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**Consumer, Health & Safety**

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

**Crime**

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

**Education**

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

**Environment**

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

**Government**

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

**Jobs/Economy/Growth**

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

**Quality of Life**

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

## *Attachments*



## *Consumer, Health & Safety*

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
FOURTH QUARTER 2013**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

Description: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

- Public Service Announcements Aired: **Vaccine Awareness, Autism, Asthma, CPR, Child Passenger Safety**

Jan. 30, 2014

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about possible paving scammers with "extra asphalt." Chief Deputy Frank Stout said it was reported that a resident signed a contract to have their driveway partially repaved, but the scammer paved the whole driveway and demanded more money. Investigators said the paver had an extensive record of similar situations in Virginia and Tennessee. Sheriff Charles MacDonald told residents to use "extreme caution" if anyone comes to your home with leftover asphalt and gives you a good bargain. "It appears these type paving companies and contractors prey upon the elderly through intimidation, harassment and manipulation. With spring coming and the toll that has been taken on driveways this winter, please be careful and cautious should you be approached about purchasing pavement from someone who just appears at your residence with some 'extra asphalt'," MacDonald said. MacDonald said reputable paving companies do not go door-to-door and if you are approached by in this way, call the sheriff's office.

Jan. 31, 2014

Marie Mills held her 77-year-old father, who had collapsed outside in a Washington street. She screamed for help. A passerby rushed across the street to bang on the door of a fire station, knowing that firefighters are trained to provide emergency medical help. But they wouldn't leave the station. The same thing happened when two more people tried to summon the firefighters for assistance, Mills says. "We looked across the street at the fire station. There was a firefighter that was actually standing against the fire apparatus," she told CNN affiliate WJLA. "Everybody started trying to wave him over."

But the firefighter said he had to be dispatched first. "I even ran to the curb and said, 'Are you going to help me or let my dad die?'" said Mills. Later, after an ambulance finally arrived, Cecil Mills died at a hospital. He had suffered an apparent heart attack. An investigation is under way and, so far, no officials are publicly challenging Mills' version of events. "It's an outrage," Washington Mayor Vincent Gray said at a news conference. "I was absolutely furious." He said he apologized to Marie Mills for "what appeared to be dereliction," DC news station WTTG reported. "Those who failed to respond as they should -- they will be held accountable, period," Gray vowed. In comments Thursday to CNN, Gray said he has "taken a lot of time with it." The investigation is "being done as rapidly as we possibly can," he added. The D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department told CNN it is investigating the incident, which took place along the 1300 block of Rhode Island Avenue on Saturday. "Our duty is to respond to all requests for emergency assistance. If it is determined that proper protocols were not followed at the conclusion of our investigation, then appropriate action will be taken," spokesman Tim Wilson said. The protocol is in question because, according to the Mills family, those who asked for help at the fire station were told to call 911. Calls to 911 were placed, but a mix-up with the address delayed an ambulance, said Washington Council member Tommy Wells. "Two things happened," he said. "One was that no one came out of the fire house to help this gentleman. The other is the ambulance that was dispatched was dispatched to the wrong place. This was a number of fiascos." Paul Quander, deputy mayor for public safety, said a "very new, probationary employee" was at the facility. The employee's first response should be "to ask a senior person, and we believe that was done," he said, according to WTTG. "The question now is what did that senior person say? What did that person do? Did they follow protocols and procedures?" There are no protocols that would prevent fire personnel from helping those in need, Quander told CNN Thursday. "These are people who run into burning buildings. They work in the most hazardous conditions imaginable. They cross the streets, they cross highways to get to people. It is understood. It is common. This is why it is so troubling that we did not take the appropriate action in this case. It's right across the street." "It's hard to get your arms around" the idea that this took place, he added. Lt. Kellene Davis was the officer in charge of the station at the time of the incident, WTTG reports. Davis did not respond immediately to an e-mail Thursday from CNN, and a call to a phone number listed for her was not answered. Also Thursday, a spokesman said that two employees of the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department have been suspended with pay in the wake of the incident. "I cannot say who they were because it is a personnel matter and an ongoing investigation, but I can tell you that neither of them was the probationary firefighter involved in the incident," said Keith St. Clair, with the office of the deputy mayor for public safety. The employees were working at the station, he said. Cecil Mills, a lifelong Washington resident, worked for the Department of Parks and Recreation. His daughter, in mourning, had kind words for the mayor's handling of the matter. "I appreciate how seriously he is taking this because it never should have happened," she told WTTG. Marie Mills wasn't immediately available Thursday when contacted by CNN. The firefighters' union said the incident simply should never have happened. "We need to find out why it did occur and make sure it never happens again," said Ed Smith, president of the DC Fire Fighters Association, in a statement reported by WTTG. He added that on the union's behalf, "I offer Mr. Mills' family a sincere apology."

Feb. 3, 2014

The Food and Drug Administration is using ads depicting wrinkled skin on youthful faces and teenagers paying for cigarettes with their teeth in a campaign to show the nation's young people the costs associated with smoking. The federal agency said Tuesday it is launching a \$115 million multimedia education campaign called "The Real Cost" that's aimed at stopping teenagers from smoking and encouraging them to quit. Advertisements will run in more than 200 markets throughout the U.S. for at least one year beginning Feb. 11. The campaign will include ads on TV stations such as MTV and print spots in magazines like Teen Vogue. It also will use social media. "Our kids are the replacement customers for the addicted adult smokers who die or quit each day," said Mitch Zeller, the director of the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products. "And that's why we think it's so important to reach out to them - not to lecture them, not to throw statistics at them - but to reach them in a way that will get them to rethink their relationship with tobacco use." Zeller, who oversaw the anti-tobacco "Truth" campaign while working at the nonprofit American Legacy Foundation in the early 2000s, called the new campaign a "compelling, provocative and somewhat graphic way" of grabbing the attention of more than 10 million young people ages 12 to 17 who are open to, or are already experimenting with, cigarettes. According to the FDA, nearly 90 percent of adult smokers started using cigarettes by age 18 and more than 700 kids under 18 become daily smokers each day. The agency aims to reduce the number of youth cigarette smokers by at least 300,000 within three years. "While most teens understand the serious health risks associated with tobacco use, they often don't believe the long-term consequences will ever apply to them," said FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg. "We'll highlight some of the real costs and health consequences associated with tobacco use by focusing on some of the things that really matter to teens - their outward appearance and having control and independence over their lives." Two of the TV ads show teens walking into a corner store to buy cigarettes. When the cashier tells them it's going to cost them more than they have, the teens proceed to tear off a piece of their skin and use pliers to pull out a tooth in order to pay for their cigarettes. Other ads portray cigarettes as a man dressed in a dirty white shirt and khaki pants bullying teens and another shows teeth being destroyed by a ray gun shooting cigarettes. The FDA is evaluating the impact of the campaign by following 8,000 people between the ages of 11 and 16 for two years to assess changes in tobacco-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviors. The campaign announced Tuesday is the first in a series of campaigns to educate the public about the dangers of tobacco use. In 2011, the FDA said it planned to spend up to \$600 million over five years on the campaigns aimed at reducing death and disease caused by tobacco, which is responsible for about 480,000 deaths a year in the U.S. Future campaigns will target minority youth, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth and youth in rural areas. Tobacco companies are footing the bill for the campaigns through fees charged by the FDA under a 2009 law that gave the agency authority over the tobacco industry.

Feb. 4, 2014

The American Red Cross said they have been called to more than 30 disasters in a week and are in desperate need of volunteers to help those dealing with loss. According to the local spokesperson for the Red Cross, the unusually cold weather has increased demand for disaster services, especially those related to residential fires. In the past week, area volunteers have responded to 33 disasters affecting 70 adults and 42 children in the western Carolinas. Volunteers assist families amidst a disaster, like a destructive house fire. People wanting to volunteer can attend an upcoming training orientation. All of the sessions are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Red Cross community offices: Thursday Feb. 6: 115 Whitehall Rd. in Anderson Thursday Feb. 13: 940 Grove Rd. in Greenville Wednesday Feb. 19: 100 Edgewood Rd. in Asheville Thursday March 6: 224 East Main St. in Walhalla Tuesday March 11: 131 East Main St. in Spartanburg Thursday March 20: 940 Grove Rd. in Greenville For more information, interested volunteers can email [wcrdvmt@redcross.org](mailto:wcrdvmt@redcross.org), or call 864-607-3201 or 828-258-3888, extension 228.

Feb. 6, 2014

An Upstate dad became a doctor, at least for a few minutes, when his wife gave birth at home along with the help of a Spartanburg 911 dispatcher. Spartanburg County dispatcher Floyd Thompson got the 911 call that was a first for him. He said when he got the call from the Lutzs, Rob Lutz said his wife was in labor, but the baby wasn't waiting for an ambulance. *911 Dispatch: "What's the address of your emergency?" Rob Lutz: "My wife's having a baby." 911 Dispatch: "OK." Rob Lutz: "It's crowning."* Laura Lutz said when her water broke and the contractions became really intense, she knew her husband needed to call 911. "Little Jude was in a big hurry. He didn't want to wait," Laura Lutz said. But Thompson quickly realized it was up to him and Rob Lutz to help her through the delivery. Rob Lutz said Thompson remained calm while he was in the moment, even yelling at some points. *911 Dispatch: "OK, you said the head's already out, right?" Rob Lutz: "Yes, he's coming out all the way." 911 Dispatch: "Alright as the baby delivers, support the baby's head and shoulders and hold it width and length firmly. Remember the baby will be slippery, so don't drop it."* Thompson was there every step of the way, instructing Rob Lutz how to tie off the umbilical cord. The Lutzs said they used a Christmas ribbon to improvise in the fast-developing situation. "This was my first over-the-phone delivery," Thompson said. "It was definitely a different experience. Thanks to our exceptional training that 911 gives us, I felt like I was pretty prepared for it." Thompson guided the Lutzs through baby Jude's birth then got the chance to meet the family, which he said is a rare occasion. "We wanted to definitely meet Floyd and have Jude meet Floyd and thank him for keeping us all calm and taking care of the delivery," Laura Lutz said. *911 Dispatch: "Good luck." Rob Lutz: "Thank you." 911 Dispatch: "You're welcome. Congratulations."* The Lutzs said by the time they realized it was time to get to the hospital and wake up their other kids, it was just too late.



Feb. 6, 2014

Flu deaths continue a steady rise in South Carolina. The Department of Health and Environmental Control reported five additional flu deaths last week, bringing the season's death toll to 54 people. Two of the people who died last week were age 65 or over. No ages were listed for the other three deaths. This year's flu has hit adults the hardest. Only two of the reported flu deaths have been children. More than 1,400 people have been hospitalized with the flu in South Carolina since the flu season started in September. About 30,000 cases have been reported across the state.

Mar. 6, 2014

Anderson County officials said a 78-year-old Anderson man who went missing Wednesday morning was found safe Thursday evening. The daughter of Wade Miller said her father took his granddaughter to work about 6 a.m. but has not been seen since then. Miller's family said he has the early stages of dementia. According to the missing person's report filed with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, he asked his granddaughter which way the roads led from her place of work and then did not return home. Miller's daughter, Kelley Kirby, said her father has the early stages of dementia. Deputies said they learned Miller was found more than 130 miles away in Blackville, SC, at a convenience store in good health. His family traveled to the Barnwell County town to bring him and his car back and he is now back home safe.

Mar. 7, 2014

The Upstate has seen heavy rain throughout the morning and utility crews said the weather caused a power  outage for some in Greenville County. Duke Energy is reporting more than 1,000 customers are without power along Wade Hampton. According to a Duke Energy spokesperson, multiple lines are down. The spokesperson did not say the exact cause of the outage but did say it was weather-related. According to their outage website, Duke Energy expects power to be restored to the effected customers by 1:30 p.m. Rain is continuing to move through the area and is not forecast to dry up until later in the day. Read  more about Friday's forecast here.

Mar. 17, 2014

The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office is looking for a 16-year-old man from Weaverville that was reported missing over the weekend. Daniel Black was reported missing on March 15. Black is described as 5'9", 130 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. Deputies said no foul play is suspected. Anyone with information about the location of Black is asked to call the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office or Crime Stoppers at 828-255-5050.

Mar. 17, 2014

It won't be nearly as much fun as eating candy bars, but a big study is being launched to see if pills containing the nutrients in dark chocolate can help prevent heart attacks and strokes. The pills are so packed with nutrients that you'd have to eat a gazillion candy bars to get the amount being tested in this study, which will enroll 18,000 men and women nationwide. "People eat chocolate because they enjoy it," not because they think it's good for them, and the idea of the study is to see whether there are health benefits from chocolate's ingredients minus the sugar and fat, said Dr. JoAnn Manson, preventive medicine chief at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. The study will be the first large test of cocoa flavanols, which in previous smaller studies improved blood pressure, cholesterol, the body's use of insulin, artery health and other heart-related factors. A second part of the study will test multivitamins to help prevent cancer. Earlier research suggested this benefit but involved just older, unusually healthy men. Researchers want to see if multivitamins lower cancer risk in a broader population. The study will be sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and Mars Inc., maker of M&M's and Snickers bars. The candy company has patented a way to extract flavanols from cocoa in high concentration and put them in capsules. Mars and some other companies sell cocoa extract capsules, but with less active ingredient than those that will be tested in the study; candy contains even less. "You're not going to get these protective flavanols in most of the candy on the market. Cocoa flavanols are often destroyed by the processing," said Manson, who will lead the study with Howard Sesso at Brigham and others at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. Participants will get dummy pills or two capsules a day of cocoa flavanols for four years, and neither they nor the study leaders will know who is taking what during the study. The flavanol capsules are coated and have no taste, said Manson, who tried them herself. In the other part of the study, participants will get dummy pills or daily multivitamins containing a broad range of nutrients. Participants will be recruited from existing studies, which saves money and lets the study proceed much more quickly, Manson said, although some additional people with a strong interest in the research may be allowed to enroll. The women will come from the Women's Health Initiative study, the long-running research project best known for showing that menopause hormone pills might raise heart risks rather than lower them as had long been thought. Men will be recruited from other large studies. Manson also is leading a government-funded study testing vitamin D pills in 26,000 men and women. Results are expected in three years. People love vitamin supplements but "it's important not to jump on the bandwagon" and take pills before they are rigorously tested, she warned. "More is not necessarily better," and research has shown surprising harm from some nutrients that once looked promising, she said. Online: Vitamin facts: <http://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/MVMS-QuickFacts/> Marilyn Marchione can be followed at <http://twitter.com/MMarchioneAP>

Mar. 18, 2014

An app created by Furman alumni to help college students communicate anonymously may be being used for cyberbullying and threats, the Oconee County Sheriff's Office said on Monday. Lt. Jimmy Watt said the app YikYak was created for college students, but has started being used in high schools and middle schools in the area. The location-based network lets users post to people within a 5-mile radius of their current location. Users can post for free and reach up to 500 people in the radius, or pay to



reach a larger audience. Some are calling the anonymous app a "virtual bathroom wall" for students to vent gripes and post private information. According to Watt, YikYak has been used to call in bomb threats in Massachusetts, Georgia and California. Watt said the app "has caused some problems around the county." But, so far, no reports have been filed in the county regarding any misuse of the app. Watt said the school district has blocked access to YikYak, but students are still able to use the site through their phone's data plan. "Our main concern with this app is the potential misuse of this technology by someone making libelous statements under the assumption that they can remain anonymous," according to Oconee County Sheriff Mike Crenshaw. "First, students must understand that nothing is truly anonymous and information can be traced back to the source through the use of GPS technology. Secondly, anyone posting anything libelous against another person can be charged criminally," Crenshaw continued. According to the website TechCrunch, the app was created by Furman University students Tyler Droll and Brooks Buffington. According to TechCrunch, the programmers have taken steps to block younger users of the app. The sheriff's office suggested the following safety tips for safety media: 1. Log into all accounts manually. Don't log into social media through a link in an email. The email could be a hidden way for someone to take over your account and get your personal information. 2. Lock your privacy settings to prevent others from seeing your personal information. 3. Do not allow or use GPS on your telephone or device. You can turn this off in your settings. A potential stalker could utilize this technology to figure out where you live or even identify your current location. 4. Refrain from posting your current location. By telling everyone you are currently in Atlanta Georgia or any other location lets a potential burglar know you are away from home and they can go burglarize and steal your property.

