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The donation box that can be found at the Newberry Chamber of Commerce.

Coats for a cause

By Andrew Wigger
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NEWBERRY — The Newberry County Young Professionals, the Muller Center at Newberry College, The Rotary Club of Newberry and the Newberry County Literacy Council are teaming up for the Second Annual Newberry County Young Professional Coat Drive. The Coat Drive began on

Oct. 15, and will go until Nov. 17.

This year's coat drive will benefit high school students within the county, last year's drive benefited elementary school students.

"Last year we were very successful. I don't have an exact number of what we collected, but we were able to serve our elementary students in need in the City of Newberry," said Samantha

Baird, Newberry County Young Professionals secretary.

The decision to have a coat drive came about last year when the Young Professionals assisted the Muller Center at Newberry College with their coat drive.

"It was organized by Teiara Turner who served at the AmeriCorp Vista. She was the brains of the event last

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New technology to improve response time

Staff Report

NEWBERRY — Sheriff Lee Foster says that the Newberry County Sheriff's Office has taken another step forward in using technology to improve response time to the people of the area.

The NCSO has now equipped every vehicle with Automated Vehicle Location (AVL). These devices track the vehicle's location at all time. The system also sends the vehicle location to the 911 center and to the cars on duty at that time.

Foster said this technology will allow supervisors and the 911 center the ability to quickly see the closest deputies to calls, improving response time.

Using this system, and the current mapping system, 911 dispatchers can guide the car to the call for help when they are having trouble locating the residence or call. This technology was recently used to guide a deputy to a lost hiker using the AVL from the car and the GPS for the caller's cell phone.

These devices will also be a safety feature for the deputies because if the deputy calls for help or has other issues, the 911 center and other deputies will know exactly where the deputy is located. Foster said.

In addition to the AVL feature, the cars have been equipped with wireless connectivity back to the Sheriff's Office. This means that the deputies are now able to perform their own driver's license, tag and wanted person checks from the field.

This access will help cut down radio traffic and work in an already overloaded 911 center and shorten the time of traffic stops and other interactions, according to Foster.

The use of this technology will give the deputies more than just a better response time, but will give the deputies more time to patrol throughout the county.

The deputies can also get information from the 911 center sent directly to their car and while they have been doing reporting in the cars for some time, now the reports are immediately sent to the Sheriff's Office server, officials stated.

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Andrew Wigger | The Newberry Observer
Will Vandervort compared the Newberry High School 2001 football team to the Clemson 2015 football team.

Tale of two teams

By Andrew Wigger
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NEWBERRY — Will Vandervort, senior writer and editor for the Clemson Insider and former sports editor for The Newberry Observer, compared the 2001 Newberry High School football team to the 2015 Clemson football team during Monday's Touchdown Club.

"When Clemson went on its run in 2015, after covering Clemson going on the 12th season that year, they were mediocre until Dabo got there. That 2015 game came, and they were going through that course of the season, they reminded me of the 2001 Newberry team because I remember how that year captivated this small town, you guys went 13-0 at the start of the season and everybody was captivated by what they could do," Vandervort said. "There were no Division One players on the team (Newberry), these guys came together and worked together, like a band of brothers if you will, and it was a fun team to cover, and I loved

working with the coaching staff and the players."

While Vandervort said that the Newberry team was not the most talented in the world, but they did come together for a common goal.

"Each Friday night they went out there and they dominated and they beat every team that they played. Then they ended up playing a team who did have a lot of Division One Players, Camden, in the Upper State finals. I tell you what, you guys gave them a run. I remember the team working so hard to win that game, even though the odds were against them," he said.

Vandervort was reminded of that 2001 Newberry team in 2015 because of how the Tigers played for each other.

"The 2015 team was closer than the 2016 team because they had not been there before. They were trying to get to the top of the mountain, they stayed focused, played hard," he said. "That whole team, they worked together so well, it was fun to cover them."

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Healthgrades recognizes NCMH

Staff Report

NEWBERRY — Joint Replacement at Newberry County Memorial Hospital is among the top 10% in the nation, as measured by volume-weighted performance, according to this year's evaluation from Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

Every year, Healthgrades evaluates hospital performance at nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 34 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions.

This achievement is part of findings released by Healthgrades and is featured in their 2018 Report to the Nation. The new report demonstrates how clinical performance continues to differ between hospitals regionally and nationally.

This variation in care has a significant impact on health outcomes. For example, from 2014-2016, patients treated at hospitals receiving the Joint Replacement Specialty Excellence Award have on average 57.2% lower risk of experiencing a complication while in the hospital than if they were treated in hospitals that did not receive the award.

"We are extremely proud to be recognized in the Top 10% of the Nation for our Joint Replacement program for six years in a row," said Bruce Baldwin, chief executive officer of Newberry Hospital. "The continued dedication and hard work of each member of our team allows us to ensure the best possible care for our patients. I congratulate our physicians, nurses, support staff, board members and volunteers, whose efforts made this recognition possible."

In addition to receiving the Joint Replacement Excellence Award, Newberry County Memorial Hospital has also been named a Five-Star Recipient for Total Knee Replacement for seven years in a row (2012-2018) and Hip Fracture Treatment for four years in a row (2015-2018).

"Consumers value information about hospital quality and use it to evaluate their choices for care," said Brad Bowman, MD, chief medical officer, Healthgrades. "Hospitals that have achieved a specialty excellence distinction from Healthgrades prove a commitment to high-quality of patient care."

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OBITUARIES

CLAUDE DOMINICK

PROSPERITY — Claude Lake Dominick, 79, widower of Fredna Cook Dominick, died Monday, October 16, 2017, at his residence. Born on June 2, 1938, in Prosperity, he was the son of the late Claude William and Lois Lake Dominick. He served in the S.C. National Guard and was the owner of Claude Lake Dominick Contractors. Mr. Dominick was a member of Zion United Methodist Church and formerly served on the Newberry County Council. He is survived by his son, Dr. Wayde (Sally) Dominick of Chapin; daughter, Pam (Jeff) Bartley of Prosperity; grandchildren, Cody (Jessica) Dominick of

Columbia, Tim Dominick and Caroline Dominick both of Chapin and Erica Bartley of Prosperity. Graveside services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 19, 2017, at Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery by the Rev. R. T. Bowling and Rev. Jimmy Counts. Visitation will be Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at McSwain-Evans Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 80 Zion Circle, Prosperity, SC 29127. A note of remembrance may be written to the family at www.mcswainevans.com. McSwain-Evans Funeral Home, Inc.

LINDA KOON

LITTLE MOUNTAIN — Linda Epting Koon, 71, of Little Mountain, died Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the Heritage at Lowman in White Rock. Born on April 5, 1946 in Newberry, she was a daughter of the late Leland Epting, Sr. and Ruby Lott Epting. Mrs. Koon was an active member of St. Peter Lutheran Church where she previously served on Church Council, was a former Sunday School Teacher, and was a member of Alpha Circle and the Primetimers. Linda was a retired public educator teaching at Mid-Carolina High School and Airport High School. Gardening and cooking were some of her favorite hobbies. She is survived by her children, Gerald David Koon, Jr. (Denise) of Little Mountain and Charlotte Koon Ehney (Steve) of Greenwood; grandchildren, Jon-Drayton Ehney, Collin Ehney, Madelyn Koon, and Meredith Koon; siblings,



Leland Epting, Jr. (Patsy) and Susan Longshore, all of Newberry, Mary Hallman (Walter) of Surfside, and Janet Morris (Dwain) of Newberry; brother-in-law, Barney Koon (Ann) of Gaston; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Gerald David Koon, Sr. Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Chapin by the Rev David Tholstrup. Interment will be in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall following the burial. The family suggests memorials be made to St. Peter Lutheran Church Building Fund, 900 Dreher Island Road, Chapin, SC 29036. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.whitakerfuneralhome.com. Whitaker Funeral Home of Newberry is assisting the family.

