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Road between Orangeburg and North opens

Several other roads still need repairs

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Nearly nine months after being washed out by the November 2024 flood, U.S. Highway 178 (North Road) has reopened to traffic.

“SCDOT is happy to announce the re-opening of this vital route for the people of Orangeburg County,” S.C. Secretary of Transportation Justin Powell said. “We are grateful to have worked with our local, state and federal partners to push these repairs forward. We are thankful for the patience of the community as we worked to reopen the roadway.”

The road is a direct connector between Orangeburg and the town of North.

Up to 15 inches of rain fell on parts of Orangeburg County over a 12-hour period on Nov. 7, causing widespread flooding.

Floodwaters breached the Etheredge Millpond Dam, washing out the heavily traveled North Road that ran across the private dam. The pond is a part of Bull Swamp Creek.

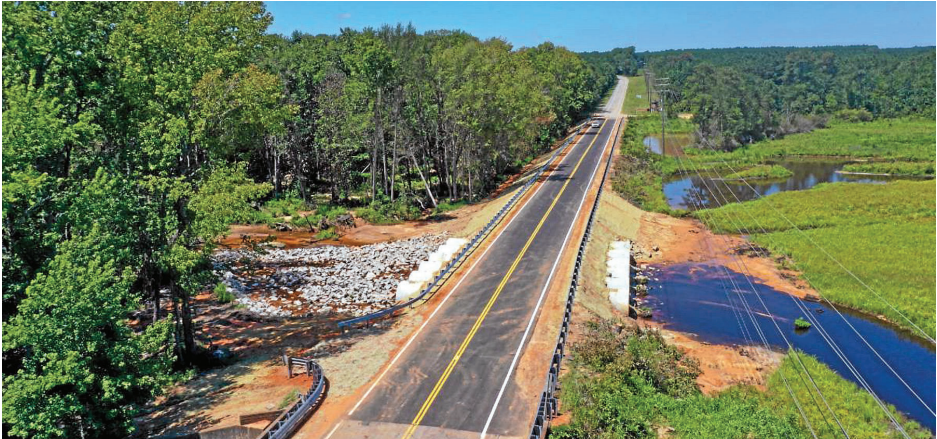
SCDOT worked with the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services and the dam owner to repair the bridge.

Construction on the emergency repairs began in March.

The Nov. 7 flooding event washed out and damaged about 30 roads in Orangeburg County alone.

As of Aug. 1, there are six SCDOT roads closed in the county due to the November floods.

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The South Carolina Department of Transportation has reopened US 178/North Road in Orangeburg County. US 178 was closed in November following a flood event that damaged several roads in Orangeburg and Calhoun counties. Construction on the emergency repairs began in March.

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Former students of the Bull Swamp Colored School, which has been restored in the first phase of a three-phase project to transform the old school into a community center, turned out for a July 27 ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony at the Bull Swamp Baptist Church in Orangeburg. Pictured, from left, are Deacon Henry Huggins; Lurlene Mack Higgett; Julia Benjamin Carson; Samuel Cook; Wilma Fersner Green; Ruth Mack Bowman and Deacon Herbert Mack.

Bull Swamp Baptist restores school, plans upcoming development phases

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Julia Carson, 95, is thankful that the long-awaited restoration of the school she learned in as a child is complete. She looks forward to the transformation of the former Bull Swamp Col-

ored School into a community center.

Carson was among those who turned out on July 27 for a dedication and open house program at Bull Swamp Baptist church for the completion of the first phase of a three-phase project to preserve the

building. The church is located at 112 Purity St. in Orangeburg.

“Small beginnings make big endings... You are making my dream come true,” Carson said.

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ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

Anti-hate law moves forward

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Orangeburg County Council is considering a hate intimidation ordinance.

The proposed ordinance will be designed to “help deter crimes motivated by bias or hate towards any person or persons.” It will be modeled on an ordinance passed by Richland County.

Orangeburg County Council gave unanimous second reading to the ordinance during a meeting last month.

The proposed ordinance describes hate intimidation as an action that causes “the fear of harm, injury, or damage to the victim’s person or property because of the victim’s actual or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or physical or mental disability, whether or not the perception is correct.”

The charge would be a misdemeanor with a conviction punishable with a fine of up to \$500 and up to 30 days in jail. The punishment can also include restitution, community service and counseling.

Parents or legal guardians of a child under the age of 18 who is charged with the crime would be liable for any damages and would be required to pay restitution.

The proposed ordinance also notes South Carolina is one of two states that hasn’t adopted statewide hate crime legislation.

County attorney D’Anne Haydel said other counties in the state are also trying to pass a similar ordinance in an effort send a message to the state legislature.

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Orangeburg magistrate elected to national post

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Orangeburg County Chief Magistrate Derrick F. Dash recently completed the 44th Annual Education Conference of the National Judges Association.

During the conference, in Albuquerque on July 6-10, Dash was elected and sworn in as president-elect of the NJA.



Dash

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While in attendance, Dash earned 14 accredited hours of certified judicial education. Class subjects included litigation practicum, evidence, judicial ethics and mastery of judicial writing as well

as sentencing practices.

Quality judicial education and professional fellowship are the foundational goals of the organization.

Candace Hissong, immediate past executive director of the National Judges Association, said, “The NJA, founded in 1979, is an

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