Mar. 19, 2014

The family of a Spartanburg County woman have reported her missing and are concerned for her because she does not have her prescriptions or car, according to deputies. Spartanburg County deputies said the parents of Nicole Goodlett, 28, filed the missing person's report on March 12. Goodlett, who is known by friends as Alazay or Zay, was is missing from the family's Loblolly Drive home. Deputies said Goodlett suffers from depression and they do not think she has her medication, so her parents are concerned she may harm herself. Goodlett is described as 5'10" tall, weighs 130 pounds and styles her hair both curly and straight. Deputies said because she does not have her car, they do not know what type, if any, car she could be in. They also said they do not know what she was wearing when she disappeared. The family of Goodlet released the following statement on Wednesday: Our daughter Nicole has been missing for over a week, and this nightmare we would not wish on any parent. We are working with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office looking for answers. So far we have very few and we are desperate to find her. We are thankful for the local media coverage announcing the missing persons report last week and the outpour of support of our family and friends. But we are just getting started and we are still in need of your help. No person of interest has been identified and no one has reported seeing our daughter. We are asking everyone in the region to help with the search. We want the community to know who she is, know her story so you can help get her home safely to her children.

So we ask you, neighbors and the Greenville and Spartanburg community at large, if you have seen or heard anything relating to her whereabouts, please let the police know. We believe it will take the support of the community to find answers. We ask that you keep our family in your prayers. Anyone with information on Goodlett's whereabouts is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC.

Mar. 20, 2014

A video  of a worm crawling in a package of raw fish at an Upstate Costco store is going viral after it was posted on Facebook. According to the video post, the fish was found at the Spartanburg Costco recently, and it shows an orange worm squirming on top of the raw fish inside the package. The video has been shared on Facebook more than 260,000 times since it was posted March 14. See it here. Craig Wilson, a Costco spokesman, said the company has a strong safety program  in place for their suppliers and that all of the fish is carefully inspected. He said the worm is actually a parasite that can be found in fish, and it is not a food safety issue if the fish is cooked. Wilson said Costco is going back to their suppliers to make sure they are doing everything they can to prevent incidents like this.

Mar. 31, 2014

A new resident at a Spartanburg apartment complex reported discovering his car vandalized, which included a welcome message from the unknown vandal. The victims reported that their Chevy Camaro was found covered in broken eggs, smeared with an unknown yellow substance and then bread on top, according to Spartanburg County deputies. Deputies said the vandals also scratched the paint in several areas and carved the message "Welcome to tha pines" on the hood. Deputies said the vandalism happened at the Whispering Pines Apartments. The victims reported moving to the complex two weeks ago and did not know who was behind the damage, deputies said. The vandalism happened between 11 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, according to deputies. Anyone with information should call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC.

## *Attachments*



## *Jobs, Economy, Growth*

**PROGRAM ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
FOURTH QUARTER 2013**

Problem/Need: **JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH**

- Public Service Announcements Aired: **Energy Efficiency**

Jan. 4, 2014

Not long after classes get out for the summer, Greenville County Schools is sponsoring a Job Fair at Mauldin High School. The fair is scheduled for Tues. June 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fair is hoping to fill hourly positions for bus drivers, bus aides (special needs), custodians and food service operators. There are full and part-time positions available with health and dental benefits, retirement pension, free life insurance, sick and vacation leave, and much more. The school is located at 701 E. Butler Rd. in Mauldin. Question? Visit [www.greenville.k12.sc.us](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us) for more details.


Jan. 9, 2014

South Carolina's unemployment agency is laying off 100 employees in June as part of a statewide reorganization that directs anyone seeking jobless benefits to use its upgraded online system. John Finan announced Tuesday that the Department of Employment and Workforce will eliminate one-on-one help with claims June 10. He says the number of local offices offering job training and other re-employment services will shrink. Exact numbers will depend on local decisions. The announcement comes two months after the agency ended in-person unemployment help at 17 rural offices. Finan told *The Associated Press* before the official announcement that the loss of federal money required a statewide restructuring. He says South Carolina's technology will be in line with other states.

Jan. 15, 2014

A manufacturing company that helps supply Caterpillar and other heavy equipment will build a new facility expected to generate 250 new jobs in Anderson County. McLaughlin Body Company announced Monday that it will open its first facility outside of its home state of Illinois at the industrial complex on Old Pearman Dairy Road, pending final approval by the Anderson County Council on April 15. The facility is expected to create the new jobs and invest \$22 million during the next five years. The company produces manufacture operator stations and complex metal componentry. The Anderson County facility will supply heavy-equipment manufacturers located across the southern and eastern regions of the country and is the first supplier of the new Caterpillar facility in Georgia to locate in South Carolina. Hiring is scheduled to begin in late 2013, with the facility slated to be fully running in early 2014.

Jan. 21, 2014

South Carolina's unemployment rate dropped slightly in February. The state Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday that the state's jobless rate was 8.6 percent last month. That's one-tenth of a percentage point lower than January's rate. Officials attributed the drop to gains in non-farm jobs, which went up by nearly 18,000 last month. The government sector grew by 8,000 jobs, with officials saying that was because schools  ramped up hiring for the spring semester. Demand was also higher for health care and social services. The leisure and hospitality sectors gained about 4,000 jobs.

Feb. 6, 2014

A company that makes engine valves for motor vehicles is expanding its South Carolina operations, investing \$30 million and adding 125 jobs in Oconee County. U.S. Engine Valve said Thursday it will start a new line of equipment to serve customers in North America. The company is adding the jobs at its plant in Westminster. U.S. Engine Valve makes valves that help increase fuel economy.

Feb. 12, 2014

The Anderson County Council will vote on a secret project Tuesday aimed at creating jobs. In the county. Burris Nelson, economic development director for the county, said "Project EMB" is on the council's agenda. Nelson said the project refers to a company that deals primarily with metal working, and would represent 146 jobs and a \$5.8 million investment. He said it would be the first time the company would expand outside its home state. Nelson said the average pay for the jobs is \$16 per hour.

Feb. 16, 2014

Bi-Lo is laying off more than 100 workers at its former corporate headquarters in Mauldin. Spokesman Brian Wright said Monday 130 employees were being laid off starting next month because of the company merger with Winn-Dixie. Bi-Lo LLC bought the Jacksonville, FL.-based grocery store chain in 2011 for \$560 million. The newly merged company will be based in Florida. Mauldin Mayor Dennis Raines says the news is troubling but says he's been assured by Bi-Lo officials that the company will not pull out of the city entirely. Bi-Lo was founded in South Carolina in 1961. In 2010, the company completed a financial restructuring and emerged from protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy code. The merger was announced the next year.

Feb. 20, 2014

More than 400 jobs are headed to Greenville following the announcement of a Fortune 100 Company's plan to open a Greenville location. San Francisco-based Esurance has procured an existing Greenville County property to open a new sales and claims office, creating at least 450 new jobs and investing \$2.1 million in the area. The first South Carolina location for the personal lines insurer, Esurance's other sales locations are in Sacramento, Sioux Falls, Tampa and Phoenix. The office will move into the Ahold Information Systems facility at 1200 Brookfield Blvd. in Greenville in the summer of 2014. Recruiting is slated to begin immediately, and all jobs will start above county and state averages (\$50,000 and up with performance incentives for all positions), along with "full and very attractive benefit packages," according to Greenville Area Development Corporation. Anyone interested in applying for a job with Esurance can join the Esurance talent network or apply online at <http://www.esurance.com/about/jobs>. GADC said Ahold is not leaving Greenville, they will simply be moving to a different location. Esurance was acquired by Allstate in October 2011, and since then, the company has nearly doubled in size, with more than 3,000 employees across 16 offices nationwide.

Mar. 7, 2014

A company that makes plastics reinforced with fiberglass is investing more than \$6 million in its Gaffney operation and adding 50 new jobs. Core Molding Technologies Inc., said the expansion should be completed by the middle of the year. Last year the company announced it had a new contract to make roofs, hoods and other molded parts for a truck manufacturer. Much of that work will be done at the Gaffney plant.

Mar. 18, 2014

North Carolina now has 30 days to respond to a lawsuit. Monday morning, a western North Carolina lawyer filed a complaint on behalf of dozens of state Highway Patrol troopers claiming that the Departments of Treasury and Public Safety failed to pay them millions that were promised. The nearly 50 troopers listed on the complaint span across the state and their lawyer, David Wijewickrama of Waynesville, and his team from the Asheville-based law firm, Cloninger, Barbour, Searson and Jones, said they're expecting hundreds more to join their potential class action suit. Wijewickrama said he's had troopers show up at his doorstep asking for help since last summer. He said he's tried to open a dialogue with the State Department of Public Safety before filing suit, to no avail. When troopers signed up to put their lives on the line, Wijewickrama said they expect to be compensated as promised. He said the fact that so many haven't been given incremental raises since 2005, as promised, is a "gross failure of leadership." Wijewickrama filed the complaint at 8 a.m. Monday in Cherokee County. He said he wanted lawmakers in Raleigh to remember that North Carolina stretches west, and that there are many people suffering in that area, too. The troopers whose names appear in the complaint span the state. Wijewickrama said 520 troopers have been affected, though, and he hopes they will join his suit. He explained that many troopers have expressed peer pressure and fear of retaliation at work.

"Typically when [troopers] have been asked and spoken about these pay raises, people say, 'oh they're working on them.' When [troopers] really start to grumble about them, they're told to be quiet. They're told, 'just be thankful you have a job,'" Wijewickrama said. According to Highway Patrol recruitment literature, troopers are hired with a \$34,000 salary. It shows that troopers should expect to reach \$56,330 plus in six or seven years on the force. "The problem is, these troopers have gone and gotten mortgages and incurred bills, assuming that they're going to get these raises, [then they have] not been given the raises and then find themselves in financial distress," said Wijewickrama. As defendants, the North Carolina State Treasurer's Office released this statement: "The State Treasurer has no independent authority to determine the pay of any State employees, other than those employed by the Department of State Treasurer. Our legal counsel will need to review the complaint and determine a proper response, so we cannot comment further at this time." The Department of Public Safety did not comment on the lawsuit, either, but department secretary, Frank L. Perry released this statement: "It is inappropriate to comment on pending litigation. "It is, however, important to know that I am keenly aware of the state's budget situation and the inability to provide raises to all state employees, which includes our public safety officers and, more specifically, our state troopers. That is why I have been working closely with the governor, the Office of State Human Resources and the General Assembly to ensure that eligible troopers get raises from the Salary Adjustment Fund. As a result, those eligible troopers received a four percent raise from that fund in their March paychecks, retroactive to Jan. 1." Wijewickrama claims there has been money in the budget, but he claims it was spent elsewhere. He estimates the state owes troopers at least \$7 million to \$10 million, and that the state government also owes millions to magistrate judges and court clerks across the state.

*Attachments*



*Government*

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED  
FOURTH QUARTER 2013**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>
Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

Description:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

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Jan. 5, 2014

A Senate panel has passed a bill that would allow people to carry guns in public in South Carolina without a concealed weapons permit. Supporters of the open carry bill said Wednesday it still needs some more work to make sure there aren't any loopholes. They plan to tweak the bill when it goes before the Senate Judiciary Committee next month. Currently, anyone who wants to carry a gun in public has to have a permit and keep it concealed. It takes at least eight hours of training to get permission to carry a concealed weapon. The hearing on the bill was packed with gun supporters. Many of them said a concealed weapon permit is an extra unnecessary step when the constitution allows people to have guns.

Jan. 10, 2014

South Carolina officials have cited more than 300 businesses for immigrant worker violations. The State newspaper reported that state labor department officials cited 323 businesses in the first year of mandatory immigration checks for employees. Labor department spokeswoman Lesia Kudelka says none of the businesses lost operating licenses. Kudelka also said there have been no repeat offenders. Repeat offenses can result in fines and the suspension of business licenses. Lawmakers in 2011 required all businesses to use the federal E-Verify system to check the names and Social Security numbers of newly hired workers. The system is used to determine if the employee can work legally in the United States. The labor department says fewer than 10 percent of the companies checked failed to comply with the law.

