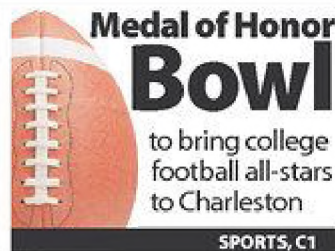
Government offices shuttered and many services dried up Tuesday after the budget standoff in Congress. Because of far-reaching, federal financial

and consumer safety checks required in the lending industry, the mortgage business could come to a grinding halt.

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Boyfriend accused in slayings of 2

Police: Sailor killed Sangaree Intermediate student, her mother



Jacob Phillip faces two counts of murder.

BY CHRISTINA ELMORE
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A pink scooter with purple streamers, a pair of plastic pails and turquoise galoshes the size of a child's foot made clear that a little girl lived at 302 Kershaw Road.

Remnants of the child's playful times outside the Sangaree home were a stark contrast Wednesday morning to the horrors that recently took place there.

Riley Burdick, 8, was found strangled in her bed on Tuesday. The girl was a student at Sangaree Intermediate School. Her mother, 26-year-old Ashley Kane, also had been killed, authorities said.

Berkeley County sheriff's deputies said their deaths were a case of domestic violence at the hands of Kane's boyfriend, a 22-year-old sailor from Virginia Beach, Va.



PROVIDED BY AMANDA BURVETTE
Ashley Kane and daughter Riley Burdick.

There's light at the end

City makes progress on tunnel that will help wash away our flood troubles



PHOTOGRAPH BY BRAD NITTEL/STAFF
Construction workers with Triad-Midwest Mole install steel ribs and hardwood lagging on the outer wall of the 1,228-foot drainage tunnel under Market Street. The excavating process is complete and the next phase will be installing concrete walls.

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It took only a minute for a crane to lower the steel cage through the concrete-lined caisson shaft some 140 feet below Market and Concord streets.

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buildings and soak tourists' feet.

City Engineer Laura Cabness and Cliff Kassouf with Triad-Midwest Mole, the main contractor, provided the tour Wednesday to show off progress.

"The drainage work we're doing in the city is unprecedented," Cabness said. "It's also expensive."

And it's also ahead of schedule. The tunnels are completed.

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One of the ways construction workers gain entry to the Concord and Market streets drainage tunnels is by being lowered in a steel cage 140 feet below the ground.

Ripple effect starting to hurt

Shutdown hits more than federal workers

BY BO PETERSEN
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Biologist Louis Burnett had to move his lab students to a conference room across the parking lot at Fort Johnson. His federal lab, animals and cell cultures are under lock and key.

Burnett's dilemma is a case example of the ripple effect of the ongoing federal shutdown.

As the shutdown enters its third day, the clock keeps ticking insistently for any number of people who don't work for the federal government but find themselves on the outs because of the political standoff.

Burnett is a research professor at the College of Charleston. But like others in a cadre of college and state researchers, he collaborates on studies, shares office space and makes use of the equipment at the holdings Marine Lab and the Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research.

The federal labs share the Fort Johnson campus on James Island with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources and the Medical University of South Carolina.

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READ MORE: For the latest updates on the government shutdown and more photos, go to postandcourier.com. For an interactive graphic, go to postandcourier.com/budget-battle.

POLL: To what extent have you been affected by the federal shutdown? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.



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Compass auction opens at \$500K

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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The building that would have been Compass Academy will be auctioned off later this month with an opening bid of \$500,000, a Greenville-based real estate marketing firm announced on Wednesday.

Leonardi Bracken Real Estate. Bracken was selected by court-appointed receiver Sherri Lydon to sell the 53,000-square-foot facility on Toolebeck Road, which is about 70 percent complete. The property had been on the market for \$1.5 million.

"The \$500,000 opening bid should attract interest," Bracken said. "It is rare to find an opportunity to purchase a 53,000-square-foot building, of this caliber, in this price range. They paid \$300,000 to purchase the land, and then spent another \$4.5 million in construction costs."

