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Biopharma HQ could bring 1,200 jobs to Rock Hill

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Construction is expected to start this year on a \$1.5 billion corporate headquarters facility in Rock Hill...

items tonight related to a proposal for an unnamed biopharmaceutical company that intends to build in Palmetto Research Park and create more than 1,200 jobs.

facturing site, according to county documents. Headquarters jobs would average more than \$141,000 per year, with manufacturing jobs at nearly \$103,000.

SEE JOBS, 3A

JUNE 19 EDITION

JUNETEENTH POSTAL HOLIDAY

Because June 19 is a postal holiday in observance of Juneteenth, Friday's edition will be digital-only.



TRACY KIMBALL The (Rock Hill) Herald

Rep. Ralph Norman's election night event was held at The Magnolia Room in Rock Hill.

Man shot by York County deputies pleads guilty, avoids prison

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YORK COUNTY SC

A South Carolina man who survived being shot eight times by deputies in 2021 when he was suicidal has admitted he had a gun at the time...

Trevor Blaine Mullinax, 32, pleaded guilty Monday in York County criminal court to breach of peace of a high and aggravated nature where he had a gun in his truck when four York County Sheriff's Office patrol deputies arrived at a property off S.C. 324 near Rock Hill.

The deputies fired 47 shots at Mullinax after the officers and prosecutors — and now Mullinax in court — say he had a gun in the truck in May 2021 when officers responded to a 911 call for a well-being check

York County Judge Bill McKinnon sentenced Mullinax to three years probation after prosecutors and Mullinax's lawyer negotiated a deal that ends the criminal case.

The guilty pleas and Mullinax admitting he had a gun at the time he was shot by deputies ends five years of legal wrangling in both criminal and civil court, according to court statements Monday.

The lawsuits have already been settled, Bell told Judge McKinnon.

PROSECUTORS: POLICE INVESTIGATION SHOWED, AND MULLINAX ADMITTED HE HAD A GUN

The four deputies who responded to the rural property in 2021 were identified in court Monday by prosecutor Daniel Porter

SEE DEPUTIES, 3A

Norman endorses Wilson in SC governor race

BY NORA O'NEILL noneill@charlotteobserver.com

Congressman Ralph Norman endorsed South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson for governor Monday and pledged to continue shaping South Carolina politics through a new conservative watchdog group after his own campaign came to an end.

Norman, who finished third in last week's gubernatorial primary with more than 80,000 votes, said Wilson shared his vision for government accountability and conservative reform.

recruiting challengers to incumbents he believes have strayed from Republican principles.

"We have two choices before us, and I owe it to my supporters to tell you where I stand," Norman said during a news conference at his Rock Hill campaign headquarters.

SEE NORMAN, 2A

Rock Hill Pride Festival features many free events

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Downtown Rock Hill is awash in color during the second week of June as the city kicks off its sixth annual Rock Hill Pride Festival.

The festival began Sunday and will be held until Saturday, June 20, with both free and paid events occurring daily throughout the city's downtown corridor.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Rock Hill Pride Festival features free and paid events.

- June 17 — March for Equality, 6:30 p.m., upstairs at The Mercantile, free
June 17 — Pride and Prose, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., upstairs at the Mercantile, free
June 17 — Family Music Bingo, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Burro Alley, free

- June 18 — Roaring 20s Pride Bingo, 6:30 p.m., The Gathering Space, \$25
June 19 — Steampunk Masquerade Youth Prom, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., upstairs at the Mercantile, \$10, high school ages only
June 19 — Roaring 20s White Party, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Elsie's and The Gathering Space, \$50, 21+
June 19 — RH Pride Pageant, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., The Hide-A-Way, free
June 20 — Outdoor Festival, music performances, vendors and kids' parade, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June 20 — Pride Wine and Biergarten, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Burrow, \$15, 21+

WHAT TO EXPECT

Brittany Kelly, co-owner of The Mercantile general store and coffee shop and the founder of Rock Hill Pride in 2021, said she is expecting over 15,000 attendees this week.

Kelly said the festival includes 12 main sponsors, 34 local businesses and 152 total vendors. While it is not recognized as an official city event, she said the city provides Rock Hill Pride with police officers and other resources.

This week's sponsors include:

- Blue Goose Art Supply and Studio
The Mercantile
Cloud Law
Kounter
Sarah Sudol LLC
WorldWise Homeschool Travel
LeJeck Family
India Hook Dental
Amanda Kenney Haircraft
McKee Works
The Cook and Farmer Food Truck
Sawyer Baker and Alex Srisuwan
The Hideaway of Rock Hill

Businesses who make a \$75 minimum donation can be listed as an "ally" on the festival website and map. There are 27 business allies during this week's pride, including Rock Hill Brewing Co., Ay Papi Tacos and Tequila and Sleeping Giant Distillery.

More information can be found on Rock Hill Pride's website, or its Facebook page.



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