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CHANGING THE TUNE

Arts education has a champion in incoming state superintendent

By Paul Hyde

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Her predecessor tried to cut funding for arts education, but newly elected state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman is offering a sharply contrasting message to arts supporters:

"You've got my ear and my support."

Spearman, a former state legislator who spent 18 years as a choral music teacher in public schools, is pledging to be a staunch advocate for arts education in South Carolina schools.

"I hope my friends in the arts community realize that they've got a friend, someone who understands the importance of the arts as a state superintendent," Spearman said.

"We're going to be pushing the idea that the way to increase the graduation rate is to engage them"

Spearman said she's a strong supporter of two state arts-education programs that in the past have been targeted for elimi-



House leaders eye DOT reforms

More local control, changes in funding among ideas

By Tim Smith

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COLUMBIA — House leaders are looking at ideas to fix the state's crumbling infrastructure by turning many state roads over to local control, swapping the gas tax for a sales tax on fuel, and asking voters to decide in 2016 whether to add a penny sales tax for transportation needs.

Acting House Speaker Jay Lucas and Rep. Gary Simrill, who is chairing a special committee studying the state's infrastructure needs, told *The Greenville News* their first priority early next year will be to reform the state's transportation agency and road system instead of debating new sources of revenue.

"We have come to learn this is not a simple problem that is going to lend itself to simple answers," Lucas said. "I think what we are going to try and do initially is to deal with some of the issues we are finding at DOT and deal with some of the funding reform issues. I think when we have a broken system like we have in this state, you don't fix anything by starting to throw good money after bad."

Simrill, a Rock Hill Republican, calls it a "fix it first, fund it second" strategy, meaning fix the way the system operates before debating the issue of added funding.

Simrill said he wants to see the state shed thousands of miles of small local roads and make the state Department of Transportation a true cabinet agency of the governor, provided the Legislature

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Taming the Woodruff Road holiday traffic

By Eric Connor

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The shopping season will soon be upon us — and if you're headed to Greenville's main shopping district, you know what that means.

Woodruff Road might as well be a parking lot.

This year, the city is taking measures to try to make it more passable as Magnolia Park and The Shops at Greenridge attract shoppers from across the region.

The effort will begin on Black Friday. The police department will provide traffic control at key intersections to the shopping centers throughout December.

The plan includes electronic message boards to give directional guidance,

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Mistrial declared for Ebola researcher

Scientist working on vaccine could see case dropped or retried; jury convicts his companies

BY DAVE MUNDAY
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A Charleston biomedical researcher who was working on an Ebola vaccine before a federal indictment shut him down is off the hook on fraud charges, at least for now.

After a 10-day trial, a federal jury in Charleston could not reach a

verdict Friday on charges against Dr. Jian-Yun Dong related to the alleged fleeing of government funds, resulting in a mistrial. Now the government must decide whether to drop the case or retry him.

Dong was accused of misusing \$3.6 million in federal grant money intended for research for vaccines for the Ebola and Marburg

viruses. A 36-count indictment handed down in September 2013 alleged that he used the money to pay for lobbying, construction of a planned \$33 million headquarters in Mount Pleasant and other improper expenses.

The jury did convict the companies that Dong founded, GenPhar and Vaxima, of theft of government property, according to the

U.S. Attorney's Office. GenPhar and Vaxima also were convicted of 17 and 16 counts of wire fraud, respectively.

Exactly what punishment might be levied against the two defunct companies remained unclear Monday.

There's no way to know how close Dong was to finding a way to prevent the deadly disease.

Government witnesses at his trial testified that his vaccine had proven effective in monkey trials, although that's a long way from full-scale production.

Dong founded GenPhar, based in Mount Pleasant, in 1999. He was a professor of microbiology and immunology at the Medical



Dong

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Historic home debut



ALEX HOLT/SPECIAL TO THE POST AND COURIER

After leading the College of Charleston to a season-opening victory Friday at Furman, Cougars head coach Earl Grant made his home debut Monday night at TD Arena, but C of C fell to Gardner-Webb, 80-67. Grant, who grew up in North Charleston and played basketball at Stall High School, is the first black head coach for the men's basketball program. The Cougars will face defending national champion Connecticut on Thursday in the opening round of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off tournament.

For coverage of Monday's game, see Page C1.

French IS killer in video is identified

Thousands from Europe have joined radicals, officials say

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PARIS — The cold-eyed militants lined up behind their victims in the latest Islamic State video appear to come from outside the Middle East, including one from France and possibly two from Britain, as the extremist group tries to show a global reach.

The grisly video — clearly aimed at a Western audience — lingers as much on the faces of the camouflaged extremists as the men who are beheaded. The victims include American aid worker Peter Kassig and more than a dozen Syrian soldiers.