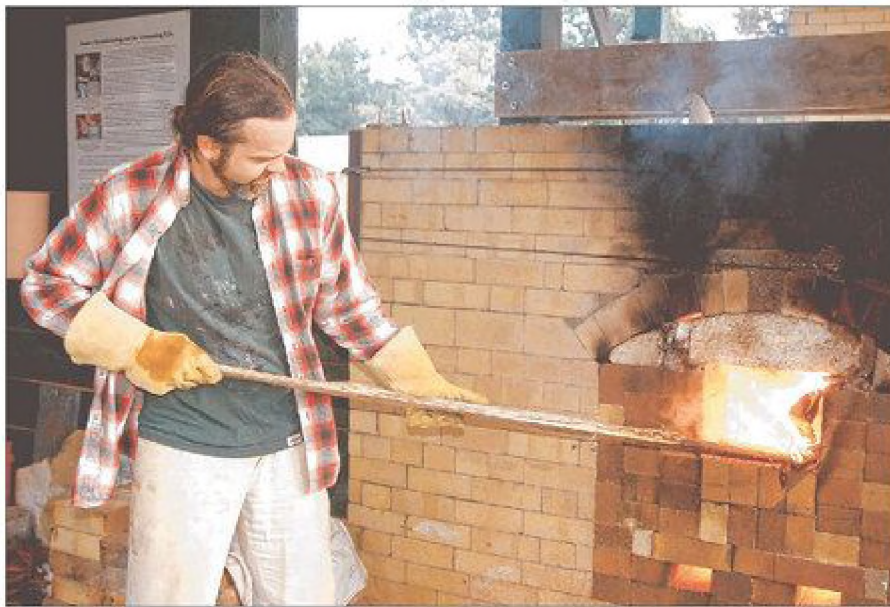
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Dan Bracken, broker in charge for Leonardi Bracken Real Estate

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Old-fashioned kilns still burning bright

Traditional way of making pottery is still alive in Aiken and Edgefield



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Master Potter Justin Guy of Old Edgefield Pottery adds wood to the fire in the groundhog kiln owned by the Edgefield County Historical Society.

BY DEDE BILES
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In an era when high-tech gadgets are all the rage, groundhog kilns remind us of the way things used to be.

The wood-burning furnaces used by some potters in Aiken and Edgefield counties today are similar to the ones that were around in the 1800s.

"It's the traditional way of making pottery down here in the South," said Gary Dexter, who built the groundhog kiln at Gaston Livery Stable, a historic barn on Richland Avenue, in 2012.

Dexter, who has been a potter for approximately 17 years, focuses on creating old-style, alkaline-glazed stoneware. He fashions pots, face jugs and other pieces from a mixture of two types of clay that he digs himself. Then he fires them in the Livery Stable's groundhog kiln.

"It's like a giant chimney that has been laid down on the ground," Dexter said. "It's about 7 feet wide by 14 feet long. There is a fire box on one end and a short chimney around 5 feet tall on the other."

The kiln is made of refractory bricks that can withstand high



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Potter Gary Dexter built this groundhog kiln at Gaston Livery Stable in downtown Aiken.

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AP PHOTO/SCOTT APPLEWHITE

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., departs the Capitol en route to the White House after President Barack Obama invited top lawmakers to discuss an end to the government shutdown, in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday.

Lawmakers shutdown meet yields no progress

BY DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama brought congressional leaders to the White House on Wednesday for the first time since a partial government shutdown began, but there was no sign of progress toward ending an impasse that has idled 800,000 federal workers and curbed services around the country.

The standoff continued after a White House summit with chief executives as financial leaders and Wall Street urged a resolution before serious damage is done to the U.S. and world economy. The stock market ended lower as Wall Street CEOs, Europe's central banker and traders pressed for a solution before serious damage is done to the economy. Obama "refuses to negotiate," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, told reporters after private talks that lasted more than an hour. "All we're asking for here is a discussion and fairness for the American people under Obamacare" and neither the president nor Democrats will accept changes in the nation's 3-year-old health care law as the price for spending legislation needed to end the two-day partial shutdown.

White House statement released on Wednesday

But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said moments later, "We're locked in tight on Obamacare" and neither the president nor Democrats will accept changes in the nation's 3-year-old health care law as the price for spending legislation needed to end the two-day partial shutdown.

With the nation's ability to borrow money soon to lapse, Republicans and

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Agency to move animals

More than 65 dogs and cats will be transported from Beaufort County shelters to other areas of the country for adoption.