Jan. 11, 2014

Before a fire truck at the Starr Fire Department leaves the station, firefighters say they make sure they have what they need. However, Assistant Chief Gregg Campbell said he's trying to put out a fire of his own. He said it's one that has the community heated. "Very upset, it should've never come to this," Campbell said. He said the controversy started over a Christmas celebration that involved a parade, Santa Claus and a red truck. "We bought this truck. The title is still in the owner we bought the truck from," Campbell said. The Starr department is a volunteer fire department. "Sometimes we're in good shape, sometimes we're real short-handed," he said. Campbell said they held fundraisers and bought the truck with that money back in November. "Anderson County did not have any insurance on this truck," he said. Campbell said the truck will eventually be used as a brush truck to help fight grass fires. According to a suspension notice, the Anderson County Fire Chief suspended the fire chief for allowing Santa Claus to ride on the back of a station-owned vehicle during the parade. "It does not have Starr Fire Department on it. It does not have Anderson County Fire Department written on it anywhere," Campbell said. According to the Anderson County Fire Rules and Regulations, it's a violation to let anyone ride on the back of a county-owned vehicle. So, the county chief suspended the chief, a captain and a firefighter for 90 days. "This does not warrant 90 days," Campbell said. On Friday, many who live in the community along with other firefighters from the Starr Department as well as other firefighters gathered at the station to show support and talk about their concerns over the suspensions. Tessa Hilley said those volunteer firefighters who were suspended should be re-instated. "I think they have been wrongfully done," Hilley said. Stephen Sorensen, an Anderson County Fire Commissioner who represents the Starr district, released this statement: "I care about the firefighters and the Starr community. Right now, I'm looking into the situation to figure out what happened," Sorensen said. He said he doesn't want those who live in the Starr community to panic because there are firefighters from the department who will be able to respond to emergency situations, as well as other firefighters from surrounding departments.

Jan. 13, 2014

A group has hired two lobbyists to push for an increase in South Carolina's gas tax. The State of Columbia reports Thursday that the S.C. Alliance to Fix Our Roads says the increase is needed to fund nearly \$50 billion in road construction and repairs that are needed in the next 20 years. The group previously focused on education but opted in September to shift its attention to lobbying. Gov. Nikki Haley has said she is opposed increasing the gas tax. Haley's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year includes using \$14.3 million of general fund money to pay for things the gas tax normally funds, freeing up that gas tax money to pay for road improvements. South Carolina's 16-cents-a-gallon gas tax is the third-lowest in the country.

Jan. 18, 2014

The state has unveiled its new website featuring access to 115 state agencies. Gov. Nathan Deal said Friday that georgia.gov is the best way that Georgians interact with state government. It includes an easier to use search function and a blog that highlights noteworthy happenings in state government. The website draws an average of 1.2 million page views each month. It is the first state portal in the country to be powered by Drupal, a content management system that runs the White House and U.S. House of Representatives websites. Deal said the state will save \$4.6 million a year by moving to the new system.

Feb. 3, 2014

The sweeping farm bill that Congress sent to President Obama Tuesday has something for almost everyone, from the nation's 47 million food stamp recipients to Southern peanut growers, Midwest corn farmers and the maple syrup industry in the Northeast. After years of setbacks, the Senate on Tuesday sent the nearly \$100 billion-a-year measure to President Barack Obama, who is expected to sign it. The Senate passed the bill 68-32 after House passage last week. The bill provides a financial cushion for farmers who face unpredictable weather and market conditions. It also provides subsidies for rural communities and environmentally-sensitive land. But the bulk of its cost is for the food stamp program, which aids 1 in 7 Americans. The bill would cut food stamps by \$800 million a year, or around 1 percent. House Republicans had hoped to reduce the bill's costs even further, pointing to a booming agriculture sector in recent years and arguing that the now \$80 billion-a-year food stamp program has spiraled out of control. The House passed a bill in September that would have made a cut to food stamps that was five times more than the eventual cut. Those partisan disagreements stalled the bill for more than two years, but conservatives were eventually outnumbered as the Democratic Senate, the White House and a still-powerful bipartisan coalition of farm-state lawmakers pushed to get the bill done. The White House has been mostly quiet as Congress worked out its differences on the bill. But in a statement after the vote, Obama said the bill would reduce the deficit "without gutting the vital assistance programs millions of hardworking Americans count on to help put food on the table for their families." He said the farm bill isn't perfect, "but on the whole, it will make a positive difference not only for the rural economies that grow America's food, but for our nation." Obama praised the bill for getting rid of controversial subsidies known as direct payments, which are paid to farmers whether they farm or not. Most of that program's \$4.5 billion annual cost was redirected into new, more politically defensible subsidies that would kick in when a farmer has losses. To gather votes for the bill, Senate Agriculture Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and her House counterpart, Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla., included a major boost for crop insurance popular in the Midwest, higher subsidies for Southern rice and peanut farmers and land payments for Western states. The bill also sets policy for hundreds of smaller programs, subsidies, loans and grants - from research on wool to loans for honey producers to protections for the catfish industry. The bill would provide assistance for rural Internet services and

boost organic agriculture. Stabenow said the bill is also intended to help consumers, boosting farmers markets and encouraging local food production. "We worked long and hard to make sure that policies worked for every region of the country, for all of the different kinds of agricultural production we do in our country," she said. The regional incentives scattered throughout the bill helped it pass easily in the House last week, 251-166. House leaders who had objected to the legislation since 2011 softened their disapproval as they sought to put the long-stalled bill behind them. Leaders in both parties also have hoped to bolster rural candidates in this year's midterm elections. Conservatives remained unhappy with the bill. "It's mind-boggling, the sum of money that's spent on farm subsidies, duplicative nutrition and development assistance programs, and special interest pet projects," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "How are we supposed to restore the confidence of the American people with this monstrosity?" McCain pointed to grants and subsidies for sheep marketing, for sushi rice, for the maple syrup industry. The \$800 million-a-year savings in the food stamp program would come from cracking down on some states that seek to boost individual food stamp benefits by giving people small amounts of federal heating assistance that they don't need. That heating assistance, sometimes as low as \$1 per person, triggers higher benefits, and some critics see that practice as circumventing the law. The compromise bill would require states to give individual recipients at least \$20 in heating assistance before a higher food stamp benefit could kick in. Some Democrats still objected to the cuts, even though they are much lower than what the House had sought. The Senate-passed farm bill had a \$400 million annual cut to food stamps. "This bill will result in less food on the table for children, seniors and veterans who deserve better from this Congress, while corporations continue to receive guaranteed federal handouts," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said. "I cannot vote for it." Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a longtime member of the Agriculture Committee, also voted against the bill. He cited provisions passed by the Senate and taken out of the final bill that would have reduced the number of people associated with one farm who can collect farm subsidies. Grassley has for years fought to lower subsidies to the wealthiest farmers. The bill does have a stricter cap on the overall amount of money an individual farmer can receive - \$125,000 in a year, when some programs were previously unrestricted. But the legislation otherwise continues a generous level of subsidies for farmers. In place of the direct payments, farmers of major row crops - mostly corn, soybeans, wheat and rice - would now be able to choose between subsidies that pay out when revenue drops or when prices drop. Cotton and dairy supports were overhauled to similarly pay out when farmers have losses. Those programs may kick in sooner than expected as some crop prices have started to drop in recent months. The bill would save around \$1.65 billion annually overall. But critics said that under the new insurance-style programs, those savings could disappear if the weather or the market doesn't cooperate. Craig Cox of the Environmental Working Group, an organization that has fought for subsidy reform for several years, said replacing the direct payments with the new programs is simply a "bait and switch." "The potential for really big payoffs" is huge, he said.

Feb. 4, 2014

Another Upstate town has taken a stance on distracted driving, approving a ban on texting while driving. According to the ordinance what was approved after a second reading Monday, the use of electronic devices to review, write or send messages while driving will be illegal in Pendleton beginning

June 1. The Pendleton Town Council approved the ordinance following two readings. According to the definition of an electronic communications device, the ban applies to any device used, "For the purpose of composing, reading or sending an electronic message, but does not include a GPS or navigation system or a device that is physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle." The ordinance goes on to define electronic messages as communication including, but not limited to, emails, text messages, instant messages or commands/requests on the Internet. There are exceptions to the law, which include drivers who are off the side of the roadway; using a hands free device without the use of the driver's hand except to activate, deactivate or initiate the hands-free feature; asking for emergency or medical help; or using a citizens band radio, commercial two-way radio, in-vehicle security or amateur/ham radio device. The penalty for violating Pendleton's ban will be a \$100 fine for the first offense, \$200 for the second and \$300 for the third or subsequent.

Feb. 4, 2014

The Food and Drug Administration is using ads depicting wrinkled skin on youthful faces and teenagers paying for cigarettes with their teeth in a campaign to show the nation's young people the costs associated with smoking. The federal agency said Tuesday it is launching a \$115 million multimedia education campaign called "The Real Cost" that's aimed at stopping teenagers from smoking and encouraging them to quit. Advertisements will run in more than 200 markets throughout the U.S. for at least one year beginning Feb. 11. The campaign will include ads on TV stations such as MTV and print spots in magazines like Teen Vogue. It also will use social media. "Our kids are the replacement customers for the addicted adult smokers who die or quit each day," said Mitch Zeller, the director of the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products. "And that's why we think it's so important to reach out to them - not to lecture them, not to throw statistics at them - but to reach them in a way that will get them to rethink their relationship with tobacco use." Zeller, who oversaw the anti-tobacco "Truth" campaign while working at the nonprofit American Legacy Foundation in the early 2000s, called the new campaign a "compelling, provocative and somewhat graphic way" of grabbing the attention of more than 10 million young people ages 12 to 17 who are open to, or are already experimenting with, cigarettes. According to the FDA, nearly 90 percent of adult smokers started using cigarettes by age 18 and more than 700 kids under 18 become daily smokers each day. The agency aims to reduce the number of youth cigarette smokers by at least 300,000 within three years. "While most teens understand the serious health risks associated with tobacco use, they often don't believe the long-term consequences will ever apply to them," said FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg. "We'll highlight some of the real costs and health consequences associated with tobacco use by focusing on some of the things that really matter to teens - their outward appearance and having control and independence over their lives." Two of the TV ads show teens walking into a corner store to buy cigarettes. When the cashier tells them it's going to cost them more than they have, the teens proceed to tear off a piece of their skin and use pliers to pull out a tooth in order to pay for their cigarettes. Other ads portray cigarettes as a man dressed in a dirty white shirt and khaki pants bullying teens and another shows teeth being destroyed by a ray gun shooting cigarettes. The FDA is evaluating the impact of the campaign by

following 8,000 people between the ages of 11 and 16 for two years to assess changes in tobacco-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviors. The campaign announced Tuesday is the first in a series of campaigns to educate the public about the dangers of tobacco use. In 2011, the FDA said it planned to spend up to \$600 million over five years on the campaigns aimed at reducing death and disease caused by tobacco, which is responsible for about 480,000 deaths a year in the U.S. Future campaigns will target minority youth, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth and youth in rural areas. Tobacco companies are footing the bill for the campaigns through fees charged by the FDA under a 2009 law that gave the agency authority over the tobacco industry.

Feb. 6, 2014

A bill that would put create additional requirements for moped drivers is working its way through the South Carolina legislature. While some lawmakers and motorists are in support of the additional requirements to keep everyone safe on the road, not everyone agrees. When Ed Raines needs to get around, he hops on his moped, but said high-traffic areas can be dangerous. "I know a lot of moped riders have got hit lately, and I think that might be the reason they're starting all this with the moped," Raines said. He said he rides to grocery stores and to work, and often takes busy streets. And many of those streets have speed limits of 45 mph and up, Raines said. However, some lawmakers are pushing a new bill they say will keep everyone safe. "It's very dangerous to be on a four-lane highway that is 55, 60 mph, and the speed limit you're going is 30," said Rep. Bill Whitmire, R-District 1. Whitmire represents the Oconee County area and prefled a bill that would require changes for moped riders. "Must wear reflective vests and to require that a moped sold in the state must be equipped with a rear tail light that flashes continually while a moped is in motion," Whitmire said. Whitmire proposed the bill because he said he almost hit a moped rider because he didn't see him. "It's purely a safety bill in my opinion," Whitmire said. He said the amendment to his proposal includes that moped riders can only ride on roads where the speed limit doesn't exceed 45 mph. Raines doesn't agree with road limitations, but doesn't mind wearing a vest or having a flashing tail light. "It's really scary," Raines said. And he wants drivers to watch out for him, too. "It's crazy, but hopefully they'll slow down a little bit and share the road," Raines said. The bill was passed in the House and will head to the state Senate next for a vote.

Feb. 26, 2014


South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and state officials are announcing an effort to help military veterans find jobs in the civilian world by bringing employers and potential workers together. The governor and South Carolina National Guard Maj. Gen. Les Eisner spoke about the initiative Wednesday at a joint appearance in Columbia. It builds on a Guard program that began several years ago, when the organization brought its 16 percent unemployment rate among members down to less than 4 percent. Many of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard's 11,000 men and women deployed in recent years to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kosovo and Kuwait. However, deployments among Guard and active duty military could become less frequent if Pentagon cutbacks announced this week are enacted.