The images of the Islamic State militants, who are shown one by one close up, allowed authorities to identify one of them Monday as a 22-year-old Frenchman who converted to radical Islam.

Maxime Hauschard has been on the radar of French authorities since 2011 when he took two trips to Mauritania to attend a Quranic school, said Paris prosecutor Francois Molins.

The prosecutor said investigators were trying to determine if another Frenchman also is in the video.

President Barack Obama confirmed Kassig's slaying after a U.S. review of the video.

The overwhelming majority of Islamic State fighters are from the Middle East, but the extremist group is trying to cement its claim on an Islamic empire straddling Iraq and Syria. Europe appears to be a fertile ground to find supporters, with officials saying thousands of young Europeans have headed off to jihad.

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Missouri gearing up for Ferguson verdict

Governor declares state of emergency

BY DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency Monday and activated the National Guard ahead of a grand jury decision about whether a white police officer will be charged in the fatal shooting of a black 18-year-old in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson.

Nixon said the National Guard would assist state and local police in case the grand

Poll
Without a verdict yet, do you think Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon's activation of the National Guard was appropriate? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

jury's decision leads to a resurgence of the civil unrest that occurred in the days immediately after the Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson. "All people in the St. Louis region deserve to feel safe in their

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CHARLIE WEDGLEY

A memorial sits in the middle of the street Monday in Ferguson, Mo., more than three months after an unarmed black teenager, Michael Brown, was shot and killed there by a white police officer.

Gay couple fights to marry Thursday

Lawyers seek rejection of AG's request

BY JENNIFER BERRY HAWES
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Attorneys for a same-sex Charleston couple have asked a federal court to reject South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson's request to keep them from getting married on Thursday when a temporary stay expires.

In a historic advance for gay rights in South Carolina, U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel ruled last week that the state's same-sex marriage ban is unconstitutional. However, he al-

so hold up his ruling until noon Thursday to give Wilson, who is defending the state's ban, time to appeal.

Wilson filed notice last week that he plans to appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit and then asked the appellate justices to issue an emergency stay to halt gay marriages in the state while the appeal is pending.

Wilson contends that allowing the marriages would cause "irreparable harm" by allowing

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HUNNEWELL SLAYING

Prosecutors' problem: No witness has put suspects at crime scene

Circumstantial case might turn on whether half-brother testifies

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The prosecution's strong circumstantial case in the slaying of a mother of four still lacks direct evidence that places either defendant at the crime scene or shows that either fired the fatal shot.

With only two or three more government witnesses remaining to testify Tuesday, prosecutors so far have weaved together:

■ Security video of the shooting death



Hunnewell

■ Images from a mobile phone linked to accused killer Lorenzo Young

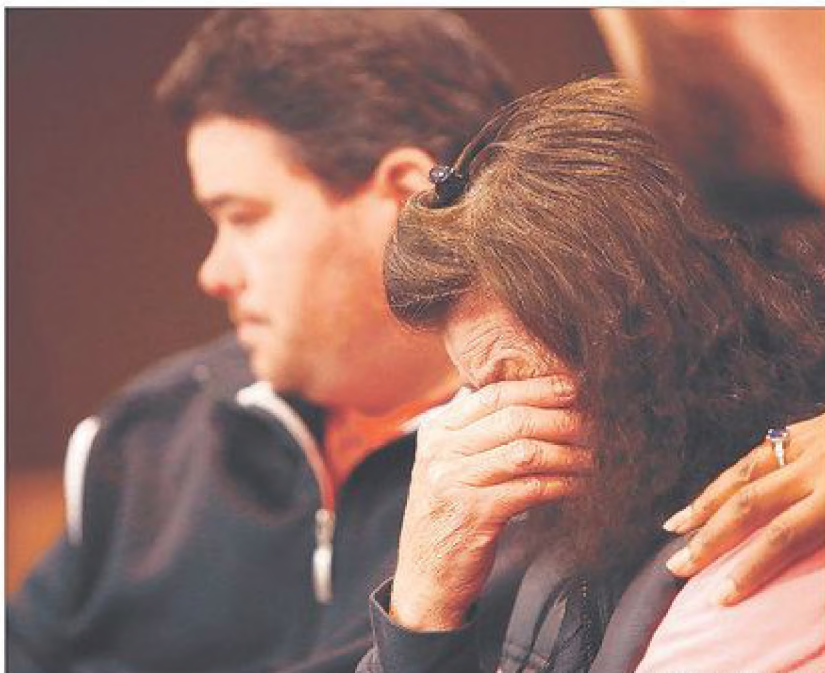
■ Bullets and shell casings found at the bakery where

Kelly Hunnewell was gunned down tied to similar guns seen on a cell-phone video six days before the July 1, 2013, homicide.