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Tallulah Trice was checking on a few skinny pit bulls on St. Helena Island last week when, as often happens, she found a souvenir.

The Beaufort County Animal Shelter director brought back with her not the two dogs — a job for another day — but the kitten making daring passes at their food. Trice's operation, already stretched thin, got a little more crowded.

"I thought, 'You're not gonna be their dimer,'" she said. On Saturday, though, the animal shelter and the Hilton Head Humane Association should be uncharacteristically roomy.

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FATAL 2010 CHRISTMAS EVE SHOOTING IN BLUFFTON

Oates defense foregoes appeal

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Lawyers for Preston Oates, a tow-truck driver accused of killing a Bluffton resident on Christmas Eve 2010, say they won't file another pretrial appeal, clearing the long-delayed case to move forward.

Oates' attorneys asked that manslaughter charges against their client be dropped under the state's Castle Doctrine, which spares defendants from prosecution if they killed



US GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN REMAINS AT STANDOFF

GOP suggests piecemeal openings, but Dems say ALL OR NOTHING



SUSAN WALSH • The Associated Press

World War II veterans salute Wednesday as they visit the World War II Memorial in Washington. The group came on an Honor Flight despite the shutdown of the federal government. It was an act of civil disobedience that marked the fact that neither barriers nor a shutdown could keep the group from visiting the monument erected in their honor. For a story about the veterans' visit to the memorial, go to 9A.

By DAVID LIGHTMAN
and ANITA KUMAR
McClatchy Washington Bureau

President Barack Obama and congressional leaders struggled Wednesday to find a path to ending the shutdown that closed much of the federal government for a second day and threatened to last far longer.

Obama and the four leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate met at the White House for nearly 90 minutes, their first meeting since before the government shutdown. Little progress was apparent and both sides emerged offering the pointed, partisan complaints they had been making through days of the standoff.

"The president reiterated one more time tonight that he will not negotiate," said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, in terse remarks to reporters after the session.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., called the meeting "unproductive" and said he was "disappointed" that Obama did not

Furloughed workers

U.S. federal government workers furloughed as a result of the shutdown, by federal agency, as of Oct. 1:

Agency	Furloughs
Defense*	400,000
Treasury	90,000
Interior	58,765
HHS	40,512
Commerce	40,234
Homeland Security	31,295
Transportation	18,481
Justice	18,186
NASA	17,701
EPA	15,181
Veterans Affairs	14,224
Labor	13,350
Energy	8,471
HUD	8,360
FDA	6,620
Education	3,983

Panel: New jets, training are key to base survival

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The pivotal training role played by Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and the impending arrival of the Joint Strike Fighters at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort will work in the area's favor in the face of the automatic spending cuts and the ongoing government shutdown, panelists at a University of South Carolina Beaufort session said Wednesday.

But moderator Stephen Sorett told the audience of about 25 at the Hilton Head Gateway Campus that future sequester cuts could threaten the number of F-35 fighters produced, which could ultimately lead to a diminished role for the air station.

The government shutdown also factors into the area's economic future.

The shutdown leaves the budget undecided, panelist Craig Siracuse said, meaning the

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Pentagon report criticizes Texas F-35 fighter jet plant **5A**



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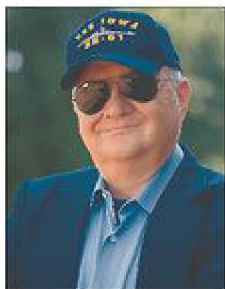
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5 Things to read today



Tom Clancy dies

Tom Clancy, the best-selling author of "The Hunt for Red October" and other wildly successful technological thrillers, has died. He was 66. His publisher did not disclose a cause of death. **PAGE C3**

Jackson verdict

A jury cleared a concert promoter of negligence on Wednesday in a case that attempted to link the death of Michael Jackson to the company that promoted his ill-fated comeback shows. **PAGE A6**

Extradition dropped

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley dropped her request Wednesday to extradite the biological father of a Cherokee girl who was at the center of a bitter custody dispute. **PAGE C1**

Deadly bus crash

A bus taking a church group home to North Carolina blew a tire, veered across a highway median and crashed into a sport utility vehicle and tractor-trailer Wednesday in a fiery wreck that killed eight people, authorities said. **PAGE C4**

Jobs report

U.S. businesses added just 166,000 jobs in September, only slightly more than the previous two months. The jobs report, along with a possible lengthy government shutdown, could persuade the Fed to delay scaling back its stimulus. **PAGE C5**

Fire chiefs call for changes at 911

Letter to council blasts management of department

By FELICIA KITZMILLER
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Frustrated by long delays in solving critical problems, Spartanburg County Fire Chief's Association is urging staffing changes at the 911 communications department.

