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ELECTION 2016

## A fight to the finish

Trump, Clinton tour battlegrounds as caustic campaign wraps up



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Election commission staffers Monica Vernon (left) and Kestie Burr (center) help poll clerk Marva Chaplin load voting supplies for her precinct Monday at Malcolm C. Mursey Elementary School in North Charleston.

BY JULIE PACH, LISA LEBER and HILY COLVIN  
Associated Press

Straining toward the finish line of the wildly unpredictable White House race, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump blazed through battleground states Monday in a final bid to energize supporters. Clinton urged voters to embrace a "hopeful, inclusive, high-hearted America," while Trump called for support to "beat the corrupt system."

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Trump

night, a frenzied end to a bitter election year that has laid bare the nation's deep economic and cultural divides.

Clinton opened the day Monday buoyed by

FBI Director James Comey's announcement Sunday that he would not recommend criminal charges against her following a new email review. The inquiry had sapped a surging Clinton momentum at a crucial moment in the race, though she still heads into Election Day with multiple paths to the 270 Electoral College votes needed to become the nation's first female president.

"I think I have some work to do to bring the country together," she acknowledged as she

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## Secretive motion delays Roof trial

Jury selection set to begin Wednesday

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A secretive motion upended plans to begin jury selection Monday in the death penalty case against Dylann Roof, delaying the federal trial schedule as a judge huddled behind closed doors with the self-proclaimed white supremacist and his legal team.

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Police, FBI investigate threatening letters. A4

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel met for about an hour and 40 minutes with the Emanuel AME Church shooter and his attorneys. Roof's lead lawyer, David Bruck, declined comment when he departed at the conclusion of the hearing.

Jury selection will resume at 9 a.m. Wednesday, the court announced later in the day.

Gergel barred federal prosecutors from the closed proceeding along with the public. He did not give any details about a sealed motion he received early Monday but as jury selection was set to begin. However, he said he opted to close a hearing on the matter to protect attorney-client privilege and ensure Roof's right to a fair trial.

Through a spokesman, Gergel declined to say more after the hearing, and he indicated a transcript of the

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## Slager jury hears from policemen

Officers seem to stand by former colleague

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Fellow officers thought Michael Slager had opened fire on Walter Scott at close range to fend off an attack, they testified Monday in Slager's murder trial.

But a cellphone video showed Scott running away when Slager pulled the trigger eight times. Five bullets hit Scott from behind.

Prosecutors contend that the footage contradicts the account Slager gave to



### Online

For photos and a video, go to [postandcourier.com](http://postandcourier.com).

## Badge of honor: S.C. is stuck on 'I Voted' sticker

BY ROBERT DEHRE  
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When South Carolina voters leave their polling places Tuesday, nearly all will emerge with more than just a feeling they did their part for democracy.

They'll also emerge with a golf ball-size "I Voted" sticker that will announce to everyone they encounter they did their part.

And they can thank Steve Skardon, who, as a new director of the nonprofit Palmetto Project, came up with the sticker idea more than two decades ago as a way to encourage straggling voters to get to the polls on Election Day.

Since their debut in the early 1990s,

### Inside

What you need to know to vote on Election Day. A5

Voters already heading to the polls across the country. A6

How the AP rates the Road to 270 electoral votes. A6

CNN reached out to Dems for Trump questions. A5



### Poll



LEIGH BURKE/STAFF

Absentee voters line up Monday at Church of Christ in North Charleston.

## Lines spur few complaints as 1,000s cast ballots early

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY

An estimated 3,000 absentee voters



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# The State

UPSTATE INVESTIGATION

## Searchers find a 3rd body; suspect linked to 7 slayings

Kohlhepp tells authorities he will represent himself in killings that go back to 2003

BY SUZANNA ASKON AND MEG KIMNAHE Associated Press

WOODRUFF

Investigators discovered a third body on the property of a man now linked to seven deaths and the kidnapping of a woman found chained inside a storage

container, authorities said Monday.

Todd Kohlhepp, 45, became a suspect after the woman was found Thursday chained by her neck and ankle in a metal storage container on his 95-acre property near rural Woodruff.