■ Jailhouse confessions and incriminating statements

But as of close of testimony Monday at the Richland County courthouse, no one on the witness stand has said that the masked and gloved gunmen on security video are Young, now 20, and codefendant Trenton Barnes, who turns 18 later this month.

Police have not found the



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Kelly Hunnewell's brother, Anthony Vaughn, and her mother, Nancy Hunnewell, react Monday to testimony during the trial in Columbia.

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AT THESTATE.COM: View a photo gallery from Monday's trial action.

BATTLE IN COURT

Same-sex couple fight S.C.'s bid to halt marriage

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Lawyers for a Charleston same-sex couple are urging the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals to dismiss an emergency motion from S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson to stop the two women from getting married.

Lawyers for Colleen Condon and Ann Bleckley, in a motion filed just before midnight Sunday, argue gay marriages should be allowed to proceed in South Carolina, because the state is unlikely to win its appeal to block them, and the state has not shown it would suffer harm if such marriages take place.

Wilson's request for an emergency stay rests on such shaky legal grounds, the lawyers said in the



FILE PHOTO BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charleston County Councilwoman Colleen Condon, left, and her partner, Ann Bleckley

filing, that some of Wilson's claims are "overstated, if not completely contrived" and other claims are "nothing short of mystifying."

"The state's likelihood of success is grounded in little more than pure speculation and hopeful wish,"

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Elections show Obama legacy is unraveling

By DAVID LIGHTMAN
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WASHINGTON — The Obama legacy wasn't supposed to unfold this way.

Barack Obama was changing the political map, pushing the Democratic Party into the South and the Mountain West. He was building a new social network that would endure long after an Obama presidency. And he was building a new Democratic coalition for a new age, with greater turnout from young and minority voters.

Today, those ambitions are in tatters.

Obama's once-vaunted team wound up doing little more than electing him twice. Without Obama on the ticket, Republicans not only soared in 2010 congressional elections, but scored victories broad and deep again in 2014.

"The 2014 election was a major defeat of Democrats — a wave election that will have long-term consequences," says a memo from Democratic strate-



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Group unites neighborhoods

Communities come together to prevent crime, resolve issues

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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It started out as a crime watch group, but the Kalmia Hills Neighborhood Watch Group does much more than just keep an eye on crime.

"That's a better title because you can't get involved in crime and not get

involved in the other problems in your neighborhood," said Roger Brock, a member of the group and a Kalmia Hills resident. "It's more encompassing of what we do."

Brock is also a member of a larger city-wide organization called the Aiken Council of Neighborhoods, or ACON. The organization began in 2010 as a

forum for neighborhood leaders and residents to share ideas and resolve issues on a unified basis.

Cynthia Mitchell, the community services coordinator for the Aiken Department of Public Safety, was inspired to start the council after seeing the success of a similar program in Rock Hill.

Membership is free and open to any

organization around the city, including neighborhood associations, crime-watch groups and homeowner associations.

The council has about 12 neighborhoods registered and meets monthly. The topics of those meetings can range from street lighting and tree trimming to drainage issues or increases in certain crimes.

Crime

Brock got involved with the Kalmia Hills group after a rash of crime in 2008. The residents have 10 streets south of Richland Avenue that they monitor, and each street has a captain.

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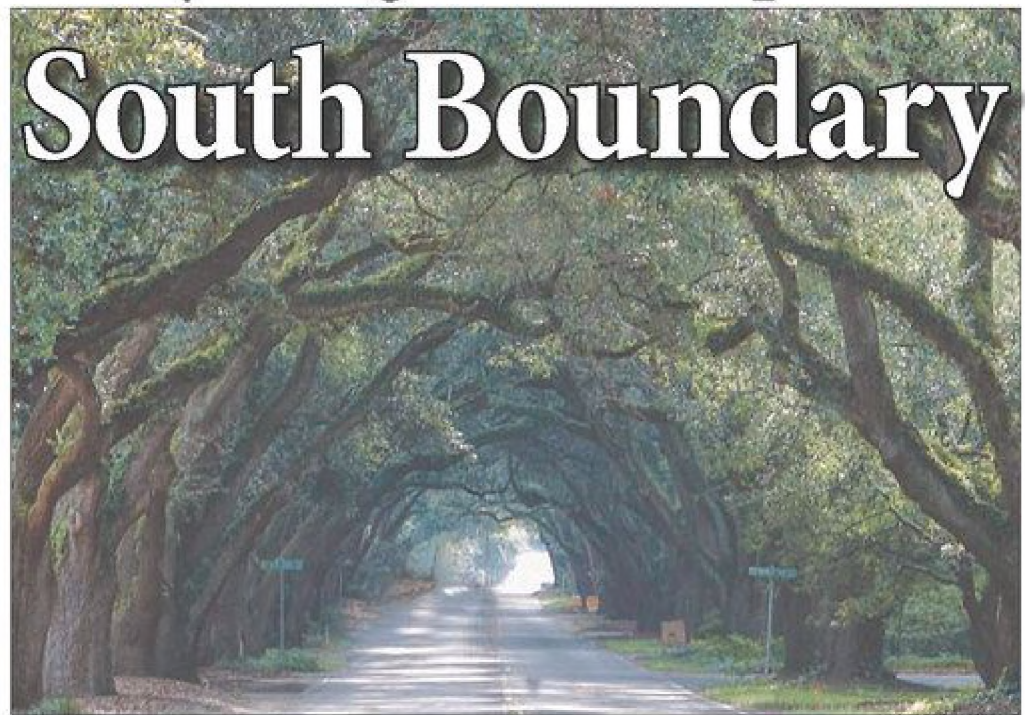
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WEATHER

