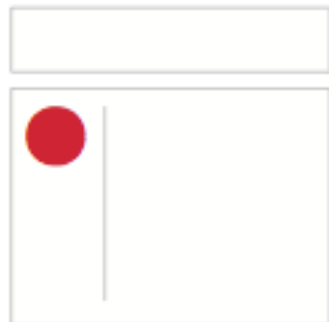


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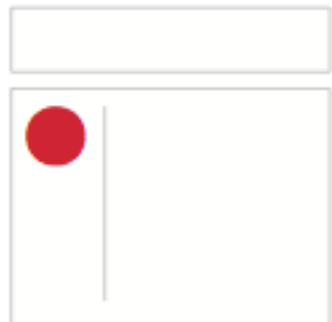
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Will standardized tests become one ACT?



CT tests could be used to evaluate students and teachers if the legislature approves.

Hill ready to introduce measure to replace TNReady program

By Zach Vance
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The base of most teachers and students, standardized testing in Tennessee has dealt with its fair share of problems in the last two years since TNReady was implemented.

Last month, Tennessee Department of Education Commissioner Candace McQueen announced she will once again reconvene her 31-member task force to work on improving TNReady, but state Rep. Matthew Hill, R-Jonesborough, said he's over the task force's recommendations.

During a meeting with the Johnson

'ACT translates into dollars. It translates into AP scores and it translates into dual enrollment.'

By David Trimbs
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City Board of Education last week, Hill indicated he would file a bill this upcoming session making the ACT the only standard for high school teacher and student evaluations, as long as no other lawmaker has already filed similar legislation.

Currently, all high school students are required to take either the ACT or SAT to graduate, but their performance is measured through end-of-course

TNReady tests.

"We have nine courses at the high school that we have to give an end-of-course (test) to, and our teachers are being told to ride two horses, in effect," Dr. David Trimbs, Johnson City Schools' supervisor of secondary and instructional technology, told local legislators.

"ACT translates into dollars. It translates into AP scores and it translates into dual enrollment. There is just so much frustration at the high school from teachers who want to keep their eye on the ACT, but they're being told, 'You've got to keep your eye on this end-of-course test because this is tied to your evaluation (and) tied to your license.'"

Tennessee's high school students are currently required to take TNReady exams in English I, II and III, algebra I and II and geometry, biology and chemistry.

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Split decision

Elizabethton boys, Happy Valley girls win scraps with neighbors. B1



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GOP finally nails down votes for tax rewrite. A3

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Breaking good: Expo opens door to jobs

Job fair mixes a dozen businesses and 70 people with criminal records to create a chance for a new beginning

By Becky Campbell
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CAREER EXPO

difficulty of finding a job.

Simply said, most businesses don't want to hire a felon. But nearly a dozen business and education representatives attended a

job fair Thursday aimed at people who have more difficult barriers to employment than most.

Not only were those businesses and education agencies there, See JOBS, Page A2



A job fair at the Day Reporting Center focused on people with difficult barriers finding employment, specifically felony convictions.

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You could 'Be a Light'

Good Samaritan seeking to help 1,100

By Sue Gunn Legg
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Good Samaritan Ministries is "putting community members to a light" this Christmas with more than 1,100 arthritic Tennessee children, teens and seniors in need.

The ministry's Christmas assistance program for low-income and homebound families and individuals in nine area counties issues on teens and children who are not eligible for other holiday gift-giving programs and on children whose parents are incarcerated.

The program is designed to provide a platform for all churches, businesses and individuals who wish to be the love of Christ during the celebration of this season.

By sponsoring a family or an individual child, teen or senior who will be the recipient of a Be a Light Card with the names, ages, clothing sizes and, in some cases, the wishes of the children, teens and seniors, are available for those who wish to be part in the shopping, sponsorship donations may be made to the ministry to cover the cost of



Jessica and Mike Whitson, left and center, dropped off gifts for five children adopted from Good Samaritan Ministries' "Be a Light" program.

their gifts.

Good Samaritan's goal is to provide a new outfit of clothing, a pair of shoes, a winter coat, socks and underwear, basic toiletries and an age-appropriate toy or gift to every child and teen, and a blanket, toilet-



For Depot Street's Rutledge, something is always brewing

By Hannah Swartz
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If you've had a beer with a Depot Street Brewing Co. label, odds are that beer was brewed by Devon Rutledge.

Rutledge did not start out intending to brew beer for a living. In fact, his original job at one of the Tri-Cities first breweries involved him driving the delivery truck and mopping floors.

Now, the Kingsport native, his wife, Tanya, and their 36-month-old son live in Jonesborough. Devon is the brewer at Depot Street and Tanya works as a nurse at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital at Mountain Home.

Q: How did you get into brewing?

A: So, I actually started brewing before it was legal for me to consume alcohol. What I realized was that I could buy hops, barley and yeast and not have to have

an ID, so I figured out at an early age how to make sugars turn into alcohol and I kind of started brewing in on that. All through college I always had something fermenting in my closet. Sorry to the RA about that. But I always had something going on just to experiment around with and I always try to look at it as a scientific standpoint. I've always been kind of curious about that, the fermentation science side of things. Different flavors you can kind of coax out, different fruits throw off different things and it just always interested me.

Q: Also, you are a new parent. You have to be a parent who have to

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How should West Walnut Street be redeveloped by Johnson City?

Question of the week

Paid consultants are preparing the first phase of a master plan for the development of the West Walnut street corridor in Johnson City. Officials with Kinley-Horn told members of the West Walnut Street task force last week their firm will spend the next four months putting together a public infrastructure master plan, which is intended to improve

the street's aesthetics, traffic flows and pedestrian usability.

The Johnson City Commission voted in November to award Kinley-Horn a \$221,500 contract to begin creating the master plan. David Coode said his team will also be assessing West Walnut Street's utilities, storm water management and environmental issues throughout December and January. Coode said Kinley-Horn will complete an economic redevelopment and transportation assessment before meeting again with the task force and city staff in February.



A file photo takes a look west on West Walnut Street toward East Tennessee State University.

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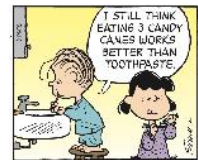
It didn't take long for Bo Hodge to lead a rally that helped East Tennessee State zip past Hiwassee Sunday afternoon.

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SCIENCE HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Aware of their peers' need, teens create clothes closet

"They don't have jackets, they're wearing shorts or their shoes don't fit."

SARAH MILLER

By Brandon Paykaman
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About a year and a half ago, Science Hill High School students Sarah Miller and Rachel Lemkin came up with an idea for a clothing closet to help their peers after noticing some stu-

dents had inadequate winter clothing.

The goal was simple — provide a welcoming atmosphere within the school that allows students free access to the clothing items they need most.

"We had noticed over the years at Science Hill that students



Science Hill High School students Rachel Lemkin, left, and Sarah Miller started a clothing closet to help their peers.

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80,170 Pounds of food collected in the recent postal carrier food drive, a record

12 Number of local social service agencies receiving food from the collection

Now they're cooking

Generosity of postal customers fills up food pantries

By MAUREN OGDONAN
Truth Staff

ELKHART — When a rural carrier delivering mail in the Baugo area avoided being 45 minutes into the route, the organizers of this year's postal food drive began to suspect the day might not be as bad as they had feared.

The previous year, mail carriers gathered a record low 30,000 pounds of food on their routes. That poor performance coincided with the faltering economy kept expectations low for the 2008 National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Then the carrier in Baugo called. The postal worker's truck was filled with bags of food and someone needed to come and offload the donations. By the end of that Saturday, May 10, the annual food drive in Elkhardt County had brought in a record 80,170 pounds of food — more than double the 2007 haul — which was immediately donated out to 12 charitable agencies.

"Boy, oh, boy! That was a pretty amazing day," chuckled Michael Cataldo, Elkhardt carrier and a coordinator of the food drive. "Awesome, awesome day."

The cans, jars and boxes of food will ride over snow food banks for a couple of months and others until the end of the year. At Susan's Kitchen in Elkhardt, Dick Osborne, treasurer, had to buy additional shelves to store the 1,100 pounds of food it garnered from the drive.

Guidance Ministries, an Elkhardt-based agency, is also receiving food from the drive.

Postal Carrier Food Drive 2008

Community	Total in pounds
Bristol	3,500
Elkhart	52,100
Goshen	19,320
Nappanee	4,650
TOTAL	80,170

Source: United Way of Elkhardt County

Woman held in death

Victim died from several stab wounds

Truth Staff
EDWARDSBURG, Mich. — Officials have identified the woman in custody for the killing of an elderly Edwardsburg-area resident.

Elizabeth Bosworth, 31, of Elkhardt, is charged with a felony open murder warrant from Cass County stemming from the Saturday night death of 85-year-old Margaret Bosworth at her home in the 2000 block of Garage Street in Mason Township, near Edwardsburg.

Elizabeth Bosworth is married to the elder Bosworth's grandson, according to the Cass County Sheriff's Department.

Just after 5 p.m. Saturday, Cass County Sheriff's Department dispatch received a call from a family member saying Margaret Bosworth was unresponsive. Police said she was found at the bottom of a staircase.

Paramedics took her to Elkhart General Hospital, where stab and other wounds were found on her body after she was pronounced dead.

The Cass County Major Crimes Task Force is investigating the case.

Decision pending on youth

13-year-old arrested in homicide probe

By JENNY LEIGHTY
Truth Staff

ELKHART — Filing formal charges against a 13-year-old Elkhardt boy stemming from the Gerald Wenger homicide case now rests with Elkhardt County Prosecutor Curtis Hill.

At least until the teen's initial hearing in juvenile court at 1 p.m. May 27, he will remain in custody at the Elkhardt County Juvenile Detention Center, Juvenile Magistrate said.

Spate of bad news depresses giving

Americans haven't responded in force to Myanmar, China

By LISA TOWN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The numbers are almost too large to fathom, so many Americans stop trying to help pile up in disaster after global disaster, even the most sympathetic souls can turn away.

Charities know this as "donor fatigue," but it might be more accurately described as disaster fatigue — the sense that these events are never-ending, uncontrollable and overwhelming. Experts say it is one reason Americans have contributed relatively little so far to victims of the Myanmar cyclone and Chinese earthquake.

Ironically, the more bad news there is, the less likely people may be to give.

"Hearing about too many disasters makes some people not give at all, when they would have if it had been just one disaster," says Michael Ann Szabo, who teaches marketing at Golden Gate University and specializes in the factors at play in charitable giving.

Compared with disasters like the Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, those in China and Myanmar have generated just a trickle of donations.

Market shifts with the times

Tour also visits famed Jameson distillery

By MARSHALL V. KING
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CORK, Ireland — It's not as if interest in Irish food by those who live here and those around the world is completely new.

For the last 52 years, since he was a 16-year-old, Paul Murphy has worked full-time at the English Market in this seaport city of about 190,000 people.

His mother's family has been butchers and market vendors for generations. His great-grandmother started in a market nearby. His grandfather ran a stall in the English Market and his son is now part of the business.

"All the butchering family lived to a very old age," he said.

Uncles and aunts lived into a market nearby. His grandfather ran a stall in the English Market and his son is now part of the business.

Flowers fill Elkhardt's big 'E' at Benham underpass

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Is your air any clearer since the smoking ban?



Callahan's waitress Amy Pirkel takes a quick smoke break Monday outside the restaurant. The wait staff is also affected by the citywide smoke ban as they must be outside and away from their customers to smoke.

Business owners don't seem to mind ban much, but some customers do.



Callahan's waitress Amy Pirkel checks on customers Monday in the main dining room. The restaurant on Cassopolis Street is adjusting to the citywide smoking ban that went into effect in May.

Goshen's Dr. Don Minter helped push the issue to the forefront locally. He argued that it's a move for "the rights of every person in our community to breathe clean air where they work, where they shop, where they eat."

Elkhart Mayor Dick Moore said he's heard no grumbling from owners who went smoke-free. In fact, when he's been out to dinner, owners and waitresses have put an arm where they work, where they shop, where they eat.

HOW HAS THE SMOKING BAN IN ELKHART RESTAURANTS AND BARS AFFECTED YOU?

Anita McClain, Elkhart, non-smoker
"I don't go out much, but I would probably patronize establishments that have banned it."

Carla Forgey, Bristol, smoker
"It hasn't really affected me, but I don't really eat out locally. I do go to the River Inn (which allows smoking), so I'm fine."

Olivia Turner, Mishawaka, non-smoker
"I eat out more often than I used to. It used to be, I'd have to see who's where and see where there's a (smoke-free) seat, or I'd leave."

Jeff Bradley, Elkhart, smoker
"When you take a man who's been in business for 40 years and tell him, 'You have to do this or we'll shut you down,' that's not right."

Welcome, readers, to The Elkhart Truth ... once again

BY GREG HALLING
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Welcome to *The Elkhart Truth*. In many ways, it's a new product today.

But some things didn't change and never will.

WHAT CHANGED

Although we began calling ourselves *The Truth* about 10 years ago, readers never really bought into the change.

So let's face facts: We're *The Elkhart Truth*, a small, locally-

owned newspaper tied inseparably to the Elkhart community.

We also designed the paper to make it more informative, engaging and user-friendly.

Front-page stories jump to Page A2. Our new, full-color weather map — developed specifically for the Elkhart area — appears every day on the last inside page of the sports section.

The comics are a bit bigger, and we kept every one.

About the page size: We've adopted what's quickly becoming

the new industry standard for width.

I know what you're wondering: "Why did you make the type smaller?"

