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Cruz calls it quits, clearing way for Trump



Donald Trump's win in Indiana, and Ted Cruz's withdrawal from the race, all but assures that Trump will be the GOP nominee.

Victorious Sanders says Clinton camp 'wrong' for thinking race over, despite delegate count

BY JULIE PACE
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Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — In a stunning triumph for a political outsider, Donald Trump all but clinched the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday with a resounding victory in Indiana that knocked rival Ted Cruz out of the race and cleared Trump's path to

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had dubbed "lyin' Ted." Trump, in a victory speech that was much lower-key than usual, promised victory in November, vowing anew to put "America first."

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders eked out a victory over Clinton in Indiana, but the outcome will not slow the former secretary of state's march to the Democratic nomination. Heading into Tuesday's voting, Clinton had 92 percent of the delegates she needs. "I know that the Clinton campaign thinks this campaign is over. They're

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Mixson might face the wrecking ball

Engineers in March found apartments 'structurally unsound, unsafe'



Bill Wilder, who has lived at Mixson since May 2014, spends his morning searching for a new place to live because he is one of the residents who must move out of the North Charleston apartments.

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The Mixson development plays a key role in North Charleston's plan to revitalize its greater Park Circle area, but now the city may order the demolition of Mixson's upscale apartment complex. On Monday, city Chief Building Official Darbis Briggman told an attorney for The Flats

at Mixson apartments that "it is imperative that you create a plan to evacuate and relocate the tenants in these buildings." An engineering firm hired by the complex's owner, Atlanta-based Jamestown Properties, had determined in mid-March that the nine occupied apartment buildings were "structurally unsound and unsafe," according to documents the city released Tuesday.

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Bill Wilder said mold grows along the wall inside his apartment and that the section of wall has been replaced at least twice.



Leatherman McKinney

Senator blocks SPA chairman's approval

Leatherman grilled Haley ally who had questioned payments

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Months after the State Ports Authority named its new container terminal after veteran state Sen. Hugh Leatherman, the powerful Pee Dee lawmaker is blocking the confirmation of the maritime agency's board chairman.

Leatherman, R-Florence, made a successful motion during a Senate Transportation Committee hearing last week to delay the confirmation of Pat McKinney, who was appointed to the SPA's board of directors by Gov. Nikki Haley. McKinney, a staunch Haley ally, currently is chairman.

Leatherman's motion followed a tense exchange during McKinney's confirmation hearing, when the lawmaker questioned McKinney's involvement in the Charleston Harbor

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S.C. judges must attend summit on trafficking

Chief justice's order highlights battle

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COLUMBIA — S.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Costa Pileones has ordered all family and circuit judges to attend a human trafficking summit to address "the most pervasive evil facing the world today," he said.

The order, which Pileones stressed was routine, highlights the state's increased effort to tackle an issue of growing concern in South Carolina. "It's to inform and help develop strategies to help combat the evil of human trafficking," Pileones said of the summit, which is scheduled for August.

"It's not always apparent that cases before them may involve human trafficking," he added. "That's sometimes

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Toothy guest drops by, reaches for doorbell

Man records action when gator comes calling in Moncks Corner

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Ever seen an alligator try to ring a doorbell? It was a first for residents of Foxbank Plantation in Moncks Corner. A wayward gator was spotted by neighbors at the door of a home in the development off U.S. Highway 52 near Cypress Gardens Road on Monday morning, and it looked fairly intent on getting inside. Yep, it's that time of year, and they're crawling, in case you haven't noticed.

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An alligator walks across a yard in the Moncks Corner neighborhood Foxbank Plantation on Monday morning.

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FBI probing Richland Recreation Commission

FBI's involvement means more
investigative tools to probe agency

Recreation Commission handles
\$13 million-plus in public money with no
elected oversight

BY JOHN MONK
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The FBI has joined an ongoing investigation into allegations of public corruption at the Richland County Recreation Commission, according to sources familiar with the probe.

The Richland County Sheriff's Department, the 5th Circuit solicitor's office and SLED already are looking into the allegations, details of which are not known.



Brown

Meanwhile, James Brown III, the commission's executive director, said Tuesday he has nothing to fear.

"I welcome the investigation, which I am confident will clear my name personally as the agency's executive director," said Brown, 60, who has been the agency's director since about 2010 and with the agency since 1981.