'Pretty enough to star in pictures'



AIKEN STANDARD FILE PHOTO

South Boundary made the cut for USA Today's "10Best: Prettiest Southern streets for a stroll."

Avenue ranks in top 10 Southern streets for a stroll

BY LARRY WOOD

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The towering oaks that line South Boundary and form a shady arch above the avenue have captivated Aiken residents for more than a century. Now, they've captured the attention of a national publication.

USA Today's Travel Experience South website recently listed South Boundary in its "10Best: Prettiest Southern streets for a stroll."

The street shares the ranking with small and large cities across the South, including Greenville, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and New Orleans, Louisiana. The page called the streets "pretty enough to star in pictures, and tourist-friendly to boot."

The site describes how Aiken's long equestrian tradition and the Winter Colony influenced South

The spectacular old avenue of oaks arcing above South Boundary Avenue gives Aiken beauty-bragging rights over all its neighbors.

Lena N. Katz, author with USA Today

Boundary's natural beauty and how the street also leads visitors into Hitchcock Woods.

In particular, author Lena N. Katz, a specialist for USA Today, wrote: "The spectacular old avenue of oaks arcing above South Boundary Avenue gives Aiken beauty-bragging rights over all of its neighbors. A long South Boundary, horse farms thrive as they have for a hundred years, and historic homes harken back to the post-Civil War

"Winter Colony Era."

"If you look past the oak arch, you'll find that South Boundary leads to Hitchcock Woods, a 2100-acre urban forest. Magnolia trees and cedars, orchids and honeysuckle, resurrection ferns and touch-me-nots are just a few of the hundreds of species thriving in this forest."

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Aiken's South Boundary joins a list of other stroller-friendly streets known for their beauty and history in cities across the South:

- Prytania Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
- King Street, Alexandria, Virginia
- Jones Street, Savannah, Georgia
- Broad Street, Rome, Georgia
- Main Street, Greenville, South Carolina
- Main Street, Jonesborough, Tennessee
- North Boulevard, Houston, Texas
- Third Street South, Naples, Florida
- Spring Street, Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Golden Corner may get 1st tenant

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Golden Corner Commerce Park may soon be getting its first tenant.

Oconee County Council is considering first reading tonight of an ordinance that would provide a fee-in-lieu-of agreement with the project, named Project Sarah.

County administrator Scott Moulder and

Oconee Economic Alliance executive director Richard Blackwell confirmed at the alliance's annual meeting Friday that Project Sarah would be located in Golden Corner park in southern Oconee County. They declined to give other details about the project.

"We're extremely excited; we've been working a number of projects, and especially Project Sarah, for a couple of years now," Moulder said. "We've put a lot of work and diligence into Golden Corner Commerce Park, and we're extremely excited to see that this might actually pay off."

Moulder said an announcement including the company's name and details is expected to come in late December or early January.

Blackwell said he is optimistic about the plans for the park's first tenant. "It should announce by the end of year," he said. "Could it change? Certainly. We're always just one natural disaster away

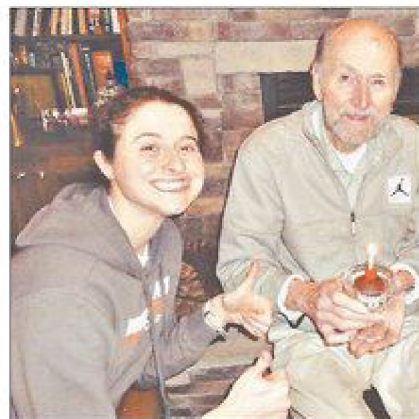
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Moulder



Blackwell



SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
Henry Weinacker celebrates his 76th birthday on Feb. 18 with his daughter, Kristen.