We didn't. We left it the same size that we used in the last design. In fact, we increased the space between lines for better legibility. We also added a larger typeface for sports statistics.

We also developed several new sections, including two that appear today — Consumer Business (C) and Pop Culture (D). Finally, we replaced the daily stock listings with a summary that includes the Truth 50, a feature tracking stocks of local interest.

WHAT DIDN'T CHANGE

That's easy. Our commitment to the Elkhart community.

We redesigned *The Elkhart Truth* with our readers in mind. If you have questions or comments about the paper, please call me at 296-5937.

One more thing — did I mention that the type isn't smaller?

ELKHART \$42,000 for a nicer place to eat, drink

Some are questioning the city's sudden generosity toward downtown eateries.

BY JOSH WEINHOLD
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Main Street soon may have a new eatery, but some local officials and business owners aren't sure the market can support it.

The city's redevelopment commission will vote today on whether to grant about \$42,000 worth of Downtown Development Funds for renovations at Chalkers Pub & Billiards. The owners, Tony and George Anagnos, hope to change their 523 S. Main St. location into an upscale restaurant.

City Councilman David Henke, R-3rd, is questioning the logic in using more public funds to support downtown restaurants, however.

"I don't think this is a wise move," said Henke, who voted against putting the money into the development fund at a council meeting last month.

A similar project, a \$95,000 forgivable loan to Brewstra LLC, the developer hoping to bring a Mad Anthony restaurant to downtown, was approved earlier this year.

The proximity of the proposed Mad Anthony site — it will be on the same block as Chalkers' — has Henke scratching his head, he said.

"We're hoping Mad Anthony's is going to be hugely successful," he said. "So why would we be adding to their competition?"

The council appropriates the money, then the redevelopment commission approves funding proposals in the form of five-

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GRANT RECIPIENTS

Find out which other eateries have received DDG money. A2



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PUTTING AN OFFICER TO REST

The funeral procession for Cpl. Dan Drust rolls under the garison flag Monday at Elkhart Avenue and Waterfall Drive following the final call at the Elkhart Police Department nearby. When a police officer or other defender of the peace dies, his brothers and sisters at arms take special care to honor his memory.

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COMING TOMORROW

PROSTITUTION STINGS HISPANICS: Police are arresting a lot of Hispanic males. ELKHART, A1



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The Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries is working to restore the elk population in historical ranges of the state, but during the week of Nov. 24, two mature bull elk were slain by poachers in Southwest Virginia.

Virginia officials seek elk poachers

By STEPHEN IGO
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NORTON — The Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries is asking for the public's help to resolve a series of elk poaching, one in Wise County and the other in Buchanan County. The agency reports that during the week of Nov. 19-24, two mature bull elk were slain by poachers. One was killed in the Guest River section of Wise County near Norton, the other shot in the Warfork area of Buchanan County. The Virginia Conservation Police requests anyone having information regarding the poaching of these animals to contact the Virginia Wildlife Crime Line at (800) 237-5712 or email ildc@dmr.state.virginia.gov. There is the possibility of a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the elk poachers.

Kingsport Chamber welcomes two new Lifetime Members

By HANK HAYES
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KINGSPORT — Community leaders Lynn Johnson and Dr. Bronson White Wright on Friday received the Kingsport Chamber Commerce's most prestigious honor: the Lifetime Member Award. They are the award's 31st and 32nd recipients respectively. Johnson is a retired Eastman Chemical Co. government relations executive, and Wright is the owner of the Wright Coach, where she is a motivational speaker, storyteller and trainer.



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During the State of Your Kingsport Holiday Breakfast, Citizens Bank President Bill Duddy, who is also a Kingsport Chamber Lifetime Member and past Kingsport Chamber board president, was presented with the Leadership Kingsport Distinguished Leadership Award for a lifetime of community leadership. More than 400 Kingsport Chamber members and business and civic leaders attended the event, heard about the organization's 2017 achievements and goals. See CHAMBER, 2A

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Partly cloudy today with a high of 58; low tonight of 39.

Flynn pleads guilty

Michael Flynn, Donald Trump's former national security adviser, pleaded guilty Friday to lying to the FBI about reaching out to the Russians on Trump's behalf. Page 2A.

Bankruptcy filing

Radio giant Cumulus Media, which owns and operates several Tri-Cities radio stations, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Page 9A.

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● In the next five years, it's going to be in every state in America. — State Rep. Jeremy Faison (R-Cosby)

The right Rx?

Lawmaker close to finishing bill that would legalize medical marijuana in Tennessee

By ZACH VANCE
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JOHNSON CITY — Medical marijuana is legal in some capacity in 29 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. State Rep. Jeremy Faison (R-Cosby) is advocating strongly for Tennessee to become the 30th state. Thursday marked the third and final meeting of the Tennessee General Assembly's Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Cannabis, which has spent the last three months researching the viability of legalizing medicinal marijuana.

"We have done an immense amount of research, and we've brought professionals in from all around America and the world," Faison said.

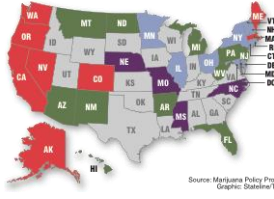
Faison, a co-chair of that committee, said he has almost finished drafting legislation for the 2018 session that would legalize cannabis in certain forms for medicinal purposes. "Some of my friends go to the drug store for help. Some of my friends go to the liquor store for help. Some of my friends go to nature's store for help. The only store that's never killed somebody is nature's store. The drug store and the liquor store kill people every day," Faison said.

At the end of Thursday's meeting, Faison implied that the committee's other co-chair, Sen. Steven Dickerson, would sponsor the effort in the upper chamber. "In the next five years, it's going to be in every state

Where marijuana is legal

Eight states have legalized recreational and medical marijuana. Twenty-one states and Washington, D.C., have legalized marijuana for medical use only.

■ Recreational and medical ■ Medical ■ Medical and no jail time for small amounts of marijuana ■ No jail time for small amounts of marijuana



Source: Marijuana Policy Project (marijuana.org)



Rep. Jeremy Faison, R-Cosby, wears a camouflage jacket as he speaks during a House session in Nashville in May. Faison said at the meeting's conclusion. Opposed to recreational marijuana usage, Faison

said his bill would legalize cannabis only in edible, capsule and oil forms. Smoking would not be permitted in its current form.

"It will be weed to sale tracking, and it will only be for qualified patients who the doctor and the state of Tennessee through the Department of Health have acknowledged that. Yes, they have these diseases," Faison said.

Faison said he believes the committee as a whole realizes legalization is the "right thing to do for Tennessee," but he also acknowledged not every member is completely supportive.

"There's one or two stragglers in the Senate who are still struggling, but we put a chink in their armor. You can say that. I put a chink in their armor this week. And they have seen for the first time that there is way more science and evidence-based medicine than they ever realized," Faison said.

Sens. Joey Hensley and Richard Briggs, both physicians serving on the panel, have been wary to throw their full support behind legalization.

Johnson City Sen. Rusty Crowe has also been skeptical about the effort. Crowe could not be reached by phone on Friday, but Faison said he didn't think Crowe was "on board yet."

When the ad hoc committee was announced in August, Crowe seemed undecided about the issue and implied he would follow the advice of statewide medical groups.

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Santa Claus and a woman stand in front of a decorated Christmas tree during the Christmas Eve tradition of 'The Lighting of Crockett Hall' at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. Santa and Chancellor Donna Henry joined in wishing all a Merry Christmas.

Decking the Hall
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Jill Henard, Register of Deeds, and realtor Mark Trent pose for the photo after Henard executed and filed deed transferring property from Henard to Donald Trump at the Hawkins County Courthouse on Friday.

Is Trump interested in property in Hawkins?

Developer's quitclaim takes president owner 1/4 acre near Rogersville

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ROGERSVILLE — Last year, Jill Henard had a "crazy idea" quitclaim about an acre of her newly undeveloped remote subdivision near Rogersville to President Donald Trump and the Trump family. With all the publicity this move garnered, Henard may turn it to be crazy like a fox.

On Saturday, Henard sent an email to the Times-News stating that on Dec. 8 he handed a deed over to Mark Trent, "representing the Trump Family and Trump organization for Lot 40 in the 'undivided Subdivision' located west of Rogersville. There are several lakefront lots Grandview that might be more suitable and valuable with Donald Trump as a neighbor, and/or if the local water utility cited to extend service there. Lakeview Utility District superintendent Tim Carville told the Times-News Monday that Henard has been seeking water service for his Grandview subdivision for about a decade.

"Mr. Henard insists that he put a waterline in 1977 and it was the district's responsibility to maintain, even though there were customers," Carville told the Times-News. "I told Mr. Henard at what he put in was not suitable or capable of being served by the district in 1977, and is not suitable or capable of being served by the district today." Carville added, "I ran across him back in the summer and he mentioned that I have talked to someone who will force you to give me my properties. I told him at nobody exists who can force me to put water to his system and what he installed. I guess he thinks that the president can." Henard told the Times-News on Monday that water was not on his mind when he contacted the utility.

Henard answered a few Times-News questions about his land deal.

How did this all come about?
"It was a crazy idea that I had out a year ago, or maybe a little longer. I don't know the exact date. I thought it might be something I'd like to try and do."

You've had contact with the Trumps since you came up with this idea?
"Not personally, but with some contacts of theirs."

What was their response to your idea?
"To try to put things together."

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Hospital deal still in limbo

FTC remains tight-lipped after review of Wellmont, Mountain States merger

By ZACH VANCE
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With the Federal Trade Commission's 30-day review now complete, the only thing separating Mountain States Health Alliance and Wellmont Health System from merging is an official closing date.

Hospital officials expect the merger to close sometime before Jan. 31, at which time the Tennessee Department of Health will grant the merged system, to be called Ballad Health, a Certificate of Public Advantage that protects it from antitrust scrutiny.

Early during the process, hospital executives Alan Levine and Bart Hove said they reached an agreement with FTC officials that, if the merger was approved in Virginia and Tennessee, the deal would not close until the FTC cordially conducted a 30-day review.

Tennessee approved its Certificate of Public Advantage in September, followed by Virginia Department of Health Commissioner Marissa Levine approving a Cooperative Agreement on Oct. 30, the day the FTC review commenced. Thirty days later, on Nov. 29, is when the review concluded, and

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Christmas past



With Christmas just around the corner, Nora Bailey helps get folks into the holiday spirit as she puts up some of the decorations for Saturday's 181st Christmas at Netherland Inn.

Times News is all new for you

Welcome to your new Times News. Almost 10 months ago we, along with our partners at Creative Circle Media Solutions, embarked on a focused mission to revamp the Times News. Our goal was straightforward: Design your newspaper easier and faster to read and deliver more relevant content.

The first — and most obvious — change is to our nameplate above. More than 60 options were presented in a wide range of configurations and typefaces. Change from a familiar look that has been in place for more than a decade isn't easy, so we chose not to shock (we hope) our readers with a radical change.

While the nameplate might be the most obvious initial change, we believe something less obvious will be more welcome. That is a new typeface for the copy. Yesterday's copy had a myriad of technical problems that made it a challenge to read. Today's is rounder, a bit less bold and the spacing between letters has been adjusted for maximum clarity.

Additionally, you might notice that the right edges of our stories are uneven — or ragged right. Big deal, right? Actually, it is. Making the columns ragged right eliminates those odd spaces between words that happen when you make every line the same length. That slows your reading and lowers comprehension. Again, easier readability.

Parts of the redesign process have actually been implemented over the past few months. Some of you noticed the changes and knew what they were. Some noticed, but couldn't quite put your fingers on them.

One of those changes has been a focus on a different way of writing headlines. In an effort to make the headlines speak to you, our goal has been to make them more personal. The use of "you" and "your" was — and still is — forbidden in many newspapers. The same with headlines that end with a question mark. But headlines with those elements speak directly to our readers. They

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How much do you know about the city's centerpiece?

How many churches are on Church Circle?

There are four church buildings, but only three churches are represented because one of the churches owns two buildings.

Name the Church Circle churches.

First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church and First Broad Street Methodist Church.

Who designed Church Circle?

CC&O Railroad engineer William Dunlap designed Church Circle. Many people errone-

ously credit its design to world-renowned city planner John Nolen, who did design much of Kingsport's downtown area.

Church Circle is home to Kingsport's community Christmas tree, but what other seasonal display is the circle famous for?

Each year a life-sized Nativity, complete with Three Wise Men and camels, is placed around Church Circle.

What is the history of the Nativity set?

The original set (its \$10,000 cost came from

private donations) was given in 1966 by the Circle Churches Christmas Foundation. The Kingsport Jaycees were asked to manage the storage and maintenance of the set. The organization has done so for the past 51 years, with help from volunteers in the community.

The set was completely refurbished for its 50th anniversary last year.

Source: City of Kingsport, "Kingsport Tennessee, A Planned American City," by Margaret Ripley Wolfe

Shop with a cop

At Saturday's Christmas with a Cop party, 24 Hawkins County children had the opportunity to storm out of a military armored personnel carrier for a \$150 Walmart shopping spree. 6A



New strikes pound Belgrade

Bridges, infrastructure targeted; NATO troops ordered to Albania
 Air war in Yugoslavia yields little progress

By GEORGE JAMES
 The Associated Press
 BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — NATO forces struck an industrial district in Belgrade early today, as Serbian troops continued to go to Albanian and refugee camps in Kosovo. The strikes targeted bridges, infrastructure and other targets. NATO forces have ordered troops to Albania. The strikes were part of a campaign to force the Serbian government to withdraw its forces from Kosovo. The strikes were part of a campaign to force the Serbian government to withdraw its forces from Kosovo.

