

# Drive to honor Riley's contributions

Ex-governor to be recognized on Green Day at ballpark

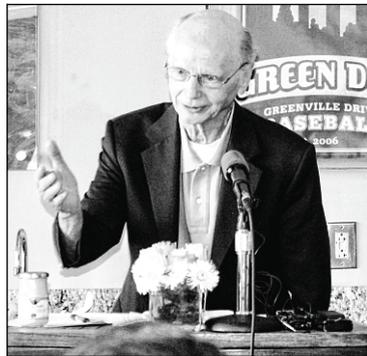
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The Greenville Drive will celebrate the city's 180th birthday by paying tribute to former Gov. Dick Riley, who the Drive said helped shape the city into a dynamic community.

Riley, a former governor and U.S. secretary of education, will be honored Aug. 16 during the Drive's Green Day observance.

Each year for Green Day, the Drive highlights an individual who embodies all that Greenville



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Former Gov. Dick Riley

represents: a person who is a leader and has vision, character and great drive, said Craig Brown, Drive president and co-owner.

"We have just such an individu-

al today, and I can't be more pleased about that," said Brown moments before Riley was officially named the 2011 Green Day honoree.

A Greenville native, Riley served as governor from 1979-87 and as U.S. secretary of education from 1993-2001.

Three colleges are named after him: the Richard W. Riley College of Education at Winthrop University; the Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership at Walden University, his wife's alma mater in Naples, Fla.; and the Richard W. Riley Institute at Furman University, where he serves as a distinguished professor of government, politics and public leadership.

Riley is also a senior partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and its affiliate, Education-Counsel.

Past Green Day honorees include former Greenville Mayor Max Heller and his wife, Trude; Greenville City Councilwoman Lillian Brock Flemming and Greenville County Councilwoman Xanthene Norris; former Greenville Technical College president Dr. Tom Barton; businessman and philanthropist C. Dan Joyner; and civic leader, judge and attorney Merl Code.

Greenville Mayor Pro Tem David Sudduth described Riley as a man of integrity who cares deeply for people from all walks of life. He is a model public servant and

a bridge builder, Sudduth said.

Code, the 2010 Green Day honoree, said Riley has an "uncanny ability to find the best in people." He is also a collaborator who possesses a "can-do" spirit," Code said.

Riley said being the Green Day honoree means a lot, but what means even more is the reason for Green Day.

"That is to honor Greenville and to commit to make our community better. That's what I want to do," he said.

The Drive hopes the Upstate community will don its green and join them for Green Day at Fluor Field where the team will play the Rome (Ga.) Braves during the celebration.

## Sheriff's race may be rematch

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Next year's race for Greenville County sheriff could be a rematch between incumbent Steve Loftis and challenger Dexter L. Reaves, a former deputy who now works as an intervention specialist and assistant athletic director at Southside High School.

Reaves, of Greer, said Thursday that he plans to announce his candidacy for sheriff on Saturday with a slogan of "More Community ... Less Crime" and declined further comment. Loftis told GreenvilleOnline.com that he also plans to run again but that he hasn't had time to develop a political campaign.

Filing for the seat opens in March 2012, said Conway Belangia, Greenville County's director of voter registration and elections.

## Team work builds community



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Eastside High varsity football players and cheerleaders work on a Habitat for Humanity home during a one-day blitz in the Abigail Springs subdivision in Taylors. See more photos and a video at GreenvilleOnline.com.

## BabyNet faulted for failing to reach more

Not enough people know about early intervention program, audit says

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A South Carolina program that aids infants and toddlers who have disabilities is not reaching enough children and doesn't properly monitor those who provide the services, a state audit reported Wednesday.

The Legislative Audit Council report says finding children with problems before the age of 3 is critical so they can get help that makes a difference.

"Early intervention services can reduce the extent of developmental delays

as making updates to its website.

The report said the program is too decentralized and the General Assembly should consider allowing changes.

For example, the audit said "BabyNet providers have not been adequately monitored to ensure that services have been delivered as required."

The program does not have a comprehensive method to measure the performance of those providers, the report said.

The audit also said the General Assembly

## Mauldin ready to dig in to park project