IN FALL SWING



JESSICA NEUMS | THE JOURNAL

After the coldest temperatures of the season over the weekend and a steady rain in the early-morning hours, colorful fall leaves blanketed the Upstate on Monday. The chilly temperatures are expected to last through

the week. Above, Wesley Burnett enjoys a walk through the leaves at the South Carolina Botanical Garden in Clemson with his dogs Piper and Silk on Monday. To check out the forecast for the rest of the week, turn to page A2.

Looking for answers

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Lori Weinacker faces the tragedies of the past two years every day.

Outside her home is what remains of Weinacker's, a restaurant she and her husband, Henry, ran together for more than 32 years. The restaurant was destroyed by fire Nov. 28, 2012.

For the past five months, she has grieved the death of Henry, who died June 22 as a result of bacteria that entered the bodies of more than a dozen patients at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

"In the morning, I always tap the top of his urn and say, 'I love you and I'll see you at lunchtime,'" Weinacker told The Journal last week. "Then I turn his favorite radio station on — 104.5. I come home from

work and say 'I'm home.' "It's really sad and very lonesome, especially this time of year. There's an empty seat. We worked together 24/7 for over 33 years; we always bounced ideas off each other. Now it's just me."

Henry Weinacker was one of four confirmed deaths in the 15 cases discovered in the spring and summer at Greenville Memorial.

The victims were surgical patients at the hospital beginning in March and were identified as having an infection caused by an "atypical mycobacterium," according to a statement released by the Greenville Health System last summer.

Greenville attorney Blake Smith recently filed a notice of intent to file a

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Turnout in question for Walhalla election



Bailes

BY CARLOS GARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — The two candidates vying for an open seat on Walhalla City Council are hoping residents inside city limits will grab a warm jacket, brave the chilly weather

TO CAST YOUR VOTE

Voting will be at the Walhalla Fire Department, at 207 E. North Broad St., and polls will remain open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

the polls open at 7 a.m.

working at his Palmetto Fade Co. barbershop.

"With this change in the weather, I don't expect a big turnout," Grant said Monday. Grant is generally seen as the underdog in today's race, and he said that whatever the outcome, Walhalla will be



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Limestone adds on

Limestone College unveiled its new campus in Greenville on Monday. Classes at the site will begin in January. **PAGE C1**

Guilty plea

Robert Mellette Dunn, 67, of Drayton, pleaded guilty Monday after admitting to sexually abusing two girls, one of whom described her ordeal in court. **PAGE C3**

No help after harm

A system Congress established to speed help to Americans harmed by vaccines has instead heaped additional suffering on thousands of families. The Associated Press has found. **PAGE A3**

Pope to visit US

Organizers of the World Meeting of Families for months were coy when asked whether Pope Francis would come to Philadelphia for the massive Roman Catholic-sponsored gathering. But Monday it became official. **PAGE A3**

Retiree fights bust

When police in Junction City, Kan., stopped a beat-up pickup truck for speeding in June 2013, the driver got a lot more than a traffic ticket: The stop led authorities to Massachusetts and Arizona, where they said they found about \$15 million in cash, almost 400 pounds of marijuana and ledgers detailing drug deals going back to 1992. **PAGE A7**

Obama immigration move expected

White House not specific about what action is planned

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama says he plans to help immigrants living illegally in the United States “get legal” without any action from Congress. And he promises to curb a system that he describes as deporting immigrants improperly. But the White House is vague about the changes the president is expected to announce soon.

What can Obama actually do without the cooperation of Capitol Hill?

Under current law, the president can direct

immigration authorities to temporarily shield particular immigrants from deportation and give them permission to work in the country legally.

But the president cannot give immigrants living in the country illegally green cards, visas or just about any other path to a permanent legal immigration status. Only Congress has that authority, and so far lawmakers have shown little interest in remodeling the country's complex legal immigration system.

Still, Obama's hands are not tied. Two years ago, he launched the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program that

lets young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children stay in the country without fear of deportation for two years. So far, more than 610,000 have benefited from that program.

The president can also allow some people living in the country illegally to “parole in place,” during which time they can apply to live in the country legally. Once they receive permission to stay, they can later apply to change their immigration status and possibly win a green card. An immigrant who holds a green card is a legal permanent resident and can eventually apply to become a U.S. citizen.

In the past, the “parole in place” designation has been limited to helping very small num-

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A GAME-CHANGER FOR WOFFORD ATHLETICS



Construction of the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium at Wofford College is scheduled to begin next fall and be completed in time for the 2017-18 school year. **PROVIDED**

Panthers owner to fund new basketball, volleyball arena



By TODD SHANESY
 and JENNY ARNOLD
 Staff Writers

Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson chuckled at the comparison between Wofford's campus now, especially the athletics facilities, and when he played football for the Terriers in the late 1950s.

“I laugh about how spoiled these students and athletes are”

for volleyball.