**City of Newberry Parks, Recreation and Tourism
2017 Football Standings**

Through Oct. 12

Pee Wee Teams (8-9 yr. olds)	Win	Loss	Tie	Div.
Pee Wee - Panthers	0	4	0	0-1
Pee Wee - Broncos	1	4	0	1-1
Pee Wee - Colts	2	2	0	2-1
Pee Wee - Jets	5	0	0	2-0
Pee Wee - Rams	2	2	0	0-2
Pee Wee - Chiefs	3	1	0	1-1
Junior Teams (10-12 yr. olds)	Win	Loss	Tie	Div.
Junior - Broncos	4	2	0	2-0
Junior - Colts	2	3	0	0-2
Junior - Panthers	5	1	0	1-1
Junior - Rams	0	5	0	0-2
Junior - Chiefs	3	3	0	1-2
Junior - Jets	3	2	0	2-0
Junior - Chargers	2	3	0	2-1

Team Playoff Scores

Date	Team	Score	vs.	Score	Team
10/9	Pee Wee Jets	12	vs.	0	Pee Wee Rams
10/9	Jr. Broncos	38	vs.	0	Jr. Panthers
10/11	Jr. Jets	22	vs.	16	Jr. Chargers
10/11	Jr. Colts	24	vs.	0	Jr. Rams
10/12	Pee Wee Chiefs	12	vs.	6	Pee Wee Broncos
10/12	Jr. Chiefs	13	vs.	7	Jr. Broncos
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CHURCH NEWS

Oct. 21
 • **8 a.m.-3 p.m.: Trinity United Methodist Church**, 1160 Trinity Church Road in Newberry, holds a fall bazaar. Contact Jane Pollard at 924-2819 for more information.
 • **9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Lake Murray Presbyterian Church** in Chapin hosts the 13th holiday bazaar with handmade items, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women.
 • **9 a.m.-noon: New Hope United Methodist Church**, 3777

New Hope Road in Pomaria, holds its annual fall bazaar. Hot dogs and turkey stew will be available for lunch.
Oct. 22
 • **Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church**, 2336 Mt Pilgrim Church Road in Prosperity, holds Pink Day to raise awareness.
Oct. 28
 • **7-10 a.m.: Lever Chapel AME Church**, 376 Lever Chapel

Church Road, Prosperity, will have a free clothing giveaway.
Oct. 29
 • **4 p.m.: Mayer Memorial Lutheran Church** celebrates the 500th year of Reformation.

The Newberry Observer publishes notices of local interest from area churches on a space available basis. Items can be submitted in writing to The Newberry Observer, 1716 Main St., Newberry, S.C. 29108; in person at 1716 Main St.; via fax to 803-276-1517; or via email at NBOnews@civitasmedia.com. Items can include revivals, special speakers, musical groups, bake sales, etc. Call 803-276-0625 for more information.

OUT & ABOUT IN NEWBERRY CO.

Oct. 22
 • St. Luke's Lutheran Church holds a **Blood Connection blood drive** from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. TBC donor card or photo ID required. Call Fran Merchant at 803-364-3156 to make an appointment.
Oct. 26
 • **The Newberry County Career Center** hosts an Open House from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students and instructors will showcase their programs. Refreshments

will be provided.
Oct. 28
 • **The Midlands South Carolina Muscle and Classic Car Group** holds a cruise-in from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Advance Auto Parts.
Nov. 16
 • **Central United Methodist Church**, 1005 College St. in Newberry, holds a Life Line Screening community event. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com to pre-register, which is required.

Oct. 31
 • **Spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat** is hosted by the Town of Prosperity from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Prosperity Town Square. Call Town Hall at 364-2622 if interested in setting up a trunk.
 • **Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church**, 2336 Mt Pilgrim Church Road in Prosperity, hosts a Halloween trunk or treat, hay rides and more.

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OPERA HOUSE CALENDAR

NEWBERRY — Tickets for shows are available at the Newberry Opera House box office. Call 803-276-6264 or visit www.newberryoperahouse.com for reservations and more information.

Sister Hazel — Nov. 10
 Platinum-selling group Sister Hazel will bring its "We Got it All Tonight" tour to the Newberry

Opera House at 8 p.m. Nov. 10. A limited number of exclusive VIP Experiences will also be available for sale. These packages include access to a Sister Hazel pre-show event, extensive Q&A session with the band, limited-edition merchandise, and much more. Visit <http://sisterhazelvip.com> for information. Tickets start at \$35.

CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

Nov. 11
 • **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**, Prosperity, holds their Country Fried Steak Supper. Eat-in or take-out is from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. for \$8 per plate. Tickets can be purchased from any church member. There will be a bake sale put on by the women of the church. Monies realized will be used for church projects and missions.

The Newberry Observer publishes notices of fundraisers from area churches on a space available basis. Items can be submitted in writing to The Newberry Observer, 1716 Main St., Newberry, S.C. 29108; in person at 1716 Main St.; or via email at NBOnews@civitasmedia.com. Call 803-276-0625 for information.

REUNIONS

Hawkins Reunion
 • The descendants of the late Paul W. and Anne Vaughn Hawkins hold their annual reunion at 1 p.m. Oct. 22 at Stoney Hill School. Bring well-filled picnic baskets and tea. Utensils will be furnished.

Got a reunion coming up? Let us know so we can help spread the word. The Newberry Observer encourages the submission of reunion notices for schools, churches and families for publication. Items can be submitted in writing to The Newberry Observer, 1716 Main St., Newberry, S.C. 29108; in person at 1716 Main St.; via fax to 803-276-1517; or via email at NBOnews@civitasmedia.com. Call 803-276-0625 for more information.

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Stephen Creager, far left, with collaborating researchers from the Savannah River National Laboratory.

Scientist partners with SRNL

By Hannah Halusker
For The Newberry Observer

CLEMSON — From the mining of uranium ore to the storage of used fuel, radioactive waste is generated at every stage of the nuclear fuel cycle, and a Clemson University scientist is pursuing research that could help in handling it.

In a collaboration with the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) in Aiken, College of Science professor Stephen Creager of the department of chemistry is working on ways to clean water contaminated by radioactive tritium.

Tritium is an isotope, or form, of hydrogen with a nucleus that has one proton and two neutrons. It differs from hydrogen in that the element's most common form — protium — has a lone proton and no neutrons. The other isotope of hydrogen — deuterium — falls in the middle of the three, having one proton and one neutron.

Because tritium is an unstable, radioactive isotope, it's the rarest form of hydrogen, produced mostly as a byproduct of nuclear reactors rather than as a naturally occurring isotope. The Savannah River National Laboratory is one of two facilities in the United States that stores the majority of the country's nuclear waste, prompting the desire for SRNL to better understand how to dispose of or repurpose tritium. Creager might have a way to do it using the world's thinnest material: graphene.

"In 2010, the Nobel Prize in physics was awarded for studies on graphene," Creager said. "At the time, I thought it was trivial because graphene is just a layer of graphite — the lead of pencils — but just that single layer has all of these interesting properties, one of which is that it's an excellent barrier. It's thin, but it's also very impenetrable, and people are doing things like putting it in batteries because it's got a very high surface area and it's electronically conductive."

The researchers who won the Nobel Prize continued to work with graphene and discovered in 2014 that under certain conditions the material is permeable to hydrogen ions, also called protons.

"It was a shocking result because everyone had assumed up to that point, and all the measurements had confirmed, that even something as small as a helium atom — two protons and two electrons — couldn't move through graphene. And yet, a proton could," Creager said. "That was a cool discovery and there are all kinds of things you can do with that knowledge."