Mar. 17, 2014

In the most comprehensive sanctions against Russia since the end of the Cold War, President Barack Obama on Monday froze the U.S. assets of seven Russian officials, including top advisers to President Vladimir Putin, for their support of Crimea's vote to secede from Ukraine. Obama said he was moving to "increase the cost" to Russia, and he warned that more people could face financial punishment. "If Russia continues to interfere in Ukraine, we stand ready to impose further sanctions," Obama said. He added in a brief statement from the White House that he still believes there could be a diplomatic resolution to the crisis and that the sanctions can be calibrated based on whether Russia escalates or pulls back in its involvement. The Treasury Department also is imposing sanctions on four Ukrainians - including former President Viktor Yanukovich and others who have supported Crimea's separation - under existing authority under a previous Obama order. "We are imposing sanctions on specific individuals responsible for undermining the sovereignty, territorial integrity and government of Ukraine. We're making it clear that there are consequences for their actions," Obama said. But he's not going far enough, said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., just back from a weekend trip to Kiev. "I think Vladimir Putin must be encouraged by the absolute timidity," McCain said on MSNBC. He said of Obama's response, "I don't know how it could have been weaker, besides doing nothing - seven people being sanctioned after naked aggression has taken place." White House spokesman Jay Carney did not rule out future sanctions against Putin himself. "We have the authorities to more broadly identify individuals and entities in the future, and we will do that as necessary if the costs to Russia need to be increased," Carney said. Officials speaking to reporters on a conference call on the condition they not be quoted by name, say those sanctioned are very close to Putin and that the sanctions are "designed to hit close to home." The U.S. announcement came shortly after the European Union announced travel bans and asset freezes on 21 people they have linked to the unrest in Crimea. Obama administration officials say there is some overlap between the U.S. and European list, which wasn't immediately made public. Biden was heading to Europe Monday and Obama plans to go next week. The president said that demonstrating a "solemn commitment to our collective defense" as NATO allies will be at the top of the agenda. The sanctions were expected after residents in Crimea voted overwhelmingly Sunday in favor of the split. Crimea's parliament on Monday declared the region an independent state. The administration officials say there is some concrete evidence that some ballots for the referendum arrived pre-marked in many cities and "there are massive anomalies in the vote." The officials did not say what that evidence was. The United States, European Union and others say the action violates the Ukrainian constitution and international law and took place in the strategic peninsula under duress of Russian military intervention. Putin maintained that the vote was legal and consistent with the right of self-determination, according to the Kremlin. The administration officials said they will be looking at additional sanctions if Russia moves to annex Crimea or takes other action. Those targeted will have all U.S. assets frozen and no one in the United States can do business with them under Obama's order. "Today's actions also serve as notice to Russia that unless it abides by its international obligations and returns its military forces to their original bases and respects Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, the United States is prepared to take additional steps to impose further political and economic costs," a White House statement said. Administration officials say those Obama targeted also are key political players in Russia also responsible for the country's tightening of human rights and civil liberties

in the country. Obama's order targets were: Vladislav Surkov, a Putin aide Sergey Glazyev, a Putin adviser Leonid Slutsky, a state Duma deputy Andrei Klishas, member of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Valentina Matviyenko, head of the Federation Council Dmitry Rogozin, deputy prime minister of the Russian Federation. Yelena Mizulina, a state Duma deputy The four newly targeted by the Treasury Department are: Yanukovych, who fled Ukraine for Russia and has supported the dispatch of Russian troops into Ukraine Viktor Medvedchuk, the leader of Crimea separatist group Ukrainian Choice and a close friend of Putin Sergey Aksyonov, prime minister of Crimea's regional government Vladimir Konstantinov, speaker of the Crimean parliament Associated Press writer Nancy Benac contributed to this report. Follow Nedra Pickler on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/nedrapickler>.

Mar. 18, 2014

Gov. Nikki Haley and Attorney General Alan Wilson are holding a news conference at the Statehouse. Haley says the Tuesday event will also be attended by U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson and Aiken-area state representatives. Haley gave no reason for the news conference. Last week, Congressman Wilson and both of South Carolina's U.S. senators asked the Republican governor to "explore any legal avenues" to avoid the closure of a multi-billion dollar  Savannah River Site project to turn weapons-grade plutonium into commercial nuclear reactor fuel. The effort known as MOX is intended to help the United States fulfill an agreement with Russia to dispose of at least 34 metric tons apiece of weapons-grade plutonium. The Obama administration says it wants to mothball the project, which is billions over budget.

Mar. 26, 2014

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Mar. 31, 2014

More than 6 million people have signed up for Obamacare, as a crush of people raced to get health insurance before the Monday deadline. President Obama announced the milestone Thursday in a call with enrollment counselors and outreach volunteers, who are undertaking an intense marketing drive in the final days of open enrollment. There were more than 1.5 million visits to HealthCare.gov and more

than 430,000 calls to the call centers on Wednesday. Those who've started the application by Monday but are unable to finish because of technical issues will receive more time to complete the process, officials have said. Reaching 6 million is a symbolic victory for the Obama administration following the botched launch in October. It is short of the initial goal of 7 million, which was based on a projection by the Congressional Budget Office and adopted by the administration. But it shows considerable gains from the first month when just 106,000 people had signed up. Last month, the CBO revised its projection down to 6 million because of the rocky initial rollout. But just how many people fully enroll in the program this year remains to be seen. The latest figures reflect those picking plans, not paying their premiums. Only those who pay their first month's premium are considered enrolled, while those who don't pay have their policy selections canceled. Insurers have said that the share of people sending in payments is in the 80-percent range. Also, the total number of enrollees nationwide is not that important a number, experts have said. What's more critical is whether enrollment meets each insurer's expectations since that's what will determine premiums for next year. Insurers are looking at both how many people pick their policies and how many claims they file. Many experts are watching the share of young adults picking plans since they are considered healthier and less costly than older enrollees. Some 25 percent of those signing up are between ages 18 to 34, as of the end of February, the latest figures available. The White House and independent experts had forecast about 40 percent would be young adults.

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**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED**  
**FOURTH QUARTER 2013**

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

- Public Service Announcements Aired: **Arbor Day Foundation, Trust For Public Land, Nature Conservancy, Wildfire Prevention**

Jan. 27, 2014

A large part of northeast Georgia and the western Carolinas are enjoying a slightly warmer Monday. While the morning temperatures ranged from the low 30s in the mountains to mid 40s in the Upstate, the recent frigid temperatures may have disappeared - but only for the day. The approach of yet another Arctic cold front will bring a chance of rain and snow along the Tennessee border early Monday with a slight chance of a few showers breaking into the Upstate. The rain and clouds will move out of the Upstate early making way to partly cloudy skies. Monday afternoon will see very pleasant conditions with partly cloudy skies and highs peaking in the mid-50s across the Upstate and mid-40s across the mountains. Monday night will see lows plummet into the mid-20s and teens with Arctic air taking a strong hold on the Carolinas. Tuesday will be much colder under mostly cloudy skies and temperatures struggling to reach the mid-30s in the Upstate and upper 20s across the mountains. FOX Carolina Meteorologist Nicole Papay said the forecast models are split on what parts of the Upstate may see some snow Tuesday. Depending on where the storm develops, Papay said parts of the Upstate could see flakes flying by mid-afternoon Tuesday, with a possible dusting. She said Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Union and Newberry counties may see one to two inches of accumulation, starting around 3 p.m., while areas between Interstate 85 and those "accumulation counties" could see about half an inch. The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for Newberry County from 11 a.m. Tuesday until 9 a.m. Wednesday. FOX Carolina Chief Meteorologist Kendra Kent said the most active time for snow fall in the Upstate will be from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday night, with the chance for icy roads Wednesday morning, though the timing could change bringing the winter weather into the area earlier on Tuesday. Kent said the line between light and heavy snow will be really sharp. It's too soon to say if and where three inches of snow could fall versus one to two inches. She said Greenville looks to only see light accumulations, but the southern Upstate is the wild card. However, much of the winter weather will be focused to the south, with parts of the Midlands and the coast seeing the highest chance of wintry precipitation. The mountains are not forecast to see more than a dusting to an inch of snow. Parts of the state are under a winter storm watch starting Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday as the storm develops, with areas south of Columbia seeing the potential for at least a few inches of snow. The storm could even bring some winter weather as far south as Charleston, for a rare snow event.

Jan. 28, 2014


Snow fell through Tuesday night across the Upstate, mountains and northeast Georgia. The area saw more moisture than expected, which means the Interstate 85 corridor ended with upward of 1 to 2 inches of snow and more than 4 inches of snow near Newberry and Greenwood. The winter weather should wrap up by midnight for the Upstate and western North Carolina, with the heaviest moisture shifting south by then. Temperatures Tuesday night plummeted into the teens, so roads will ice up quickly. The Wednesday morning commute could be treacherous in spots, so stay posted on road conditions and avoid travel if you can. The snow on the roadways caused multiple road closures and delays for Tuesday's evening commute, with the South Carolina Highway Patrol reporting over 170 incidents at 7:40 p.m. Director Taylor Jones of Anderson County Emergency Management advised residents to stay off the roads all together on Tuesday evening. He said ice had accumulated on secondary roads and will get worse Wednesday. Doug Bryson, emergency coordinator for Spartanburg County, said many roads in the county are sheets of ice and many accidents have been reported. He said it is a priority to stay off the road. Most areas of the Upstate saw about an inch of snow including Belton, Greer, and Simpsonville. Pickens got an inch and a half of snow and Clemson got 2 inches. The highest snow fall total in the Upstate was 2.8 inches in Salem. Weather impacts schools, travel and government. With the threat of winter weather, all Upstate, northeast Georgia and western North Carolina school districts chose to dismiss early on Tuesday or not open their doors altogether. Multiple schools in Upstate South Carolina, northeast Georgia and western North Carolina have also canceled school for Wednesday as well. Greenville County, Spartanburg County, Oconee County, Pickens County and Anderson County schools have all canceled for Wednesday. Keep an eye on all the closings with [www.foxcarolina.com/closings](http://www.foxcarolina.com/closings). In the wake of the winter weather forecast across the state, Gov. Nikki Haley declared a State of Emergency on Tuesday.

Jan. 29, 2014

Much of the Southeastern United States remained hunkered down in the cold Wednesday, a day after ice and snow swept through the region, paralyzing the Atlanta area in particular. Thousands of people were stranded on the roads and at gas stations, unable to get to children who were left at school without a way home. After snow began to blanket the city early Tuesday afternoon, the entire metro Atlanta area became gridlocked. The traffic in some areas still hadn't let up by Wednesday morning, with many people still stranded across the city. Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed said Wednesday that it was a mistake for businesses and schools to have all released people as the snowstorm hit, as the mass exodus immediately jammed roads leading out of the city. While emergency services were overwhelmed with calls for help, people took to social media to ask for food, water and shelter, and for help for loved ones trapped in the snow. The SnowedOutAtlanta Facebook group was created to help people caught in the weather, and it became a way for residents to help commuters, some of whom had been trapped in traffic for 17 hours. The group now has more than 47,000 members, including people who are still asking for help for themselves and for others who don't have a way home. People have asked for shelter, food, water and even blankets, as many cars ran out of gas and left people in freezing temperatures. The page was flooded with posts through Wednesday morning, and many requests for help and information are still being posted. Here are some posts to show what people

have endured in and around Atlanta: E. Dowdly: "I Have someone stranded on Thorton and Riverside parkway and she is running low on cell phone power, gas and she is freezing. ... Can anyone help?" C. Wu: "My girlfriend last contacted me at 1:59 am to let me know she was on east west connector where it changes to Cumberland pkwy before her phone died. I thought she would be home by now but it is way past time. She's been out there for 14 hrs. She's 6 months pregnant. She hasn't eaten and isn't dressed for the weather. She's driving a 2004 white Ford Explorer. If you see her please help with food and a phone charger." V. Wynn: "My friend is stuck on Thorton Road. She has been stuck for more than 6 hours. With two baby girls! Please help!!!" C. Dimas: "Is any one on 285W a little after exit 5A? My mom and aunt are stuck and are in need of some water or maybe a small amount of food. She said she's seen people walk to store, but is too tired, scared and worried to get out of the car herself. She's in a white Mitsubishi Endeavor. If anyone could help them out I would greatly appreciate it!" A. Scott: "If anyone close to this intersection and has any food or water, please help my fiancé. His name is Don. He has been stuck there since 3:30pm yesterday. He is in a white Silverado with ladders on the top, held by small orange chains. He hasn't eaten since then. Thank you and God bless you all." But while thousands of people have used the page to seek help, even more have jumped in to offer shelter and information to those who need it. These "snow angels" have emerged from all across Atlanta and have saved many people from desperate and dangerous situations: E. Aaron: "If you are near Exit 6 or 7 off I-285 and need a place to go, message me and I will lead you to warm food and shelter." L. Reis: "Heading to Roswell Road / Glenridge Drive with blankets and extra clothing as well as water. Message if you are in need. Can offer food and shelter too." A. Tudor: "I'm in an apartment right at the intersection of South Cobb/East West Con/Cumberland, across from the fire station. I don't know how traffic is but if anyone needs warm shelter and coffee, I've got room!" C. Cooper: "I live at Austell rd. and Callaway Rd. I am taking in kids whose parents couldn't make it our are still stuck. Have food, heat and water." C. Wheeler: "We are off 285 exit 18 Vinings if anyone needs help! I can walk to you with supplies or you can stay with us!" G. Lutz: "Where am I needed? Can make it just about anywhere?" D. Nalls: "Im in Douglas county/Hwy 5 area: anyone needs assistance please call me!!! WE have a 4wd and willing to help.770-851-2273" K. Friedman: "My husband and I are loading our car with water and blankets to try and help stranded folks. we will try and get to the Akers mill hov exit off 285." These are just a few of the thousands of posts that have poured in since Tuesday afternoon. Hundreds of photos have also been uploaded to the page to show what the gridlock looks like on the ground across the city. Various new groups have also been created to help people in specific areas. The top post on the SnowedOutAtlanta page has direct links to those other pages, as well as other resources for people still seeking help.

Jan. 30, 2014

One of the main bridges in Charleston remains closed because of ice. The South Carolina Department of Transportation said it hopes to get the Ravenel Bridge reopened by Thursday's rush hour. The eight-lane, two-mile bridge has been closed because of ice since 8 p.m. Tuesday when freezing rain began. The bridge is 200 feet above the Cooper River. The closing left just one bridge open from Charleston to Mount Pleasant on Interstate 526. It is taking drivers  an hour to make it 12 miles on I-526 from Mount Pleasant to Interstate 26. The closed bridge is the last problem left from Tuesday's winter weather. Gov. Nikki Haley announced at noon Thursday that the state of emergency she issued is over.

Jan. 30, 2014

After a warm Friday defrost, a chilly night is ahead for the Upstate and mountains, but nothing like we've experienced the past few nights. Overnight lows will drop to around 32 degrees in the Upstate and 26 in the mountains, FOX Carolina Chief Meteorologist Kendra Kent is forecasting. Clouds will increase throughout Saturday, and temperatures will be "normal" for this time of year in the mid 50s, Kendra said by Sunday we'll have scattered showers and highs in the low 60s. The best rain chance comes Sunday night while many of us will be watching the Super Bowl. Kendra said she is not expecting anything heavy or any T-storms, just scattered showers.