Brown made his comments in a prepared statement to a State newspaper reporter who dropped by the agency's headquarters on Parklane Road.

After reading his prepared statement, Brown went on to say that when and if

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THESTATE.COM: Read James Brown III's statement released Tuesday.



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GUARDS DETAIL RIOT

14 youth inmates
have been arrested
in connection with
the Feb. 26 riot

BY JAMIE SELF
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Male inmates at the state's juvenile justice compound smashed windows to enter a girls dormitory, overpowered a guard protecting some of the girls, set fires and ripped sinks from walls, according to guards' recollections of the Feb. 26 riot off Broad River Road.

The disturbance led to investigations of the agency and promises of reform, which included the immediate hiring of an interim police chief — a position that, along with a gang expert and special response team, had gone vacant before the riot.

Violence erupted at about 8:30 p.m. in a boys and a girls dorm and in other facilities on the sprawling S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice complex off Broad River Road, according to more than a dozen reports written by guards that The State obtained Tuesday through a public-records request.

Many of the reports detailed guards' efforts to secure the safety of female inmates, restrain the rioting youth and move from one facility to another answering multiple calls for assistance as the evening progressed.

According to one report, an inmate said he and his peers decided to riot after their dorm was "told we were not going back to school." The plan, the inmate said, was "to riot and break out of the unit" and run to another dorm "to fight the other kids," according to the guard.

Fourteen male inmates have been arrested in connection with the incident, Juvenile Justice spokesman Eric Rousey said Tuesday.

Shortly after the riot, five juvenile inmates were arrested and charged as adults, The State reported in

Reforms at Juvenile Justice

The agency says it is making changes to prevent incidents similar to the February riot, including offering more overtime to guards to fill in gaps in shifts and filling vacancies. The changes also include:

- Hiring an interim police chief, a position that had gone vacant about 2.5 years before the February incident. Freddie Pough is on loan from the S.C. State Law Enforcement Division.
- Getting aggressive against gangs, said to have gained power at Juvenile Justice.
- Training a special response team whose mission is to respond quickly to violence or security issues.
- Putting in place a new secure alert system to contact Juvenile Justice employees during security incidents.
- Stepping up contraband searches, including buying additional hand-held metal detectors.
- Separating inmates into three sections depending on their behavior.
- Upgrading the facilities with unbreakable glass, tamper-proof furniture and razor-wire fencing.

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THESTATE.COM: A map of Juvenile Justice's Broad River Road facility

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Sheriff praises deputies following shooting

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Greenville County Sheriff Steve Loftis praised the response of two deputies who were placed on administrative leave after their encounter with an armed man who they shot after they said he pointed a firearm at them.

Loftis said the deputies showed great restraint and awareness during their confrontation with Reginald Darnell Dogan Monday evening in a high-traffic area near Wade Hampton Boulevard in Taylors. Loftis, speaking at a news conference Tuesday, said Dogan, 52, is in critical but stable condition after he was

struck in the neck area.

Dispatch received a call about 7:30 p.m. Monday in reference to a man waving a gun near the intersection of East Warehouse Court and Artillery Road. About 10 minutes later, a deputy encountered Dogan on Tappan Drive near Wade Hampton Boulevard. The deputy saw Dogan was armed, drew his service weapon and called for backup.

Dogan continuously ignored the deputy's commands to put down his weapon and get on the ground, Loftis said. Dogan walked in the direction of a second deputy and pointed his gun at the officer, Loftis said. Dogan didn't comply with the officer's commands, and the deputy fired

his weapon because he feared for his life, his partner's life and nearby individuals, the Sheriff's Office said.

SLED said no dash cam or body camera footage exists of the incident.

Once Dogan was shot, Loftis said deputies rendered aid until EMS arrived. Dogan was taken to the hospital.

Loftis said the first deputy, who had a gun pointed at him, did not discharge his firearm because there was the potential to strike innocent civilians behind Dogan.

"This took an incredible amount of self-control and discipline for this deputy to be aware of his surroundings and not subject these civilians to additional,

unnecessary harm," Loftis said.

It is standard procedure for the Sheriff's Office to request a SLED investigation after an officer-involved shooting. Both deputies were placed on administrative leave until an internal board determines whether policy was followed in discharging the firearm.

Sheriff Loftis said SLED has several statements from independent witnesses that corroborate the deputies' version of events. He did not name the deputies. They did not suffer any injuries.