Two years later, in the publication that caught Creager's attention, the same researchers found that not only did graphene allow protons to flow through it, but it let them through 10 times faster than deuterons, the nuclei of deuterium atoms. In other words, graphene allows 10 times more protons to be separated from deuterium in a single step, an enrichment factor that trumps conventional methods.

One of those conventional methods — electrochemical hydrogen pumping — provides a way to separate mixtures of gases composed of hydrogen isotopes. Schematically, a hydrogen pump is an electrochemical cell that has a cathode on one end, an anode at the other and is connected to a power source.

"You take a mixture of hydrogen and deuterium gas and it comes in one side. You oxidize the hydrogen into protons and deuterons, which go across the cell. The deuterons are blocked and only pure hydrogen comes out the other side," Creager said. "It's a boring device because hydrogen comes in and hydrogen goes out, but it's also very interesting because it provides a means of separating hydrogen ions from deuterium and tritium ions."

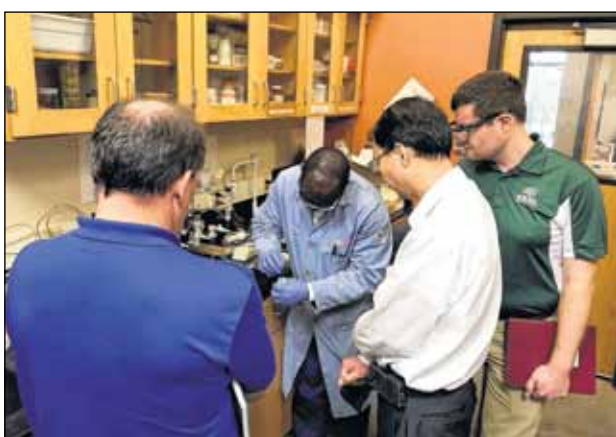
At the time the Nobel Prize researchers released their latest findings, Creager was already working with the Savannah River National Laboratory on a different, less successful project. He was a perfect match to reimagine the hydrogen pump, given his development of a miniature fuel cell that requires only a few micrograms of catalyst to stimulate a reaction. In Creager's miniature cell, a 2-by-2-inch piece of graphene — with a market value of \$250 — can provide for 20 experiments, whereas a typical cell would need 20 times that amount.

The team's idea is to build an electrochemical cell that can clean tritium out of contaminated water by means of water electrolysis — useful to SRNL in the event that its storage facilities ever leak tritium into the groundwater and useful to Creager for his miniature cell specialty.

In the cell, contaminated water would flow in one



ABOVE, Stephen Creager's miniature fuel cell will be used with graphene to separate isotopes of hydrogen. BELOW, SRNL researchers work in lab with a Clemson grad student. The researchers' study is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy.



side and a reaction will convert the water into its components: hydrogen — or deuterium or tritium — and oxygen. The isotope would then arrive at the second end of the cell and be reduced into hydrogen. Adding a graphene layer could selectively collect deuterium and tritium on the water side of the cell, allowing only depleted pure hydrogen on the other side, thereby cleaning the water.

"The place with the greatest need for cleanup in the world right now is at the Fukushima plant in Japan that was damaged by the 2011 tsunami," Creager said. "There are millions of gallons of contaminated water there and there's not really any viable way to clean it up."

While nuclear cleanup is a primary interest of the project, being able to concentrate tritium can have other applications, too.

"The whole reason that the Savannah River Lab exists is because they produced the hydrogen and tritium used in hydrogen bombs in the 1950s," Creager said. "They still produce the tritium that is used to make nuclear weapons, the point being they have lots of experience handling the stuff."

But tritium isn't all sinister, Creager pointed out. The isotope has a half-life of 12 years, meaning that it will last for 12 years before it loses half of its radioactivity. That makes it an ideal substance to use in a long-lasting battery, though it's also known for

its use in glowing "exit" signs above doorways.

The team's method — technically called hydrogen isotope fractionation using graphene — could also have applications in the world's ever-changing energy landscape.

"What if you could couple a deuterium isolation plant to one of these water electrolysis plants that is associated with a renewable energy source? If you can't dump the electricity on the grid, then you have to convert it to some useful product. Maybe that product could be hydrogen," Creager said. "I don't know the answer to that — we provide the knowledge for a design engineer or maybe a utility company who can then find the most optimal ways to use energy."

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Honorary street naming of Bishop Robert Bishop Way

Staff Report

NEWBERRY — The 5000 block of Monticello Road, in Columbia, will be renamed Bishop Robert L. Bishop Way in a ceremony scheduled for 11 a.m. Oct. 20.

Bishop, a native of Newberry and co-founder of Grace Christian Church and Grace Christian Ministries Inc., worked for more than 35 years in the Newberry community and throughout the state helping provide programs that would serve the holistic person. He died on June 7, 2006.

Bishop served as a pastor of seven churches, four educational complexes and auditoriums, and turned an abandoned grocery store into Grace Christian Church.

He served in various capacities with the National Black Pastors' Conference in Birmingham, Ala., Community Urban Renewal, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Columbia Bible College and Seminary in Columbia.

His board affiliations included the S.C. Department of Corrections Pre-Release Center, Richland County Department of Social Services Foster Care, Tony Evans and City Light, S.C. Parent Teacher Association, Boy Scouts of America, City of Columbia Advisory Board, Ridgewood Community Organization and Student Relations Committee at Columbia International University.

His calling and gifting ignited The American Dream Project, an affordable homeownership program that empowered more than 15 families in the city of Columbia to be homeowners within the first two years of the initiative's inception.

In 1994, under his leadership, the Unto the Least of These Thanksgiving Feast was born where more than 800 homeless and seniors citizens from various community care homes throughout the city where fed a Thanksgiving meal with most of the funds coming from him.

Bishop's generosity and family legacy continues through the Grace Academy Child Development Center and Pathways Out of Poverty, an employment readiness initiative and expungement service in partnership with Richland County Judicial Services and the City of Columbia Pre-Trial Intervention Services.



Bishop

DAY BOOK

Oct. 18
• **10:30 a.m.: Newberry Newcomers Club**, will hold its meeting at Macedonia Lutheran Church, 49 Macedonia Lake Road, Prosperity, which will include a tour. Following the tour, there will be a business meeting at the home of member, Fran Huck - 803-364-2201. Annual dues of \$15.00 are due at this time.

Oct. 26
• **7 p.m.: Interfaith Community Services of Newberry County** will meet at the Oakland Community Center, 980 First Street, Newberry. The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the General Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 27
• **12:15 p.m.: The Partners for PRIDE** (families with individuals with disabilities and special needs) will hold their quarterly meeting

in the PRIDE Business Center at 12:15 p.m. on 115 Nance Street, Newberry.

Daybook contains items that occur on a recurring basis, such as council meetings, civic club meetings and the like. Items can be submitted in writing to 1716 Main St., Newberry, S.C. 29108; in person at 1716 Main St.; via fax to 803-276-1517; or via email at NBOnews@civitasmedia.com. Call 803-276-0625 for more information. Items run on a space-available basis.

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Editorial

THEIR VIEW

This season continues to grow

The first day of the fall Grow Newberry Farmers Market was held this past Saturday. The rain was iffy, but didn't scare off the shoppers interested in fresh, local produce and locally made items. The fresh brewed coffee was nice as well. We welcomed two new art vendors this week, so bring your Christmas list. You may be able to cross a few people off as you shop with us each Saturday from 9 until 11 a.m. through Nov. 18 in Memorial Park in downtown Newberry.



Michelle Long
Contributing columnist

From now until Nov. 17, the Newberry County Young Professionals have partnered with the Rotary Club of Newberry, the Muller Center at Newberry College, and Newberry County Literacy Council for a Coat Drive. They are accepting new and gently used coats and other outerwear for high school students in Newberry County. Drop off points include the Chamber, Prosperity Drug, Newberry College Keller Hall, and Sissy's Boutique.