Feb. 2, 2014

Officials at Chimney Rock State Park said the park's animal ambassador, Grady the Groundhog, will awaken from hibernation for his ninth annual shadow sighting and first ever Super Bowl pick Sunday. Officials said Grady outwitted Punxsutawney Phil to correctly predict the weather last year, and after Phil predicted six more weeks of winter earlier Sunday morning, park officials hope Grady will confirm or deny the forecast. Grady will make his weather prediction at noon, and he'll also make his pick for Super Bowl champions since it's the first time ever that Super Bowl Sunday has coincided with Groundhog Day. Officials said the Groundhog Day program would also feature arts and crafts session for kids from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for kids. The event will be held behind the Old Rock Cafe in Chimney Rock Village, next to the Park entrance.

Feb. 12, 2014

The thaw began on Thursday but the temperatures will drop below freezing overnight, causing dangerous road conditions to return. The snow fell on and off during the morning and produced light accumulations, generally between a dusting and 1 inch. Since the snowfall began, the National Weather Service has released several snow accumulation totals so far across northeast Georgia and the Carolinas. Here is a look at some of the numbers (in inches): Etowah - 11.5, Greenwood - 5.5, Anderson - 4.5, Toccoa - 3, Elberton - 4, Asheville - 8, Waynesville - 9, Franklin - 7, Brevard - 4.5, Walhalla - 1, Spartanburg - 2.5, Clemson - 1.3 and Belton 3.5. The totals were a little lower than expected as Wednesday's sleet dampened the snow accumulation by a few inches. With the low temperatures, most everything is forecast to refreeze and cause more concern on the roadways. Valentine's Day will be much warmer with highs in the 40s, so the majority of the snow and sleet should melt. There should be a good deal of melting snow and ice on Friday. Late Friday night a few rain and snow-mix showers are expected to move through the region. Once showers move out before sunrise Saturday, temperatures will drop into the 20s again, so iciness is expected early Saturday. Saturday and Sunday bring mostly sunny skies with highs reaching the 40s and low 50s, so there will be some welcome relief from all this winter weather.

Mar. 31, 2014

A home burned in a fire in Laurens County on Monday afternoon, according to Greg Lindley with Laurens County Fire Services. Lindley said the call came in as a brush fire on McCauley Road, near Hunter Industrial Park, but once firefighters arrived they found a home on fire. He said it was unclear if it started as a house fire or a brush fire. Lindley said it was contained at 6:45 p.m.

*Attachments*



*Education*

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED**  
**FOURTH QUARTER 2013**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

- Public Service Announcements Aired: **Minority Education, Literacy**

Jan. 25, 2014

Authorities arrested a 19-year-old South Carolina State University student in connection with a fatal shooting on campus Friday. Justin Bernard Singleton, 19, was taken into custody Saturday morning without incident at an Orangeburg apartment complex about three miles from campus and charged with murder, SLED Spokesman Thom Berry said. Singleton was arguing with 20-year-old Brandon Robinson outside Hugine Suites, a student apartment dorm, when Singleton pulled out a gun and fired at Robinson, hitting him in the neck, according to an arrest warrant. Robinson was later pronounced dead at Orangeburg Regional Medical Center. Robinson was a junior industrial engineering technology major from Orangeburg and played football as an outside linebacker and defensive end for SC State, the university said. "The SC State University family is devastated by the tragic loss of Brandon," said President Thomas J. Elzey. "Our hearts are heavy with grief and sorrow by the senseless act of violence, which took too soon a beloved member of our university family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brandon's family and friends during this most difficult time in their lives. On behalf of SC State University, I extend our deepest, heartfelt sympathy to them." SC State University head football coach Buddy Pough said Robinson was an outstanding young man who was paying his way through college. "We are at loss for words right now," Pough said. "The entire university and our athletic family are grieving right now and our hearts are heavy. Our deepest condolences go out to the Robinson family. All he wanted to do was play football for the university. It's a tragic situation, one from which we all must learn." Now the university community is looking for answers. "There's no reason for a student to be shooting another student," said SC State senior Shawn Harrison. "No reason at all." Harrison said he occasionally ran into Robinson on campus and heard about the shooting on twitter. He said he couldn't believe this happened. "Like he didn't mess with nobody he stayed to himself," Harrison said. "He basically would be around all the football players because he played football, and he was just a cool dude. Both of them probably had something great going for them, who knows. All I know is that that's very sad to me and this never should have happened." Campus on Saturday seemed quiet as students tried to carry on with their normal routines, however, for some, safety is now a concern. "To be honest I don't [feel safe] because if this can happen in broad daylight it can happen anytime," Harrison said. Safety on campus is just one of many questions students have after what happened Friday. "I think the president is going to a good job increasing the safety on campus for the students," said SC State student Devin Rothery. A gofundme account has been set up to help with Robinson's funeral expenses. University officials say they are planning to have a memorial for Robinson. SLED continues to investigate.

Jan. 26, 2014

A new bill will go before state legislators that could allow teachers to carry guns in the classroom. Tucsonans seem to have mixed feelings about the idea. The bill would allow school districts to let any teacher or staffer carry a gun as long as they complete a 24 hour training class. The training would include mock scenarios and how to properly handle and store the gun. Supporters say the legislation would protect children and staff while opponents argue the guns could end up in the wrong hands. "I just think it's too easy for things to happen," Lynn Foth, who is against the bill, said. "If the teacher responds to an emergency in the class, the gun is sitting in her purse, in her desk and somebody goes and picks it up, I just think that opportunities are too great for something to happen." Thomas Fantmann, a supporter of the bill, said, "It could save a life or two and if they're not carrying it with them but still have access, they've got the potential to maybe end a dangerous situation." The legislation is in its early stages and it's hard to tell if it may have a chance. A similar bill just over a year ago aimed at allowing rural school teachers to carry gun but it was shot down by the house.

Jan. 27, 2014

Winter weather is moving into the Upstate from the west, starting light, and is forecast to pick up in intensity through the late afternoon. The day started with some snow in the mountains, though the majority of Tuesday's winter weather will be concentrated the southern Upstate, south of Interstate 85. About noon, light snow will move into the Upstate and will pick up in intensity south of I-85 about 3 p.m. This is when accumulations will get going. About an inch will be possible along I-85, while the southern Upstate could see an inch on the ground very quickly by late afternoon. After 6 p.m., the heaviest snow will be concentrated in the southern part of the Upstate, while some light snow will fall along the I-85 corridor. Parts of the mountains will see some snow as well. The snow will start to push south and wind down for the southern counties about 9 p.m. And by midnight Tuesday, most of the snow will be gone. Slippery roads could be an issue all over the Upstate and northeast Georgia, but the bulls eye for road problems will be from Elberton to Abbeville to Laurens. Between about 1 and 2 inches of snow will fall in spots like Greenville and Spartanburg, while areas to the south could see 2 to 4 inches. The snow should end by late Tuesday night, but it will leave roads slick for the Wednesday morning commute. Weather impacts schools, travel and government. With the threat of winter weather, all Upstate, northeast Georgia and western North Carolina school districts have made their decision for Tuesday, choosing to dismiss early or not open their doors altogether. Please note, some districts dismissing early are doing so on a staggered schedule. Check with your child's district or school to confirm the exact dismissal time. Keep an eye on the closings with [www.foxcarolina.com/closings](http://www.foxcarolina.com/closings). In the wake of the winter weather forecast across the state, Gov. Nikki Haley declared a State of Emergency Tuesday. The winter weather is also affecting air travel to-and-from the Upstate. Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport reported several canceled flights scheduled to arrive after 12 p.m. Tuesday along with a few canceled departures. Check the current flight status for flights at GSP [here](#).



Jan. 29, 2014

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal says there are no more students stranded on buses in the winter storm gridlock, but there are still thousands of kids who spent the night at schools. Deal said Wednesday those children will get escorts home from National Guard vehicles or police. Authorities are also going out to give people stranded on the icy highways food, water, blankets and gas. [Click here to read more about GA road conditions](#) It's still not clear exactly how many people are stranded or when the clogged highways might clear. The city, along with much of the Deep South, became paralyzed Tuesday when a winter storm dumped snow, sleet and rain on the roads and they froze over.

Feb. 4, 2014

Charmeka Childs says she's running to be South Carolina's next schools superintendent. The deputy superintendent at the Department of Education told The Associated Press that she'll officially announce her bid Wednesday to replace her boss. Superintendent Mick Zais announced last month that he's not seeking a second term. Childs was an education adviser to former Gov. Mark Sanford. The Saluda County native and Duke University graduate also sat on the state's Education Oversight Committee before joining Zais' administration. The 36-year-old former Dent Middle School teacher and basketball coach says she realizes she's a unique Republican candidate as an African-American woman. But she says her potential historic role is not part of her campaign. She joins a growing field of Republicans vying for the job.

Feb. 6, 2014

The board of trustees has chosen the next Furman University president, who is coming to the Palmetto State from the Lone Star State. Dr. Elizabeth Davis will become the 12th president of the university starting July 1, replacing President Rod Smolla. Smolla announced in last May he was stepping down. Davis has served as executive vice president and provost of Baylor University in Waco, TX, since 2010 where she oversees the university's 11 schools and colleges, its research centers and acts as the chief academic officer. "She is a highly effective, strategic and visionary leader with a keen understanding of higher education  and a commitment to the value and importance of liberal arts and sciences education," said Richard Cullen, chair of the Furman board. "We are excited that she is coming to Furman, and we are confident that she is the right person to lead the university forward." Davis served in several other administrative and academic roles at Baylor prior to becoming provost. She has a bachelor of business  administration degree from Baylor and earned her Ph.D. from Duke University in 1992. Davis and her husband, Charles, have two children, Chad and Claire. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Waco. Furman is holding a press conference to introduce and welcome Davis to the university at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Feb. 26, 2014

A Sumter middle school teacher is facing a new sex charge after a third student has come forward. Sumter County Sheriff's investigators say 31-year-old Elizabeth Moss was taken back into custody Tuesday and charged with criminal solicitation of a minor. Moss had been released from jail on a \$150,000 bond Friday. She had been charged with inappropriately communicating with students online and performing sex acts on at least one of the students. School officials say they found messages from Moss to students on Facebook and contacted investigators. Last week, her attorney Rose Mary Parham said the allegations were revenge for Moss disciplining students.

Feb. 26, 2014

After the Upstate was hit by two storms this winter, many school districts have been left with the task of determining when the missed schools days would be made up. Greenville County Schools confirmed they will go ahead with the plan to use the potential makeup days already on the calendar. Students will have school on Friday March 7, Monday March 10 and Friday June 6. Those dates were already on the district calendar in the event they were needed. According to the district, state law that requires school districts to schedule three makeup days. So far, students attending Greenville County Schools have missed six days this year because of the weather. A bill is currently working its way through the South Carolina Legislature that would provide districts the option to forgive five school days beyond the three scheduled makeup days. Greenville County said they will determine what they will do with the rest of the missed days if and when the bill is approved. Read more about the bill [here](#). According to current state law, missed days beyond the three scheduled days must be made up by scheduling extra makeup days on Saturdays and/or extending school days.

Feb. 26, 2014

South Carolina schools would continue to implement Common Core education [standards](#) in math and reading, at least for a few years, under a compromise advancing in the Senate. The measure advanced Wednesday to the Senate Education Committee. It replaces a bill that initially sought to repeal the standards adopted by two state boards in 2010. The compromise requires a review of the math and reading standards by 2018 and mandates legislative approval for future changes to what students learn in the classroom. Debate continues over student testing aligned to the new standards. Senators want to back out of a consortium of states that's developing a test with federal money [here](#). The amended legislation also incorporates a bill deleting the requirement that high school students pass an exit exam to graduate.

Mar. 7, 2014

A new report says South Carolina faces a shortfall of college educated workers over the next 15 years or so. The report by economists at the University of South Carolina finds that the state, at current graduation rates, will need an additional 44,000 workers with two-year degrees as well as an additional 70,000 with four-year degrees by 2030 to maintain economic growth. The report found that the greatest need for college-educated workers will be in nursing. Other fields that will need additional workers include school teachers and accountants. The report was compiled for the group Competing Through Knowledge which brings together South Carolinians from different fields to make recommendations on needed changes in the state's education system.

Mar. 17, 2014

Byrnes High School will hold a press conference Monday to announce who will take over the head coaching position for the Rebels. The school will announce the new football coach at 4:30 p.m. Former head coach Bobby Bentley left the team in February to take the quarterbacks coaching job at Auburn University. Bentley was head coach at Byrnes for 12 seasons, leading the Rebels to four consecutive AAAA Division II state championships from 2002 to 2005. He left Byrnes to take over as head coach for Presbyterian College in 2007 before returning to Spartanburg County as the athletics director in 2009. He left the AD position in 2013 when he returned to the Byrnes sidelines. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the head coach announcement.

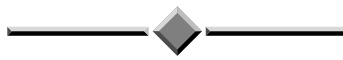
Mar. 18, 2014

A new federal lawsuit claims the National Collegiate Athletic Association should allow college football and basketball players to get some of the money they make for their schools. The suit filed Monday in Newark comes on the eve of the NCAA men's Division I basketball tournament, its most prominent showcase. The lawsuit calls the NCAA an "unlawful cartel" that makes billions of dollars from exploiting football and men's basketball players by limiting their compensation to scholarships. Through a spokeswoman, the NCAA declined to comment. Among the plaintiffs are Rutgers basketball player Jonathan Moore and Clemson defensive back Martin Jenkins. The lawsuit also names as defendants the Southeastern Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Pac-12, Big Ten and Big 12. The suit seeks monetary damages and a declaration that the NCAA's practices violate antitrust laws.

Mar. 20, 2014

Oconee County deputies are investigating the theft of copper from the construction site of the new Walhalla High School. Sheriff's office spokesperson Jimmy Watt said the theft was discovered at 7 a.m. Thursday when crews arrived. He said sometime between 6 p.m. Wednesday and 6 a.m. Thursday, someone stole copper wiring and tubing from a storage trailer at the site, located on Highway 183 at Picket Post. Deputies have not yet determined the financial loss of from the theft, but according to Sheriff Mike Crenshaw it is a "substantial amount." This is the second time someone has stolen copper from the construction site. In October, deputies said copper was ripped from the walls of the new building, though some of that has been recovered. Anyone with information on Thursday's theft is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC, 638-STOP, or text in your tip to 274637.