Loftis also expressed frustration with the criminal justice system at the news

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The Iron Yard Academy
holds a class in
downtown Greenville.

Greenville's role in tech is growing

Entrepreneurs cite culture, community as reasons
startups choose to stay in the Upstate

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Ask entrepreneurs why they move to and stay in Greenville, and you'll likely get a variation on the same answer: The community.

Greenville is not as large as Atlanta or North Carolina's Research Triangle, nor has it had a significantly sized tech and startup community for as long, but the community is tight-knit, wrapped around twin pillars NEXT and the Iron Yard, both of which support and develop startups at different stages.

Building that community and keeping businesses in town is key in growing a startup and tech community that could eventually rival regional hubs, some say.

The Iron Yard works with entrepreneurs at

companies through accelerator programs in Greenville and Spartanburg, which led some companies to stay in the Upstate after completion.

The Greenville accelerator ended in 2014 and the Spartanburg digital health accelerator was downgraded to a coding school campus early this year, as the company prepares to start a hospitality-focused accelerator in Las Vegas and partner on a life science accelerator in Arkansas with HubX.

Economic development group NEXT works with startups and entrepreneurs through its three co-working and office spaces in Greenville and serves as the Greenville Chamber of Commerce's arm to support the tech community in the Upstate.

In 2015, it worked with 161 companies that raised more than \$65 million in invest-

Senate rejects using surplus on tax rebate, road repairs

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COLUMBIA - The Senate has decided to spend any surplus from this year's revenue collections on a bevy of pet projects, ice storm expenses, college maintenance and education funding, rejecting proposals to provide a tax rebate or send the money to roads.

Senators voted 31-10 Tuesday to table proposals by Sen. Lee Bright, a Spartanburg County Republican, to spend surplus on a tax rebate and road needs, before approving a nearly \$8 billion General Fund budget that Bright told the Senate was the largest in the state's history.

Bright's proposals died almost a year after he filibustered a roads bill to win \$216 million for county transportation committees using surplus money.

The outcome was far different Tuesday, as senators quickly disposed of dozens of amendments and gave second reading to the massive spending plan on a 36-5 vote.

"I know a lot of you are happy because you got a part of the goody bag," Bright told the Senate. "You felt like you were sent down here to get a part of the goody bag. You did your job."

Both of his proposals concerned how to spend whatever surplus is declared at the end of the fiscal year.

Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, who also chairs the Senate Finance Committee, said he did not expect the surplus to be much, suggesting it might be \$10 million or \$20 million, perhaps even \$40 million. He told the Senate at one point that it seemed almost pointless to split so little money among the state's county transportation committees.

Both of the proposals would have spent the first \$11.9 million of surplus reimbursing 22 counties for expenses related to the 2014 ice storm. That expense had already been approved by the Senate, which considered and approved a laundry list of other pro-



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Aiken aging faster than U.S.

County leaders looking to attract more young families

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South Carolina and Aiken County continue to age faster than the U.S., according to a recent report, and area leaders say bringing in more young families will continue to grow the community.

According to the Regional Economic Benchmarking Report for Aiken County 2016 update, released Tuesday, the percentage of residents age 65 or older in the City of Aiken increased for 2014 and the percentage of residents age 65 or older fell slightly for North Augusta in the same year.

Both cities aged faster than the nation as a

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whole in 2014, the report says.

The report, commissioned by the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce and the Eco-

nomics Development Partnership of Aiken, Edgefield and Saluda counties, was presented by Dr. Michael J. "Mick" Fekula and prepared by Dr. Sanela Porca, USC Aiken economics professor. Fekula serves as dean of USCA's School of Business Administration.

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District releases statement on student restrooms

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The Aiken County School District has released a statement amid national debate of how public school districts should accommodate transgender students in its public restrooms and locker rooms.

Responding to inquiries, school district spokeswoman Merry Glenn Piccolino released a statement Tuesday to the *Aiken Standard*.

"Aiken County Public Schools does not have a present policy directly related to restroom or facility use in the District other than by conventional designations, as with all traditional public facilities. However, it is has been our practice to work closely with parents and individual students in order to provide reasonable accommodations for student needs while respecting the rights of individual privacy of all students, as well."

Last week, Berkeley County became one of the first in the state to release a statement concerning restroom use.