The Third Annual Pumpkin Painting Party will be held this coming Sunday from 3 until 4:30 p.m. in Town Square in front of Community Hall in downtown Newberry. The first 150 children aged 12 and under will receive a pumpkin to paint to their heart's content. Refreshments will be served. We thank Walmart for donating the pumpkins, Senn Trucking for transporting them, and Whitaker Floor Coverings for the paint.

If you are a Chamber member who is interested in meeting more people, then being an Ambassador may be for you. In addition to reaching out to other members, some Ambassadors also help out at events and further engage in their community. If you are interested in learning more, contact us. This month, the Ambassadors will meet on Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Chamber conference room. Join us and find out if you would be a good fit with this dedicated group of people.

Newberry County Memorial Hospital has renovated and expanded their cafeteria. On their behalf, we invite you to join us for a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the new area on Oct. 26 from 5:30 until 7 p.m. The Ribbon Cutting will be held around 6 p.m.

The 2017-2018 Leadership Newberry County will hold their first class on Nov. 2. We look forward to sharing their experiences via several outlets throughout the next nine months.

Last evening, Park Sterling Bank hosted this month's Business After Hours. Thank you to all who came out for networking. November's Business After Hours will be held on Nov. 2 from 5:30 until 7 p.m. at The Farm, located at 7556 SC 219 in Newberry. This will be an outdoor event for the whole family, so bring your partner, spouse, and/or child(ren). ServiceMaster Restoration by GB Johnson is sponsoring this event at the Johnson family farm. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled, so watch the forecast and call us if you have questions about plans.

We are sponsoring a Newberry County Job Fair on Nov. 9 at Piedmont Technical College from 1 until 4 p.m. If you are a business looking to hire, contact us and we will send you a link to register. If you are seeking a job or just interested in what types of jobs are available, be sure to mark your calendar to drop in.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Feel free to contact us at 803-276-4274, chamber@newberrycounty.org, or 1209 Caldwell Street on the first floor of Community Hall in downtown Newberry.

Michelle Long is executive director of the Newberry Chamber of Commerce. Contact her at michelle@newberrycounty.org.

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THEIR VIEW

Trump chips away Obamacare

Chuck (Senate Minority Leader Schumer) and Nancy (House Minority Leader Pelosi) called Trump's latest move to undo one of many Obamacare faux pas "a spiteful act of vast, pointless sabotage." Democrats and progressives alike claimed myriad maladies resulting from Trump's not paying subsidies to insurance companies.



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Way back on July 29 in a tweet: "If a new HealthCare Bill is not approved quickly, BAILOUTS for Insurance Companies and BAILOUTS for Members of Congress will end very soon!"

Eric Hargan, Health and Human Services Acting Secretary, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Seema Verma explained Obama's constitutional ineptness in a statement last week:

"The Obama Administration unfortunately went ahead and made CSR payments to insurance companies after requesting - but never ultimately receiving - an appropriation from Congress as required by law. In 2014, the House of Representatives was forced to sue the previous Administration to stop this unconstitutional executive action. In 2016, a federal court ruled that the Administration had circumvented the appropriations process, and was unlawfully using unappropriated money to fund reimbursements due to insurers."

By the way, subsidies to members of Congress were not in Obamacare either. What will Chuck and Nancy do if Trump stops their "cost-sharing" payments?

President Trump, in moves reminiscent of President Obama, has been using his own pen to reverse many of the penned actions of his predecessor. Last week Trump also

asked federal agencies to loosen rules so associations and other groups could offer insurance plans, allow short-term plans, and allow sales of health plans across state lines.

These moves will have little if any effect this year. Obamacare has been a disaster in America's medical communities. Health insurance rates have skyrocketed. Obamacare exchanges have no competition in one-third of American counties. The Democrats' unilateral plan to force every American to purchase an expensive health insurance plan, or pay the tax man for not complying with the federal mandate is imploding just as predicted from the beginning.

One would hope that Trump's unilateral "pen" actions will spur the knuckleheads on Capitol Hill to giddy up. Democrats created the Obamacare monster. John Roberts' Supreme Court kept it alive. And, the Republican establishment should be sued for malpractice for failing to heal it or kill it. They are all the problems.

Finally, I agree top one-percenters should pay 100 percent of their annual incomes in taxes. This act alone would give NFL kneelers, career politicians, and media elite real reasons to go into hyperbolic hissy fits! Americans are tired of fake reality shows.

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AREA EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Rose Hill Plantation pre-Halloween event

UNION — Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site would like to invite you to our annual pre-Halloween event: Tales of Union County & Beyond on Saturday, October 28 from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Listen to spooky tales and ghostly legends from the cast of professional storytellers as you sit around a campfire and have s'mores, hot drinks and other goodies. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair, a blanket or some other form of portable seating, and to dress for the weather to ensure their comfort. Lighting will be limited and the ground is slightly uneven so decent

walking shoes are recommended. Bring your own mug to help reduce Styrofoam waste. The eeriness begins at 6:30 p.m. behind the kitchen at the rear of the Gist Mansion. Cost is \$10.00 per person (age 6 and older). Age 5 and under are free. This is a S.C. Park Passport Plus program. In the event of inclement weather, the program will not be held. Reservations are required by October 23 E-mail or call us so we can take your reservation. Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site, 2677 Sardis Road, Union, SC, 29379 Ph.: 864-427-5966. E-mail: rosehill@scprt.com Web: www.southcarolinaparks.com/rosehill

Festival scheduled for Nov. 3 - 5 SALUDA — The 22nd Annual Fall Festival/Tractor/Engine show and pull will be held at Richland Creek Farms, 542 Richland Creek Road, Ward on Nov. 3-5. The festival site is located between Batesburg-Leesville, Ridge Spring and Saluda. From Batesburg-Leesville take Hwy 178 north toward Saluda or from Ridge Spring take Hwy 39 north toward Saluda, from Saluda take Hwy 39 south toward Ridge Spring follow the signs and exit onto Duncan Road which leads to Richland Creek Road. This family event has activities planned for everyone with demonstrations of old farm machinery, steam engine, saw

mill, hit miss engines, syrup cooking, shingle making, thrashing of grain, blacksmith shop, a barnyear exhibit, pedal tractor race/pull and an antique tractor pull for tractors through 1960, vendors and exhibitors plus food vendors. The gates open each day at 9 a.m. and the tractor pull begins with a demonstration pull at 7 p.m. on Friday and the Saturday competition pull beginning at 1 p.m. The highlight for the weekend is a visit to Richland Springs Baptist Church for Old Fashion Day on Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. The church is located at 1895 Duncan Road. Admission is \$5 a day for Friday and Sunday and \$10 a day

on Saturday for adults; children under 12 years old are admitted free. RV hookups are available by reservations at \$45 for the weekend for water/electric only. This is an educational/family event and no alcoholic beverages or other controlled substance will be permitted. For additional information visit www.richlandcreekantiques.com, call (864) - 445 - 2781 or email jfberry@centurylink.net.

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AROUND NEWBERRY COUNTY

Prospect camps

NEWBERRY — Newberry will host baseball camps designed for high school prospects at 10 a.m. Nov. 5 and Nov. 12. The camps will be run identically to give players a chance to attend if they're unable to make one of the dates. The cost is \$100 to pre-register or \$125 for walk-ups. Checks can be made payable to Newberry Baseball. Checks and registration forms can be mailed to: Newberry Baseball, 2100 College St., Newberry, SC 29108.

