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Scoundrel retains Michelin star in big night for city dining

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Greenville remains a starred city. Five of the city’s restaurants were honored at a festive Michelin Guide American South awards ceremony at The Pinnacle in Nashville Wednesday evening.

Jianna, The Anchorage, Soby’s and Topsoil Restaurant all retained their recommended rating, designating them as serving food and an experience that is above average.

Scoundrel, the effervescent French-inspired restaurant by Chef Joe Cash, retained its one-star status.

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SC restaurants keep Michelin stars, other honors. **1C**

The ceremony by the prestigious rating agency marked the second annual recognition of the culinary prowess of the Southern United States. The American South region includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and the city of Atlanta.

The evening was marked by excitement, anticipation, and celebration with some of the region’s greatest culinary talent in one room.

The evening celebrated what host, actor Charles Esten described as “the talent and creativity that thrives in the culinary world.”

“Your contribution is invaluable and deeply appreciated,” Esten, of the show “Nashville,” extolled to the culinarians present.

First ceremony held in Greenville in 2025

Michelin Guide announced the new American South region awards in spring 2025. The first ceremony was held in

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\$100M Bryson Middle School breaks ground



Greenville County Schools breaks ground on a new Bryson Middle School facility on Oct. 22. RUTH CRONIN/GREENVILLE NEWS

168,000-square-foot building in Simpsonville to replace 70-year-old facility

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Greenville County Schools officials broke ground on the new \$100 million Bryson Middle School on Thursday, Oct. 22.

The new 168,000-square-foot building, located at 905 Fairview Road in Simpsonville, will replace the current Bryson Middle School facility, an aging facility that has been in use for more than 70 years.

“Today is a special day in the history of Bryson Middle School, and as someone who once walked the halls of Bryson as a student and now has the privilege of



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County, four cities ask voters to approve penny sales taxes

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Upstate voters will decide on five penny tax proposals in the November general election.

A penny tax is a 1% sales-and-use tax on items bought inside county or city limits, though some items such as groceries, gas and medication are exempt. If passed, the taxes would add one cent to each dollar spent, generating funding for capital projects.

After failed efforts to pass a penny tax in referendums in 2024 and 2014, Greenville County will put a transportation penny tax before voters again on Nov. 3. A change in state law allows cities to do the same. Greenville, Mauldin, Travelers Rest and Simpsonville are all taking advantage of the law and putting penny tax proposals in front of voters.

Critics of the taxes have deemed the financial burden on residents as unnecessary, while proponents say the funding is needed for key infrastructure improvements.

“A dollar doesn’t go as far as it used to,” said advocate Carlton Owen. “There is a time when you’ve waited too long to address problems, they become so big, so onerous, so overwhelming that you really can’t address them. We’re pretty close to that point, from the standpoint of investing in infrastructure.”

Voters can learn about the proposed taxes during a League of Women Voters of Greenville County town hall meeting at the Hughes Main Library at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8.

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Voters to determine two county council seats. **1C**

Greenville County’s \$1.1 billion tax proposal

Greenville County Council approved a transportation penny tax proposal that would generate \$1.1 billion for

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