*Attachments*



*Quality of Life*

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
FOURTH QUARTER 2013**

Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
Sundays	6:00am	MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Description: A church service airing Sunday mornings. (1-hour)

Sundays	8:30am	MUD CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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Description: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays	10:30am	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Description: A church service that airs every Sunday morning and Saturday night. (30:00)

- Public Service Announcements Aired: **Feeding America, Pet Adoption, Fatherhood Involvement, Boys Town**

Jan. 17, 2014

Hospitals in the Upstate are asking anyone under 18 and people with signs of the flu to stay away from area hospitals due to, "the level of flu and respiratory illnesses now in the Upstate." The hospitals include AnMed Health in Anderson, Baptist Easley and Cannon Memorial Hospital in Pickens County, Laurens County Memorial Hospital, and both Bon Secours St. Francis Health System and Greenville Health System in Greenville County. Melissa Overman, the Upstate medical director for the Department of Health and Environmental Control said, "Reports of cases and hospitalizations have been rising, further emphasizing the need for continued efforts to vaccinate against this serious illness, as well as take other preventive steps such as covering your cough with your sleeve or a tissue, stay home if you are sick and wash your hands often with soap and water." Doctors urge family members that need to visit ill loved ones to wear masks and wash hands often to protect patients. Health officials said it's not too late to get a flu shot to fight the virus.

Jan. 18, 2014

Several events are planned to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday. Below is a list of some of the events scheduled in various cities in the Upstate and in Columbia. Greenville: The 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast will be held in the Sterling Community Center at 113 Minus Street. Organizers said a full free breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. at the start of a ceremony to honor Dr. King and Greenvillians who were active during the local fight for civil rights. Greenville's MLK Dream weekend will conclude with a program called "MLK Holiday: A Day of Service" at the TD Convention Center. The event will feature local teen rap artists, dancers, spoken word artist Chiccy Baritone, and participants will also have the opportunity to tour the Upcountry History Museum's exhibit "Protests, Prayers and Progress: Greenville's Civil Rights Movement." The program runs from 9 – 11 a.m. Greenville Technical College will observe Martin Luther King Day with a series of service projects at the Student Center on the Barton Campus. From 9 a.m. – noon students will man an education station that informs people about the day and what it means, a station preparing sandwiches for agencies serving the hungry, a station where appreciation cards will be made for service members, a station where people can make toys for pet rescue groups, and a giving station where donations can be made for the college's Habitat build, and coats and canned goods can also be dropped off. The Put Down the Guns Young People Organization is hosting a peace walk for teens and young adults in memory of Dr. King Monday at 2 p.m. The walk will begin at Mike and Jack Convenience Store at 4306 Augusta Road. The Blood Connection says it will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King at area blood drives in a week-long celebration that begins Monday and goes through January 24. Officials said donating blood enriches life and links the human race through a common bond, mirroring the ideas of Dr. King. For a complete list of blood drives, go to <http://thebloodconnection.org/find-a-drive/> Clemson: Clemson University students, faculty and staff will participate in the 14th annual MLK Day of Service and blood drive. Organizers said check-in for the day of service will begin at 8 a.m. at the Hendrix Student Center. Volunteers will be transported to various community agencies to take part in volunteer projects until noon. Columbia: The NAACP National President to Headline will join demonstrators during "King Day at the Dome 2014: The Campaign for Dignity in South Carolina. Officials said Lorraine Miller, Interim President & CEO of the NAACP, will be the keynote speaker at the annual rally at the State House. Officials said they want to see Confederate battle flag permanently taken down from the State House grounds and build awareness and about social and economic factors impacting minorities. The rally will begin at 10:15 a.m. Spartanburg: The public is invited to remember Dr. King with residents at Magnolia Place Nursing Home from 9 a.m. – noon at 8020 White Avenue. Volunteers will lead a discussion on King's life and accomplishments, and will show a video on his work in several communities during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. Wofford College President Nayef H. Samhat will be the featured speaker at a MLK breakfast that will kick off a day of service at the C. C. Woodson Community Center. The program begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration for the breakfast. Wofford officials said student Ryan Carter has been involved in the planning and volunteer recruitment with the United Way of the Piedmont. Wofford College will host additional service projects around the community from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers plan to meet at the Glendale Post Office at 350 Broadway Street at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate MLK day by weeding out invasive plants in the historic area. Organizers said Spartanburg students and volunteers will remove thousands of invasive privet plants that mar the landscape. The Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium invites families to come out and celebrate the life and legacy during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Monday night. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Greer: The city of

Greer will honor Dr. King at a luncheon, followed by a program featuring speeches, songs, dances. Officials said people from the Greater Greer community who work to keep King's dream alive will be recognized during the program. It starts at 11:10 a.m. in City Hall. Tickets are \$5 per person. The CESA soccer teams will host a clinic and brotherhood soccer games at the MeSA soccer complex on Anderson Ridge Road 1 p.m. on January 20, 2014. Organizers said the event will help keep Dr. King's message alive by promoting brotherhood, honesty, integrity, tolerance and sportsmanship. Organizers said instead of having referees, players will have to call their own fouls during the games. Anderson: Hospice of the Upstate will host their annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration Breakfast from 8:30 – 9 a.m. in the Rose Hall Dining room at HOTU's headquarters at 1835 Rogers Road. Organizers said the event will be free and open to the public. If there is an MLK Day event scheduled in the Upstate for Monday, Jan. 20 that is not listed, please e-mail details about the event to [foxcarolinanews@foxcarolina.com](mailto:foxcarolinanews@foxcarolina.com)

Jan. 21, 2014

In his final moments, 8-year-old Tyler Doohan managed to rescue six people -- including two younger children -- from a burning mobile home in upstate New York, authorities said. A last-ditch effort, however, to save his disabled grandfather cost the boy his life. His body was found by his grandfather, whom Tyler considered a best friend. "It makes me really proud, it really does, but I just want him back," Tyler's mother, Crystal Vrooman, told CNN affiliate WHAM. Tyler, an East Rochester resident, was staying at the home of relatives in the nearby town of Penfield on Sunday night when he noticed a fire in the single-wide trailer, said Penfield Fire Chief Chris Ebmeyer. As firefighters and sheriff's deputies responded to 4:45 a.m. emergency call, Tyler was able to wake six other people in the small trailer, including two more children, ages 4 and 6, the fire chief said. Then Tyler went back into the blaze to help his grandfather, who was disabled and would have been unable to get out of the home on his own, Ebmeyer said. "By that time, the fire had traveled to the back of the trailer," said Ebmeyer. "Unfortunately they both succumbed to heat and smoke." The pair were found together on a bed in the back room. It appeared that the boy was trying to lift his grandfather from the bed when he was overcome by the smoke and fire, the fire chief said. Tyler and his grandfather were like best friends, Vrooman said. An online fundraising campaign on YouCaring.com had raised more than \$28,000 as of Wednesday for Tyler's funeral and his family. Another relative was found dead in a front room, although his exact relation to Tyler was not clear. Earlier, fire officials had released a mistaken version of the incident, where the grandfather's and uncle's locations were switched, due to incorrect information provided by a family member. Tyler's mother said the boy broke away from his aunt outside the burning trailer and ran back inside to try to save his grandfather. "All I could think about is how he couldn't breathe," Vrooman told WHAM. She added: "I'm just so grateful that he went with people that he loved. He didn't go alone." The cause of the blaze is still under investigation but believed to be accidental. The conditions of the six survivors were not immediately available. Ebmeyer said the trailer had no working smoke detector. He lamented that with so many people in one small mobile home, one alarm could have easily woken everyone in time to escape. There was at least one space heater inside the trailer, the fire chief said. Several pets -- including dogs, cats, a rabbit and hamsters -- also died in the fire, Ebmeyer said. The Penfield Fire Company -- a volunteer unit -- intends

to create a public service initiative to spread awareness and get smoke detectors out to the public, he said. Meanwhile, Richard Stutzman Jr., interim superintendent of the East Rochester School District, where Tyler attended fourth grade, issued a statement: "In bravely and selflessly giving his own life, he was able to save the lives of six others -- and he truly is a hero."

Jan. 22, 2014

Greenville County Animal Care's Facebook fans are embroiled in a mystery surrounding a photo found in a dog's collar. According to the Animal Care's Facebook page, the 2-year-old pit bull, that has since been named Soldier, was brought in by Animal Control as a stray. According to the page, when workers checked the dog's collar, they found an old, battered black and white photo of a man. Animal Care posted a photo of the dog and the photo, and the page's followers began raising some questions and making some speculations of their own. Several Facebook users think the man in the photo is holding a knife in his right hand. Some also believe he is holding an animal carcass in his left, based on the comments posted. Others believe the man is merely sitting on a fence or railing of some kind. The presence and the content of the photo remains a mystery, and Soldier's future is also uncertain. Animal Care said the dog is one many at the facility in need of adoption. The page says he is healthy and heartworm free.

Feb. 5, 2014

A remarkably lifelike sculpture of a man sleepwalking in nothing but his underpants has made some Wellesley College students a bit uncomfortable, but the president of the prestigious women's school says that's all part of the intellectual process. The sculpture entitled "Sleepwalker" of a man in an eyes-closed, zombie-like trance is part of an exhibit by sculptor Tony Matelli at the college's Davis Museum. It was placed at a busy area of campus on Monday, a few days before the official opening of the exhibit, and prompted an online student petition to have it removed. The sculpture is a "source of apprehension, fear, and triggering thoughts regarding sexual assault" for many, according to the petition, which had nearly 300 signees on Wednesday. The petition started by junior Zoe Magid called on President H. Kim Bottomly to have the artwork removed. That appeared unlikely, according to a joint statement issued Wednesday by Bottomly and museum Director Lisa Fischman. "The very best works of art have the power to stimulate deeply personal emotions and to provoke unexpected new ideas, and this sculpture is no exception," the statement said. The sculpture "has started an impassioned conversation about art, gender, sexuality and individual experience, both on campus and on social media." The sculpture was placed outdoors specifically to get a reaction and to connect the indoor exhibition with the world beyond, Fischman said. "I love the idea of art escaping the museum and muddling the line between what we expect to be inside (art) and what we expect to be outside (life)," she wrote. Reaction from the campus community was mixed. Freshman Bridget Schreiner told The Boston Globe (<http://bo.st/1kcwSkC>) she was "freaked out" the first time she saw the sculpture, thinking for a moment that a real, nearly naked man was lingering on campus. "This could be a trigger

for students who have experienced sexual assault," she said. Others were more understanding. "I find it disturbing, but in a good way," English professor Sarah Wall-Randell said. "I think it's meant to be off-putting. It's a schlumpy guy in underpants in an all-women environment." The exhibit opens Thursday and closes July 20.

Feb. 6, 2014

Parents looking to find a great deal on everything from clothes to cribs will have the chance to do some major shopping in Greenville this weekend. The semi-annual Switch-a-Roos sale starts Friday at the TD Convention Center. The event is free and open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The event hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The convention center is located at 1 Exposition Dr. in Greenville, 29607.

Feb. 6, 2014

G.I. Joe is turning 50. The birthday of what's called the world's first action figure is being celebrated this month by collectors and the toy maker that introduced it just before the nation plunged into the quagmire that would become the Vietnam War - a storm it seems to have weathered pretty well. Since Hasbro brought it to the world's attention at the annual toy fair in New York City in early 1964, G.I. Joe has undergone many changes, some the result of shifts in public sentiment for military-themed toys, others dictated by the marketplace. Still, whether it's the original "movable fighting man" decked out in the uniforms of the four branches of the U.S. military, or today's scaled-down products, G.I. Joe remains a popular brand. "Joe stood for everything that was meant to be good: fighting evil, doing what's right for people," said Alan Hassenfeld, the 65-year-old former CEO for Pawtucket, R.I.-based Hasbro Inc., whose father, Merrill, oversaw G.I. Joe's development in 1963. But it's Don Levine, then the company's head of research and development, who is often referred to as the "father" of G.I. Joe for shepherding the toy through design and development. Levine and his team came up with an 11½-inch articulated figure with 21 moving parts, and since the company's employees included many military veterans, it was decided to outfit the toy in the uniforms of the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force, with such accessories as guns, helmets and vehicles. Levine, who served in the Army in Korea, said he got the idea for the moveable figure as a way to honor veterans. But he and his team knew the product wasn't in Hasbro's usual mold, and it took years of pitches before Merrill Hassenfeld gave it the company's full backing. "Most boys in the '60s had a father or a relative who was or had been in the military," said Patricia Hogan, curator at The Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, home to the National Toy Hall of Fame. "Once you've bought Joe, you need to buy all the accessories and play sets and add-ons, which was great for business." G.I. Joe hit the shelves in time for the 1964 Christmas shopping season and soon became a big seller at \$4 apiece. It remained popular until the late 1960s, as opposition to Vietnam intensified and parents shied away from military-related toys. Hasbro countered in 1970 by introducing "Adventure Team" G.I. Joes that played down the military connection. Into the '70s, G.I. Joes featured "lifelike hair" and "kung-fu grip" and were outfitted with scuba gear to save the oceans

and explorer's clothing for discovering mummies. Hasbro discontinued production later that decade. In the early 1980s, Hasbro shrank Joe to 3¾ inches, the same size as figures made popular by "Star Wars." It has stuck to that size, with the occasional issue of larger special editions. Over the decades, G.I. Joe has spawned comic books, cartoons, two movies starring Channing Tatum, and a G.I. Joe Collector's Club and its annual convention - GIJoeCon - held in Dallas in April. But for many G.I. Joe fans of a certain age, the newer products hold no appeal. "The 12-inch G.I. Joe built that company," said Tearle Ashby, of the New York village of Ballston Spa. "The stuff they put out now is garbage." Ashby, a psychotherapist who turns 50 in June, played with G.I. Joes as a boy, but few survived, falling victim to encounters with firecrackers and little parachutes that failed to open. "Casualties of war," said Ashby, who started collecting 12-inch G.I. Joes 20 years ago and now owns about 2,000. On Saturday, he and other collectors plan to bring their 12-inch G.I. Joes to the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs to celebrate the 50th birthday. The exact date of G.I. Joe's introduction remains hazy. Ashby and others, including Hasbro, believe it was in February 1964 - but American International Toy Fair organizers say it was held in March that year. Hasbro said it intends to announce details of its 50th anniversary plans during this year's fair in New York on Feb. 16-19. G.I. Joe was elected into Toy Hall of Fame in 2004, six years after Barbie was enshrined. Hogan said the hall doesn't have policies prohibiting toy weapons from induction, although all candidates must be deemed safe. The U.S. was in the early stages of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq a decade ago, so G.I. Joe's induction didn't meet the opposition it might have faced as the conflicts dragged on, Hogan said. "I suspect," she said, "most people would have acknowledged that G.I. Joe really does belong in the Toy Hall of Fame."