NOH Guild oyster roast

NEWBERRY — The annual oyster roast benefiting the Newberry Opera House will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Waldrop Farm in Newberry featuring oysters from Bowen's Island as well as a variety of other food, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Entertainment will be by Doug and Bunny Williams. The event is sponsored by the Newberry Opera House Guild. Tickets are \$40 and are available at the Newberry Opera House Box Office, online, or from any NOH Guild member. Call the box office at 803-76-6264 or visit online at newberryoperahouse.com for more information. Directions available with tickets as needed.

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VITA looking for tax preparers for 2018

Staff Report

NEWBERRY — The Cooperative Ministry in partnership with Newberry Literacy Council is seeking volunteer tax preparers and greeters to help staff their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) at their Newberry tax site during the 2018 tax season. With the support of IRS certified volunteer tax preparers, VITA sites provide free tax preparation to individuals and families earning less than \$54,000 per year. This income cap qualifies roughly 60 percent of Newberry residents for free tax preparation. Last year, Newberry Literacy Council completed 173 tax returns, refunding over \$65,000



back into the local community. These were basic returns completed by Newberry residents. To help even more taxpayers this year, the Cooperative Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to go through their free tax training program. "Volunteers want to strengthen our community and our volunteers enjoy giving back in a very tangible way," said Jessica Grote, VITA director at the Cooperative Ministry. "Volunteers sharpen their current skills and develop new ones. There is something intriguing about helping people with their taxes, which keeps our volunteers coming back year after year." Free volunteer training provided by IRS community partners begins in November and Decem-

ber. New volunteers are invited to attend classroom instruction that is suitable for beginners with no prior tax knowledge. For tax professionals or experienced volunteers, an online training and certification tool is available. Site operation hours vary, but each volunteer is asked to volunteer regularly for at least one three-hour shift per week from late January until April 15, 2018. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome, but all volunteers need to be comfortable working with a computer. "Volunteers are the heart of our program, as our lines remain long as thousands of people show up every tax season," said Grote. "The amazing result is thousands of tax returns prepared and millions of dollars returned to the pockets of working families. How else can you save a neighbor hundreds of dollars in just an hour's time?" Learn more at www.coopmin.org/how-we-help/vita/

Cause

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year, and because it went so well, we wanted to continue the tradition for another year," Baird said. "This year, we are working with the new AmeriCorp Vista, DeVonte Davis." The organizations involved in the Coat Drive will be collecting gently used and new coats, jackets, scarves, warm hats, socks and gloves, sizes child's large through 3XL. Baird notes that they cannot accept monetary donations. There is no set goal for the Coat Drive, but Baird said they would like to see as many Newberry County students served as possible. "If we have additional donations we will be reaching out to other organizations to donate our collections to ensure that we are serving as many

students as possible," Baird said. Drop off locations for the Coat Drive can be found throughout Newberry County. Newberry County Chamber of Commerce (1209 Caldwell Street, Newberry), Newberry College Keller Hall (2100 College Street, Newberry), Sissy's Boutique of Whitmire (159 Main Street, Whitmire) and Prosperity Drug Company (101 N. Main Street, Prosperity). "Our community is amazing and we knew that we wanted to expand our reach this year. We wanted to make sure our drop off locations were more convenient for possible donors and to show our communities that regardless of where you attend school, or which zip code you live in, we are all here for one another," Baird said. Once the Coat Drive ends on Nov. 17 the coats will be delivered to students in need at all Newberry County high schools.

During the time of the Coat Drive, the Newberry Young Professionals will be hosting an event, and Baird said they welcome donations, wherever and whenever they host an event. "Newberry County Young Professionals next event is this week at Do-Si-Jo's Corn Maze in Newberry on Oct. 19 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Donors are also welcome to contact myself (samanthapbaird@gmail.com) or DeVonte Davis (devonte.davis@newberry.edu). We would be happy to meet you to pick up donations," Baird said. Likewise, Kimberly Kitchens, president of The Rotary Club of Newberry, said they will have two more meetings during the course of the Coat Drive, Oct. 27 and Nov. 10. She said that they are reminding members to bring donations during the meetings.

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Technology

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Another feature of the system is a better reporting infrastructure: The system allows staff to review most all aspects of a vehicle's operations such as speed, areas patrolled and other vital information to better deploy patrols based upon call volume and current crime trends. "This is cutting edge technology," Foster said. "We understand that in today's world you must be willing to implement current technology into your operation and we are continually recognized as being on the front edge of that technology. However, we must understand that law enforcement is not just about technology, it

is about people. People who are highly trained and equipped to serve the people of Newberry County." Foster added that the next goal with this technology is have various aspects of public safety throughout the county begin using the technology as well. The goal would be to have the ability to see all aspects of public safety functioning on a common map enabling the 911 center and vehicles to see and interact with each other in real time. "We are being recognized at the state and national level for our partnerships with other agencies such as the police departments, school district and the hospital," Foster said. "Those partnerships are invaluable to best serving the people of Newberry County."

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Tale

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Clemson would then go to play Alabama, and Vandervort said much like Newberry with Camden,

Alabama just had a little bit more than they did, and they just fell short of their goal of winning the National Championship. "But you knew that the core of the team was coming back, and that they were going to put

themselves in that position to come back again next year," Vandervort said. "Last year you knew the pressure was on Coach Swinney to win, you could feel that pressure building on them each week."

However that pressure went away after the loss to Pittsburgh. "That week, it was like the whole team came together, and all of a sudden they were not tense anymore. I do not

know if it took the pressure off them or what, but they played like the year before and we know the rest of the story," Vandervort said.

Regional Weather

Newberry Five-Day Forecast

Day	High	Low	Conditions
Wednesday	71	43	Nice with plenty of sunshine
Thursday	75	45	Sunshine and pleasant
Friday	79	48	Mostly sunny and beautiful
Saturday	79	56	Pleasant with partial sunshine
Sunday	75	63	Mostly cloudy

Tuesday's Air Quality

0-50 Good; 51-100 Moderate; 101-150 Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200 Unhealthy; 201-300 Very Unhealthy; 301-500 Hazardous

Source: Airnow.gov

Lakes and Rivers

Data in feet as of 7 a.m. Tuesday

LAKE	Full Pool	Present Level	24 hr Chg.
Hartwell	660	651.65	-0.24
Keowee	100	97.68	+0.10
Murray	360	354.50	-0.05
Russell	480	474.45	+0.16
Thurmond	330	320.98	+0.04
Waterree	100	97.62	-0.10
Wylie	100	96.53	+0.20

Local Almanac

Statistics through Monday

TEMPERATURES	75/51
High/low	75/51
Normal high/low	74/50
PRECIPITATION	0.02"
Monday	0.02"
Month to date (normal)	1.97" (1.85")
Year to date (normal)	35.05" (35.62")

Wednesday's UV Index

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme.

Tuesday's Pollen

Trees	absent	low	moderate	high	very high
Grass	absent				
Weeds	absent				
Molds	absent				

Source: Allergic Disease and Asthma Center

Sun and Moon

Event	Time
Sunrise Wed.	7:34 a.m.
Sunset Wed.	6:48 p.m.
Moonrise Wed.	6:17 a.m.
Moonset Wed.	6:32 p.m.

New

Oct 19

Bulldogs and Panthers face off on Thursday

By Kelly Duncan

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NEWBERRY — The Newberry Bulldogs are on the road again as they travel to take on Chapman High School Panthers Thursday night.

The game was rescheduled to Thursday due to professional development day for Chapman on Friday.



Both the Bulldogs and Panthers are going into Thursday's game undefeated, with the Panthers recently defeating Mid-Carolina High School 58-20.

Newberry Head Coach Phil Strickland said the Panthers are very balanced on offense and cover the whole field, something the Bulldogs have been working on in practice this week.