Suits accuse ex-lawyer of fraud

Clients say well-liked former attorney bilked them of thousands
By NIKKI MARTELLO
 The Associated Press
 APTOS — Belvedere-Tell Creek Bay and Sunny Trails was a good place to be because they were at an elite club house. The word was that Todd was a law lawyer who also represented in real estate. Todd was a well-liked former attorney who bilked them of thousands.



A falling limb crushed a parked car Saturday along Highway 235 near Boulder Creek. High winds caused damage throughout the area.

Sudden Blow

Freak winds catch many by surprise, wreak havoc across Central Coast
By DANIEL M. COLE
 The Associated Press
 SANTA CRUZ — Unprepared high winds hit the Central Coast Saturday, causing damage and injury. The winds were part of a larger storm system that affected the entire region.

Christians ponder biblical prophecies

Easter brings uncertainty, hope for next millennium
By GUYTON JAMES
 The Associated Press
 Christians are pondering biblical prophecies as they celebrate Easter. The prophecies are seen as a sign of the end of the world and the beginning of a new millennium.

Spring forward

Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Clocks were set ahead one hour.

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MAKING THE MOST OF THE CONSTRUCTION BOOM



A construction boom fueled by the high-tech economy is keeping plumber Bill Duffany, owner of WD Plumbing, running from job to job these days.

New Economy fattens paychecks of workers in the building trades

By DAN WHITE
 SENIOR STAFF WRITER
 SANTA CRUZ
 Helping them fix houses, breakneck schedule and keeping pace, you'd think Bill Duffany was a high-tech engineer. But Duffany is a plumber, and his business is booming. The Duffany family is growing rich thanks to the building boom.



Bill Duffany installs a faucet on a wash basin at a Rio del Mar home recently. The plumber is working many extra hours per week to take advantage of the continuing construction boom.

Aid to Colombia raises specter of El Salvador war

U.S. bolsters government fight against drugs, rebels
By KEN GUGGENHEIM
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 WASHINGTON — When President Clinton said last week that the U.S. would send aid to Colombia, some of the aid's most critics agreed. A better comparison, they say, is El Salvador.

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 In observance of Labor Day, the Sentinel will not publish Monday.
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Profitability tips will be offered at two Soybean Summits.

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Societal challenges roadblock in meeting growing food demand

By TOM C. DORAN
AgrNews Publications

URBANA, Ill. — Overcoming societal challenges is required in addressing the need to sustainably feed, clothe and shelter two billion more people by 2050.

"I'd like to think of these societal challenges as being wicked problems," said Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

He spoke in a recent presentation at the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

"I call them wicked problems because you may have the most fantastic science and technology available to you, but you cannot deploy those technologies because mere humans become involved with it and humans cannot agree on how to deploy these technologies that we have," he said.

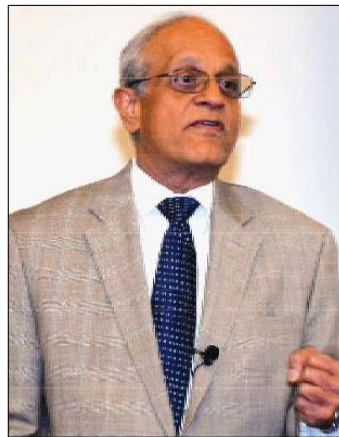
"All of these societal challenges that we see today, whether it is climate change or the issues of food, water, health, energy and things like that, really derive from the population challenge that we have. The population issue is the mother of all wicked problems."

The challenges to meet the needs of the 21st-century food system begin by reversing the trend of an aging farmer population.

"It's not enough that we're going to have to figure out how to put food on the table in another 30 to 40 years when we have a population of nine billion but that we also have to make sure we have people coming along that can grow these crops and raise livestock," Ramaswamy said.

A second challenge is addressing the intense pressure to minimize food production's ecological footprint with diminishing land and water resources.

"That's very significant pres-



Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, gives a presentation at the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

sure that our producers are facing, whether it's the impact of greenhouse gases on them or the production of greenhouse gas as part of agriculture production, issues pertaining to climate change, depleted soils and all of that are all issues that we need to be concerned about," Ramaswamy said.

A third component of the century's food system challenge is the bio-economy with the petroleum-based fuel being replaced by the next generation of energy products that still contribute to the carbon footprint.

"We have a conundrum where we meet our energy demands, but at the same time

it has an impact on the carbon footprint and what are the possibilities of rather than compete with this cheaper fossil fuel that we start thinking about the opportunities from these renewable commodities in developing bioprocesses, bioproducts and biomaterials that can help rural economies continue to thrive as well," the director said.

Health issues also have a significant impact on the food system's challenges as food safety, nutrition, cardiovascular diseases, obesity, diabetes and other concerns are addressed.

"We have a conundrum where we meet our energy demands, but at the same time

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Farm legislation, regulation at top of priority list in the new year

By JEANNINE OTTO
AgrNews Publications

INDIANAPOLIS — If there's one thing that farmers can be certain of going into 2014, it's that many things that affect how they do business remain uncertain.

"Farmers have enough variables in their lives and the farm bill, or lack thereof, is one that we don't need," said Cress Hizer, CEO of the Agribusiness Council of Indiana, about one of the big uncertainties going into 2014.

While Congress made progress on the next farm bill before it adjourned for the December holidays until January, a one-month extension of the 2008 farm bill was required. Hizer said the farm bill will be the most immediate priority as the calendar turns over.

"It's on the minds of all the farmers I talk to, the uncertainty of big issues that affect cropping plans, such as what kind of crop insurance programs we're looking at. That's been an increasing concern, particularly with the falling price of corn. With the EPA and the RFS proposal impacting the price of corn, it just piles on the uncertainty that farmers face going into buying their inputs," he said.

Hizer said that as the March crop insurance deadlines edge closer, the urgency for farmers to have some certainty with a new farm bill increases.

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Program helps farmers thwart contamination problems, consequences

By MARTHA BLUM
AgrNews Publications

ST. CHARLES, Ill. — Consumers are becoming more and more interested in learning about where their food comes from and that the food they are eating is safe.

"Microbial contamination leads to foodborne illness and that's what we're trying to prevent by implementing the Good Agricultural Practices program," said Ellen Phillips, University of Illinois Extension local food systems and small farms educator at the Cook County Extension Unit office.

Farmers have seen a response at their farmers market booth when they display their GAP's certificate.

"They have a lot more people coming by that both because people recognize the GAP's certificate of training and prefer to buy from that farmer than a farmer without GAP's training," Phillips said at a Meet the Buyers event.

And in some cases, chefs, retail and foodservice buyers are requesting farmers complete the GAP's training, she said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one out of five people will be affected by a foodborne illness in their lifetime.

That includes meat, not just produce," Phillips said.

"But it is easy to be tired after working 18-hour days to forget to put the chlorine in the water one day," she said. "That's the kind of thing we try to work with in developing food safety plans so things don't happen when you're exhausted."

Part of the reason for increasing foodborne illnesses is the global economy.

"Our food is coming from all over," Phillips said. "GAP's audits are prevalent in the U.S. and Europe but not so much in other places. However, there is a potential for problems no matter where the food comes from."

The complexity of the food

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Range of challenges impacting crop pollinators

By MARTHA BLUM
AgrNews Publications

CHICAGO — Pollinators are facing a range of challenges.

"There are 20,000-plus species of bees," said Iain Kelly, bee health issue manager for Bayer CropScience. "Honey bees are the most versatile — they will survive from the tip of South America up to Canada."

Honey bees are not native to the U.S. They came to this country about 1622, said Kelly during a presentation at the American Seed Trade Association's CSS 2013 and Seed Expo.

"Bees contribute from 9.5 to 10 percent of the economic value of the global food supply," he said. "Some crops get a really nice yield bump with honey bee pollination, but are not totally dependent on them. However, almonds are totally dependent on bees. Without bees, the yield is negligible."

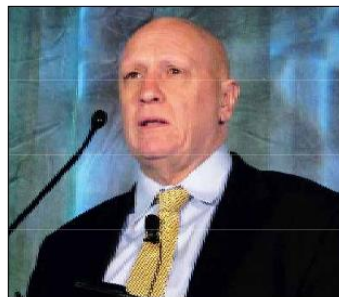
Pollination by bees is important to the production of fruits, nuts and vegetables.

"As we see the world population change and diets changing in developing countries, they will need more pollinators and more bees," Kelly said.

Bee's Role Changes

The bee industry has changed over the years.

"There were about 6 million colonies in the U.S. during



Iain Kelly

World War II, when people raised bees because sugar was in short supply," Kelly said. "The industry has changed from hive products and producing honey to pollination services."

A significant portion of the bee colonies are used for almond production.

"Of the 2.6 million bee colonies in the country, 1.6 million are used to pollinate almonds every spring from mid-February to mid-March," Kelly said.

These colonies are then

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USDA: 'I' state records shattered



Corn standing in water has been a common sight across sections of Illinois the last few weeks, including this field south of Fianagan, Ill. Despite the wet conditions in the Corn Belt recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasts a record average yield of 171.7 bushels per acre this year.

By Tom C. Doran
AgrNews Publications

WASHINGTON — The "I" states, along with the nation, are set to establish new corn and soybean production records, the U.S. Department of Agriculture projected in its most recent report.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 14.4 billion bushels, up 3 percent from 2013. U.S. soybean production is estimated at a record 3.91 billion bushels, up 3 percent from August forecast and up 19 percent from last year.

Based on Sept. 1 conditions, the nation's yields are expected to average 171.7 bushels per acre, up 4.3 bushels from the August forecast and 12.9 bushels above the 2013 average.

If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the U.S.

Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.8 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast, but down 4 percent from 2013.

Yields are expected to average a record high 46.6 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last month and up 3.3 bushels from 2013.

The soybean area for harvest is forecast at a record 84.1 million acres, unchanged from August and an 11 percent increase from last year.

ILLINOIS' 194

In Illinois, harvested area for corn, forecast at 11.8 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast and previous year.

The Land of Lincoln's corn yield is forecast at 194 bushels per acre, up six bushels from August and 16 bushels more than 2013.

If realized, this would be a record high yield in Illinois, surpassing the previous record of 180 bushels per acre in 2004.

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Bears dominate ag reports

By Tom C. Doran
AgrNews Publications

CHICAGO — Big crops are getting bigger, and traders expect further increases was the message delivered after two agriculture reports were released recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The USDA ramped up corn and soybean production estimates to record levels of 14.395 billion bushels of corn and 3.915 billion bushels of soybeans on top average yields nationwide of 171.7 and 46.6 bushels per acre, respectively.

The corn production estimate was increased by 363 million bushels from the August report, and soybeans ramped up by 97 million bushels this month.

The world agricultural supply and demand report estimated new crop corn to surpass a surplus of 2 billion bushels for the first time in 10 years.

Soybean ending stocks for the current marketing year were increased 45 million bushels from last month's report to 475 million bushels.

HIGH-END PROJECTIONS

"The production numbers were negative, at the higher end of the average trade guess for both corn and soybeans," said Jack Scoville, Price Futures Group, in a teleconference hosted by the Minneapolis Grain Exchange.

Part of the corn production increase was offset by increases over last month's report in feed and residuals, ethanol and food, seed and industry usage.

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SOIL HEALTH

For what's up, check below

Dirt expert says understanding underground key

By Tom C. Doran
AgrNews Publications

CHATSWORTH, Ill. — "Playing" in the dirt isn't just for children anymore.

Roger Windhorn, Natural Resources Conservation Services soil scientist, said the most important first step in addressing soil health is to know what's happening underground.

"If you want to see how the soil improves over time you have to know what the soil looks like today. If you don't, it doesn't make sense because you're not going to know down the road if progress has been made," he said.

It isn't necessary to dig a 20-foot long, five-foot deep pit to check the soil but the first couple of feet should be examined.

"If you're digging or putting in fence posts or tile, take a look at what you have," Windhorn said at the recent Conservation Technology Information Center Conservation in Action Tour of the Indian Creek Watershed Project.

VISUAL EVALUATION

The pit dig provides a visual evaluation of what layers are present. The ideal surface soil will have small aggregates allowing for ideal root depth, while soil with tillage pan will be chunky, limiting root movement and drainage.

Windhorn recommends a depth of at least 24 inches to get an adequate visual of the soil.

Glacial till was 36 inches deep in the tour's demonstration dig. The blue-gray glacial till is dense with high-calcium carbonate and pH levels that restrict root growth for all commercially grown plants.

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Monitoring soil health should always begin with a hole in the ground to see what's going on, Roger Windhorn, Natural Resources Conservation Services soil scientist, said at the recent Indian Creek Watershed Project Tour. Windhorn's presentation was among those at the Duane Dasso farm near Chatsworth, Ill.

Microbes to play big role in next phase of ag tech

By Nat Williams
AgrNews Publications

ST. LOUIS — Genetic engineering revolutionized agriculture 20 years ago, but the new wave in plant technology may be at the microbial level.

Introducing natural organisms to crops — including GMO plants — carries with it a number of advantages, according to a panel of scientists discussing technology at the Ag Innovation Showcase here.

The conference, held at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, draws entrepreneurs and investors from around the world who are looking for the next big opportunity in agriculture.

"There are a lot of advances that are revolutionizing crop genetics and biotechnology. We're beginning to understand the complexity of the genome and the role

"We have data that show that a trait-resistant corn plant that's resistant to corn rootworm, when you add a biological on top of it — a microbial — you get higher yields and control."

