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**Blood drive**

The Dorchester County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Summerville Law Enforcement Center on Hwy 78 West. Contact Donna Bowen at 832-0311 for more information.

**Art Appreciation**

A class in Art Appreciation is held each Thursday at 10 a.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church, South 3rd Street in Summerville. The class is free and will run for 12 weeks. Call Connie Olson at 832-8458 for information.

**Artists' guild**

The Summerville Artists' Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Cuthbert Center in Azalea Park. Victoria Platt Ellis will be the speaker. For more information, call Nancy at 821-8123.

**Bake Sale**

The Dorchester County Democratic Women will hold a Bake Sale at the Farmer's Market in Summerville on Sept. 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market is next to First Citizen's Bank. Contact MarteTurney at 871-9040 or marty.turney@pdps.net for more information.

**Library friends**

The Friends of the Summerville Library will host a program on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. The next program is about Mateeba Gardens, on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the George H. Seago Jr. Library on Trolley Road

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**REMEMBERING A NATIVE SON**

County officials to conduct ceremony in Troy Knight's honor on Friday



Staff photo by Michael Truslow

The Troy Knight Judicial Center is located next to the Dorchester County Law Enforcement Center (above), which is named in honor of his late grandfather, Sheriff Carl Knight.

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In February, Dorchester County Council expressed its appreciation for the years of devoted public service provided by Troy Guerard Knight by naming the judicial building at the Carl Knight Law Enforcement Center in his honor.

"The judicial building on Deming Way houses Magistrate's Court and Family Court," Council Chairman and District 2 Councilman Chris Murphy said. "The official ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2."

In November 2004, Knight, an attorney and community leader who served as legal counsel for the Town of Summerville, collapsed at home and was pronounced dead at Summerville Medical Center. An autopsy revealed Knight, 38, had suffered of an aortic aneurism.

"It was a sad day in Dorchester County when we lost a great person," Murphy said when council passed the resolution in February. "He was a friend of mine and in the short time he was here, he did a lot for his community and the legal profession."

Knight, whose grandfather, Carl Knight, served as Dorchester County sheriff for 28 years, was admitted to the South Carolina Bar Association in 1993. He founded his own



Troy Guerard Knight

law firm in 2002.

He was a former municipal court judge, county magistrate and president of the Dorchester County Public Defender Corporation.

State Sen. Randy Scott, a longtime friend of the Knight family, summed up community feelings about Knight. "Troy was a good man," Scott said.

Knight was civic minded, Murphy said. He served as president of the Summerville Dorchester Museum, the Board of Directors of the Summerville Chamber of Commerce, the Dorchester County Chapter of the Salvation Army, Dorchester Habitat for Humanity and the Red Cross.

Knight is survived by his parents, L.C. and Rhonda Guerard Knight; a sister and brother-in-law, Kelly Knight Byrd and Brian Byrd; and a niece, Madelyn Byrd

**Giving can take many forms**

By **BILL COLLINS**

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"One of the things I've noticed as we get busier in our lives is that it becomes harder to give your time than it is your money in support of a cause. We see more and more people using philanthropy to get involved," Madeleine McGee said.

And Madeleine should know what she's talking about. She is President of the Coastal Community Foundation (CCF), a 31-year-old organization that got its fledgling beginning when the Rotary Club of Charleston had \$9,000 it wanted to give to a local charity but couldn't decide which one.

A committee was appointed to study charitable giving in the Charleston area and community needs. They looked at community foundations in Greenville, Spartanburg and Winston Salem and the successes they had enjoyed. And the Rotary Club committee recommended creating a foundation to serve Charleston, Berkeley

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More than 150 residents attended consolidation hearing.

**Taking sides**

'What's best for the children?'

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St. George—Charges ranging from stripping local residents of control to segregation and "separate but equal" were heard during a standing-room-only public hearing on school consolidation Monday.

Audience members aired concerns over a proposed consolidation of School Districts Two and Four. More than 150 citizens filled council chambers, and most opposed consolidation until more information is on the table.

Members of the Dorchester

County Legislative Delegation were on hand Monday: Sen. Randy Scott, Sen. Larry Grooms, Sen. John Matthews, Rep. Converse Chellis, Rep. Annette Young and Rep. George Bailey.

District Four board chairman James Hodges said consolidation would dilute residents' influence over education.

"This will have a negative effect on community identity and academic achievement," Hodges said.

County Councilman for District 1 Willie Davis said the focus should be on improving children's education. "Is bigger better?" he asked. "Tell us how we will be better off, because I think we can do fine as a small school district."

Those who favored consol-

idation cited educational needs as well.

"You cannot make District Four any worse than it already is," Frank Fralix, whose children and grandchildren have or are attending schools in the district, said.

Both sides hinted at racial motivations and monetary concerns.

"This sounds like segregation to me ... 'separate but equal' and I thought we were over that," resident Wanda Ravenel said.

"If this helps children, okay, but this sounds like it's all about money and political power," Mrs. L.C. Grant said.

Chellis said a study would be conducted to determine the benefits and adverse

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**Employee strike drags on at Giant**

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Concrete can't be harder than attempts to hammer out an agreement between the United Steelworkers union and Giant Cement in Harleyville.

A walk-out strike continues after officials reached no agreement during a meeting Thursday.

The two sides met last week for the first time since 138 union workers at Giant Cement went on strike Aug. 19. The workers have been working without a contract since April 2003.

"We presented a proposal on one of the sticking points Thursday, but the union rejected the proposal," said John Von Tress, Giant vice president of operations.

The proposal called for a provision that would allow workers to retire after 30 years. In return, Giant would be given more flexibility in allowing supervisors to perform work. Further meeting dates have not been scheduled. However, Tress indicated negotiations are still open.

"Both sides are looking at ways to settle it," he said. "When you're dealing with federal mediators, state mediators, union and company (representatives), it's not easy to mesh schedules."

In the meantime, supervisors are making sure parts of the plant remain in operation.

"Our production is not what it could be, but we are ensuring this doesn't affect our customers," Tress said.

Since April 2003, members of the United Steel Workers Union Local 216 and Giant have been negotiating labor agreement contracts. In October 2003, the last offer presented by the company was

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