Construction on the site near the north end (scoreboard side) of football's Gibbs Stadium is set to begin next fall, with a targeted completion in time for the 2017-18 school year.

“Mr. Richardson told me very quietly and very discreetly a couple of weeks ago,” Wofford men's basketball coach Mike Young said, “this will be the finest facility that

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Suit no longer involves county

Sumter had been on defendants list in wrongful death case

BY MATT BRUCE
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A judge this month ruled to dismiss Sumter County from a wrongful death lawsuit stemming from a fatal 2012 crash.

The motion, filed Monday in Sumter County common pleas court, removed the county from the list of defendants in the case. Sumter County was the lone governing body named in the original June 2013 complaint. The lawsuit also listed the S.C. Department of Transportation and the S.C. Department of Public Safety as defendants.

The civil action came little more than a year after Jerome Dennis, a 33-year-old

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POST OFFICE TIPS

What do you need for holiday mailing?

BY JADE REYNOLDS
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Beginning this week, the U.S. Postal Service will be delivering packages seven days a week in major cities and high-volume areas through Christmas Day.

And with deadlines creeping up to attempt to ensure the expected 15.5 billion cards, letters and packages reach their destinations on time, Harry Spratlin, communications coordinator for Greater South Carolina District, wants people to know their options.

"The unique thing about Sumter is the number of alternative sites," he said. "You have three contract postal units (CPUs) for retail access. Customers can

Hosing down Sumter Mall



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Despite the rain Monday, Dwayne Hart power washes the bricks at Sumter Mall. William Miller, right, fought occasional high winds and rain while he kept an eye on his co-worker.

YOU CAN HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE

Sheriff's office takes nominations for those in need, donations for annual food drive

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RETURNING TO WORK



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Greenwood Mayor Wellborn Adams, right, has a laugh with Municipal Judge Lee Miller, center, after being sworn in Monday night at City Hall for his second full term. Linda M. Edwards (Ward 2), was also sworn in.

Municipal judge Lee Miller, right, swears in members of Greenwood City Council during its regular meeting at City Hall on Monday night. They are, from left, Kenn F. Wiltshire, Ward 4; Ronnie Ables, Ward 6; Henry O. Watts, Commissioner of Public Works; Edwards, Ward 2; and Adams. Wiltshire was later voted by council as Mayor Pro Tem for a two-year term.



Greenwood budget survives first reading

By COLIN RIDDLE
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Greenwood City Council approved first reading for the next fiscal year's budget and millage Monday night with interest in moving toward a compensation study.

The budget for 2015 is set at \$14,700,734 with millage at 103.7, which results in no tax increases for residents.

The millage represents \$10.37 tax on every \$100 in assessed value of real estate and personal property owned and used in the city.

With an increase last year, City Manager Charlie Barrineau said his office was able to balance the budget this year

without any increases.

"We're trying to make best with what we have. We are seeing positive signs, which is good," Barrineau said, adding the deteriorating Local Government Fund from the state has been a nagging issue.

The Local Government Fund is reimbursement from the state's general fund to municipalities for state-mandated services. Certain provisions from the General Assembly through the years have diminished portions of the fund, resulting in the city

missing about \$200,000 to \$250,000 of its usual cut.

"It has been a challenge," Barrineau said, adding the fund is the only source of revenue that is not recovering.

During discussion of the budget, Councilwoman Betty Boles brought up the question regarding the potential of the city conducting a compensation study for city employees.

With council members agreeing city employees need to be rewarded and meet competitive wages, there was some disagreement regarding which employees receive wage increases.

Councilwoman Niki Hutto said she



CHARLIE BARRINEAU

BOARD MEETING

District 50 addresses report card

Graduation rates slip slightly in latest annual evaluation

By KATE HRUBY
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Without going into great detail, Shirley Boyce, assistant superintendent of instruction for Greenwood School District 50, summarized the district's 2014 state report card Monday evening during its regular board of trustees meeting.

The report card, released last week, gave the district an absolute rating of "average" and a growth rating of "at-risk."

The two high schools, Greenwood and Emerald, were the only district schools to receive "at-risk" growth ratings. Boyce said such ratings could be attributed to the schools' graduation rates, which constitute a good part of the ratings. Both high schools' four-year cohort graduation rates dropped from 2013 to 2014.

According to the report card, Emerald's graduation rate dropped from 75.7 to 74.6 percent, while Greenwood High's dropped from 76.9 to 74.6 percent.

"Our graduation rate this year was around 75 percent, but it needed to be higher than that, and we're going to work on that and that is something that we know needs to be a focus for us," Boyce said. "Our principals have already begun working on that."

She also highlighted the district had shown growth in its improved ESEA waiver federal accountability rating, which is based on measurable growth objectives.