Pam Marrone, founder and CEO

MARRONE BIO INNOVATIONS

of epigenetics," said Douglas R. Wagner, former global technology officer at Dow AgroSciences and now chief executive officer of Norway-based Agrinos. "We are at a revolutionary point where new technology is becoming available to agriculture, understanding the entire environment a plant grows in and its quality."

Biotech advances such as Bt corn, along with Roundup Ready and LibertyLink crop systems, have increased production and ef-



Pam Marrone, founder and CEO of Marrone Bio Innovations, said microbial technology may

Global acceptance of the technologies, however, has not been uniform. Countries, as well as a segment of the world population, have been resistant to embrace genetic modification of plants.

MORE ACCEPTANCE?

Microbials, however, may not face the same hurdles.

Pam Marrone, founder and CEO of Marrone Bio Innovations, said microbial technology may

have a smoother pathway to acceptance, partly because end users are familiar with products such as Activia yogurt, which contains probiotics.

"Consumers understand the difference between bad microbes and good microbes because they eat yogurt with probiotics," she said.

The source of such products also is wide open.

"More than 50 percent of drugs are from natural sources, and only 11 percent of pesticides are from natural sources," Marrone added.

Stacking the two technologies can add value.

"We have data that show that when you add a biological on top of a trait-resistant corn plant resistant to corn rootworm — a microbial — you get higher yields and control," Marrone said.

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DEVELOPMENT MOVES AHEAD ALONG ROUTE 230



Construction crews have been busy in July starting construction of a new retail building at the Westport Centre in Middletown that may be used for one to five retail tenants next to Wells Fargo, depending on the occupant's space needs.

7,500 feet added at Westport; hotel details being finalized

By Eric Wise

A local developer is moving forward with two commercial projects along Route 230 that will add a hotel and other new businesses near Harrisburg International Airport.

A retail building offering 7,500 square feet will be available to new tenants at the Westport Centre by the beginning of September, said Maria Benjamin, who handles marketing and leasing for Towne Retail, the company owned by Jim Nardo that is developing the site.

The new building, on the east side of the site between Wells Fargo bank and Niskey Street in Middletown, would provide room for up to five tenants with 1,500 square feet each, or combining them for a larger space. On the opposite end of the Westport, a new sports bar is preparing for its opening.

"The Hop Yard is finalizing some details to prepare for opening, but at this time, they do not have a date set to

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Crematory vote to be held July 26

Zoning board deliberated already

By Dan Miller

Press And Journal Staff

The next key step in the controversy over whether a crematory should be allowed in the borough of Middletown will take place Tuesday, July 26.

The Middletown Zoning Hearing Board will vote on whether former borough zoning officer Jeff Miller acted properly when in June 2015 he granted a permit approving the crematory as an allowed accessory use.

Read the Press And Journal's editorial about the hearing on page B4.

to the main Fager-Finkenbinder Funeral Home at 208 N. Union St. Opponents contend that the crematory should not be allowed in a densely populated residential area, and that the crematory will

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Hicks receives probation for Youth Club theft, pays back \$8,000

By Dan Miller

Press And Journal Staff



Hicks

A Middletown woman who almost two years ago was arrested and charged with stealing more than \$10,400 from the Middletown Youth Club has been sentenced to three years of probation.

Elizabeth A. Hicks, 33, of the 400 block of Aspen Street, on July 5 pleaded guilty in Dauphin County Court to one count each of theft by unlawful taking, theft by failure to make required disposition of funds, and access device fraud.

She was sentenced to 36 months of county probation and to pay \$350 in costs and fines by President Judge Richard A. Lewis.

Hicks pleaded guilty in exchange for all three of the felony counts against her being downgraded to misdemeanors, according to records on file at the county courthouse.

Even as misdemeanors, Hicks faced up to 15 years in prison and up to \$30,000 in fines, according to the case file.

Middletown Youth Club is a nonprofit organization that supports youth sports activities in Middletown. Among activities that the club supports is the CFA Youth Football League in Middletown.

The original criminal complaint alleged that Hicks stole more than \$10,400 from the club. But prosecutors could only document that she stole a little more than \$8,000, said Deputy District Attorney Stephen McLendon.

Hicks already repaid all but \$1,728.08 of this amount by the time she pleaded and was sentenced. As part of her sentence she was ordered to pay the remaining \$1,728.08 as restitution, and this amount has been paid by Hicks, according to online court records. At this point, Hicks owes no more money to the club, McLendon said.

Hicks was arrested in October 2014 following a two-month investigation by Middletown police after police were contacted about Hicks by Christopher Hughes, then president of the Middletown Youth Club.

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Crews continue streetscape work at the southeast corner of South Union and Brown streets on Friday, July 15.

Streetscape project keeps moving south; Brown to Ann streets next step after Union repaving wraps up

By Dan Miller

Press And Journal Staff

Middletown's downtown streetscape project is to be completed mid-October, and once this week's repaving of Union Street from Spring to Brown streets is done, all the remaining work will be focused on the stretch from Brown Street to Ann Street.

Union Street from Spring to Brown is closed to traffic all this week until 6 p.m. Friday, July 22, so that the road can be repaved as part of the streetscape.

A bus on parking on both sides of Union from Spring to Brown remains in effect

until this stretch of Union Street is re-opened to traffic on July 22.

Signs have been put up directing motorists to the free parking that is available behind the Municipal Building at 40 W. Etna St.

A large sign has also been put up at the square at Main and Union streets, telling people that downtown businesses remain open throughout the streetscape. These signs will remain in place until the streetscape is done in mid-October, Borough Manager Ken Kinspeiser told the Press And Journal.

Once this repaving of Union Street is completed, there should be no more need

to close any part of Union from Spring to Brown, as the streetscape for this section of the downtown will be finished, Kinspeiser said.

New street trees will be planted, but that will be one of the last things to be done as part of the streetscape, Kinspeiser said.

Otherwise, the remaining streetscape work now focused on Union and Brown streets, which is still closed as crews with streetscape contractor Flyway Excavating continue installing bumpouts on all four corners of the intersection.

Once this work is done, Flyway will

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ATTENTION: Middletown Borough Residents

Union St. FROM Spring St. TO Brown St. will be closed Tuesday, July 19 THROUGH Friday, July 22

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Middletown man charged in fatal shooting

By Dan Miller
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Two men — one from Middletown and one from Highspire — have been arrested and charged with the slaying of 22-year-old Kodi Flanagan in Harrisburg on Tuesday, April 25.

Sidney N. Michaels, 22, of the first block of Willow Street in Middletown, was arrested in Derry Township just before noon on Friday, April 28, said Dauphin County Chief Deputy District At-

torney Johnny Baer.

Dylan James Beard, 25, of Highspire, was taken into custody between 8 and 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, Baer said.

The Dauphin County coroner identified Flanagan as having a Middletown address. However, Baer said he believes that Flana-



Michaels



Beard

gan was living in Harrisburg at the time of the shooting.

Michaels was in the process of being arraigned Friday afternoon and is being charged with criminal homicide, robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, prohibited possession of a firearm, and carrying a firearm without being licensed.

Beard is charged with criminal homicide, robbery, and conspiracy to commit robbery.

A preliminary hearing for both will be held May 10 before District Judge Barbara W. Pianka. It is not clear whether there will be one hearing for both or whether they will be separate.

Both are being held without bail in Dauphin County Prison.

According to court records, Flanagan was shot at about 6:30 p.m. April 25 in the area of North Third and Muench streets.

He was taken to the hospital, where he died.

An eyewitness identified Beard and Michaels as being the people responsible for robbing and shooting Flanagan, according to court records filed by Harrisburg police.

The witness watched as during the robbery Michaels used a handgun to shoot and kill Flanagan, according to court records.

Police later obtained cellphone records of text messages sent between the eyewitness and Beard before the robbery and shooting.

The text messages show that Beard was planning to commit a robbery with a male friend who had a "toaster," which is a street term for a firearm, according to court records.

According to the court records, Michaels was prohibited from carrying a firearm due to him being convicted of possession with intent to distribute drugs in Dauphin County in October 2015. Michaels did not possess a license to carry a concealed firearm in Pennsylvania, police said.

PIPELINE IS COMING



STAFF PHOTO BY DAVID BARR

Construction equipment stands ready Tuesday along Filling Mill Road in Lower Swatara Township, preparing for the Mariner East 2 pipeline project. It will stretch across the entire state, about 350 miles, and cost about \$2.5 billion.

Controversial Mariner East 2 project getting set for construction in Lower Swatara

By David Barr
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Lower Swatara Township will experience construction as part of the controversial \$2.5 billion Mariner East 2 pipeline project, which spans the state and has come under fire from groups who question its safety and its effect on the environment.

Two pipelines, one 16 inches in diameter and one 20 inches in diameter will be installed in Lower Swatara Township.

Jeff Shields, communications manager for Sunoco Logistics Partners, said that the areas in Lower Swatara Township that would be most impacted are White House Lane, North Union Street and Oberlin Road, with construction most noticeable around White House Lane. In addition, other roads that will be impacted are Greenfield Drive, Stoner Drive

and Rosedale Drive.

Mariner East 2 is an expansion of the existing Sunoco Mariner East pipeline system. In all, 17 counties in the southern tier of Pennsylvania will be affected by the project, which stretches about 350 miles.

It will transport liquefied petroleum gases (LPGs), also known as natural gas liquids (NGLs), which opponents of the project say are dangerous if a pipeline ruptures, from Ohio and western Pennsylvania to the Marcus Hook facility

in Delaware County.

Sunoco Logistics officials informed the Lower Swatara board of commissioners at its legislative meeting April 19 on the plans for the project and the board updated the public on the maintenance plans. There is not a set starting date but it's likely to be soon.

The maintenance agreement involves hauling and travel on state and township roads, driveway access, road bores that will be go-

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Pa. Turnpike will be widened after bridge project is finished

By Dan Miller
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The North Union Street bridge is being replaced so that the Pennsylvania Turnpike under the bridge can be widened from four to six lanes, commission officials told the Press & Journal.

Replacing the North Union Street bridge with a longer span is "the last remaining hurdle" to the commission being able to widen the turnpike from four to six lanes on the East Shore from the Susquehanna River to the Swatara Creek Bridge, said commission spokesman Carl Defebbo Jr.

The turnpike cannot be widened now under the bridge be-

cause the bridge abutments are too close to the existing roadway, Defebbo said.

Plans call for the turnpike to be widened under the bridge sometime after the bridge is replaced, although "definitive plans" for when the widening will be done have not yet been established by the commission, he added.

The bridge replacement project is now in the preliminary design phase, with a final design not expected to be wrapped up until near the end of 2019. The commission is shooting to start construction to replace the bridge in February 2020, with completion anticipated by

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Local police help protect President Trump on visit

By Dan Miller
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Officers from Middletown and Lower Swatara police departments both can say they played a bit role in President Donald Trump's historic visit to the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg on Saturday, April 29.

Trump's was the first visit of a sitting president to the Farm Show Complex since President John F. Kennedy in 1962. Vice President Mike Pence also spoke

at the Farm Show during the same event.

Middletown Officer Hyung Kim was among police from departments



Kim

over Dauphin County that blocked traffic at intersections so that the Trump and Pence

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SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY PHYLLIS ZIMMERMAN

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Eckert, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown, is joined by Samia Malik of Mechanicsburg and retired Penn State Harrisburg professor Richard Ammon. Malik, a Muslim, explained her religion's beliefs in a presentation at the church on April 30. She was invited there by Ammon, a member of St. Peter's congregation.

'I want people to learn to love one another'

Muslim speaks at St. Peter's in Middletown to help educate others about her faith

By Phyllis Zimmerman

Special to the Press & Journal

A respectful crowd of 30 gathered at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown on Sunday, April 30 to learn more about Islam from a practicing Muslim.

Samia Malik, an India native living in Mechanicsburg, has toured throughout Central Pennsylvania since the devastation of 9/11 to explain her religion to people of other faiths. Speaker requests have picked up for her lately, she noted, due to the recent national political climate.

"I hope people can learn about other faiths and realize we're all human beings. We all need to reach

out and connect to our neighbors," Malik said. "I want people to learn to love one another."

Instead of stressing the differences between Islam and Christianity, Malik focused on the similarities during Sunday's talk. For instance, Muslims believe in one creator, angels, messengers, books, and a Day of Judgment for all. It also has a list of commandments for obedience, such as having respect and obedience for one's parents and not killing an innocent person.

Islam is centered on the Five Pillars, which include faith or belief in the oneness of God and finality of Muhammad's prophethood, daily prayers, concern and giv-

ing to the needy, self-purification through fasting, and a pilgrimage to Mecca for those who are able.

During the presentation, an audience member asked Malik why women in Islam countries "are treated like chattel?" Malik answered that such treatment is dictated by a region's culture and isn't associated with religion.

Another questioner said he wondered that if Islam is supposed to be loving, then why, "every day I am hearing about Christians getting their heads cut off?"

"What they're following isn't Islamic. If you're a Christian are you a member of the KKK?"

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Workers' comp fines soar amid crackdown

MARTIN DAVIS
Staff Writer

Steepest-up enforcement in the wake of the Boston nightclub fire, lawmakers by technology improvements and measures, has drastically increased the amount of fines levied on employers for failing to carry workers' compensation insurance properly.

In 2013, the Workers' Compensation Fraud Prevention and Compliance Unit at the state Department of Labor and Training collected

\$206,976 in penalties, up from \$67,214 the previous year and \$40,395 in 2010, according to state chief John Tardella, that's a 740 percent increase in three years.