A letter signed by Chief Patrick Evatt, president of the association, was delivered to council Tuesday. It encourages council to "approve funding and direct administration to actively seek a qualified can-

didate to serve as the Director of Spartanburg County Communications 9-1-1."

"We are not pleased with the level of cooperation, honesty and attention to major and minor problems that the fire service receives from the management at the communications center," the letter states.

Interim-communications director Keith Lee has served in his position since the spring of 2007. Before that time, communications, along with the fire marshal's office, emergency services academy and emergency management were overseen by the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, David Jones. When Jones took

another job, his position was frozen.

There is some disagreement among fire chiefs as to whether the letter requests Lee be replaced, or Jones' former position refilled, but they agree changes need to be made.

Evatt said he and other chiefs have received only partial or conflicting information and repeatedly told solutions are forthcoming, only to have them delayed.

"What we're looking for is someone who can ... execute," he said.

Lee declined to comment on the letter and said he was instructed to direct all questions to county administration.

County administrators said in

a written statement the problems presented by narrowbanding were anticipated and they are working toward a resolution.

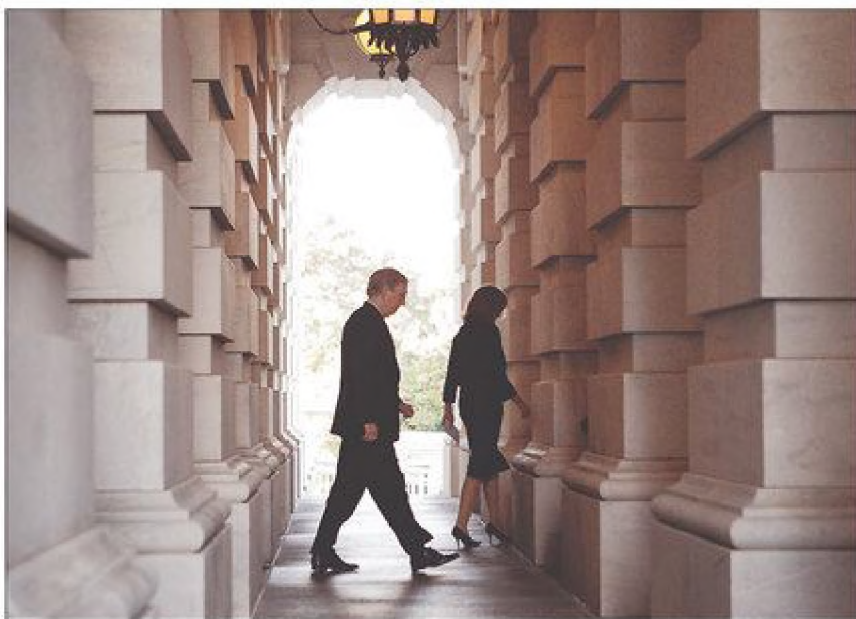
"The County agrees that improvements are needed and are working closely with the Fire Chiefs on changes that will restore their confidence," says the statement. "We are hopeful that we can together present a recommended path forward to Council in the next few weeks."

Deputy County Administrator Jim Hipp declined to release the personnel records of Lee and another senior communications employee, Freddie Thompson.

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GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

No signs of progress



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., departs the Capitol en route to the White House after President Barack Obama invited top lawmakers to discuss an end to the government shutdown on Wednesday. Earlier in the day, Republicans rejected Democratic demands to vote on legislation ending a two-day partial government shutdown without changes to the nation's three-year-old health care law.

President meets with congressional leaders

By DAVID ESPO

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President

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◆ Shutdown's impact ripples across

is a discussion and fairness for the American people under Obama-

Congress members donating their pay

Salaries go to causes during shutdown

By LYNN P. SHACKLEFORD

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Dozens of federal lawmakers announced plans Wednesday to refuse pay or donate their salaries to charity as the government shutdown goes into its third day.