The district received a 2014 rating of a "C," an improvement on its 2013 rating of a "D."

Boyce added discussion on the matter could go more in-depth with the inclusion of the district's director of testing, Amy Young, and further data analysis in what Boyce called "data notebooks."

In other news, the board elected officers and swore in a new member Monday.

Former board member Gene Pinson administered the oath of office to new Seat 8 representative Michael Gaskin.

"Mr. Gaskin, we're so happy to have you on our board, we look forward to working with you," Board Chairman Shell Dula said.

Afterward, the board elected its officers. Dula was again elected chairman, Tony Bowers vice chairman, and LeVerne Fuller secretary.

The board also agreed to keep its meetings at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of the month with the exception of the January and June meetings.

Assistant superintendent for business David Loadholt announced the GHS auxiliary gym was nearing completion, with its final inspection scheduled for Dec. 9.

Dula announced three upcoming dates for board committee meetings Dec. 1, Feb. 2, and May 4. The committee make-up and schedule of specific meetings has yet to be decided.

Superintendent Darrell Johnson commended three teachers for their participation in one of the Columbia University Teachers College literacy workshops in Octo-



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Physician says risk low locally; public should worry more about flu. **HEALTH, A8**

SECOND U.S. DEATH. ALSO ON A8

70-year-old accused of stabbing woman, carrying shovel to her home

By **RICHARD WALKER**
T&D Staff Writer

BAMBERG -- An Orangeburg County man is accused of stabbing a woman twice and leaving a knife in her back.

During his first court appearance, bond was denied on 70-year-old Charles Darnell, who is charged with attempted murder.

"Based on the fact pattern, I do find you a danger to the victim, who is a member of the community," Bamberg County Chief Magistrate Craig Threlk said in denying bond. "Can I say something?" Darnell started.

"No sir, I'd rather you not," Threlk replied. He informed Darnell that attempted murder carries up to 30 years in prison if he's convicted.

Darnell told the court he'd be

seeking the services of a public defender.

Bamberg County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Ben Hay had asked the court to deny bond. He said Darnell used two knives to stab the 44-year-old victim twice.

Investigators feel Darnell went to the woman's residence with the intention of killing her, Hay said.

"We can think of only one reason he took a shovel to the victim's" home, he said.

Victim's Advocate Pat Williams said the woman is still terrified of her assailant. She also asked the court to deny any bond consideration on the Orangeburg County man.

Authorities say the investigation is still ongoing and they are trying to determine what caused the man to attack the woman. They're speculating the man may have had an at-

fection for the woman that was not returned.

A resident of Cope, Darnell was taken into custody at his home while the Olar woman was being flown from her Bamberg County home to a medical facility in Augusta.

After a 911 call, Bamberg County Sheriff's deputies arrived at the woman's River's Bridge Road residence to find she still had a knife lodged in her back from the assault.

With medical help on the way, the woman told investigators Darnell entered her residence and struck her with what she thought was an ax handle. When she discovered she was bleeding from her side, she realized the ax handle had a knife attached to the end.



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Charles Darnell of Cope has been charged with attempted murder in an attack on a woman in Bamberg County. **See video from his court hearing at TheTandD.com.**

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South Carolina Cotton Mills was housed in 1935 in the building that today houses Zeus Industrial Products Inc.

Historic building housing Zeus once home to cotton mills

T&D Staff Reporter

In 1937, South Carolina Cotton Mills began

Firm would bring 350 new jobs

By **MARTHA ROSE BROWN**
T&D Staff Writer

Talks are underway between Orangeburg County and an industry that is looking to invest \$115 million and create 350 new jobs.

During the Orangeburg County Council meeting Monday night, council approved a resolution authorizing a fee-in-lieu-of-taxes and incentive agreement with a company identified for the time being as "Project Rose."

Jerrold Anderson, deputy county attorney, said the industry is requesting an "inducement agreement" from Orangeburg County and will

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Police: Man rode stolen car to see parole officer

T&D Staff Reporter

An Orangeburg man charged with aiding in a stolen vehicle

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Nestle Waters taps McBee

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- Nearly \$400,000 in annual property taxes.
- The creation of 40 to 50 new jobs.

ROBERT MONNIE
Staff writer

MCBEE — Several years of planning that accelerated considerably over the past four months reached a climax last Friday when the Chesterfield County Economic Development announced that Nestlé Waters North America will build a two-line water bottling facility on S.C. 151 about one mile southeast of McBee.

"This is a victory for everyone who lives and works in Chesterfield County," said Matt Rivers, chairman of Chesterfield County Council. "Nestlé Waters' decision to build and operate a bottling facility here is a testament to our region's strengths as a good place to do business and create jobs. Also, council would like to thank Kim

Burch and Cherry McCoy of Chesterfield County Economic Development. Their hard work and dedication have been a huge part of our success."