Mar. 7, 2014

The Mega Millions jackpot has soared to \$270 million, the highest it has been in 2014. Interested players can buy a ticket for \$1 at most convenience and grocery stores in South Carolina and for an additional \$1, you can buy the Megaplier to multiply non-jackpot prizes by 2, 3, 4 or 5. There have only been 10 larger jackpots in the history of the game. Tickets must be bought by 10 p.m. Friday for the 11 p.m. drawing. The odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 259 million with a \$151 million cash payout.

Mar. 10, 2014

The Greenville Road Warriors announced the team donated more than \$17,500 to the American Cancer Society after the team's first-ever Stick it to Cancer night. The Feb. 21 event was considered a success by the team for raising cancer awareness and money for the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. The Stick it to Cancer night included a post-game auction jersey with Alternate Captain Brad Cole's going for \$4,000, which the team said was the highest bid ever for a Road Warriors jersey. FOX Carolina anchor Cody Alcorn was in attendance for the night that included a chuck-a-puck promotion and special Stick it to Cancer T-shirts with the proceeds being donated to charity. "Working with the American Cancer Society to deliver this fantastic event was a true pleasure," said Road Warriors General Manager Chris Lewis. "The generosity and passion of the Road Warriors fan base is unmatched and this

donation is another wonderful illustration of the tremendous support the Greenville community provides to those who need it most," Lewis said. The Road Warriors also partnered with Bon Secours St. Francis Health System [for](#) the event.

Mar. 20, 2014

A South Carolina organization is offering a free chance to learn [more](#) about healthy, affordable eating in local grocery stores. Registered dietitians are offering guided tours Thursday at select Bi-Lo grocery stores around the state. A second round of tours is planned for Saturday. The effort is being put on by the South Carolina Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics as part of National Nutrition Month. No sign-up is required to take part in one of the tours. The tour includes Upstate stops Thursday and Saturday in Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood and Spartanburg. [Click here](#) for information on times and locations.

Mar. 27, 2014

A firefighter had to be taken to the hospital for heat exhaustion from battling a blaze that destroyed a home in the Enoree area on Thursday. Fire Chief Brent Peeler of Glen Springs/Pauline Fire Department said no cause had been determined for the fire that leveled the home on Baggett Road, off Blackstock Road. Peeler said he believes explosions heard within the home might have been due to ammunition that was inside. Firefighters from Roebuck, Glen Springs, Hobbeville, Poplar Springs, Cross and Woodruff assisted in fighting the fire. Peeler said the hospitalized firefighter will be okay.

Mar. 28, 2014

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office served an arrest warrant on Friday and located a meth lab, deputies told a FOX Carolina photojournalist at the scene. Deputies said five adults were arrested and four children removed from the house on Fowler Circle. The sheriff's office said it is an ongoing investigation.

Mar. 29, 2014

One morning, many stories. The three women woke before sunrise that day, leaving their hotel while it was still dark and boarding a small plane in Katmandu, Nepal, for a look at Mount Everest. They were Chinese retirees, avid photographers ending a two-week tour of the Himalayan nation. Late that night, after a stopover in Kuala Lumpur, they would head home to Beijing. The Indonesian couple woke up at home, a tidy two-story concrete-walled house down a small alley in the city of Medan. A taxi arrived a few hours later to take them to the airport, starting them on a journey to a long-anticipated vacation

without their children, a trip to China to see the Great Wall and Beijing's Forbidden City. In Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown, the artists and calligraphers headed down to breakfast about 8 a.m. Some had been celebrating the night before, downing shots of the powerful Chinese liquor called Xifengjiu at the end of almost a week exhibiting their work. But they gathered early in the hotel restaurant, ready for a day of sightseeing and shopping before the late-night flight back to Beijing. And in Perth, in western Australia, the 39-year-old mechanical engineer woke up early in his red-roofed bungalow, leaving his wife and their two young boys for a 28-day mining job in Mongolia. Just before he headed to the airport, on his way to connecting flights in Kuala Lumpur and Beijing, Paul Weeks gave his wife his wedding ring and watch for safekeeping. If anything happened to him, he said, he wanted the boys to have them someday. "Don't be stupid!" she told him. It was Friday morning, March 7. By that evening, they would all be together in a departure lounge in Kuala Lumpur's airport, with its granite floors and soaring ceilings and tiny plot of transplanted, living rainforest. And a little after midnight on March 8, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 took off for Beijing, carrying 239 people inside its meticulously engineered metal shell. We know only the broadest outlines of what happened next. Soon after takeoff, Flight 370 disappeared. Its transponders had been switched off. Soon, the blip was gone from radars. This past week, after more than two weeks of searches across tens of thousands of square miles, Malaysia's prime minister announced that satellite data showed the plane's last known position to be in a remote corner of the Indian Ocean, far from its destination and far from any possible landing sites. How it happened, and why, remains unclear. Perhaps it was a hijacking, perhaps pilot suicide, perhaps a catastrophic malfunction. It had been a heavily Asian passenger list, reflecting both the locale of the flight and the changing face of the continent, home to a new generation of 21st-century people who form an emerging tourist and traveling class. Some of those aboard were heading home, others just making a quick stopover. Some were returning from their first trip abroad. For others, foot soldiers in Asia's growing economies, it was just one more connecting flight in a lifetime of connecting flights. The people at airports, those who get dropped off, proceed through security and make their way to their gates, are usually right in the middle of the business of their lives. Much of what happens is not even memorable. But now, for many who knew the people aboard Flight 370, that last full day looms so large. Everyday details, now loaded with the ballast of hindsight, take on fresh weight. But does it mean anything that Liu Rusheng, at 76 one of the oldest of the 19 Chinese artists and calligraphers, argued with his wife shortly before their plane took off? Does it mean anything that Zhao Zhaofang, known for her delicate paintings of peonies, bought Malaysian chocolates that afternoon to take home as a present? Is it important that Paul Weeks told his wife that his wedding ring should go to the first of his sons to get married, or that Chandrika Sharma, an Indian social activist on her way to a conference in Mongolia, called her elderly mother just before the plane took off? It's only in retrospect that what happened that Friday now seems anything more than prosaic, more than just another passing day. "By the time we arrived at the (Katmandu) airport, the sun had already risen, so we flew over the mountains as we embraced the rising sun," said Wang Dongcheng, 65, a retired professor of Chinese literature who was on the Everest flight with the three women who would disappear with Flight 370. Most of those on the tour were retired Chinese academics. Only some had chosen to take the Everest tour. Many had been put off by the small plane or the \$230 price tag. The three women, though, had carefully prepared, putting on bright clothing and scarves, ready for when the plane landed with Mount Everest in the background. "They loved to be photographed, and they were dressed for photos," Wang said. "They were very beautiful." Wang declined to reveal the full names of the women, but The Associated Press confirmed their identities independently. One, 62-year-old Ding Ying, had been a

happy, talkative presence throughout the tour, always telling jokes. Another, Chen Yun, said one of her Everest photos might be the best she had ever taken. Yang Xiaoming spoke about how much she'd learned in Nepal, and how she was thinking of going on an upcoming tour to England, Ireland and Iceland. Plans for future trips, though, suddenly seem almost disrespectful. "I don't think anyone is in the mood to think about it now," Wang says. Of the 23 people on the tour, he said nine walked onto the Malaysia Airlines flight when boarding was announced. In Medan, on the east coast of Indonesia's Sumatra island, Sugianto Lo had dreamed for years of a vacation alone with his wife, Vinny Chynthya Tio. But the couple - he was an electrical contractor, she a mechanical engineer - had had little time for vacations. They had worked their way onto the lower rungs of Indonesia's new middle class, and they had three children to send to college. So when a friend gave them the gift of a trip to China, they were thrilled to accept. "It was like a dream come true," said Santi Lo, Sugianto's younger sister, who with her mother is now caring for the children left behind. "They were so happy and excited to go." Leaving turned out to be difficult. The couple, both 47, worried about their children, from whom they had never been separated, and called repeatedly from the airports in Medan and Kuala Lumpur. They worried their oldest, 17-year-old Antonio, might not come home before dark while they were gone, and they called and sent him text messages, reminding him of his responsibility to his younger brother and sister. "They asked Antonio to be a good example to his siblings, and take care of them," Santi said, weeping. For the 19 artists and calligraphers, the visit to Kuala Lumpur was their first trip to Malaysia. While the exhibition had gone well, many had suffered badly with the city's heat. So that Friday - a day spent largely in air-conditioned malls and the Petronas Twin Towers - was in many ways a respite. In the afternoon there was a stop at the Oz-like royal palace, where many took photos with the scarlet-clad cavalry guards. They left early for the airport, since many had delicate artwork to pack, and they stopped at a Chinese restaurant not far away for a last meal in Malaysia. They chose a restaurant that served halal food to make things easier on the group's lone Muslim, who had rarely been able to eat with the larger contingent. Liu, the elderly calligrapher, sang for the bus as they headed to the airport. Many clapped along. The mood was spirited. At the airport, though, Liu complained to his wife that she had done a poor job packing his paintings, said Xu Lipu, an artist on the trip who took a separate flight back to China. "They were a little bit angry with each other," he said. Xu, who had gone to the airport to drop off the travelers, said there were no heartfelt partings. And as with so many planes leaving so many airports on an increasingly connected planet, Flight 370 went on its way - another routine departure beginning a trip that would be anything but. "We and the other artists did not really say goodbye," Xu said. "I went to the toilet and came back, and I didn't see the artists again." Sullivan reported from New Delhi, Ng from Kuala Lumpur. Associated Press writers Didi Tang, Gillian Wong and Ian Mader in Beijing, Fu Ting in Shanghai, Niniek Karmini in Jakarta, Indonesia, and Binaj Gurubacharya in Katmandu, Nepal, contributed to this report.

Mar. 31, 2014

Tuesday is the first day drivers in Greenville may be stopped by police if they're seen behind the wheel holding a phone. Passed in February, the city of Greenville is working to keep cell phones, GPS and other electronic devices out of the hands of drivers through its new distracted driving ban. Unless your device is hands-free or your car is legally parked, drivers not wanting to face a \$100 fine for the first offense should avoid holding or using their phones and GPS while on the road. To help drivers know when they are in the city limits, officials have put up 33 signs across town that remind drivers of the ban. The law does allow drivers to use their devices while driving as long as it is hands-free, through a speaker phone, Bluetooth, or mounted holder. Click to see more dos and don'ts for the distracted driving ordinance. Curious if you can dial, accept an incoming call or end a call while behind the wheel? The law says it is OK as long it's hands-free and your device is secured in a holder and you do not hold the device in your hand to manipulate the keyboard or the screen. If you're stopped at a light or in traffic, unless you are using your device hands-free, you cannot use it. You can only hold your phone or other mobile device in your hand(s) to use it when you are legally parked. There are a few exceptions to the law. The ordinance includes an exemption that allows a driver to use a hand-held device to report a crime (such as a suspected drunk driver) or to report an emergency situation to the appropriate authorities. Public safety personnel such as police, firefighters, ambulance drivers and other emergency medical services personnel are allowed to use a hand-held device while driving as long as they are using it to perform their official duties. Additionally, the law does not apply to the use of devices such as direct connect, two-way, push button activated voice radios. Drivers who violate the law can be stopped by officers, as the distracted driving ban is considered a primary offense. The penalty is a fine of up to \$100, plus court costs. The fine increases for second and third violations. Greenville police will have the option to enforce the ordinance through warnings for a period of time.

*Attachments*



*Crime*

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
FOURTH QUARTER 2013**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>
Monday – Friday	12:00pm	COPS

Description: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA’S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

Description: The FOX Carolina’s Most Wanted airs during the Ten O’clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

- Public Service Announcements Aired: **Texting & Driving**

Jan. 17, 2014

The Oconee County Sheriff's Office has charged two men with murder after a missing man's body was found in his burned down home in Westminster on Friday. Deputies have charged Joshua Michael Fulbright, 28, and Patrick Grant Covone, both of Westminster, with murder in the death of 61-year-old Richard Marszalek, according to Jimmy Watt of the sheriff's office. Watt said investigators believe the murder happened sometime between Dec. 27 and Dec. 29 at 141 West Spearman Rd. in Westminster, which the victim shared with Covone. Watt said a woman went to the sheriff's office this past Saturday and reported that Marszalek had been missing since Dec. 29. The home Marszalek was living in burned to the ground just six days after he reportedly went missing. According to warrants provided by the sheriff's office, Fulbright and Covone caused the death of Marszalek "due to blunt force trauma about the head." Fulbright was arrested on Jan. 12 on multiple drug charges and faced a judge on Friday afternoon for the murder charge and four other charges from another incident in September of 2013. Covone was arrested and served with a murder warrant at 8:30 p.m. Friday. Watt did not comment on the condition of the victim's body. An autopsy has been scheduled for Sunday. The sheriff's office is still investigating.

Jan. 18, 2014

Deputies in Henderson County said they charged one of their own after the school resource officer was accused of having sexual contact with a student he was assigned to protect. Chief Deputy Frank Stout said Deputy Daniel Lindsey, 27, was taken into custody at his Mountain Rest home just after midnight on Saturday and charged with three felony counts of sex offense with a student. Stout said Lindsey was a school resource officer at the Balfour Educational Center. Stout said the sheriff's office learned about the accusations on Friday afternoon and immediately began investigating. Sheriff Charles McDonald said deputies discovered evidence that Lindsey had sexual contact with a then 16-year-old female on three occasions on October and once in December 2013. McDonald said there is no evidence that Lindsey was involved with any other students. Lindsey began working with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office in 2008 and was terminated at the time of his arrest, McDonald said. Lindsey was arraigned and released on a \$45,000 bond and is expected to make his first appearance in court on Tuesday, McDonald said. McDonald said deputies are working with the district attorney's office and that he expects that more charges will be added against Lindsey.