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) announced he would donate his salary to the Wounded Warrior project, and Rep. Mick Mulvaney, who represents South Carolina's Fifth Congressional district, said in a statement that he has asked the Chief Administrative Officer to withhold his pay until the shutdown is resolved.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, who represents the state's Fourth Congressional district, said he will donate his salary for the number of days of the government shutdown to his church, First Baptist Church Spartanburg, SAFE Homes Rape Crisis and the Children's Advocacy Center in Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union counties. SAFE Homes



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FATAL 2010 CHRISTMAS EVE SHOOTING IN BLUFFTON

Oates defense won't file pretrial 'Castle' appeal



Oates

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Lawyers for Preston Oates, a tow-truck driver accused of killing a Bluffton resident on Christmas Eve 2010, say they won't file another pre-

trial appeal, clearing the long-delayed case to move forward.

Oates' attorneys asked that manslaughter charges against their client be dropped under the state's Castle Doctrine, which spares defendants from prosecution if they killed some-

one while defending themselves or others in their home, workplace or vehicle.

A judge denied the request, but Oates' trial has been delayed while his lawyers appealed that decision. However, before their appeal was

heard, the S.C. Supreme Court ruled such appeals should come only after the defendant stands charges.

The S.C. Court of Appeals then dismissed Oates' appeal on Aug. 21.

Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor Duffie Stone has said he thought

the Supreme Court's ruling might still allow Oates' lawyers to appeal directly to the high court, arguing "exceptional" or "extraordinary" circumstances.

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COUNTY SHELTERS

Animals heading to new homes

More than 65 dogs and cats from area shelters will be transported to facilities across the country Saturday.

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Tallulah Trice was checking on a few skinny pit bulls on St. Helena Island last week when, as often happens, she found a souvenir.

The Beaufort County Animal Shelter director brought back with her not the two dogs — a job for another day — but the kitten making daring passes at their food. Trice's operation, already stretched thin, got a little more crowded.

"I thought, 'You're not gonna be their dinner,'" she said.

On Saturday, though, the animal shelter and the Hilton Head Humane Association should be uncharacteristically roomy. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals plans to transport more than 65 of their dogs and cats to facilities up North, where Trice hopes they'll have a better shot at finding homes.

Dubbed "Operation Special Delivery," the project will be the largest transport ever for local shelters. It kicks off the "Reduce" campaign, a joint effort between the shelter and humane association to decrease animal euthanization, overpopulation, disease and cruelty.

"We have a huge supply, but we don't have a high demand," Trice said. "There's too many animals breeding in our community. You can look on Beaufort yard sales, Craigslist; people are trying to give away animals free to good homes."

While the Lowcountry boasts many animal lovers with room to spare, they're outnumbered by the pets in need of adoption, said Franny Gerthoffer, executive director of the Hilton Head Humane Association.

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FROM COAST TO COAST, NATION FEELS EFFECTS OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

BOTH SIDES DIG IN

WORLD WAR II VETERANS QUESTION CONGRESSMEN ON CLOSURE



Photos by The Associated Press

World War II veterans salute as they visit the World War II Memorial on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. The group came on an Honor Flight despite the shutdown of the federal government. To read the veterans' story, please see 9A.

By DAVID LIGHTMAN and ANITA KUMAR
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and congressional leaders struggled Wednesday to find a path to ending the shutdown that closed much of the federal government for a second day and threatened to last far longer.

Obama and the four leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate met for nearly 90 minutes, their first meeting since before the government shutdown.

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Training, new fighter jets said key to survival of county bases

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The pivotal training role played by Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and the impending arrival of the Joint Strike Fighters

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:

We've got a calendar of upcoming events that will help victims on page A4

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Lakewood, Manning, Crestwood get ready as Region VI-3A play begins Friday. **B1**

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Judge lowers Tuomey penalty

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A federal judge revised her judgment against Tuomey Healthcare System downward by more than \$39 million on Wednesday, one day after awarding the federal government a \$276 million penalty against the local hospital.

At the same time, lawyers for Tuomey moved forward by officially filing their notice to appeal the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.