As of July 20, Tardella said, \$195,000 had been collected, putting the unit on track to collect 11 percent more penalties this year than in 2013.

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Mini-cards, Big Business

Popular B of A key chain cards to hit regional market in fall

MARTIN DAVIS
Staff Writer

You can't throw a pitch, you can't throw a rock, you can't throw a card. But you can throw a Bank of America mini-card. The new credit cards, which are the size of a key chain, will be available in the region in fall.

On the go, you can't carry a wallet, and you can't carry a card. But you can carry a Bank of America mini-card. The new credit cards, which are the size of a key chain, will be available in the region in fall.

That's why Bank of America, in what it calls the "mini-card" campaign, is rolling out the new credit cards in the region in fall.

Bank of America's mini-cards, which are the size of a key chain, will be available in the region in fall.

First offered to Bank of America credit card customers in October 2012, and now expanded to more than 22 million people, the new Visa credit cards are 1.5 by 3.5 inches, about half the size of a regular Visa.

They have magnetic strips on the back, and they can be used at any ATM.



Bank of America's mini-cards, smaller than regular-sized bank cards, can be attached to customers' key chains.

Mini-Card Facts

- Used by 20 million customers
- Size: 1.5 by 3.5 inches
- Cardholders spend 2-3% more

And customers do use them, a lot. Mini-card holders spend about 2 percent to 3 percent more than those with regular-size Visas, he says.

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Ardente buys Bess Eaton headquarters

ALEX HORNBY
Staff Writer

Providence-based Ardente Supply Co. will pay \$2.15 million for the former Bess Eaton headquarters of the former Bess Eaton department store, including software company (Bess Eaton) for the building in North Providence.

The third-generation, planning and building business plans to open a new store in the 30,000-square-foot building on New Haven Road, marking the first expansion of the family-owned business in more than 40 years.

The company's first last month in U.S. bankruptcy court was \$10,000 more than

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Tax breaks bait Boston finance firm

MARTIN DAVIS
Staff Writer

Efforts to lure Boston-based investment bank & Trust into Rhode Island are getting serious, with the financial services company now approved to get tax breaks — one of them guaranteed for 10 years — if it proceeds to set up shop in the state.

But the price is not just a cash thing. Financial services companies for the state, including the state's Department of Community Development, are working to get the bank & Trust to set up shop in the state.

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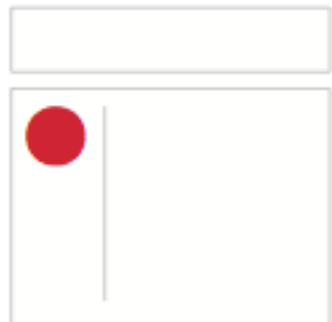
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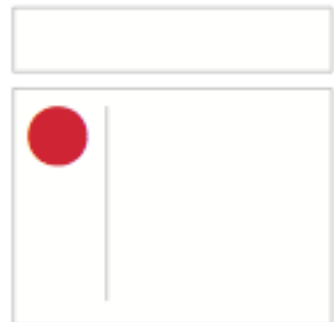


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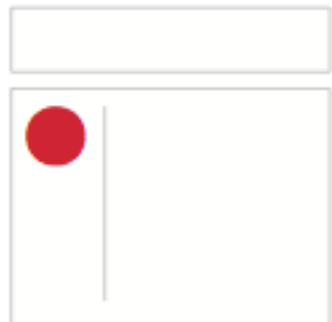
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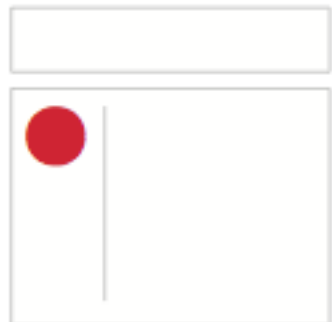
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It wasn't easy, but I can now say we have accomplished that goal.

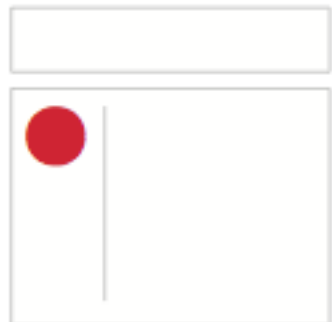


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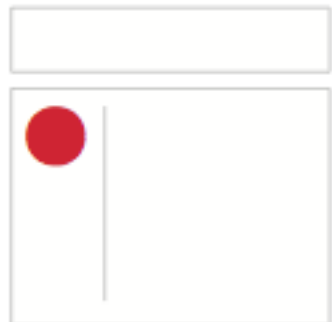


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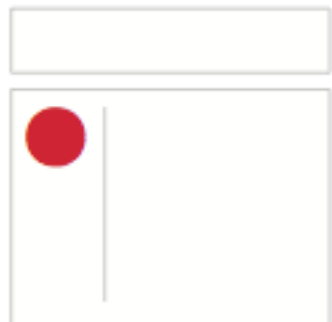
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Key elements of good design

Strong branding.

This goes beyond your logo.
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is to minimize your brand online.
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Bobby Crooms Sr. and Addie Lomoris Crooms celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary Nov. 23, 2017. They have one child, Bobby Crooms Jr., and one granddaughter, Lauren Crooms. Mrs. Crooms is ...



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BRIE HANDGRAAF

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thing and actually enjoy themselves means they are more likely to bring you projects because they remember you in a positive way," Lantz said. "...We're in sales, but we're selling a concept and that is the idea that you can make money in Wilson." Assistant Director Cindy Ingram attended an August conference tied to the PGA Championship and a September conference where at-

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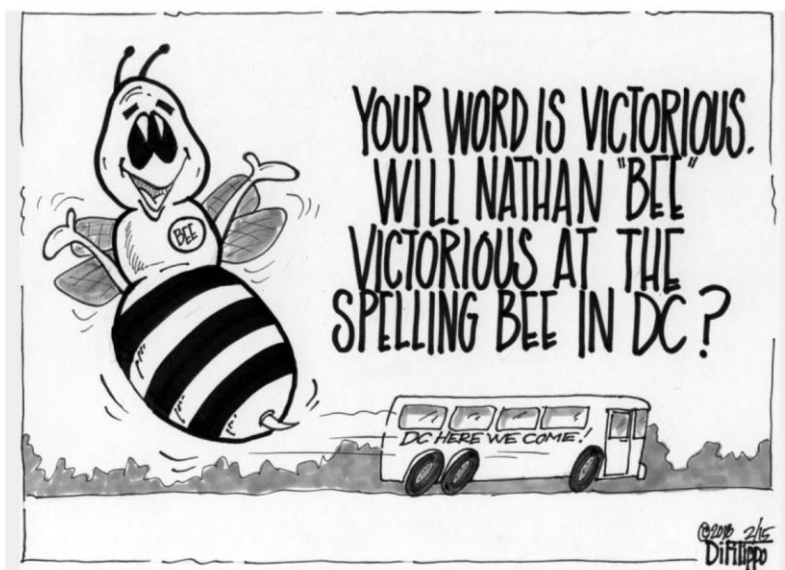
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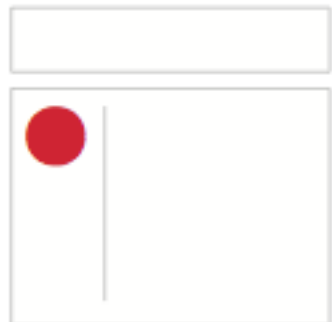
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Is America in the midst of an obesity crisis?

YES: 'Super-size' attitude means a downsized life

BY ANNE WOLF
Knight Ridder Tribune

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. — In the coming decades, the average American lifespan is expected to drop by as much as five years!

That's right. For the first time, the average lifespan is due to drop, and obesity is a major culprit. This will play out, unless the nation works aggressively to slow the rate of obesity, say researchers supported by the National Institute on Aging.

Lead author of the recent NIA report on obesity, Jay Olshansky, observes, "We think today's younger generation will have shorter and less healthy lives than their parents for the first time in modern history unless we intervene."

An obese child is at higher risk to become an obese adult, according to a report from the National Center

NO: Officials used phony figures to hype obesity crisis

BY DENNIS T. AVERY
Knight Ridder Tribune

WASHINGTON — Obesity will soon be America's No. 1 killer. Sue your local McDonalds. Limit restaurant portions. Put a nagging bureaucrat at every supermarket checkout stand.

Oops! That was last year.

The newest advice says don't overeat, get more exercise, kick your kids off the couch more often — but don't panic about a couple of pounds.

A year ago, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was clamoring that obesity was one of the biggest killers of Americans, accounting for more than 400,000 deaths per year. CDC predicted that overweight would soon become America's leading cause of death.

Embarrassed, the CDC has now recalculated, and says obesity ranks 10th, far from the No. 1 cause of death.

The election of a new pope

Possible successors

The following Roman Catholic leaders are considered candidates to succeed Pope John Paul II, who was elected in 1978 and was the third-longest-serving pontiff in history.



Francis Arinze, 72, a Vatican-based Nigerian who is admired for his efforts at interfaith dialogue. He serves as prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, which reviews liturgical texts.



Giovanni Battista Re, 71, an Italian who is a veteran of the Vatican diplomatic service and now heads the Congregation for Bishops, overseeing bishops around the world.



Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 68, archbishop of Buenos Aires. He is a soft-spoken intellectual who takes mass transit rather than a chauffeur-driven limousine.



Norberto Rivera Carrera, 62, archbishop of Mexico City and an important voice in Latin America. Carrera, a progressive on social issues, is doctrinally conservative.



Godfried Danneels, 71, archbishop of Belgium and a leading voice in the European church. He is a moderate who supports greater democracy and chats with constituents on his website.



Claudio Hummes, 70, a Franciscan and archbishop of São Paulo, Brazil. He is a doctrinal conservative who supports decentralization by increasing the powers of national bishops' conferences.



Oscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, 62, of Honduras, a rising star in the Latin American church whose youth might augur another long papacy and work against him.



Joseph Ratzinger, 77, of Germany, chief architect of Pope John Paul II's traditionalist moral policy. His doctrinaire ways have shifted to a more pragmatic approach.



Christoph Schönborn, 60, archbishop of Vienna, highly educated and a prolific author of religious works. Active in reconciliation effort with Orthodox Christianity.



Angelo Scola, 63, patriarch of Venice, hometown of three 20th-century popes. He became a cardinal in 2003 and is viewed as a possible surprise candidate.



Angelo Sodano, 77, an Italian who serves as the Vatican's secretary of state and is No. 2 in church hierarchy after the pope, taking on an increasingly visible role as the pope's health worsened.



Dionigi Tettamanzi, 71, archbishop of Milan and a moderate who many people believe is the front-runner among the Italian succession hopefuls.

How the succession process works

THE DEATH OF THE POPE

When the pope dies, the Cardinal Camerlengo verifies it by calling the pope three times by name without response. The death is announced, the fisherman's ring and papal seal are broken, and preparations are made for the pope's funeral, burial and nine days of mourning.

THE CARDINALS GATHER

Fifteen to 20 days later, the Sacred College of Cardinals meets for the election. The 117 cardinals eligible by age enter a guarded annex of the Sistine Chapel, and each swears an oath of secrecy.

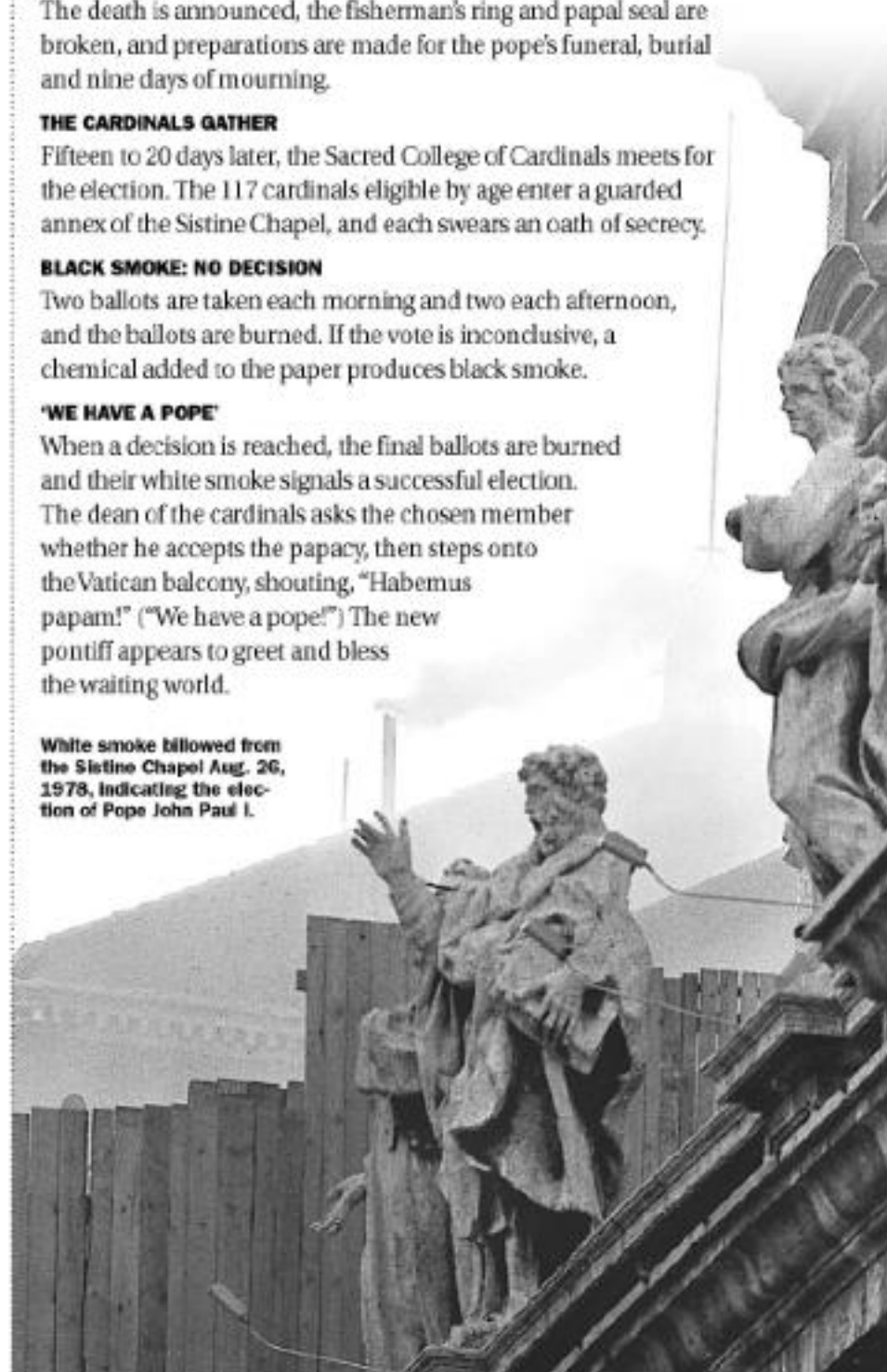
BLACK SMOKE: NO DECISION

Two ballots are taken each morning and two each afternoon, and the ballots are burned. If the vote is inconclusive, a chemical added to the paper produces black smoke.