The body of her boyfriend was found a day later. The couple

had been missing for about two months.

The other remains were found near one another Sunday and Monday, and authorities are not sure who they are. Investigators were expected back at the property Tuesday, but Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Cleverger said he didn't think there

were any more bodies.

"As the coroner, that's all I have been advised of. That was the total number of bodies I was told was on the property. If I am told there are more, I will be back," he said.

Law enforcement investigators have expanded their search for human remains beyond the

property they've already been searching. There, they discovered a woman chained inside a storage container after the landowner confessed to a 13-year-old quadruple slaying at a Chesnee motorcycle shop and led them to other victims' graves.

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### 2016 ELECTIONS



A precinct technician sets up voting machines at MLK Park in Columbia.

### Is it Trump? Is it Clinton? Either way, you'll be OK, experts say

BY AMYR G. WILKS amy@theestate.com

As a hospice grief counselor, Kishy Winstead knows how to talk a family through the approaching death of a loved one.

"I just kind of ... help them find peace in the process," said Winstead, a deeply religious 55-year-old from Barry County.

As Tuesday's election nears, Winstead himself has grappled with a different kind of impending grief: the likelihood that Democrat Hillary Clinton, and not Republican Donald Trump, will be elected president.

"We need to understand that God is on the throne and in control," Winstead said he told coworkers during a Monday morning devotional.

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## YOUR LAST-MINUTE VOTING GUIDE





# ELECTION DAY

REMEMBER TO VOTE TODAY  
Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For the latest election results, go to [greenvilleonline.com](http://greenvilleonline.com).  
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## KOHLHEPP UPDATE

# THIRD BODY FOUND, REMOVED FROM SITE



PHOTOS BY K. LEE RUWARD/INDEPENDENT MAIL

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clavenges, right, and Lt. Kevin Bobo, a spokesman for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, answer questions about the bodies unearthed on Todd Kohlhepp's Woodruff property while addressing the media on Monday.

## Police say they believe they've recovered all bodies on property

THE GREENVILLE NEWS, INDEPENDENT MAIL

After a third body was unearthed at a property near Woodruff where a kidnapped woman was rescued last week, investigators believe they have found all the bodies buried on the 95-acre property.

This brings the death toll to seven that are linked to Todd Kohlhepp, a 45-year-old real estate agent and convicted sex offender.

He has not confessed to any other deaths, said Lt. Kevin Bobo, spokesman

for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

On Saturday, two days after asking for an attorney, Kohlhepp reinitiated contact with investigators and confessed to the 2003 quadruple slayings at Superbike Motorsports in Chesnee, Bobo said.

During a walk with investigators on his heavily wooded property on Saturday, Kohlhepp led authorities to the locations of the bodies unearthed Sunday and

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## Experts: Luck, normalcy help serial killers avoid detection

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COLUMBIA — Could a serial killer have operated undetected in the Upstate for more than a decade?

With the arrest of Todd Christopher Kohlhepp on murder charges stemming from the deaths of four people at Superbike Motorsports 13 years ago and the discovery of three bodies on his Spartanburg County property, some wonder how a killer could elude capture for years.

The answer, experts say, is that it is not uncommon for serial killers to go undetected, in part because they blend so well into their communities and sometimes take pauses from their crimes that can last months or years.

In fact, these "cooling off" periods used to be part of the definition of serial killers to distinguish them from mass murderers, which the FBI defines as the murder of at least four people in a single incident. Serial killers are those who kill at least two people in separate incidents, according to the agency.

One of the bodies discovered on Kohlhepp's 95-acre property near Woodruff was that of Charles Garner, missing since late August. Authorities have not identified the other two bodies or said when they might have been killed.

Experts told *The Greenville News* that it is highly unusual for a serial killer to begin with a mass murder.

"This is one of a kind, extremely rare," said FBI Eric Hickey, who has studied serial killers for 35 years and assisted law enforcement and the FBI.

Enzo Valsita, who runs Northeastern University's Murder Accountability Project and has built a database on serial killers for use by law enforcement, described that pattern as "incredibly uncommon."

