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"We will cling to the pillars of the temple of our liberties
and, if it must fall, we will perish amidst the ruins."

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Town Plans for Future Events: A New Fountain At Slade Lake

Members of the business community of Edgefield, along with town officials and organizations joined together for a meeting last Thursday evening to discuss the economic development of the community and to find ways to improve tourism and business.

One of the exciting announcements is the fountain at Slade Lake, to be installed in three weeks. It will have lights at night making it a real evening attraction as well as day-time.

Edgefield Community Development Association president Sharon Nunamaker, one of the hosts for the meeting, noted the number of groups represented: ECDA, Town officials, Michelle Collum of S.C. National Heritage Corridor, Edgefield County Historical Society, OEDGS of the Tompkins Library, UDC of Oakley Park, Edgefield County Theatre Company, Edgefield Pottery and the Pottery Center and businesses at large. About thirty were in attendance, one of the best representations at these meetings which have been taking place ev-

Murder in Edgefield County Suspect and Accessory in Custody

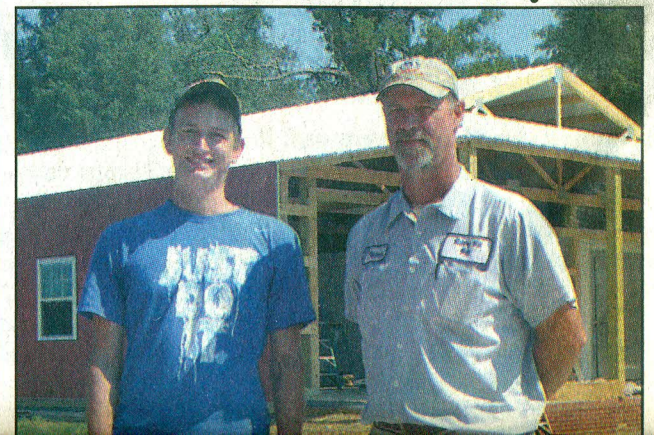
An early morning shooting at a private party off Bettis Academy Road Sunday morning has left one man dead and another man and his girlfriend in jail. The Edgefield County Sheriff's Office responded to a homicide call around 2 a.m. Aug. 19 at the former Executive Car Care on Edgefield Road. There they found one man dead from what Edgefield County Coroner Thurmond Burnett confirmed was 2 gunshots to the head. The victim has been

identified as 33-year-old Marshall Butler, Jr. of Johnston.

According to the ECSO, the victim was attending a party at the location when he got into an argument with another man and his girlfriend. Shots were fired at the victim, who was unarmed, and the pair with whom the victim had been arguing fled the scene. Eyewitnesses' descriptions led investigators to a location in Aiken

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Austrian Intern at Hickory Hill



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Taylor Earnhardt Putnam, a competitor in the Southern Rodeo Association, the rodeo at Lazy J Arena in Edgefield County, S.C., this coming weekend (Aug. 24, 25), has a name of interest that speaks to an inheritance of speed and passion for competition.

Born the youngest daughter of Dale and Teresa Earnhardt, Taylor has a winning and a competitive spirit in her blood. With a love of speed, Taylor continues to carry on the tradition of the family name to the winner's circle, only she prefers fast horses to horsepower.

From the young age of 3, Taylor Nicole Earnhardt gained a love of horseback riding and the

great outdoors from her father, 7 time racing Champion Dale Earnhardt.

Taylor began competing in the Junior Southern Rodeo Association (JSRA), the Southern Rodeo Association (SRA) and the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA). In 2002, she earned the title of North Carolina NBHA Champion and again in 2003 she earned top honors as Champion of the Southern Rodeo Association.

In 2008, Taylor won the coveted World Champion All-Around title at a racing event in Marshall, Texas, and soon after took honors at the highly acclaimed All-American barrel race in Jackson, Mississippi. It was at this

time that Taylor met her new husband, Brandon Putnam, a fellow rodeo competitor at his calf-roping event.