The *Post & Courier* of Charleston reported Dorchester 2 and Charleston County school officials said their districts do not have such policies, but Charleston County spokesman Daniel Head told the newspaper the district "strives to maintain a safe and supportive learning and educational environment that respects and values

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Renovations resume



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BENGTON

An excavation crew is at work in The Alley on Monday morning helping the push toward completion of the Aiken landmark's renovation.

Work begins on next section of The Alley

BY BILL BENGTON
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Orange safety cones are part of the scenery in The Alley again, with the resumption of renovation work to beautify the downtown landmark and improve its lighting and drainage.

The months long project was paused for several weeks to accommodate crowds associated with the Masters and Aiken's spring equestrian events, and the push toward completion was renewed this week.

"I'm hopeful in the next 30 days we'll have the overhead wires ready to come down," said Pearce Atkins, Aiken's assistant municipal engineer.

Atkins noted that all wires are to be buried, with the resources of Atlantic Broadband, AT&T and SCE&G being a part of the overall plan.

Work began in August, with plans for completion by late April, as noted in an August *Aiken Standard* article.

One of the current challenges, Atkins said, is to



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Jose Barraza, left, and Edwin Rivera, both with AOS Specialty Contractors, work as part of an excavation crew Monday morning in The Alley.

points, on Laurens and Newberry streets.

The current work largely involves connecting the conduit from the project's two ends, he added.

Atkins said the project's contract calls for completion in "75 work days."



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John Blackmon, front, Edwin Rivera and excavator operator Jose

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'Driving Miss Daisy' opens Friday at Center Theater



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"Driving Miss Daisy" will roll onto the Center Theater stage on Friday night, starring members of the Hartsville Community Players (HCP). The two-night performance will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Written by Alfred Uhry, this production is being directed by Lenora Lefew and presented by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc.

The show stars Daisy Werthan, an elderly Jewish widow living in Atlanta who is determined to maintain her independence despite

her advancing years. She crashes her son's car, and he decides to arrange for her to have a chauffeur, an African-American driver named Hoke Colburn. "The two get off to a rocky start but gradually form a close bond, one that transcends racial prejudices and social conventions," said the director.

Playing the role of Daisy is Peggy Trowell, a veteran of the stage. Her theater experience spans many decades. She has been cast in "Barefoot in the Park," "Mame," and "Bell, Book and Candle" with the Newberry Community Players; "Music Man" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" with the Chester Community Players; "Second Time Around" with the Rock Hill Players; and "Steel Magnolias" (twice), "Arsenic and Old Lace," "On Golden Pond," "The Odd Couple — Female Version" and "Daddy's Dying — Who's Got the Will?" with HCP.

She is a retired educator, married to Bob Trowell, pro birder and master naturalist. They have a child, Ami, and three granddaughters. She attends St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Hartsville, where she is a member of the choir. Her hobbies are ballroom dancing, cooking and

eating out.

Carl Milton Days, a native of Hartsville, is playing her chauffeur, Hoke Colburn. He has limited theater experience although he has performed in school plays in high school and college. His last performance with HCP was during the early 1990s in the production of "Kiss Me, Kate."

He is a graduate of Butler High School and earned his bachelor's degree in social work from Coker College. He has an associate degree in funeral service education from Fayetteville Technical College in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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Arrington warns of 'very tight' budget year

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DARLINGTON — Darlington County Council got a preliminary look at a proposed county budget for the coming fiscal year of nearly \$34.5 million at its regular monthly meeting Monday as members had first reading on a proposed budget ordinance.

The overall budget includes a general fund budget of \$24.8 million, an emergency telephone fund of \$831,059, a county library fund of almost \$1.4 million, an environmental services fund of nearly \$3.3 million, a fire district fund of almost \$2 million, a state accommodations tax fund of \$60,525, a road maintenance fund of almost \$1.7 million and a Hartsville Fire Protection District fund of \$475,000.

No vote was taken. First reading

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Hundreds attend Culinary Cup



Eliu Palacios, owner of Sweet Café & Bakery Shoppe in Florence, prepares to serve guests to the DCEF Culinary Cup fundraiser on Saturday at Tanglewood Plantation sweets from his bakery.

Inaugural fundraiser benefits public education in Darlington County

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Nearly 250 supporters of education in Darlington County attended the inaugural Cu-

linary Cup on Saturday at Tanglewood Plantation. The event was a fundraiser of the Darlington County Education Foundation, an organization dedicated to supporting pub-

lic education in Darlington County.