Senior U.S. District Judge Margaret B.

Seymour lowered the financial penalty against Tuomey to about \$237.4 million after the federal attorneys submitted a motion to lower the amount to correct what "appears to be a clerical error."

In her initial judgment, Seymour called for Tuomey to pay more than \$39.3 million for false Medicare claims, as well as more than \$237.4 million in False Claims Act penalties, even though the federal government had only requested the \$237.4 million amount.

The nine-digit penalty stems from the retrial, completed back in May, of a 2005 lawsuit against the hospital in which the federal government said Tuomey violated Stark Law and the False Claims Act and thereby collected fraudulent Medicare claims between 2005 and 2009.

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More renovations coming



BRADEN BUNCH / THE ITEM

Clive Roland and Tommy Price with Solid Structures of West Columbia stand in the rafters of the new clerestory under construction above the Sumter City Council chambers in the Sumter Opera House. On Tuesday, council members approved the new phase of renovations to its chambers.

Contract OK'd for continued improvements to Opera House

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Sumter City Council has been homeless now for almost a year.

Council members have been meeting in the ground-level City Centre on North Main Street since late last year while various renovations were being done to the Sumter Opera House upstairs. But on Tuesday, council members got some idea of what their chambers on the fourth floor of the Opera House will look like once they can move back in.

Members approved a contract for renovations that will change the appearance of the room and improve the meeting experience both for council and ordinary citizens.

The floors and wall coverings in the chambers will be refurbished, and new video screens will be added to allow those in the audience to follow along with documents at the same time as council.

"This will embrace more technology," City Manager Deron McCormick told council members. "It was time for an upgrade."

The contract for the renovations was awarded to Hunter Builders of Sumter, who put in the low bid of \$415,000.

Work on the interior of the council chambers,

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Effect of federal shutdown in S.C. appears spotty



BY SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The effect of the federal government's partial shutdown in South

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ees, said she thinks about 1,200 people were sent home from the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort and the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot at Parris Island.



HIGH SCHOOL GAMEDAY

Leadup to Friday's Wren game familiar for Oglesby, Lions. C1

FAMILY: Students, teachers get ready for International Walk to School Day. B1
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The African rock python is one of many animals that would be included in a proposed statewide initiative to ban private ownership of dangerous wild animals in South Carolina.

Sheriff supports dangerous animal ban

BY MIKAYLA KREUZBERGER
THE JOURNAL

Oconee County Sheriff Mike Crenshaw recently said he plans to support a statewide initiative to ban private ownership of dangerous wild animals in South Carolina. The legislation, known as House Bill 3985, was referred to the S.C. House of Representa-

tives' Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs in April. It is likely to reappear before the House when the State Legislature returns at the start of next year. The bill's purpose is "to prohibit certain persons from owning, possessing or coming



Crenshaw

EDITOR'S NOTE

See page A6 to read a Journal editorial on this issue.

into contact with a dangerous wild animal, to authorize inspections by the animal control authority, to authorize confiscation of these animals under certain conditions ... and to provide penalties."

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Where's the water?

Council discusses apparent pool leak, winterization

BY MIKAYLA KREUZBERGER
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — There's work to be done before the Walhalla pool could open next summer, and that work consists of finding out where all the water is going.

At Tuesday's committee meeting, Recreation Director John Galbreath told City Council a good four to five inches of water disappears from the pool about every two days — and Galbreath said there is no clear indication where it is going. "We can't find a leak; there's no water on the ground," he told council.



Galbreath

While Mayor Danny Edwards alluded to possible evaporation, Galbreath countered that the significant loss of water could not be attributed solely to warm temperatures.

Galbreath said it takes roughly 25 to 30 minutes to refill the pool several times each week.

In addition to an apparent leak, Galbreath also addressed his concern about pool care during the winter months. While the pool was closed for several years prior to opening the first week of September, Galbreath said the city never previously drained the pool during the off-season. But, the amount of cleanup involved each spring to the stagnant water was significant.

Council asked Galbreath to discuss the issue with a knowledgeable pool service official who could determine the most

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SHIELDING THE UPSTATE



An unidentified officer with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office is pictured on top of a truck during a joint training exercise involving several law enforcement agencies throughout the Upstate. The Upstate Shield Training Exercise was conducted Tuesday at the T. Ed Garrison Arena and included several breakout sessions.