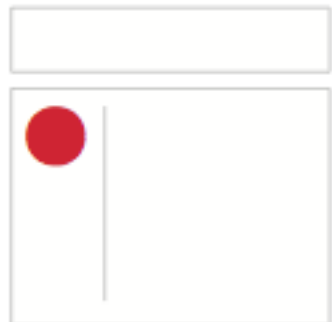
'WE HAVE A POPE'

When a decision is reached, the final ballots are burned and their white smoke signals a successful election. The dean of the cardinals asks the chosen member whether he accepts the papacy, then steps onto the Vatican balcony, shouting, "Habemus papam!" ("We have a pope!") The new pontiff appears to greet and bless the waiting world.

White smoke billowed from the Sistine Chapel Aug. 26, 1978, indicating the election of Pope John Paul I.



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From vintage gems to handmade gifts, here are the styles and shops we're in love with this month.

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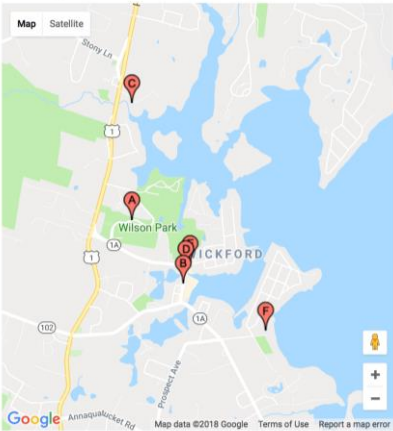
A Shopping Gallery

Longtime friends showcase local artists in Tiverton

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Lay of the Land: Wickford

Posted May 16, 2012



Wilson Park

Roosevelt Avenue
Wickford, RI 02852

This 75-acre park, encircled by the 1.5-mile Wilson Park Bikeway, features picnic spots, hidden coves, plenty of water views and hiking trails, and is just a short walk from downtown Wickford. 401-294-3331

Wickford Municipal Wharf/Wickford Municipal Dock

Brown Street
Wickford, RI 02852

These two sites host both commercial and recreational boaters and run along the waterfront off Main Street. They both provide great places to stroll and take in a panorama of this active harbor.

Smith's Castle

55 Richard Smith Drive
Wickford, RI 02852

This historic house has been a trading post and a plantation throughout its history, and is now a museum that hosts events like the annual Strawberry Festival, which falls this year on Saturday, June 16. 401-294-3521

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Wickford Art Festival

Downtown Wickford
Wickford, RI 02852

This nationally-renowned annual celebration is going into its 50th consecutive year, drawing hundreds of artists, both from the local community and around the country. It is among the most celebrated art festivals in the Northeast.

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Downtown Wickford
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A weekend of fun that both honors our military and raises money to help support it, Wickford Heels and Wheels starts on June 1 with a gala on town beach, and continues on June 2 with an antique car parade and tailgate party.

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North Kingstown Town Beach

15 Beach Street
North Kingstown, RI 02852

Long and narrow with good shade and picnic areas. Perfect for a beach stroll or picnic in the grass. Admission Fee: No • Pay to Park: No, residents only • Snack Bar: Yes • Restrooms: Yes • Lifeguard On Duty: No

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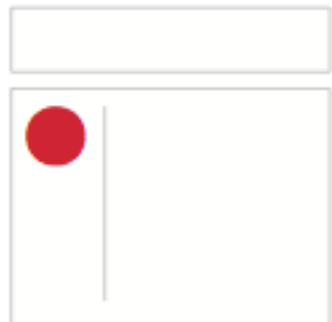
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"If a kid picks up a gun, chances are it's not because he just decided one day to be violent," says Jordan Seaberry. "What structures have been in his life that led him to a gun?" His new mission is to address that question through public policy. An artist known for his abstract paintings immortalizing Providence's murder victims, Seaberry spent two years at the Nonviolence Institute as Homicide Victim Advocate before ascending to the newly created policy and advocacy post. "We're taking all of the knowledge and the skill base that we have and translating it to policy change," he says. "I know we have the recipe to keep someone at-risk alive, and to slow down someone that's ready to pull a trigger. What we haven't done enough of is impacting the landscape where those two individuals come from." His work will focus on four main areas: dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, removing barriers to reentry for people coming out of prison, empowering victims of crime and challenging the normalization of gun violence. Seaberry is confronting violence at its source.



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Senator, general call for reinstating military funding

BY BRADEN BUNCH
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Recent funding reductions for the nation's military could have far-reaching implications for years to come, both Sen. Lindsey Graham and Maj. Gen. Jake Pulumbo stressed at the recent Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce retreat in Greenville.

Speaking with business leaders from throughout the Sumter area at the annual retreat this past weekend, both men said budget restraints, caused by both sequestration and the recent government shutdown, have had a serious impact on the country's military capabilities.

"The sequestration budget has been a disaster for our military," Graham said of the overall budget constraints caused by the government's inability to reach budgetary agreements last year. "It was never meant to happen, which meant it was bound to happen in Washington."

The state's senior senator said he was shocked by the number of his colleagues, especially fellow Republicans, who were willing to allow the military to take the deep budget cuts. "Congress did more damage to our military than any enemy could hope to," Graham said.

To alleviate the issue as much as possible, Graham said Congress is now trying to restore many of the budget cuts. "We're trying to dig out of this hole," he said.

Reinstating the funding for the various



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PULUMBO

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Snow and sleet in the afternoon with snow continuing overnight
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Deputy, son among 3 injured in wreck



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Sumter sheriff's deputies take photographs of the scene of a head-on collision on Wedgfield Drive on Monday evening involving Lt. Dale Horton with the Sumter Sheriff's Office, his 10-year-old son and the driver of a silver Dodge sedan.

2 airlifted, 1 at Tuomey after head-on collision



BY TYLER SIMPSON
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A head-on collision Monday afternoon on St. Pauls Church Road has left two men, including a deputy with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, and a young boy hospitalized with serious injuries.

The drivers of both vehicles, Lt. Dale Horton with the Patrol Division of the Sheriff's Office and another man, identified by authorities only with the last name of Kind, were both airlifted to Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia from the scene.

The boy, later identified by Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis as Horton's 10-year-old son, was taken to Tuomey Regional Medical Center.



HORTON

Sumter County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Dale Horton with the Patrol Division is airlifted from the scene of the crash Monday evening.

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Green Beret heads to Sochi as analyst

Local Russian expert will advise security at Olympic games

BY ROB COTTINGHAM
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Any time your name is mentioned in the same sentence as Henry Kissinger, you know you're the man.

That was the case for Lt. Col. Robert Schaefer, who retires on Feb. 1 from the Army to join the vast crew of media covering the 2014 Winter Olympics. Schaefer will be working as an advisor and media liaison for assessing terrorist and insurgent threats, a task requested of him by Jim Bell, NBC's executive producer for their Olympics coverage.

"When he called me and asked me if I'd do this, I was floored," Schaefer said. "Then I asked him why he called me, and he said, 'Well, I called Henry Kissinger, then I called you.' That shocked me even more."

Though he displays the modesty



MATT WALSH / THE ITEM

Robert Schaefer will be attending The Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games as part of NBC's crew. He retired from the special forces to take a position as a security specialist in a nation that he expects to have many terrorist threats.

expected of such a high-caliber soldier. Schaefer definitely has credentials that are far beyond impressive.

A native of Villa Hills, Ky.,

Schaefer enlisted in the Army at the age of 20, inspired by his Karate instructor, who was a Green Beret. Schaefer didn't expect to have such a long stint in the Army but found himself enjoying the career. He decided to climb the ranks to become a Green Beret himself.

"I specifically wanted to be a foreign area officer," Schaefer said. "It seemed like such an amazing career path, so I began working for it."

Schaefer explained the high expectations the Army has for its FAOs. He was expected to become an expert in a region, and while many might opt for something a little less daunting to learn about, he aimed for one of the most difficult: Russia.

"I've been interested in the culture since I was a child," he said. "When you begin training as a foreign area officer, they're going to send you to grad school. You apply for what programs you want; I got accepted by Harvard, and the government said I was good enough to go."

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Snow, ice cause extra worry for many

BY JACK OSTEN
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While the likely chance of snowfall in the area may bring delight to many Sumter residents, it can also be extra tough on those families without heat or struggling to pay their bills.

Salvation Army Social Worker Pamela Lassiter said the organization is continuing to get calls daily and is booked up until the end of February.

"I am getting a lot of new folks who have never been to us for help," she said. "We have helped approximately 200 families." Lassiter said she recently helped a gentleman who was being released from the hospital

and knew his bill was due the next day. He couldn't afford to pay his bill and buy his medication.

"I understand if you can't help, but I knew I needed to ask," he said.

Lassiter said they were able to help the man, and he left in tears and hoped one day he could give back to The Salvation Army.

Lassiter also wants to remind

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Snow, ice transform tri-county



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Sumter High School student Lauren Cronvich throws snow into the air while playing in Memorial Park near downtown Sumter on Wednesday. The tri-county area got a rare dusting of snow and ice beginning on Tuesday afternoon. Sumter Police officers, below, examine a car that slipped on ice and overturned on Frontage Road on Wednesday. Roadways were expected to ice over from Wednesday night into today. See page A2 for more information on safe travel in icy conditions.

Driving conditions, safety top concerns for closing schools

BY RAYTEVIA EVANS
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Not just any weather conditions can shut down the local school districts, and the decision to do so is not made on a whim. Local school district superintendents normally keep a close eye on weather reports and how they can affect faculty and staff, students and morning commuters.

Students' safety is top priority when making these decisions, and icy roads and low temperatures can cause a risk for bus drivers and parents who drive their students to school. Sumter School District and surrounding counties released students early on Tuesday or closed their schools completely because of extreme weather conditions this week, often announcing delays, early dismissal and closing later in the afternoon and evening.

Sumter Superintendent Dr. Frank Baker said he prefers to wait to make an announcement of a closing but still keeps the safety of students, parents and faculty in mind when making the decision. Normally, he would make the call before 10 p.m. the night before, he said.

Clarendon 1 Superintendent Dr. Rose Wilder said in making the decision to close schools in her district Tuesday, Wednesday and today, she checked updates with the National Weather Center and considered the conditions of the area.

"Based on what I've seen with the weather reports, we'll have temperatures in the teens. We're mostly a rural area, and we have a lot of dirt roads. This could cause an issue with buses in the mornings and could potentially cause safety issues," Wilder said. "I would prefer to err on the side of caution."

Clarendon 2 Superintendent John Tindal said he

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Officials warn road icing worse today

BY TYLER SIMPSON
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South Carolina Highway Patrol responded to a dramatic increase in weather calls within a 24-hour period from Tuesday night to Wednesday morning, and road conditions in Sumter County were expected to worsen today.

Highway patrol reported an estimated 3,205 weather calls statewide between 4 p.m. Tuesday and 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Among those calls were 1,639 wrecks, approximately four times the number reported during the same time period last year. Officers with the Highway Patrol also reported 332 abandoned vehicles and had to assist 733 vehicles,

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Shelter extends its hours during freeze

BY IVY MOORE
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In times of extreme heat or unusual cold, extra help is often needed to ensure the safety of Sumter's homeless population, who might otherwise find themselves in danger.

To meet the need, Samaritan House, the local homeless shelter operated by United Ministries of Sumter County, has extended its hours and is "in overflow mode" to accommodate those persons who have nowhere else to escape the below-freezing temperatures, according to Director Walter Robertson.

There were 34 people sheltering at Samaritan House on Wednesday morning; the occupancy is usually about 28.

"We stayed open all day and night Tuesday and will be open all day today (Wednesday) and into (today) as long as the need is there," Robertson said.