Professional chefs went head-to-head as they battled for bragging rights and the inaugural Culinary Cup trophy.

The 2016 Culinary Cup champion was Ryland Culbertson from the Midnight Rooster. The Judges Choice

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Jim Kurtnacker has reason to celebrate Relay for Life

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Jim Kurtnacker remembers the day he was told he had cancer as if it were yesterday.

"When I heard it I went blank," he said. "All the thoughts that one can

that my life had changed." This wasn't his first cancer scare down. His mother and father both died as a result of cancer.

He witnessed his mother linger for almost nine months. He saw his father not able to get out of bed on a Thursday morning

he said.

Unfortunately, Kurtnacker's diagnosis was prostate cancer.

"As it turned out my cancer was not running rampant through my body so there was time to explore different things," he said. "At this time I was be-





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Trump delivers final blow

Decisive victory in Hoosier State bumps Cruz from race

By Julie Pace
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The Associated Press

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Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders eked out a victory over Clinton in Indiana, but the outcome will

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NEWS DIGEST

SC military police on tap for Guantanamo

COLUMBIA — Military police from the South Carolina Army National Guard have been ordered to prepare for a possible deployment to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba as early as this fall, a Guard official said Tuesday.

About 100 members of the 131st Military Police Co. in Beaufort have been told to prepare for a potential deployment in the new fiscal year, which begins in October, said National Guard spokeswoman Col. Cindi King.

It would be the first time a South Carolina National Guard force has been sent to support the group known as Joint Task Force Guantanamo, which is in charge of the U.S. military prison holding about 80 suspected terrorists.

King said the 131st is one of three military police units in the S.C. Guard, and that it is composed of male and female soldiers.

The Naval Base on the southeastern tip of Cuba was first leased by the U.S. government in 1903. After the Cuban Revolution, the site became a source of contention between the two governments. Since 2002, Guantanamo has housed the prison for combatants captured during the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

President Barack Obama has promised to close the prison and federal officials have visited several military prison sites in the United States that they are considering as possible transfer points, including the Navy brig located north of Charleston.

— The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY BUILDING

Restoration to start with exterior



These photos and illustrations are part of the documentation presented by McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture for the proposed restoration of the Montgomery Building at 187 North Church Street. At left is a view of the building from an earlier era; below is look at the work now being done inside; at right is a rendering of what the building will look like after renovations are complete. IMAGES PROVIDED

Historic theater will not be part of project

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The exterior of the aging Montgomery Building will be removed in pieces so each section can be replicated and replaced as part of efforts to transform the property into a mixed-use complex. The extensive renovation project is

architect with McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture, said every effort is being made to restore the building's original components.

"We're not building any additions to (the existing building), we're actually taking things away from it so that it goes back to its original footprint," Love said.

That includes removing the thousands of pre-cast concrete panels on the building's facade.

Love said a 2014 evaluation of the exterior determined the panels could



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FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

District celebrates teachers at annual awards programs

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FLORENCE — In a school district, the students are the top priority. But in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week, Florence School District One made Tuesday evening all about the teachers.

Teachers, administrators and district officials gathered at the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology for the district's 13th annual honors

and awards programs.

Support staff and teachers of the year from all Florence One schools were recognized for their achievements, along with Leah Barley, a writing lab teacher at Royal Elementary.

"Not since the 1990s has Florence One had a teacher to be recognized as an honor roll teacher in the South Carolina teacher of the year program," said Shemia Yearwood, an honor roll teacher from Wilson High.

But this year, she said,

Barley changed that streak and was one of the top five finalists for South Carolina teacher of the year.

Throughout Tuesday's program, grant recipients and other award-winning teachers programs and schools in the district were recognized, as well, in a short slideshow.

As the evening came to a close, Randy Bridges, district superintendent, thanked the teachers for their service and acknowledged that it was choice not chance that brought

the teachers to the district.

"We appreciate the fact that you choose to work in Florence School District One," Bridges said.

He then spoke of transformation.

As society changes and technology advances, education must also change, Bridges said.

"The change process with public education is somewhat slow because the past and current system still meets the need of 70 to



For the second year, Randy Bridges, district superintendent, was the guest speaker for the awards ceremony.

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South Carolina

Senators' \$7.5B budget covers 2014 ice storm costs

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Senate's \$7.5 billion spending plan for the coming fiscal year would finish reimbursing counties' clean-up expenses from the 2014 ice storm.