Law enforcement train for emergency scenarios

BY CREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

PENDLETON — Some 350 participants representing 19 Upstate law enforcement agencies handled hostage negotiations and terrorism Tuesday at the T. Ed Garrison Arena in Pendleton.

The day did not involve actual emergencies, but rather scenarios in the event

that such situations occurred. Called "Upstate Shield," the exercise provided an opportunity for predominantly Upstate agencies to come together and share ideas, learn new skills and establish working relationships to facilitate mutual aid.

"Multijurisdictional training gives our

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Salem woman leaves legacy of strength

BY MIKAYLA KREUZBERGER
THE JOURNAL

SALEM — Little did Elizabeth Winkles know before she died that her story would affect many lives in the Tennessee-Salem area.

Winkles, in her 50s, was diagnosed with advanced liver and lung cancer in mid-September and passed away one week later on Sept. 21.

She was days away from taking her GED test through Salem's free GED program, known as Volunteer Educators for a Stronger Community (VESC) — and her tutors and mentors in the program say confidently she would have received her GED this fall.

What makes Winkles'

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'She absorbed every bit of info and she felt like what she learned each day was a gift.'

Jeannie Barnwell
Salem GED teacher, speaking about Elizabeth Winkles.



Heritage Fair in full swing

BY MONICA KREBER

In addition to rides

Airey attended the fair



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Pee Dee reacts to the shutdown



Here's what some local residents said Wednesday about the partial federal government shutdown:

"It's a shame, a real shame that they can't reach an agreement. It's an embarrassment. We have the Dems and the Republicans butting heads like I've never seen before, and I'm ashamed of my country"



right now." — Mark Taylor
★★★★

"I think it's overblown by the media. We had six shutdowns during the Reagan administration, and I don't remember one. They're magnifying this one for political gain. There's no effect on us, and there was no effect in the past." — Gary Collogg
★★★★



"I was really surprised by the shutdown, and I hope they fix it real soon. It's confusing and I don't like it. I don't really know that I can say all that I want to say ... Just fix it, clean it up and get it done." — Carolyn Elmore
★★★★



"accomplished with both parties refusing to work together." — Bradley McMan
★★★★

"It saddens me that this is the face that the world sees of our government. I feel like we're hanging out our dirty laundry." — Peggy Brown



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Man convicted in slaying of war hero may get new trial

Dondre Scott is currently serving a life sentence

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COLUMBIA — One of the men convicted of murder in the 2009 slaying of a World War II veteran in the parking lot of a Florence motel has been granted a new trial.



Scott

In an opinion published Wednesday, the S.C. Court of Appeals reversed Dondre Scott's convictions for murder, armed robbery and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime in the death of Clair Chaffin and remanded the matter for a new trial.

Twelfth Circuit Solicitor Ed Clements III said the S.C. Attorney General's Office will petition the court to reconsider the matter. If the court refuses, the attorney general plans to appeal the case to the S.C. Supreme Court.

"This isn't a done deal yet as far as a new trial," Clements said. "We're going to appeal it until all appeals are exhausted, and then we'll look at trying it again — which we have absolutely no qualms doing. I don't think there have ever been any factual questions about this case. This man committed these crimes, and he deserves to spend his life in prison."

Chaffin, 83, of Archer, Fla., was shot June 8, 2009, after being confronted by two men while packing his vehicle outside of his room at the Thunderbird Inn, at 2004 W. Lucas St., at the U.S. 52/Interstate 95 intersection. The men robbed Chaffin and shot him in the chest. The



PHOTOS BY GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

James Montgomery and other workers put down a pipe Wednesday that will connect to a temporary booster pump in front of the Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing plant in Timmons ville. While the pipe work will be permanent, the booster pump will be temporary until a permanent booster pump is built in the coming months.

Back with a (police) force

Local cops, better water flow on tap for Timmons ville

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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TIMMONSVILLE — One Timmons ville official is saying a small police force may



The town of Timmons ville also announced that it will begin the application process to hire one full-time and two part-time police officers for the town. The town council disbanded its five-member force in May



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Two corn mazes offering entertainment for all ages

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Real country music



John Culler stands in the "parking area" designated for the Luke Bryan concert scheduled for Friday night at Culler Farm. The concert is sold out and only valid ticket holders will be permitted to enter the property in Sandy Run.