"I don't think I've seen that in any other case before," he said.

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## SC, Greenville County break absentee voting records

AMANDA COYNE  
THE GREENVILLE NEWS

More than 100 voters snaked out of County Square's doors late Monday afternoon waiting to cast their ballots on

all votes are counted.

In Greenville County, 30,000 ballots had been received as of Monday morning, and 400 more had been cast in-person by the early afternoon. The line to vote at County Square, the county's only

no issues Monday and that the line had been moving smoothly. The wait was due to the volume of voters.

Laura Drummond, a Greenville resident, said she chose to vote absentee Monday because she didn't want to risk







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SPARTANBURG COUNTY CORONER RUSTY CLEVENGER, right, and county Sheriff's Office Lt. Kevin Bobo, public information officer, take turns answering questions Monday after addressing the media about the recovery of two bodies at the property of Todd Kohlhepp on Wofford Road in Woodruff.

## Third body recovered on Kohlhepp's property

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### Online

**VIDEO:** Sheriff says second body found on property Sunday

**SLIDESHOW:** 7 of South Carolina's most notorious killers  
 • Visit [independentmail.com](http://independentmail.com) for the latest news on the Kohlhepp investigation

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### ★ IIII ELECTION 2016

## Clinton goes for uplift; Trump goes after her on final day before vote

LISA LERER AND KATHLEEN HENNESSY  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — A campaign shadow lifted by the FBI, Hillary Clinton on Monday promised to build a "biggerhearted" America out of the wreckage of a strikingly divisive presidential race. Donald Trump told his supporters this was their

would govern, promising she would listen even to those voters who rejected her and making a late plea for "more love and kindness."

### Inside

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divisive vision for America, *Tomorrow*

"We have got to rise above all of this," she told a cheering crowd in Pittsburgh. "We don't have to accept a dark and



### TO OUR READERS:

All content online is free on Election Day, Wednesday

All stories on Independent Mail will be available at no charge today and Wednesday. In order to help you keep up with the latest local and national election news, there will be no charge to visit and view stories at [IndependentMail.com](http://IndependentMail.com) during that time frame. We'll have a local perspective on the races all day Tuesday, the local and national results on Tuesday night, and analysis and reporting on the results throughout the day Wednesday. Just visit [IndependentMail.com](http://IndependentMail.com) starting this morning.





## WOFFORD KICKER ON NFL'S RADAR

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## JURY SELECTION DELAYED IN ROOF TRIAL

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### REMEMBER TO VOTE

It's Election Day, with polls open in South Carolina from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. For tips on how to avoid long lines when voting, see page C1.

### NOTE TO OUR READERS

The Herald-Journal will continue to offer free access to www.GoUpstate.com until Thursday. We believe it is important that all of our readers have complete access to our in-depth local coverage and to our national election coverage.

### IN BRIEF



### Buildings damaged in Oklahoma quake

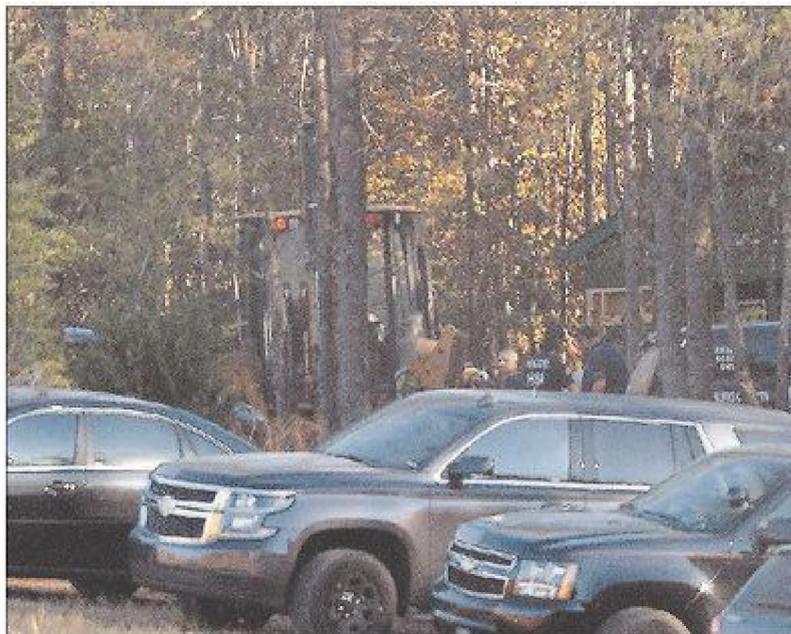
CUSHING, Okla. — Dozens of buildings sustained "substantial damage" after a 5.0 magnitude earthquake struck an Oklahoma town that's home to one of the world's key oil hubs, but officials said Monday that no damage has been reported at the oil terminal.