"Defensively, we've been working to cover the whole field. Their (Chapman) quarterback is a catalyst and he makes them go," said Strickland. "The winner of this game is going to win the Region, so this game is our most important. Even if one of us lost the next game we would still be ahead. This game is for all the marbles as far as the Region."

Offensively and defensively, Strickland said that the team has been working on controlling the ball more and continuing to keep the ball out of their opponents hands. He added that the team is going to keep working to sustain drives and eat up the clock more.

Injury-wise, Strickland said that the Bulldogs are healthy and ready to go, with the exception of Josh Epps who has a shoulder injury.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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Courtesy photo

Newberry fell to the Royals of Queens University 3-1 in a non-conference match-up on Oct. 15.

Lady Wolves fall to Royals 3-1

Staff Report

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Newberry traveled to take on the Royals of Queens University of Charlotte in a nonconference match up on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. losing 3-1.

During the first period, the matchup went tick-for-tack with Newberry (6-9, 3-4) taking six shots in conjunction with four

penalty corners. The Royals (5-9) finished the first period with eight shots and five penalty corners.

Olivia Fraunfelter's hot hand carried into this game, scoring for Newberry in the first period to tie the game up at 1-1. Fraunfelter was able to get out in front of the defense to score on a breakaway and notch her

second goal of the season.

After the half, Queens increased their production in every offensive category while notching their final two goals in the 44th and 64th minutes. The Royals finished the second period with nine shots and 11 penalty corners.

In the final period, the Wolves found various members of the pack

in scoring position, but were ultimately unable to connect. Kristyna Oyola, Megan Eisenhardt and Brady Keeler all took shots in the final moments of the game.

The Wolves are set to face No. 7 Limestone at home in an Eastern College Athletic Conference contest on Friday, Oct. 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Wright signs to Hutchinson Community College

Staff Report

PROSPERITY — Mid-Carolina High School football standout and offensive lineman Greg Wright will attend Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kan., in January 2018.

"Greg Wright has the potential and the ability to become a dominant offensive lineman if he

continues to work hard and prepare himself physically and mentally to compete at the collegiate level," said Chuck Monroe, an independent football recruiter.

"(Hutchinson Community College) is a fantastic opportunity for Greg and he should represent Newberry, S.C., well both on the field and in



Wright

the classroom while working towards his degree at Hutchinson Community College," he added.

Wright, who is 6-foot-7 and weighs 340 pounds, will major in business administration and says he aspires to become an All American and play football professionally.

Bolton guides Newberry to top after first day of competition

Staff Report

MORGANTON, N.C. — The Wolves retain the top spot with a comfortable 12 stroke lead after 36 holes at the Donald Ross Intercollegiate. Newberry has a combined score of 565 with four players currently ranked in the top-10.

Coker follows Newberry in the 13-team tournament with a score of 17 over par. North Greenville, Barton and Lenoir-Rhyne all concluded the day in the top five. North Greenville's Evan

Gfeller holds the top spot on the leaderboard after finishing five under par for a score of 135.

Harry Bolton finished with sole possession of second place after going three under par for a combined score of 137. He trails Gfeller by two strokes, which is the same number that separates Bolton from third place Wanjo Lee. Bolton finished the day with seven birdies and an eagle.

Spencer Skiff, Ben Thompson and Carlos Leandro propelled Newberry to the top after each of them placed in

the top 10. Skiff finished fourth shooting two over par with a score of 142. Thompson came in a three-way tie for fifth with Milligan's Kodey Poppell and Coker's Zachary Herold at 143. Leandro filled out the top-10 tied for eighth with four over par with a combined score 144.

Rob Cull trailed Leandro by one stroke to finish tied for 14th at 145. He had seven birdies in two rounds of competition.

Jean van Niekerk rounded out Newberry's roster tied for 64th.



Courtesy photo

Harry Bolton finished with sole possession of second place after going three under par for a combined score of 137.

Newberry County is soliciting sealed bids for the Silverstreet old school demolition and installation of a walking tract, funded by the Capital Project Sales Tax. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on October 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Newberry County Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry. Responses are due no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 15th in the same location. Interested bidders may contact Crystal Waldrop at 803-321-1420 for further information or the solicitation may be downloaded from the County website at www.newberrycounty.net/departments

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Middle of the pack finish for Wolves

Staff Report

DAHLONEGA, Ga. — Newberry holds sole possession of ninth place after the first round of competition at the LeeAnn Noble Memorial tournament on Monday. The Wolves shot 29 over par for a 317 total in 18 holes.

Lee University leads the 16-team field with a combined 296 score

which is eight over par. Young Harris, North Georgia, Columbus State U and Lenoir-Rhyne round out the top five. Newberry trails Erskine by one stroke, but holds a three-stroke lead over both Converse and Catawba.

Newberry's strongest performer of the first round was Johana Lunackova, who finished the day



Lunackova

four over par in a nine-way tie for 16th scoring 76.

Taylor Lance came in an eight-way tie for 37th shooting seven over par for 79. Aubrey Guyton finished one stroke behind Lance to close the day tied for 45th.

Nabila Inak shot 82 to place 52nd and Brette Bryant came in 84th to round out the pack.

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Unraveling the services at DHEC

Newberry County Palmetto Public Health District promotes and protects the health of the public and the environment. The agency visions "Healthy people living in healthy communities."

DHEC's programs and services are grouped under four primary divisions. Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, which protect coastal resources. Environmental Quality Control which enforces state environmental laws and regulations. Health Regulation which oversees revisions to the State Health Plan addressing need for medical facilities and services in areas of the state. Health Services while each county falls under their own facility, their purpose is to prevent infectious diseases; promotes healthy mothers, babies and families; improves environmental health in areas such as restaurants, septic tanks, mosquito and rabies; performs laboratory analyses for infectious diseases and newborn screening; provides in-home health care for seniors.

South Carolina is the only state that offers this number of services.

Newberry County Health Department is probably the

part of DHEC with which people are most familiar. Their goal is not to provide services, but to assure that services are available to the residents in Newberry County.

The Health Department offers many direct services, most of which are by appointment to minimize wait times. There are fees for many of our services, but services are not denied to those who cannot afford to pay.

The services we provide are:

- **Public Health Preparedness and Disease Control** — The services often go hand in hand. Preparedness for bioterrorism, epidemics and other public threats and emergencies involves all areas of DHEC. All areas must be coordinated in order to respond rapidly and successfully to an act of bioterrorism, a serious or other public health emergency. All Health Department personnel are trained for our role in emergency response, most notably mass immunization or medication distribution.
- **Immunizations** — Available for children who are 18



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years and under. The Adult Program serves individuals 19 years and over for whom the influenza, pneumococcal vaccines are recommended.

- **Family Planning Program** — Provide individuals the information and means to exercise personal choice in determining the number and spacing of their children. The Program provides a broad range of acceptable and effective medically approved family planning methods

- **Sexually Transmitted Diseases** — Provide services to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infection, to reduce associated illness and death, and to provide care and support resources for persons with HIV disease.

- **Tuberculosis** — Responsible for protecting citizens of South Carolina from the communicable disease tuberculosis. TB is the single largest infectious cause of death in the world, killing about 3 million people every year, despite being both preventable and curable. South Carolina is ranked among the top 10 states nationally in the number of new cases per

100,000 people. TB, if left untreated, can result in a 50 percent mortality rate. For those infected, the program helps patients take their medications correctly. DHEC also is proactive in the development of regulations to protect the public, enforcement of TB control laws, including required reporting of suspected cases.

- **Home Health Services** — Works with patients and their doctor to develop a plan of care that meets their individual health care needs. The program is for those who have recently been discharged from a hospital or rehab facility. Nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists provide their services.

- **WIC (Stands for women, infants and children)** — Funded through US Department of Agriculture, assists states in safeguarding the health and nutritional well-being of our low income women, infants and children during critical growth periods. DHEC has been designated to administer the program.