Jan. 21, 2014

A shooter at Purdue University killed one person at the electrical engineering building Tuesday. The victim has been identified as 21-year-old Andrew F. Boldt from the West Bend, WI, area. He was a senior at Purdue. The suspected gunman, 23-year-old Cody Cousins, has been booked in the Tippecanoe County jail on a preliminary charge of murder. Cousins was also a senior enrolled in the College of Engineering. The victim "appeared to have been targeted" said Purdue Police Chief John Cox. "It was not an active shooter incident." Cox said the shooter allegedly fired four to five shots, then left the building. The shooting took place around noon ET. The building remains shut down by police. Classes have been canceled through Wednesday and counselors are being made available to students, faculty and staff. "Violent crime, whenever and wherever it occurs, shocks our conscience and incites our rage. When it happens in our home, to a family member - and as a Boilermaker Andrew Boldt was family to us - those emotions are more powerful still," said Purdue President Mitch Daniels, in a statement. "Our prayers tonight are with Andrew and with his parents, who have suffered a loss beyond calculation or consolation." Students were asked to shelter in place for nearly an hour. Multiple emergency vehicles were parked outside the electrical engineering building in the immediate aftermath, as law enforcement officials moved about. A candlelight vigil has been scheduled for Tuesday night. The land-grant university was founded May 6, 1869, with money from John Purdue. The school specializes in science and engineering. It has an enrollment of nearly 40,000.

Jan. 23, 2014

Anderson County deputies said a man has been charged after he shot his son-in-law at a home in Starr Thursday morning. Lt. Sheila Cole with Anderson County deputies said the victim was shot about 9:45 a.m. and airlifted to Greenville Memorial Hospital. Following the shooting, Cole said deputies surrounded the area to keep an eye on a house along First Avenue where they said the shooter was located. The intersection of First Avenue and Hebron Church Road was shutdown as deputies set up a perimeter before the shooter was taken into custody. About 11:10 a.m., Cole said they took the suspect into custody and called off the large law enforcement presence. Cole said the suspect was 68-year-old Kenneth Brock, of Starr, and he was the victim's father-in-law. She said he was taken to the sheriff's office for questioning. Cole said the victim, 48-year-old Clyde Tippins, Jr., was shot in the upper leg and is expected to be OK. Deputies have not said what led up to the shooting. On Friday, investigator charged Brock with attempted murder in an apparent domestic dispute, Cole said. Prior to being charged with attempted murder, Brock was held at the Anderson County Detention Center on a possession of a firearm, a convicted felon charge, which stemmed from a 1995 conviction for manufacturing or possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$25,000 and the judge said he cannot have contact with the victim. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest in this developing story.

Feb. 4, 2014

Federal prosecutors in South Carolina say 10 people are charged in a lottery scam. U.S. Attorney Bill Nettles said Tuesday nine people from South Carolina and one person from Georgia had been charged as part of a conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. Prosecutors say the scammers targeted older people, notifying them that they had won a lottery or sweepstakes but needed to pay fees in advance in order to receive their winnings. Authorities say more than 200 people paid more than \$1 million to receive their non-existent lottery prizes. The defendants each face up to 20 years in prison and fines of \$250,000 if convicted.

Feb. 6, 2014

A western North Carolina man who did not show up in court in connection with a fatal crash case was arrested in Central Florida. Transylvania County Sheriff David Mahoney said Scott McCombs, 37, was arrested in Orlando, FL. McCombs was wanted since late December when he did not appear in court on several charges, including misdemeanor death by motor vehicle and felony hit-and-run. Deputies said McCombs is accused of hitting and killing 58-year-old Jerry Morgan, of Brevard, in a December 2012 crash then fleeing the scene. When he did not show up for his court date, deputies said he was wanted for failure to appear. Orange County online jail records show McCombs was arrested on Tuesday by Orlando police on a fugitive charge along with breaking and or entering, felony larceny and failure to yield right of way. Mahoney said he does not know how long it will take to extradite McCombs back to Brevard because he faces charges in Orlando too.

Feb. 6, 2014

After one man died and another one was injured in a shooting at a Greenville County birthday party, deputies said they have made an arrest in the case. Greenville County deputies said John Cureton, 29, was arrested in connection with the shooting on Luke Lane at Dixie Circle. Deputies said the shots were fired during a birthday party at a trailer Monday night; one victim was found in the living room and the other in the kitchen. Deputies said the victims were outside when someone behind a nearby trailer fired shots. One of the victims, 22-year-old Javario Brooks, died at the hospital, according to the coroner. Deputies said Cureton was arrested Wednesday on the charges of murder, attempted murder and possession of a firearm during a violent crime. Deputies have not said what the motive behind the shooting was, but according to his arrest warrants, investigators received statements identifying Cureton as the shooter.

Feb. 26, 2014

Greenville police said they have signed arrest warrants for the woman accused of shoplifting from Dillard's then hitting an employee with her car who tried to stop her from getting away. Police said 32-year-old Rosa Aguilera, of Gaffney, is wanted on attempted murder and armed robbery charges in connection with Sunday's shoplifting incident. According to her arrest warrants, a Dillard's employee saw Aguilera put the clothes in a Belk's bag then leave without paying. The employee ran after her into the parking garage and when he spotted Aguilera, he waved at her to stop but she accelerated towards him, hitting the employee in the leg with her car, the warrants stated. Police said the victim was thrown onto the hood of the car and Aguilera was able to get away. Because of the circumstances, Johnathan Bragg with the Greenville Police Department said the shoplifting charge was upgraded to armed robbery. Aguilera is believed to be driving a black 2000 Volkswagen Beetle with tag JAQ888, Bragg said. Anyone with information about Aguilera's whereabouts is asked to call Greenville police or Crime Stoppers at 864-23-CRIME.

Feb. 26, 2014

An Asheville man who had severe head trauma died and the man accused of attacking him is in jail, according to police. Police said they were called to the Pisgah View Apartments Tuesday about 9:15 p.m. for an assault. According to police, the victim, Richard Smith, 59, of Clyde, was found with severe injuries and was taken to the hospital where he later died. According to police, Gary Jenkins, 43, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in connection with death. He is being held without bond at the county jail.

Mar. 4, 2014

Greenville County deputies are investigating an Upstate special education teacher's death after she was found dead following a fire at a local hotel. Dispatchers said they received a call about an explosion at the Quality Inn and Suites motel on South Pleasantburg Drive near Mauldin Road at 5:28 a.m. Monday. Deputy Jennings Autry said a woman was found dead inside the room where the reported explosion occurred, but there were no other injuries reported. He said guests in the surrounding rooms were evacuated. Coroner Parks Evans said the woman had to be identified with dental records because of the severity of her burns. Evans identified her as 39-year-old Laurie Patton, of Travelers Rest. He said her cause and manner of death are still pending. According to the Greenville County Schools spokesperson, Patton was a special education resources teacher at Berea Middle School since 2005. The school district said additional counselors are on hand to meet with staff and students in the wake of Patton's death. "Laurie Patton was an amazing person and inspiring teacher and friend who cared so deeply about her students, their families, and fellow teachers and school staff," said Robin Mill, Principal. "Our Berea Middle School community is devastated by her loss. We will continue to pray for her family as we work through our own grief." Deputies investigate fire, damage to hotel room

Deputies said there were signs of a fire contained to the motel room. Specially trained arson investigators were at the scene Monday afternoon but have not released information about what could have started the fire. The Greenville County Sheriff's Office Meth Team also responded to the incident and did not find evidence of a meth lab, according to deputies. Guests at the motel said they were awoken and evacuated to the motel lobby. One motel guest told FOX Carolina he awoke to the sound of busted glass and a bunch of screaming coming from a room. He said he stepped outside to see what was going on and in the room two doors down, he saw a busted window and someone spraying a fire extinguisher into the room. He said smoke was coming from the room and people were yelling about the fire. Another motel guest who was staying in the room right next door to where the woman and fire were discovered said she heard glass breaking and ran out to see two people running from the scene. She said she helped spray the fire extinguisher into the room and knock on doors to wake people up. Deputies said witnesses reported an explosion but they have not determined what the sound was at this time. Deputies to question man arrested in GA in connection with case Deputy Jonathan Smith said the hotel room was rented to Patton and her car was located in Georgia during an unrelated traffic stop Monday. Smith said a man was driving Patton's car when he was stopped and the charges he was arrested on were unrelated to the hotel death investigation. He said the sheriff's office does not have any charges against him at this time. According to Sgt. Carissa McFaddin with the Banks County Sheriff's Office, deputies stopped the car along Interstate 85 Monday morning because he was going about 35 mph. The man, identified as Darrin Eskew, was acting "erratic and unpredictable," according to McFaddin. She said when deputies tried to get him out of the car, he tried to hit a deputy in the face. A struggle ensued and deputies shocked Eskew with a taser, McFaddin said. She said deputies only received superficial injuries during the struggle. Eskew was arrested and charged with two counts of felony obstruction of an officer and miscellaneous traffic charges. McFaddin said Greenville County deputies planned to speak with Eskew about their investigation, but did not have any other details to release.

Mar. 10, 2014

Coroner park Evans said they are looking at the possibility that the baby was sleeping in unsafe conditions. Greenville County deputies said they discovered an Upstate woman was operating an unlicensed daycare at her home, keeping more than a dozen kids, when a 3-month-old died while in her care. Deputies said they were called to the Donnington Drive home about an unresponsive child. The coroner said the baby was found in a bassinet and all efforts to revive her did not work. While at the scene, deputies learned the daycare operating at the home had many more children in the operator's care than was allowed. Pamela Wood, 49, ran the daycare at her home and was licensed to only keep six children by the Department of Social Services, deputies said. But when they responded on Feb. 21, they said they found a total of 23 kids - some of them left unsupervised. According to deputies, Wood told them there were only six kids at the home but then they found Wood's 16-year-old daughter hiding in the basement with 14 other children and also found a toddler alone in the backyard. Two children were alone in a bedroom with a loaded gun on a shelf they could reach, according to her arrest warrants. Warrants state deputies found a working toaster on the floor, alcohol and cleaning fluids under the kitchen sink and medications on the kitchen counter all without child-proof locks to keep the kids out of the area. Wood was arrested and charged with obstructing justice, violation of daycare licensing and unlawful neglect of a child. According to her arrest warrants, Wood also lied to investigators about the infant's death. Warrants state Wood was paid to take care of all the children at the home and DSS had prior history of her having too many kids in her care. Coroner Parks Evans said they are looking at the possibility that the baby was sleeping in unsafe conditions. He said several other items were found in the bassinet along with the baby, such as stuffed animals and blankets. Evans said the cause and manner of death is pending further investigation, and he will not be sure until an autopsy is complete. Wood was arrested on Saturday and released on \$11,000 bond.

Mar. 24, 2014

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office investigated four armed robberies Monday night and so far two are believed to be connected according to deputies. Lt. Tim Ridgeway said it all started when robbers pulled a gun on a man leaving a soccer game on Bridgeport Drive around 9:20 p.m. Monday. "It makes me very uncomfortable, you know. I mean, I'm out here a lot," Katie Bray said on Tuesday. She usually brings her dogs to the park near the soccer field. "I normally feel relatively safe down here because the neighbors are right up there and the community pool," Bray said. "It definitely changes your mindset when you're just walking through the neighborhood." On Monday night after the first robbery, investigators say a woman reported being robbed in her driveway on Bridlestone Court in Simpsonville, followed by a man being robbed in his yard on Cherrystone Court, according to Ridgeway. The last robbery was reported on Pine Valley Road. In this case, robbers wearing masks came to a woman's front door, deputies said. Ridgeway said the robberies on Pine Valley Road and Bridgeport Drive look to be related at this time. According to deputies, the victims reported two different vehicles being used in the crimes, a dark gray Honda Accord and a dark red Malibu. Ridgeway said they located the Honda

Accord and have three suspects detained. No charges have been filed yet. Ridgeway said the victims reported men and women being involved in the robberies. No injuries were reported. If you have any information, you're asked to call the Greenville County Sheriff's Office or dial 911.

Mar. 25, 2014

The Pickens County coroner was called to a small mobile home park in the Dacusville area after a man was found dead on Tuesday. Chief Deputy Creed Hashe said shortly after 7 p.m. they responded to a call about gunshots and found a man dead from apparent gunshot wounds at a mobile home on Franklin Finley Road. He said the case stemmed from a domestic fight between family members and they do not believe there is any threat to the community. Hashe said two adults were in the home when the incident occurred and they were being questioned to determine the circumstances, but nobody has been arrested or charged at this time. Coroner Kandy Kelley identified the man as 47-year-old Travis Whitman, who lived at the home where he was shot in the chest. The sheriff's office and coroner are investigating the death as a homicide. Deputies said they are testing two firearms found inside the home to confirm if one of them was the weapon used to kill Whitman. Hashe said there were no children at the home and there were no other injuries. Stay with foxcarolina.com and FOX Carolina News for this developing story.

Mar. 26, 2014

The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office is asking the public for help identifying two suspects in connection with a breaking and entering in Weaverville. Public Information Officer Natalie Bailey said the two suspects entered the store at 388 Barnardsville Hwy. in Weaverville on March 16 at 1:38 a.m. and took an undisclosed amount of cash. Bailey released surveillance video and pictures from the incident on Wednesday and asked the public for help identifying the suspects. Anyone with information about the incident or the suspects is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 828-250-5050 or the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office at 828-250-6670. Bailey said information leading to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward.

Mar. 31, 2014

The second of three puppies taken from Anderson County PAWS on March 12 has been located after deputies said it was sold to a Navy sailor. A spokesperson for the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, Lt. Sheila Cole, said they located the puppy after serving a search warrant on one of the four siblings accused of taking the dogs. Cole said the dogs were sold to a Navy technician located in Beaufort, SC. The sailor was found and told deputies he paid \$45 to two of the suspects for the border collie/retriever mix, according to Cole. Cole said the sailor has been in contact with Anderson County PAWs and has met the requirements to keep the puppy. The third puppy, an American bluetick/heeler mix, has not

been located at this time. According to Cole, the third puppy was given to a young female driver in a Mitsubishi Eclipse at the Pilot Travel Center in Piedmont. The sheriff's office asks anyone with information on the person to call Investigator Gene Culbertson at 864-231-2807.