Taylor took her career to the next level in 2009, when she had

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The following
Edgefield County offices
will be closed
Monday, September 3, 2012
in observance of
Labor Day

**Auditor • Building Department
Courthouse • Magistrate
County Administration
Recreation
Veterans Affairs
Voter Registration**

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THE FARM

by Jack Reece

This could have been nothing more than a travel log describing the quiet solitude of the countryside with all of nature's beauty wrapping its arms around those that journey to this place as a last chance to survive. In fact the first five or six attempts to write this were sent to the trash bin because they reeked of just that. Recovery Works is a residential recovery facility for men with alcohol and drug addiction located on the outskirts of Ridge Spring, South Carolina. As most things in life one finds that it represents stories far deeper, serious and yes sometimes controversial than its beautiful pastoral setting.

It is best that I tell you how I managed to get myself into the chore of trying to write this. Several weeks ago two gentlemen dropped by the office to ask directions to the office of one of Edgefield's lawyers and as I provided the information request-

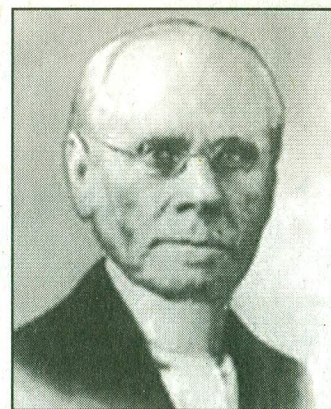
friends described as a place where men's lives were restored using an interesting therapeutic approach called work. "Our residents work for what they get at our facility because we believe people thrive when they are contributing and needed," Flint stated proudly. I immediately told Flint that the philosophy he had espoused was a breath of fresh air but how did he conclude that it would really work. "Because I am a product of the therapy," he closed the door.

As I turned into the entrance to Recovery Works, very early in the morning, the first thing to catch my eye was a young man working to remove a very large stump from the premises using an ax and a shovel. The first question I asked of the administrator that greeted me was whether or not the stump remover was a resident of the program. His response of yes gave

Southern Baptist Convention Makes History Again Edgefield County's Historic Connection to the SBC Examined

Even if you are not of the Baptist faith, chances are you have still heard the news that the Southern Baptist Convention recently made history electing their first African American president. Rev. Fred Luter, Jr., pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, was unanimously elected to the post by some 7,700 "messenger" at the convention's June 19, 2012, meeting. While Rev. Luter is the face now leading the world's largest Baptist organization and the largest Protestant body in the United States, on its inception in 1845, the man voted to head the newly formed Southern Baptist Convention hailed from Edgefield, S.C.

William Bullien Johnson was the first president of the SBC



William Bullien Johnson, first president of the SBC, 1845.

serve as pastor of Edgefield Baptist Church. Rev. Johnson had previously served as president of the Triennial Convention (formerly known as the General Missionary Convention of the Rep-



Rev. Fred Luter, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, 2012.

sifying the largely white convention. As reported by *The Baptist Courier* in their Aug. 16, 2012, edition, Rev. Luter himself made reference to this in a speech at the Black Church Leadership

expect me to nominate more African-Americans to serve on SBC boards and committees." While he reportedly expressed excitement at this prospect, he went on to caution those churches represented at the event by saying, "You and your churches must be involved in the Cooperative Program and your local association for me to do that. It's the way the SBC operates."

Local African American minister Rev. Eddie Woods of the Trinity Community Church in Edgefield referred to this diversifying aspect in a recent conversation with the *Advertiser* editor. His comments to her in essence spoke of his hope, too, that Luter's election will help to diversify Baptist associations



Josef Kals and Watson Dorn at Hickory Hill Dairy Farm. Story on page 1, sec. 2.

ferences between today's and yesterday's job search techniques; 3 p.m. "Resume Clinic/WIN Lab" Bring a copy of your resume for analysis or bring the information to create a resume. Info: call 803 637-4029.

Brotherhood Program: The Brotherhood of the Pleasant Lane Missionary Baptist will have it's 2nd annual Brotherhood program Sat., Sept. 8, at 4:00 in the afternoon. The public is invited.

Church Anniversary: Mount Canaan Baptist Church (2451 Edgefield Road, Trenton) will commemorate its one hundred forty fourth year of existence through special praise and worship service on Sunday morning, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. Rev. Daniel L. Johnston will be the guest speaker. The pastor, Rev. George L. Brightharp, and congregants invite you to be a part of this service. Please come!