- **Vital Records** — Each of South Carolina's 46 counties has a vital records office in their public health department. Branch offices can

search for birth and death records only. State law governs who can request these records: birth certificate, death certificate, marriage records, and divorce. The cost for all vital records documents is a non-refundable search fee of \$12 for the first copy and \$3 for each additional copy.

- **Environmental Health Services** — Charged with protecting the health of South Carolina families, visitors and our environment in the area of food protection, onsite wastewater management and general sanitation. When animal bite reports are received the general sanitation workers attempt to locate the offending animal and assure that it does not have rabies.

DHEC is a huge agency with tremendous responsibility. Having local offices with personnel who are dedicated to serving their own communities is what makes this agency work. Newberry County citizens can count their blessings with the numerous services provided to promote and protect their health and that of the public and the environment.

Margaret Brackett is from Newberry. Her columns appear weekly in The Newberry Observer.

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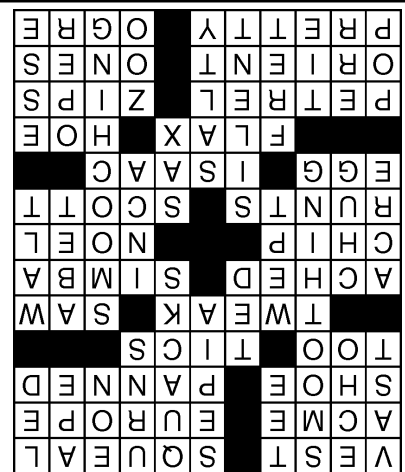
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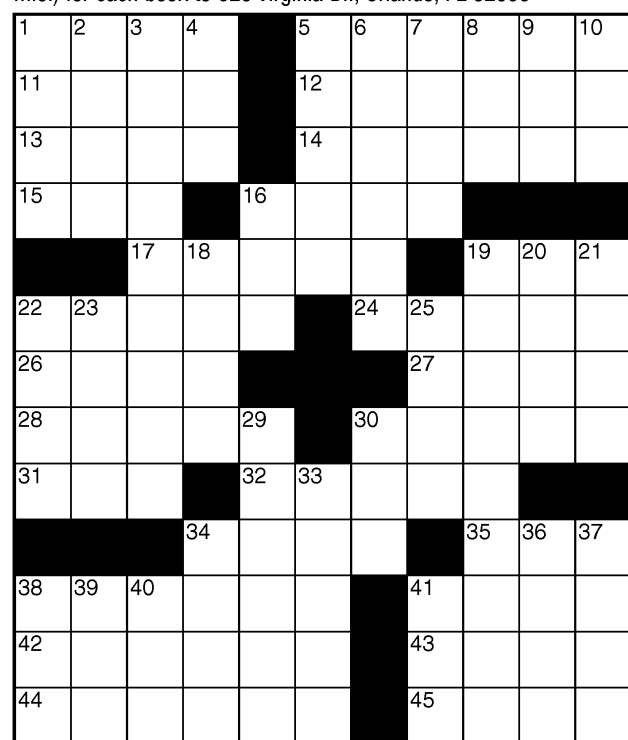
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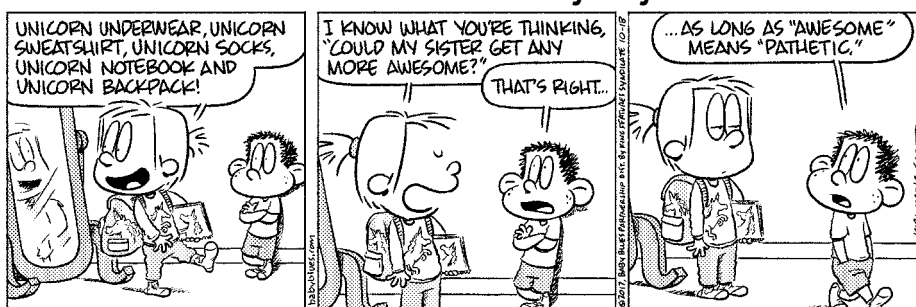
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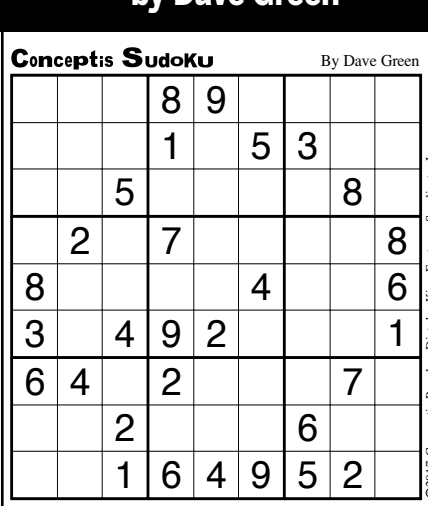
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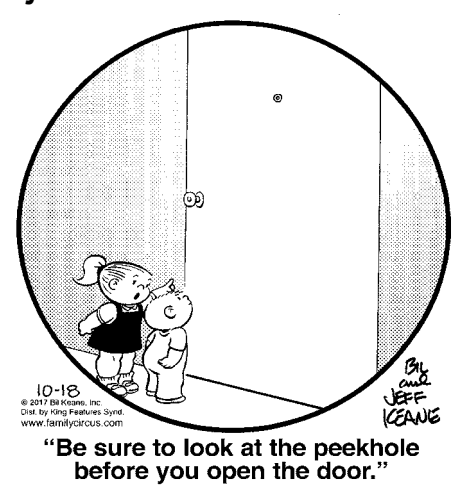
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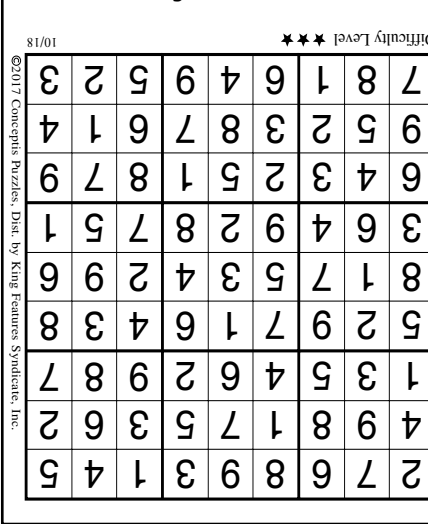


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Touchdown Club recognitions

While not present during the meeting, the Newberry Academy players of the month were Matthew Cole (offense), Hunter Taylor (defense) and Brice Horn (special teams).

While not present during the meeting, Newberry College players of the month were Austin Barnes (offense), Anfernee Moffett (defense) and Darryl Foster (special teams).



ABOVE, the Mid-Carolina High players of the month, pictured with Coach Louie Alexander, Shawon Sims (special teams), Jarvis Green (defense) and BJ Tobe (offense). AT RIGHT, the Newberry High players of the month, pictured with Coach Phil Strickland, Collin Springer (special teams), Alec Blackmon (offense) and Willie Young (defense).



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The Whitmire High players of the month, pictured with Coach Charlie Jenkins, Garrett Davis (special teams), Matthew Prather (defense) and Andrew Felker (offense).



Meet the Wolves: Mark Hoog, Johnathan Saullo and Andres Silva

Staff Report

NEWBERRY — Find out more about Mark Hoog, Johnathan Saullo, and Andres Silva before their lives at Newberry College.

Name: Mark Hoog
Favorite Food: Skyline Chili

Major: Biology
Mark Hoog, a junior defender from Lexington embarks on his third season with the Wolves soccer program.

