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KENT CASSON'S VIEW FROM THE CAB

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Today — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. High around 70. North winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Low in the upper 50s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday — Showers likely in the morning, then showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. High in the upper 60s. Low in the middle 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.



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LOCAL BUSINESS

Weathersby looks to clean up with business relocation



Greg Bressner talks with Oscar Weathersby in the latter's new location of Weathersby's Livingston County Cleaning Supplies Wednesday afternoon. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER

By Paul Westermeyer
Staff Reporter

With members of PROUD and the Chamber of Commerce present to celebrate with him Wednesday afternoon, Oscar Weathersby cut the ribbon to inaugurate a grand re-opening of Weathersby's Livingston County Cleaning Supplies — or, as he put, a “grand relocation.”

“We used to be out there at the intersection of Division and Howard (streets) right across from NAPA Auto Parts,” he said. “We were there for nine years. So we bought this building in May, and we slowly just started moving our inventory over to our new location; we've spent the last month or so putting our signs and banners out, because we want the public to know we're here, because we've got a lot of retail geared toward them.”

The move to the larger store, located at 320 W. Howard St., was driven because Weathersby hoped to expand his

clientele from just businesses and corporations to everyday residents of homes, as well.

“We can now better serve the community at our new location,” he said. “We were in a much smaller space when we were just two blocks from here at our old location. You talk about location, location, location — people who didn't even know we were in business have now noticed our signage and are aware that we are, so we are excited.”

“We've always had a great following for commercial clients, and we've serviced the schools and lot of other companies around. But we've got a larger location with more supplies that allows us to be available more to the public, and allow the public to take greater advantage of our cleaning supplies and great deals ... we've got a lot of retail that's geared toward the regular person — the homeowner, the renter — and they can take advantage, now.”

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STATE

Diagnosed concussions among youth up 83 percent

CHICAGO (AP) — New data showed that the percentage of Illinois youth diagnosed with concussions grew by 83 percent between 2010 and 2015.

The Chicago Tribune reported that diagnosed concussions among Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois members between the ages of 10 and 19 increased from a rate of 7.6 per 1,000 members in 2010 to 14 per 1,000 members in 2015.

Blue Cross is Illinois' largest insurer with over 8 million members.

Blue Cross senior medical director Dr. Stephanie Vomvouras attributed the increase to greater awareness of concussions.

“The awareness is really good news because if people are aware of what concussions are, they know when to pull kids out of sports, have them stand on the sidelines or see a health care provider, then they're more likely to recover from their concussions,” Vomvouras said.

Dr. Cynthia LaBella, medical director at the Institute for Sports Medicine at Lurie Children's Hospital, said the numbers released by Blue Cross on Tuesday are consistent to what she has been seeing in her clinic.

“The general public is just much more aware of this injury, how it happens, what are the signs and symptoms, and that it's very important to get it checked out by a physi-

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Bringing in the corn



The Ledford family was out in the fields this week harvesting corn. Chrissy Ledford drove the big combine through the corn fields. LUKE SMUCKER/DAILY LEADER

SCHOOL SHOOTING

Authorities: Shooter killed father before rampage

TOWNVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A teenager killed his father at their home Wednesday before going to a nearby elementary school and opening fire with a handgun, wounding two students and a teacher, authorities said.

The teen was apprehended within minutes of the school shooting in this rural town about 110 miles northeast of Atlanta. One of the students was shot in the leg and the other in the foot, Capt. Garland Major with the Anderson County sheriff's office said. Both students were male. The female teacher was hit in the shoulder.

Before the shooting at Townville Elementary about 1:45 p.m., the teen gunned down his 47-year-old father, Jeffrey Osborne, at their home about 2 miles from the school,

authorities said.

“We are heartbroken about this senseless act of violence,” said Joanne Avery, superintendent of Anderson County School District 4. She canceled classes for the rest of the week.

Authorities did not release a motive for the shooting. They said they weren't sure if the students and teacher were targeted.

Asked about the teen's relationship to the students, Major said “I know they all go to school together.” He later said the teen was being homeschooled and didn't clarify his earlier remark.

Authorities said they believe there was only one shooter and that all other students at

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CONGRESS

Stopgap bill passed by Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Averting an election-year crisis, the Senate on Wednesday passed a bill to keep the government operating through Dec. 9 and provide \$1.1 billion in long-delayed funding to battle the Zika virus. The House was poised to act on the measure before day's end.

The sweeping 72-26 vote came after top congressional leaders broke through a stalemate over aid to help Flint, Michigan, address its water crisis. Democratic advocates for Flint are now satisfied with Republican assurances that money for Flint will be finalized after the election.

The hybrid spending measure is the last major item on Capitol Hill's pre-election agenda and caps months of wrangling over money to fight the mosquito-borne Zika virus. The spending bill also includes \$500 million for rebuilding assistance to flood-ravaged Louisiana and other states.

Both the House and Senate in rapid succession also overrode President Barack Obama's veto of legislation to allow families of Sept. 11 victims sue Saudi Arabia for its alleged backing of the attackers, handing him the first veto override of his presidency.

Determined to return home and campaign, the House was speeding to approve the spending bill Wednesday night and send it to Obama for his signature. Congress won't return to Washington until the week after Election Day.

The House easily passed a water development projects bill after ratifying, by a 284-141 vote, a compromise \$170 million Flint aid package. The move to add the Flint package to the water projects bill, negotiated by top leaders in both parties, was the key to lifting the Democratic blockade on the must-pass spending bill.

The deal averts a potential federal shutdown and comes just three days before the midnight deadline. It defuses a lengthy, frustrating battle over Zika spending. Democrats claimed a partial victory on Flint while the GOP-dominated Louisiana delegation won a down-payment on Obama's \$2.6 billion re-

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