Regular operating hours for Samaritan House, located at 320 W. Oakland Ave., are 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. seven days a week. Guests must be checked in by 8 p.m. unless accompanied by Sumter Police.

The shelter has enough food and other supplies to get it through this weather crisis, Robertson said, thanks to volunteer donors.

"We were able to serve lunch, dinner



ROBERTSON

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Bridge toll in S.C.? Lake Marion could charge to cross

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT
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Drivers heading down Interstate 95 for a day in Charleston or Savannah may soon face a barrier heading over the Lake Marion bridge. Literally.

A toll booth would be added to the interstate causeway under a bill introduced in the S.C. Senate by Sens. Kevin Johnson, D-Manning, and Brad Hutto, D-Orangeburg.

Even the senators support-

ing the bill think it has little chance of passing — Hutto has introduced a version of the bill three times before — but both say they want to raise awareness of the state's need to repair and maintain its roads.

"We've got to get started somewhere, because the state has \$12 billion in infrastructure needs," Hutto said. "Most people don't want (an increase in) the gas tax, but if they had to pay \$20 a year for a pass, many won't begrudge that."

The proposed bill would require the state Department of Transportation to collect a toll on either the Clarendon or Orangeburg county side of the Lake Marion bridge "for

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KEEP YOUR COAT HANDY

It'll be mostly sunny and remain cold today with temperatures in the teens again tonight.
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Color run helps send kids to D.C.

BY RAYTEVIA EVANS
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With just a few days left before Sumter School District students can officially sing "School's Out for Summer," Alice Drive Elementary School got a head start into its fundraising strategy for the 2014-15 school year. At the school's track Wednesday afternoon, about 200 students participated in a 1-mile color run to benefit the school's annual field trip to Washington, D.C., for fifth-grade students.

Members of the Parent Teacher Association, teachers, volunteers and members of administration worked together to organize the fundraiser, which was inspired by Sumter 360 and USC Sumter's Color 5K in early May. "We decided to do kind of a mini color run for a fundraiser after we saw how kids and the community responded to the color run for USC Sumter," said Kristi Waldron, who assists with first-grade students at the school.

During the event, students were divided into groups in which the K-2 group ran four laps around the track while volunteers — including parents, friends and military members — sprayed them with brightly colored powders. Students paid \$5 to participate in the event.

Assistant Principal Suzanna Foley said the run was their attempt to get a jump start on fundraising for next year's field trip.

"This is the first fundraiser for next year's fifth-grade students," Waldron explained. "We also do snow-cone Fridays during the school year, a silent auction and Freaky Friday for Halloween."

Each year, the fifth-grade class at Alice Drive Elementary travels to Washington, D.C.

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Alice Drive Elementary School students paid \$5 to participate in the school's mini color run Wednesday. The event was a fundraiser for the annual fifth-grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Public safety officials make case for new campus, radio system

BY BRADEN BUNCH
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Leaders with the Sumter Police Department and Sumter Fire Department are hoping the proposed penny sales tax will result in a new public safety campus along Lafayette Drive which would include a new state-of-the-art radio dispatch system.

Discussing their desires with Sumter City Council during a budget meeting workshop Tuesday night, both Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark and Sumter Fire Chief Karl Ford said new headquarters and new communications equipment are becoming more and more necessary as they operate in outdated facilities. Most important by far, Roark said, is the pressing

need to take the communications system from the analog system they use now and make it compatible with digital technologies.

"Our system is so old, if it crashes, we have a major problem," Roark said, adding the radios used by various public safety departments and 911 dispatch are no longer supported by manufacturers. Doing so, however, will come with an estimated \$10 million price tag, Roark said, making it a necessity to do so with a penny sales tax, rather than try to incorporate it into a standard general fund budget.

At the same time, Roark said trying to install a new dispatch system in the 43-year-old Law Enforcement Center on Hampton Avenue would be financially inefficient, since the power demands and anti-



Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark, right, informs Sumter City Council during its budget workshop Tuesday night that communications equipment used by various public safety offices needs to be replaced. The upgrade from analog to digital equipment is expected to cost about \$10 million.

quated wiring at the building are already requiring renovations. If the police department leaves its current location, the building would most likely be razed to accommodate more parking for the downtown area, said Sumter City Manager Deron McCormick. For his department, Ford said if they were to receive a

done, but the radios must be replaced. "The building needs to be replaced," Roark said. "The building needs to be replaced."

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County's funding gap still needs to be filled

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT
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Sumter County has one month to close a \$639,000 deficit on its finance sheet.

That was where the gap between projected revenue and expenditures stood as the 2014-15 budget passed first reading before Sumter County Council on Tuesday. Council members have until the end of June — when a balanced spending plan must pass a third reading by council — to decide how to make up the difference by either eliminating proposed spending or increasing local

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Hundreds of local, state and worldwide leaders gathered for the grand opening of the German tire manufacturer's grand opening of its Sumter plant on Tuesday.

Continental's big show

Tire plant officially gets rolling

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"When I stood in the Sumter Opera House in October of 2011 to announce we had selected Sumter, it was very emotional," Nikolai Setzer told a crowd of dignitaries gathered at the Continental Tire plant announced that day. The event was exciting partly because "it was in English, and could be shown all over the world."

Tuesday's grand opening ceremony for the German tire manufacturer's Sumter plant highlighted more than two years of economic development at an international level, work that drew the German ambassador and South Carolina's governor to the capstone event finishing the path to the plant's opening.

Work on the Continental plant moved so quickly, they

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Gov. Nikki Haley spoke with workers taking finished tires off an assembly line in the Continental Tire plant on Tuesday, shortly after she spoke at the plant's grand opening. Continental began tire production in October three months ahead of schedule.

Tears, celebration at hero's funeral

BY TYLER SIMPSON
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There were no somber words spoken during the funeral service for George Andrew "Andy" Johnson at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on Tuesday. It was a celebration of the life he lived and the people he left behind: his loving family, his wonderful friends and the three people he saved from a house fire on Jan. 22 at the cost of his life.

Johnson died from smoke inhalation after rescuing the people from an early morning fire at his neighbor's house on Nathaniel Street. As part of Tuesday's services, he was honored



The family of George Johnson celebrates his life at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on Tuesday.

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Our jobless rate at lowest point in half a decade

BY BRADEN BUNCH
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The Sumter unemployment rate fell to 7.1 percent in December, its lowest point in nearly more than five years, while the state rate fell below the national average for the first time in 13 years.

According to the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, Sumter gained slightly more than 150 jobs in the last month of 2013

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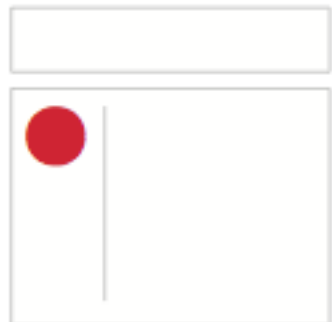
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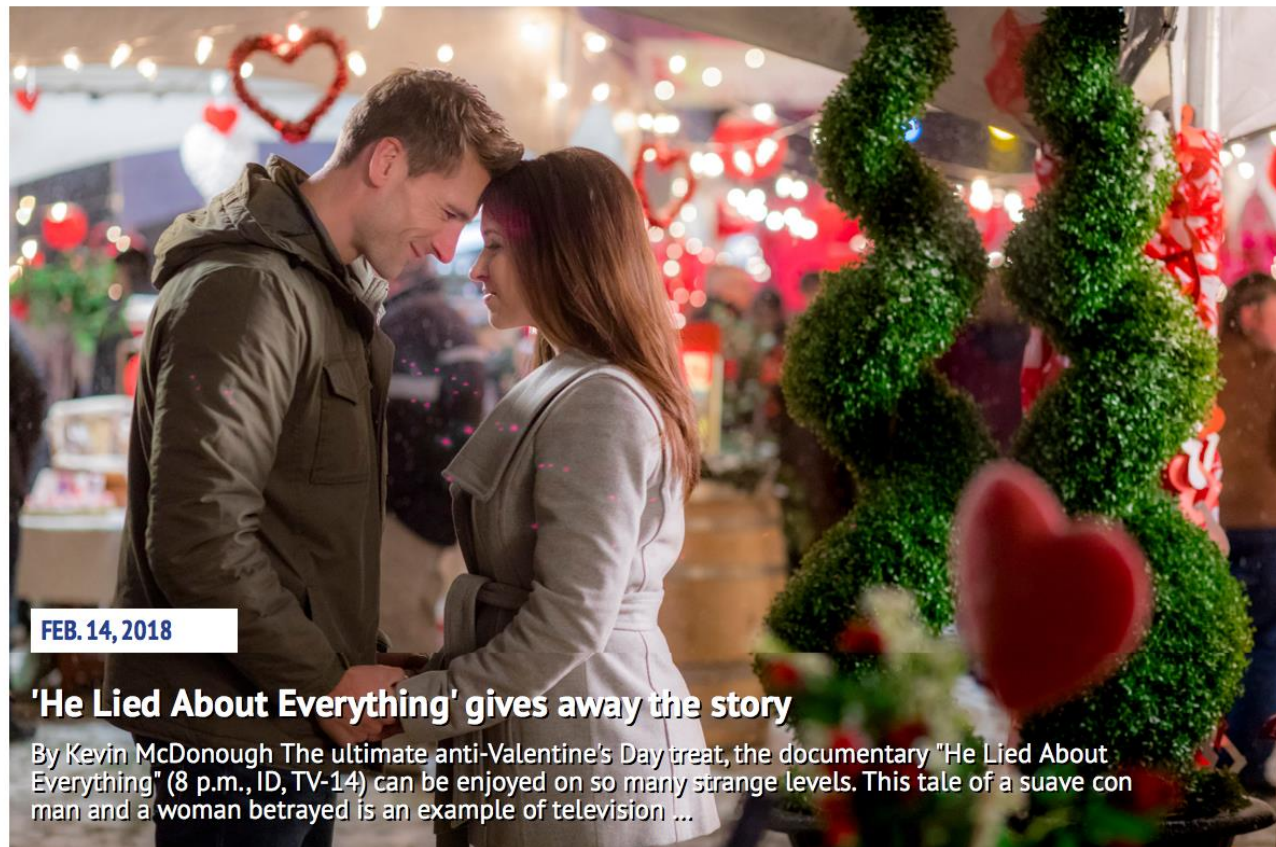
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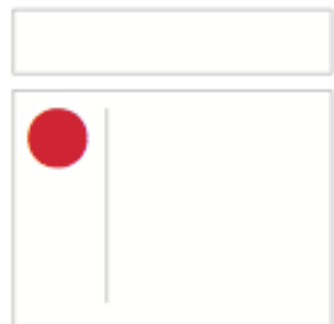
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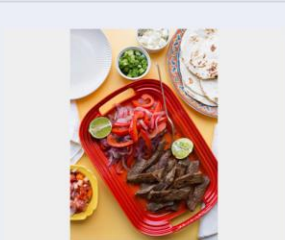
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Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Flax of Sumter celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Jan. 27, 2018, at Covenant Place of Sumter. Their three children are Ronald "Ron" David Flax of Sumter, Diana S. Flax Hodge of Gaston and Dennis Irving Flax of ...

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Mr. and Mrs. David Arnold McCabe of Manning celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 10, 2017. A reception was given in their honor on Nov. 11, 2017, by their two children and their spouses: Arnie and Kelly McCabe of Summertown and Robbie ...

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McElveen-Price
PAWLEYS ISLAND - Kathryn Watson McElveen and Nicholas Joe Price, both of Sumter, were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at Pawleys Island Chapel. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas McElveen Jr. and the ...

Oliver-Brogdon
CHARLESTON - Christine Lynnette Oliver of Moncks Corner and William Turner Brogdon IV of Sumter were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at James Island Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Footman ...

Tanner McDuffie
Emily Catherine Tanner of Sumter and Andrew Scott McDuffie of Durham, North Carolina, were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph ...

Betzel-McCarthy
LANDRUM - Megan Betzel and Casey McCarthy were united in marriage on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2017, at Song Hill Reserve. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Michael Betzel of Landrum. She graduated from Clemson University. She is employed ...

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Snow, ice transform tri-county



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Driving conditions, safety top concerns for closing schools

BY RAYTEVIA EVANS
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Officials warn road icing worse today

BY TYLER SIMPSON
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Among those calls were 1,639 wrecks, approximately four times the number reported during the same time period last year. Officers with the Highway Patrol also reported 332 abandoned vehicles and had to assist 753 vehicles.

Shelter extends its hours during freeze

BY IVY MOORE
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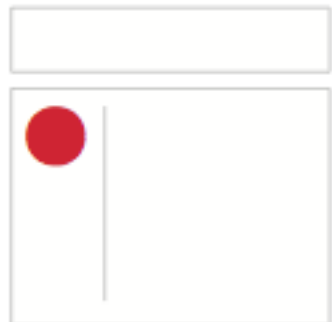
"We were able to serve lunch, dinner and breakfast," he said. Several local congregations, organizations and individuals regularly provide dinner at the shelter.

However, he noted that Samaritan House is always in need of monetary donations to continue operating.

"We ended last year with a deficit of \$40,000," Robertson said. "United Ministries has been absorbing our shortfall, but we need more donations to make sure we remain viable and keep operating."