Regularly Scheduled Local Meetings

Edgefield Town Council will meet the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Edgefield Town Hall (use rear entrance).

Edgefield County meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at County Council Chambers on Jeter Street.

Johnston Town Council meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Johnston Town Hall.

Trenton Town Council meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Trenton Town Hall.

Edgefield County Planning Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at County Council Chambers on Jeter Street.

ECDA (Edgefield Community Development Assoc.) meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall council chambers.

Lion's Club Edgefield Lion's Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Edgefield Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

American Legion American Legion Post 30 meets 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hut on Penn Street.

C.S.R.A. Fibromyalgia Group: The C.S.R.A. Fibromyalgia Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Edgefield County Hospital in the conference room at 6:30.

AA Meetings: The Edgefield Co. Group of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets 5 p.m. Sundays at Bob's Cafe, 217 Simkins St., and noon on Thursdays at Trinity Episcopal Church, Simkins St. (Enter from Wigfall St.)

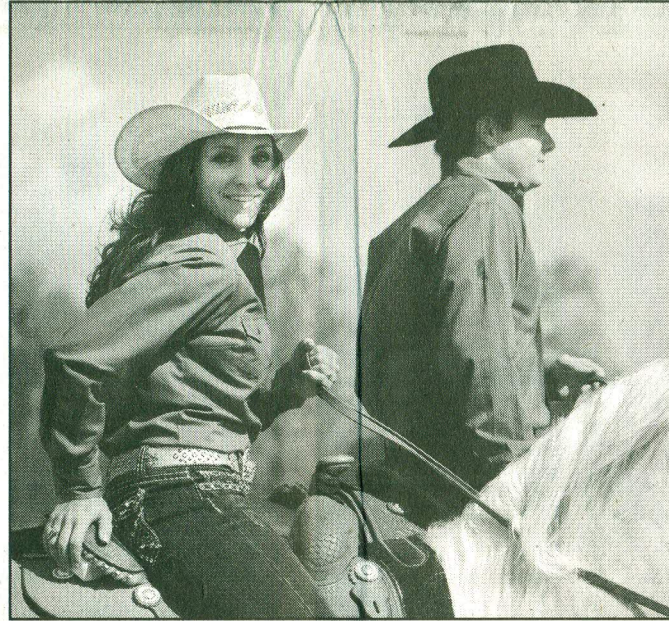
Edgefield Co. Hospital Board: Edgefield County Hospital Board of Trustees meet the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Rodeo

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the opportunity to travel to London to participate in a prestigious equestrian training program with

the Ross Nye Stables.

When asked why she loves horses: "My whole family likes going fast," says Taylor Earnhardt. "Everybody else runs on 800 horsepower, I run on one."



Taylor Earnhardt

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO FINAL ACTION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN ORDINANCE.

Notice is hereby given by the County Council of Edgefield County (the "County Council") that a public hearing for the below-referenced Ordinances will be held at the Council Chambers of the County Council, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield, SC 29824, at 6:00 p.m. on September 4th, 2012 in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the County Council.

Such Ordinance is titled as follows: "AN ORDINANCE REESTABLISHING THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS; SETTING FORTH ITS COMPOSITION, OFFICERS, RULES, MEETING SCHEDULE, NOTICES AND RECORDS; AND SETTING FORTH ITS POWERS AND DUTIES AND AVAILABLE REMEDIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO."

This will be an Ordinance for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Such Ordinance is titled as follows: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, EDGEFIELD COUNTY, ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS"; ADOPTING BUILDING, HOUSING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, GAS AND OTHER REGULATORY CODES INVOLVING PEN-

Taylor has interests, other than speed and competition, stemming from her family. She speaks for The Dale Earnhardt Foundation, established 2002. The mission of The Dale Earnhardt Foundation is to "Continue The Legend" and legacy of Dale Earnhardt: it is committed to children, education and environmental/wildlife preservation through charitable programs and grants.