Prior to Newberry, Hoog started his high school soccer career at Lexington High School. In 2013, at Lexington, his team was a South Carolina State Runner-Up. At River Bluff High School, he was named all-region player and led the team to the South Carolina State Quarterfinals. Hoog received the Coaches Award for Leadership and was also named team captain.

He decided to attend Newberry because of academics and the improving soccer program. "It was one of the few schools that I liked academically, that would also allow me to play soccer," he said.

As a child, Hoog was interested in becoming a construction worker. "When I was little I always wanted to be a construction worker. Every time construction work would happen near my house, I would ask my parents to take me so I could watch them work," he said.

In his free time, Hoog enjoys hiking and cheer-

ing on AJ Green and the Cincinnati Bengals. Before each game he likes to crack his back and neck. His favorite athletic achievement is scoring the game winning goal for his club's team state championship.

Hoog likes to credit his parents for raising him to be a good person and constantly instilling strong morals in him. Something interesting about him is that he plans to one day tryout for American Ninja Warrior. Regarding his training he said, "I train each and every day like it will be the last time I step on the field."

Name: Jonathan Saullo
Favorite Food: Pizza

Major: Graphic Design
The red shirt junior from Beaufort prepares for yet another season with the Wolves.

Saullo credits his mother for raising him to be a kind and humble person. "My mother taught me to be kind and humble. She also taught me to show compassion to others and also help others without expecting anything in return. The biggest thing I picked up was no matter how horrible things can be, there is always someone who has it worse. I should always be grateful for the things I have in my life," he said.

He made his way to Newberry because of the soccer program and how welcoming the school was. While on campus, the team made him feel like he was part of a fam-

ily. Saullo also liked not being far away from his family. Regarding his training, he said "I mentally and physically push myself to more limits than I more comfortable with. I also feed off my players motivation and their criticism to help me grow as a player."

In his free time he enjoys playing video games and cheering on Russell Westbrook and the Oklahoma City Thunder. Other than Westbrook, Inter Milan's Diego Milito is one of his favorite athletes. Before each game he sends out a prayer to his older brother Christopher, who passed away in a car accident.

One of his greatest athletic achievements is being the first JV player to score for his school in 14 years. Competing with his county all-star team and winning the championship is also one of his favorite achievements. As a child he aspired to become a professional soccer player or a video game designer. An interesting fact about Saullo is that he climbed to the top of the monastery on Skellig Michael Island in Ireland.

Name: Andres Silva
Favorite Food: Seafood

Major: Management
Hailing from Quito, Ecuador, Andres Silva enters his sophomore year of play for the Wolves.

Silva brought both international and NCAA

Division I experience to Newberry. The center midfielder transferred from Saint Francis University (Pa.), having seen action in eight contests as a freshman in 2016. He originally hails from Ecuador but helped Chilean side club Deportivo Universidad Catolica

win three national titles between 2009 and 2014. Since joining the Wolves he has started in three of the 11 matches that have been played.

In his free time he enjoys riding horses and supporting his favorite team FC Barcelona. Before each match he

likes listening to music. As a child he aspired to become a soccer player and his greatest athletic achievement was training with a professional team during the pre-season. Something interesting about him is that he can play both the guitar and the violin.

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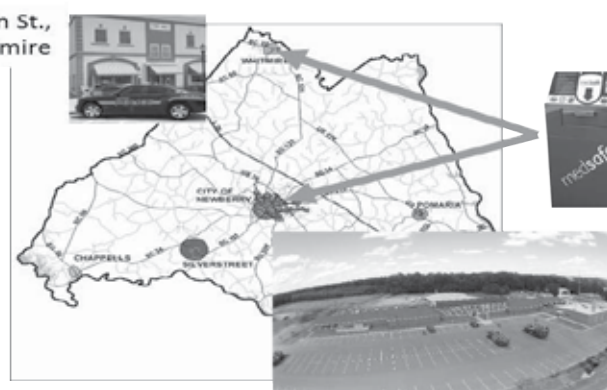
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SCISSA holds Fall Conference

Staff Report

ORANGEBURG — Elected student body leaders from members of the S.C. Independent Schools Student Association recently held their Fall Conference in the House of Representatives Chambers at the State House in Columbia.

The students attend schools from across South Carolina and Georgia, including Newberry Academy in Newberry.

While in session at the State House, the students held their general meeting, which included discussions on the Student Exchange program, the Student Council of the Year, the Honor Society of the Year and the 2018 Spring Convention.

Additionally, during a development session, students introduced resolutions, which will be

debated during the 2018 Spring Convention.

Students interested in running for a SCISSA office during the 2018 Spring Convention were allowed to speak with and question the present elected officials of the association.

The South Carolina Independent School Student Association officers for 2017-2018 are Manoli Stavrinakis, president, First Baptist School, Charleston; Malee Troutman, first vice president, Holly Hill Academy, Holly Hill; Lydia Wilder, second vice president, Richard Winn Academy, Winnsboro; Morgan Cass, treasurer, Florence Christian School, Florence; Jackson Parrish, recording secretary, W. Wyman King Academy, Batesburg; Natalie Cabit, historian, Curtis Baptist School, Augusta, Ga.; Hanks



Student leaders from 34 South Carolina Independent School Association schools held their Fall Conference recently at the State House in Columbia. SCISA photo. Courtesy photo

Avinger, parliamentarian, Holly Hill Academy, Holly Hill; and Sam English, corresponding secretary, First Baptist School.

“These student leaders had an opportunity to participate in the democratic process in the same setting used by our Leg-

islature,” said Larry Watt, SCISA executive director. “This activity, in addition to the education they receive at their respective schools, will go a long way in preparing them to become good, productive citizens of the state when they graduate.”

The South Carolina Independent School Association is a non-profit, voluntary association of over 120 independent schools serving more than 37,000 teachers and students.

Founded in 1965, the State of South Carolina incorporated SCISA as

an exclusively educational organization with the responsibilities of establishing accreditation standards, coordinating academic and athletic competition and providing professional development for member organizations.

Teacher, Support Staff of the Month named



Courtesy photos

ABOVE, Lisa Richburg, Day Porter at Mid-Carolina Middle School, was named Support Staff of the Month for September. BELOW, Jared Jones was named Teacher of the Month at Mid-Carolina Middle School. He teaches seventh grade social studies, is athletic director and technology teacher leader.



Reuben names Students of the Month



Reuben Elementary named the following students as September's Students of the Month: Braylon Jones, Rickey Davis, Cheyenne Deleski, Olivia Jiminez, Caleb Rikabi, Kacen Crawford, Gracie Caswell, Abbiella Beni, AJ Dandy, Tristan Chaplin Jordan Campbell and Harper Rowe.

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Star Students recognized



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Star Students for September at Boundary Elementary School were Valerie Parra Mendoza, Fantayshia Lindsay, Skyler Tesseniar, Ezequiel Dawkins Flores, Brisa Flores Vera, Raul Osorio Aguilar, Jordyn Bishop, Mariah Kinard, Lenin Villalobos Reyes, Shana Carwise, Nevaeh Perez, Kyrie Gartman, Zhyon Gilliam, Allisson Cruz Martinez, William McDonald, Jacob Bouknight, Jennifer Lopez Perez, Aubrianna Maybin, Liz Plovin Lopez, Oscar Paez Morales, Gloria Maldonado, and Vanessa Martinez Chaidez. These students exemplified the character trait of being responsible.

Rotary Club names student of the month



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Amber Suber, a senior at Newberry Academy, was named the Newberry Rotary Club's Student of the Month for September. In addition to academic achievement, students selected as student of the month display characteristics of good citizenship and school/community involvement.

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Dr. Ganjehei earned her medical degree from Tehran University of Medical Sciences in Tehran, Iran. She completed her internal medicine residency with Harvard Medical School in Cambridge, Mass., and her cardiology fellowship at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Medical Association.

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