The plan tentatively approved Tuesday by a vote of 36-5 would distribute nearly \$12 million to 22 counties that were coated in up to an inch of ice in February 2014. Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman said the \$4 million provided in the current budget covered just 25 percent of counties' expenses not paid with federal emergency aid.

That \$12 million is the first priority among \$40 million in spending senators added Tuesday. The supplemental list will be funded this fall if tax collections for the fiscal year ending June 30 exceed current estimates.

The state's economic advisers will update their revenue forecast in two weeks.

Other added spending includes \$10.6 million to school districts slated to receive less state money beginning July 1 due to decades-old funding formulas that are based on overall property values and adjusted yearly. The money covers about half of what the 48 districts would otherwise lose. Those potential payments range from \$3,430 to \$1.2 million.

If enough surplus is available, South Carolina's military history museum would receive \$400,000 to restore flags and uniforms. The Department of Archives and History would receive \$400,000 toward restoring a Rosenwald School in St. George — named for the philanthropist who funded schools for black children across the South between

'Bring Back Big Give'



After donating to All 4 Autism during the Big Give Pee Dee Tuesday, Lee Harrington was able to spin the wheel and win a prize.

Foundation to host event again after Tuesday glitch

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FLORENCE — Technical problems put a damper on Giving Day for many participating cities Tuesday, and the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation decided to host "Bring Back Big Give" on May 10.

"On that day during banking hours, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., EOCF website will have a live page where donors can make online donations to our participating nonprofits via PayPal," said Big Give Pee Dee marketing coordinator Libby Wiersma. "We are restructuring the prize money to fit this new format and tweaking a few parameters."

First Reliance Bank will accept offline donations at both of its Pee Dee locations on May 10.

On Tuesday, several Giving Day websites powered by the server KIMBIA froze because of the high

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City marks National Small Business Week

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FLORENCE — Owning a small business can be rewarding and equally challenging.

"Every day you're the one who has to figure it out," said August Langley, who opened Smart

ing construction projects, she said, can result in people hesitating to visit downtown or can spur curiosity in seeing what's taking shape. It's mostly been the latter, and she feels no regret she had the vision to open the business before retail spots become too pricey.

Her decision was based on



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New rules set limits for cobia catches

Fishermen can't keep popular
gamefish caught in May

After May, one fish per person
and three per boat limit

Rules aim to build population

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Fishermen in Beaufort County waters can no longer keep their cobia catches during the month of May and face stricter catch limits after that.

The new state law passed last week aims to rebuild the population of the popular gamefish, most notably in Port Royal Sound. The issue had long been a topic of discussion among local captains and scientists.

Under the new rules, in effect south south of Edisto Is-

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Sales tax panel cuts funding requests

Money would come from
revenue generated by
potential sales tax hike

Proposal for new Hilton Head
Island arts venue cut to
roughly \$6 million

BY LUCAS HIGH
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A Beaufort County board took a machete Tuesday to a list of funding requests, slashing nearly \$70 million from a

HILTON HEAD ISLAND ELECTION

AMES WINS SEAT ON COUNCIL



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David Ames celebrates with two thumbs up after receiving a call from Brendan Reiley, his closest competition in the polls, congratulating him on winning the Ward 3 spot on the Hilton Head Town Council on Tuesday at Casey's Sports Bar & Grille on Hilton Head Island.

David Ames, 71, to replace Lee Edwards representing portions of mid-island Hilton Head

Ames beat three other candidates, Ryan McAvoy, Brendan Reiley and Palmer Simmons, in special election

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planner and developer David Ames beating out three other candidates for a seat on Town Council

Club, won 64.6 percent of the vote for the Ward 3 seat Tuesday, according to unofficial results late Tuesday. The Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County's Board of Canvassers meets Thursday at 10 a.m. to certify the results.

Ames will replace Councilman Lee Edwards to represent the areas of Ashton Cove, Bay River, Brighton Bay, Broad

Wexford and Yacht Cove.

Edwards, who was celebrated at his last Town Council meeting earlier that day, won his seat in a five-way race in 2011 and announced his resignation in February — 10 months short of the end of his term. The Greenery president and CEO said he decided to move to a home in Sea Pines, outside of his ward.

In Tuesday's race, Ames won 612 votes, against outgoing Brandon

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