Robertson said donations to Samaritan House should be

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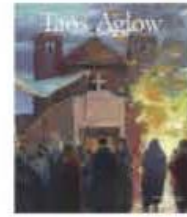


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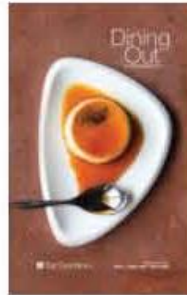
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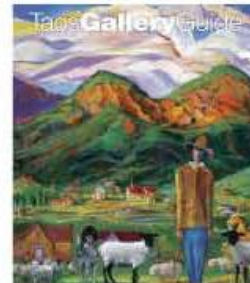
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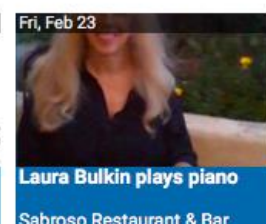
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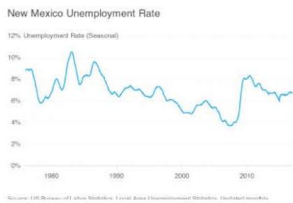
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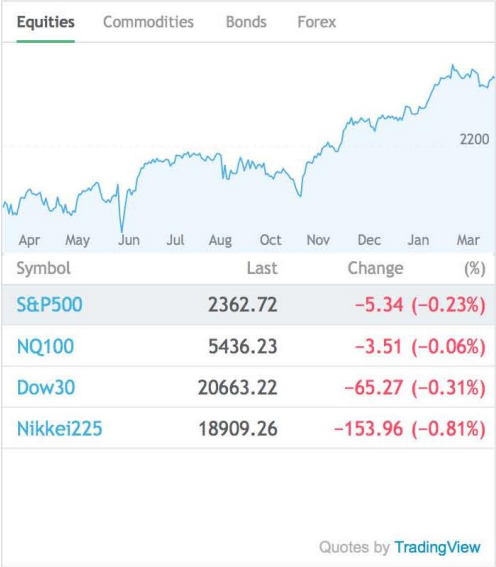
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HAA athletes jump-start 2017 season with good showing in Rio Rancho

Staff Reports Jan 22, 2017 0

The gymnasts of High Altitude Athletics (HAA) had a great start to the 2017 season at their first meet Jan. 6-8 in Rio Rancho. The girls competed at G-Force Gymnastics Academy's Gravitational Invitational and were pitted against other gymnasts from the top gyms in the Albuquerque area.



Tigers winless streak among district teams extended in 50-38 loss

Arcenio J. Trujillo Jan 21, 2017 0

The Taos Tigers dropped another district game, and for the second consecutive contest, failed to score outside the thirties in a 50-38 loss to the St. Michael's Horsemen Jan. 20. Averaging just over 8.5 points per quarter in their last two outings, the Tigers (8-11, 0-2) have extended their ...



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Inside Otero Gym

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The Taos Lady Tigers started their 2016-17 district season with a 45-42 win at home against the Pojoaque Valley Elkettes Jan. 18. The Lady Tigers pulled off the win in dramatic fashion, as Aaliyah Quintana hit a long-range three-point shot with 3.5 seconds remaining in regulation to lift Taos...

Week of regional basketball action provided melting pot of action, drama on the hardwood

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Last week started off with an extremely loud thunderclap. It came in the form of a collective shout from Taos Tiger fans that erupted after a buzzer-beating shot dropped for senior Isaac Esquibel to beat the Los Alamos (LA) Hilltoppers Jan. 10.



Sports Sidelines

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Taos loses to Pojoaque Valley in district opener

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The Taos Tigers lost their first district game of the 2016-17 season on the road in Pojoaque Valley Jan. 17. The final score was 50-31 in favor of the Elks (11-6, 1-0) and extends Taos' current losing streak to three games.



Boys outlast Warriors in first-round action at Hope

Arcenio J. Trujillo
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The Taos Tigers beat the Socorro Warriors, 59-45, in the opening round of the Hope Christian Tournament in Albuquerque Jan. 12. This was the second meeting between these two schools, and the second time Taos came away with the victory - beating Socorro at home 56-48 Dec. 20, 2016.

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Lady Panthers take second at NRG tourney, unbeaten streak ends at 10 games

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All good things must come to an end. Ben Lujan Gymnasium at Pojoaque Valley High School would be the site of the end of the Peñasco Lady Panthers' double-digit win streak in basketball.



Questa topples green giant to take third at NRG tourney

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In only their third appearance at the Northern Rio Grande (NRG) basketball tournament, the Questa Wildcats came away with the third-place trophy after an exciting overtime win against the Mora Rangers Jan. 7. The win ended a long drought against the Rangers that dates back to Jan. 23, 2009. ...



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Peñasco Panthers



Tigers win another home game, beat LA with three-point shot at the buzzer

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Questa teeters on spring sports

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Questa baseball, track sidelined for 2018 season

The fate of spring sports at Questa High School is in question after reports that the Questa Schools District could scuttle baseball and track.



Hall of Fame induction bestowed on local baseball aficionado

Norm Cutliff, the president of the Taos Men's Baseball League has taken his place in history, inducted into the Men's Senior Baseball League National Hall of Fame.



Month in sports pictures

On the cusp of warm and cold, green and yellow, indoor and outdoor sports, the month of October offers a nice variety of activities in the Taos area. Bring on the white!



Taos Solar Sox travel to Phoenix, Arizona

With a new logo design emblazoned on their new hats, the Taos Solar Sox will be traveling to Phoenix, Arizona, to participate in yet another Men's Senior/Adult Baseball League World Series. ...

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Taos places three on state team

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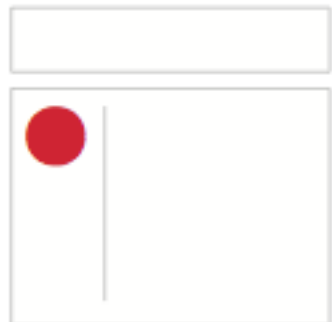
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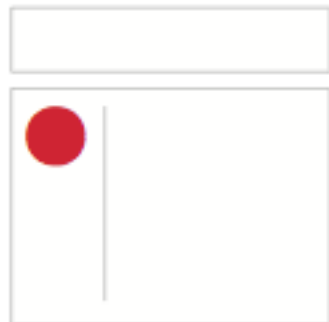


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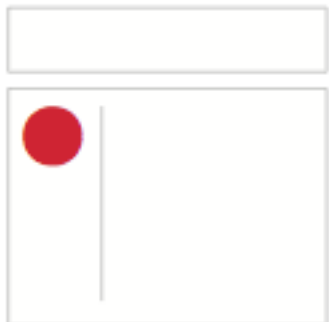


Design matters.

So hire a designer.

Or hire a CMS vendor
with strong design expertise.

Your users will appreciate it
and so will your bottom line.



Creative Circle
MEDIA SOLUTIONS

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- Innovative, flexible, user-centric web CMS.
- Print production CMS.
- Classified, native news & other digital revenue platforms.
- Print & web redesigns.
- Energizing newsroom & advertising training.
- New product & new revenue ideas.
- Re-thinking content.
- Creative outsourcing.
- Strategic consulting.

How Creative Circle can help

Web site CMS software, redesigns

We can blow the doors off your current web site. Sites we design and host on our platforms are consistently better for users and advertisers, outperforming industry averages for engagement, time on site, click throughs, visits and more.

Print redesigns

We've led more than 650 print redesigns which come with all the training and consulting help needed to help you grow print readership, revenue & circulation.

Energizing newsroom training

The very best training available for your staff!
We've trained thousands of journalists in 23 countries.
We can come for a day, lead customized webinars or put together a soup-to-nuts program spread over a year. We can refocus your team on becoming truly user-centric.

Legacy print production replacement (CMS)

We've created a more cost-effective print production solution that is a great replacement for buggy, complex and expensive legacy systems. Save big and use the most modern software. Our solution is stable, easy to learn and use and works with InDesign or Quark.

Creative outsourcing

Do you have a special project that you don't have the staff to produce? Launching a new niche product and you need staffing help to get it off the ground? Do you need top-level design, illustration or editing for something special? We can help.

Ad design & sales training

We can train your staff AND your advertisers on how to create more effective ads.
Our advertiser workshops typically pay for themselves the day we do them.

Digital sales blitzes

We can help you increase digital revenue with in-market sales blitzes that generate more money today and help train your staff to sustain that revenue in the future.

Classified redesigns

Our last classified redesign client added 6-8 pages per week in new, print classified advertising. We can create whole new categories of classified advertising and greatly improve every ad you print.
We can help you reinvent and grow your classifieds again.

New products

Want to improve your chances of success with a new or niche product? We've helped launch dozens of new products for our clients and the vast majority are still making money today.

Strategic consulting

We can help you improve workflows and find new markets or solutions to a wide range of challenges, from vendor selection to newsroom consolidation.

Branding

We've won numerous international branding awards and we can refresh your brand or help you coordinate or tie together a range of brands across all your platforms and products.

Creative Circle's software solutions

mediasiteQ

A flexible, content-oriented CMS engine to power dynamic news web sites.

communityQ

Powering user-contributed content.
We were the first CMS vendor to offer UCG and still do it better than anyone else.

newsroomQ

A stable, cost-effective front-end print production system, especially beneficial for smaller newspapers.

e-editionQ

A basic web PDF viewer that makes e-editions affordable to any size publication.

marketplaceQ

Showcasing print display and classified advertising and providing a transition from print to web for your advertisers and sales staff.

tourismQ

An interactive platform for tourism & geodomain sites.

QuickAds

Give your site its own self-service web display ads platform. Great for small advertisers. So flexible that it can open many new print and digital revenue channels.

NativeNewsQ

A platform to collect, organize, utilize & monetize local business news and other paid content.
Paid content is the next Big Thing and this can be a CMS for all your paid content, from calendars to obits.

paywallQ

We were the first CMS provider with an integrated paywall. Now the industry's best paywall is available to everyone as a stand-alone product that works with any web site.

donationQ

Make your site the focal point of giving in your communities for web sites using our CMS platforms.

newsletterQ

A fast and easy way to produce monetized newsletters and e-blasts from our own CMS platforms.

A sampling of who we've helped.

Just a few of the more than 850 media companies we have worked with:

The Arizona Daily Star, Tucson, Ariz.
Chicago Tribune
The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville
Corpus Christi (Texas) Caller-Times
NBC-Universal, New York
Wick Communications, Sierra Vista, Ariz.
The Record, Bergen County, N.J.
The Toronto Star
Post-Newsweek Broadcasting
The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La.
The Gazette, Montreal, Quebec
Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch
St Petersburg Times
The Standard-Times, New Bedford, Mass.
The Telegraph, Nashua, N.H.
The Florida Catholic
The News-Times, Danbury, Conn.
Santa Cruz County (Calif.) Sentinel
The Catholic Church
McAlester (Oklahoma) News-Capital
The Sun Herald, Biloxi, Miss.
The Vancouver (B.C.) Sun
The Province, Vancouver, B.C.
Ottaway Newspapers
La Nacion, Buenos Aires, Argentina*
Politiken, Copenhagen, Denmark
Chesapeake Publishing Co., Easton, Md.
O Globo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil *
The Newport (R.I.) Daily News
El Correo, Bilbao, Spain*
Quincy Newspapers, Quincy, Ill.

El Universal, Caracas, Venezuela
New England Newspaper Assoc., Boston
The Albuquerque (N.M.) Journal
The Miriam Hospital, Providence
Bergens Tidende, Bergen, Norway
Elkhart (Ind.) Truth
Times-Herald Record, Middletown, N.Y.
Sundsvall (Sweden) Tidning
The Rhode Island Catholic, Providence
The Item, Sumter, S.C.
Ultima Hora, Asuncion, Paraguay*
Observer-Reporter, Washington, Pa.
The Jewish Voice, Providence
The Aspen (Colo.) Times
Media General
The Rocket-Miner, Rock Springs, Wyo.
Stavanger (Norway) Aftenpost
The Valley News, Lebanon, N.H.
Stam Tijdschriften, Rijswijk, Holland
Arizona Press Association
Red Wing Publishing, Red Wing, Minn.
The Chronicle-Herald, Halifax, N.S.
The Record-News, Gillette, Wyo.
Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat
The Portland Oregonian
Allentown (Pa.) Morning Call
The Union Leader, Manchester, N.H.
Minneapolis Star-Tribune
thejerseytomatonews.com, Montclair, N.J.
Idaho Statesman, Boise
CNHI, Birmingham, Ala.
Richner Communications, Long Island
Gold Country Media, Auburn, Calif.
The Telegraph, Dubuque, Iowa

Media House, Hamilton, Bermuda
Jackson (Wyo.) Hole News & Guide
Long Island (N.Y.) Catholic
Kanabec Publications, Mora, Minn.
LocalMediaInsider.com, San Francisco
Blue Stone Press, Stone Ridge, N.Y.
201 magazine, Passaic, N.J.
The Valley Breeze, Cumberland, R.I.
Times-Review Newspapers, Mattituck, N.Y.
Inland Press Association, Chicago
The Durango (Colo.) Herald
Asbury Park (N.J.) Press
The Charlotte Observer
Whitman Insight Strategies
Bangor (Maine) Daily News
The Daily Gazette, Schenectady, N.Y.
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
The Vail (Colo.) Daily
The Virginian-Pilot, Norfolk, Va.
The News-Journal, Daytona Beach, Fla.
The Bermuda Sun
Jyllands-Posten, Aarhus, Denmark
Accuweather
xtraxtra.com
SNPA.org
Trends Journal
Saratoga Living magazine
Trends Research Institute
Penn State University
The Daily Journal, Kankakee, Ill.
Providence Monthly
Sandusky Newspaper Group
The Post-Bulletin, Rochester, Minn.
Press & Journal, Middletown, Pa.