Sandy Run farmer goes from rows of crops to rows of people

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Reporter

SANDY RUN — John Culler, 70, knows a thing or two about farming.

He's lived in the same rural Calhoun County community of Sandy Run all of his life.

In fact, he lives in the same house where he was born.

His parents built the house there after buying the farmland in the 1930s.

"My main income right now is from cattle farming," Culler said. He's been beef cattle farming for the past five years or so.

But he's spent decades growing row crops such as corn, soybeans,

cotton and some small grains.

"Farming's about the only thing I've ever known," he said.

But aside from the cattle and crop production, Culler is among the state's farmers who have taken the term "diversified operation" to an unprecedented level — changing it up from rows of plants for harvesting to allocating land for special events.

In recent weeks, he's been keeping the grass cut low, removed overhanging twigs and branches and applied some fire ant killer to areas in a certain field.

It's all in preparation for an Oct. 4 concert by the Academy of Country Music's "Entertainer

of the Year," Luke Bryan.

The Culler Farm is the only South Carolina venue slated for Bryan's fifth annual "Farm Tour" concert series.

Bryan's "Farm Tour" concerts began Oct. 2 in rural Claxton, Ga., near Statesboro. The final "Farm Tour" concert is scheduled to take place Oct. 12 in Valdosta, Ga.

The Sandy Run concert has sold out — twice — according to Culler.

Crowds are expected to reach around 16,000.

"They originally printed 15,000 tickets," Culler said.

He said tickets were printed

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Man gets 15 years in killing

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

A Summerville man accused of killing someone during a heated argument in Vance has entered a guilty plea to voluntary manslaughter.

Demetrius Perry's plea Tuesday was tied with the fatal shooting of 51-year-old Silas Williams, who died after being shot once in the pelvic area with a shot gun.

Circuit Court Judge Ed Dickson sentenced Perry to 15 years in prison.

Authorities were called to Williams' Peach Shed Road residence in Vance just before 11 p.m. on Jan. 26. The initial word was that someone had been shot.

Officers arrived to find Williams face down on the ground, suffering from a gunshot wound. He died on the way to the hospital, authorities say.

An autopsy later confirmed he had been shot in the hip area.

Authorities are still uncertain as to what caused the two men to argue to the point of violence.

Perry, 34, was originally charged with murder. However, authorities said there was evidence that the two had argued violently before, with Perry being physically threatened.

A 50-year-old woman accused of helping the Summerville man leave the area after the shooting was also charged. Her case is still pending after a preliminary hearing was held in June.

In other cases:

• Krystal Hutto, 25, of 7050 Old State Road, Holly Hill, pleaded guilty to failure to stop for a blue light involving great bodily harm. She was sentenced to six years, suspended to time served and one year of house arrest as well as three years of probation. Hutto was also ordered to complete a drug rehabilitation program in Charleston.

According to warrants against her, Hutto refused to stop for a Holly Hill police officer on May 24. Cpl. Henry Daugherty attempted to stop Hutto, but wound up on Interstate 26 in a chase that caused the officer "to wreck his patrol car causing great bodily harm," according to the warrant.

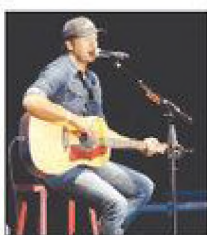
• Michael Washington, 49, of 3781 Homestead Road, Bowman, pleaded guilty to one count each of third-degree burglary and third-degree arson. He was sentenced to two years in prison on each to be served concurrently. According to an affidavit, he broke into a woman's shed and set it on fire.

• Rayshawn Hall, 25, of 140 Hickory Springs Road, Eatonton, pleaded guilty to reckless driving and was sentenced to eight days in the county jail.

• Booker Clemmons, 59, of 353 Iva Road, North, pleaded guilty to use of vehicle without permission and was sentenced to time served.

• Brandon Black, 21, of 4620 Neeses Highway,

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AP
Luke Bryan, the Academy of Country Music's "Entertainer of the Year," is holding concerts in several rural settings as part of his fifth annual "Farm Tour."

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