For those wishing to know more about the upcoming rodeo: Sandi/Wesley Quarles, 803-637-5376; 803-480-0045. Also sandyoaksprorodeo.org

Murder

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County where the two were found.

Fredrick Dale Harvey, Jr., 26, of Allendale, S.C., has been arrested and charged with murder and possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime in connection to this case. His girlfriend, 30-year-old Tonekia Connie Miller, of Aiken, has been charged with accessory after the fact. Both are currently being held in the Edgefield County jail.

The weapon used in this crime has not yet been located. The investigation is ongoing, however, and more charges may yet be forthcoming. Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call the ECSO at 637-5337.

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ner of Lynch and Main, in the former Petal Pushers building.

A big move that developed in the meeting was the planning of a calendar, with each group adding their events to a master calendar for the town.

Beth Worth of the Theatre Company commented that there are so many groups working on

"the meeting room" where I soon joined by two young male adults, Taylor and Christopher, who had sought help here in Ridge Spring. The level of intellect exhibited by these two men shocked me. Shocked me because of my shallow understanding of what I was encountering this summer morning by having the opportunity to enter a world that I had never experienced. It came in rapid fire bursts, stories of making bad decisions, descriptions of professional parents back home, tales of the drug environment and the need to get out of it and a deep desire to overcome the addiction with plans for a sober future. And then the lightning bolt. "We are all manipulators you know. How can you be sure any of this is true?" fired one of the young men. And with that I bade each a very polite goodbye and headed off with my thoughts churning. The stump remover turned out to be just as intelligent, just as forthright and just as determined to win his battle with the drug demon. At this point, having not yet met a hardened criminal, that obviously needed to be kept in a cage until he or she no longer was wasting perfectly good air, I concluded once again that the answer, if there is one is very complex.

As I approached Flint, sitting on the steps of the log cabin, I could tell he had seen this puzzled look before. How many times had he observed people, who had never traveled this road, become acutely aware of the human side of this saga? I told him that I had concluded that this was not going to be as easy to write as I had first anticipated. He knew that before I even arrived on The Farm. I knew that before I ever arrived on the farm. After all we are all manipulators



Daughter of the late Dale Earnhardt, Taylor Putnam will be seen this weekend at the Sandy Oaks Rodeo. More on the front page of *The Advertiser* and on the Sandy Oaks Web site.

2012 summer recreation season coming to an end, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, announces its seasonal closing schedule for day use areas and campgrounds at J. Strom Thurmond Lake.

The following day-use areas will close for the season on Sept. 4: Amity Day-Use Area; Big Hart Day-Use Area; Gill Point Day-Use Area and Parksville Day-Use Area. However, boat ramps located at these recreation areas will remain open throughout the winter for public use.

Below Dam South Carolina Recreation Area and Clarks Hill Day-Use Area will remain open year-round, along with portions of Lake Springs Day-Use Area and West Dam Day-Use Area.

The following campgrounds will close for the season on Sept.

Clay Hill Campground, and Mt. Carmel Campground.

The following campgrounds will close for the season on Sept. 30: Big Hart Campground, Hawe Creek Campground, Hesters Ferry Campground, Modoc Campground, Raysville Campground, Ridge Road Campground, and Winfield Campground.

Bussey Point Campground, LeRoy's Ferry Campground, and portions of Petersburg Campground will continue to remain open year-round.

The Corps of Engineers will announce seasonal openings of these day-use areas and campgrounds as the next recreation season approaches.

For additional information, please contact the J. Strom Thurmond Project Office at 1-800-533-3478 or 1-864-333-1100.

The U.S. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has two upcoming alligator hunting seminars for the public alligator hunt participants, hunting assistants and other interested persons. These seminars will cover such topics as alligator capture and handling techniques, rules and regulations, alligator hunting equipment, processing, and other helpful information.

Alligator seminar dates:

- Aug. 25 - 12 p.m. - Ballentine Community Center - 1009 Bickley Road, Irmo, SC (Off Exit 97 on I-26. Community Center located on Bird Road just past Ballentine Elementary School)
- Sept. 1 - 10 a.m. - Greenville County - University Center of Greenville (old McAlister Square Shopping-Center building). For full story see edgefield-advertiser.com