"We're excited to congratulate Nestlé Waters on their decision to establish a new bottling facility in Chesterfield County," said South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. "Their \$40 million investment and plans to create 40 new jobs is terrific news for the McBee community, our manufacturing industry, and the entire state. We look forward to supporting Nestlé as they grow and thrive in South Carolina."

Lance Tully, Senior Nestlé Natural Resource Specialist who is managing the project said

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Alligator extends, expands contract with Hartsville

ROBERT MONNIE
Staff writer

MCBEE — As a condition for landing the Nestlé water bottling plant near McBee, Alligator Rural Water and Sewer Co. renegotiated its waste water contract signed in 1997

with the city of Hartsville that was due to expire in 2020.

The new agreement between the city and Alligator replaces a previous contract under which Alligator piped an average of 203,600 gallons a day

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SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

District makes the 'Sweet 16'

ROBERT MONNIE
Staff writer

CHESTERFIELD — With an absolute performance rating of excellent on the 2014 state report cards released Friday, Chesterfield County School District cracked the coveted "scholastic sweet 16" by ranking 16th among the 82 districts in the Palmetto State. Half of the district's 16 schools, including all high schools, achieved excellent absolute ratings, continuing the district's upward academic proficiency trend of the past three years.

Major inputs to the state report include standardized testing results and on-time graduation rate. The district ranked seventh statewide in the on-time graduation rate for 2014.

District Superintendent Dr. Harrison Goodwin said that the district staff had been anticipating the ratings since the summer.

"Having the actual scores released confirming those projections allows us to reflect on our accomplishments and compare ourselves to other schools and districts across the state," Goodwin said.

He added that the accomplishments of the county schools and the district on the state report card validates his staff's belief that the district should be focused on maximum student achievement, regardless of ability, socioeconomic background or class.

Board extends Goodwin's contract

ROBERT MONNIE
Staff writer

CHESTERFIELD — After a month-long evaluation process that culminated with a third executive session at last week's board meeting, the Chesterfield County School Board gave high marks to District Superintendent Dr. Harrison Goodwin, resulting in his contract extension and a raise.

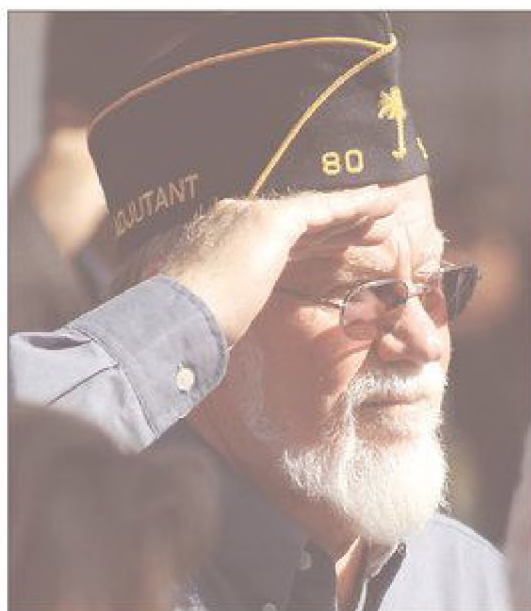
The board also met in closed session October 13 and October 27 to review Goodwin's performance, who took the reins of the 7,400 student district in July 2012.

To facilitate the board's review, Goodwin submitted an assessment of the district's progress toward goals in literacy, on-time graduation rates, ranking



Goodwin

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Staff photo by Bob Sloan

A Chesterfield County veteran salutes as the national anthem is played during the Veterans Day ceremony held Nov. 11 outside the Chesterfield County Courthouse. For more photos, visit www.thelinkpaper.com.

'Real Heroes'

County pays tribute to with parade, ceremony

BOB SLOAN
Editor

CHESTERFIELD — The eleventh hour. The eleventh day. The eleventh month.

Chesterfield County joined with other Americans across the country to honor those who have served and those who are serving in the Armed Forces during a Veterans Day parade and ceremony in Chesterfield.

American Legion Post 74 Commander Bobby Griffith, who also serves as the chairperson of the county's veterans affairs committee, opened the ceremony with

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Hospice volunteer makes flags cases for vets

BOB SLOAN
Editor

CHESTERFIELD — When Dale Milam returned to Chesterfield in 2006, he began looking for a way to give back to the community by using his God-given talents.

For the last eight years, Milam has been serving as a volunteer for Hospice of Chesterfield County. The retired Navy veteran and avid

presented to veterans and their families.

"I feel like God gave me these talents and this is my way of putting them to use," said Milam, who served 25 years in the Navy before retiring in 1994.

Milam, originally from St. Louis, Missouri, said it takes him about two to three days to make a flag case and that he makes several at a



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