Cushing City Manager Steve Spears said 40 to 50 buildings were damaged in Sunday's earthquake, which was the third in Oklahoma this year with a magnitude of 5.0 or greater. No major injuries have been reported, and Spears said the damage included cracks to buildings and fallen bricks and facades.

Oklahoma has had thousands of earthquakes in recent years, with nearly all traced to the underground injection of wastewater left over from oil and gas production. Sunday's quake was considered the largest of Cushing.

### KOHLHEPP INVESTIGATION

# THIRD BODY FOUND



Crime scene investigators with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office remove the remains of two people on Monday afternoon on property owned by Todd Kohlhepp. A backhoe is brought in to help with the process. JOHN BYRUM/SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL

Authorities don't believe more remains will be discovered on Woodruff property

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Investigators on Monday found a third body on suspected serial killer Todd Kohlhepp's 96-acre property near Woodruff.

It was found near the human remains that investigators discovered Sunday, Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said.

Over the weekend, authorities said Kohlhepp, 45, showed them two graves. The two sets of remains were found in those gravesites, said Lt. Kevin Bobb with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. Clevenger said he has begun testing to

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## Superbike widow: Reward money should go to Brown

By Alyssa Mulliger  
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Melissa Ponder — the widow of Scott Ponder, one of the Superbike Motorsports victims killed at the Chesnee-area store 13 years ago — said she is pushing to give the \$25,000 reward offered for information in the quadruple homicide to Kala Brown.

Brown, 30, was found alive and chained in a storage container Thursday on accused killer Todd Kohlhepp's Woodruff property after she and her boyfriend were reported missing out of Anderson on Aug. 31.

"Kala is the real hero here," Melissa Ponder said during a phone interview Monday. "She's the one that endured the two months of hell and stayed vigilant and alive, and it's because of that we even get to talk about any of this."

Kohlhepp, 45, was arrested by Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office deputies



Melissa Ponder and her son, Scotty, are seen in this 2013 file photo at a 10-year memorial service for the Superbike slayings. Melissa Ponder says the \$25,000 reward in the case should be given to Kala Brown, who was found alive in a storage container on accused killer Todd Kohlhepp's property in Woodruff. JOHN BYRUM

## Meeting with mother led to confession

Kohlhepp granted 3 wishes

By Daniel J. Gross  
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Accused Superbike Motorsports killer Todd Kohlhepp was allowed a meeting with his mother and granted two other requests before confessing to Spartanburg County's 13-year-old quadruple homicide, Sheriff Chuck Wright told the Herald-Journal on Monday.



Kohlhepp

Kohlhepp, 45, was arrested Thursday and charged with kidnapping charge, but Wright said he later confessed



## Report: Deputy kills gunman SLED investigating officer-involved shooting

BY MAAYAN SCHIECHTER  
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The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating the fatal officer-involved shooting of an Aiken County man on Sunday night.

Joel B. Keenan, 44, of New Ellenton, was pronounced dead at the scene in Beech Island around 9:30 p.m. Sunday, said Aiken County Coroner Tim Cochran.

Capt. Eric Abdullah, with the Aiken County Sheriff's Office, said in a news release deputies responded at 107 p.m. Sunday to 1993 Pine Log Road at the

Gulf gas station for a report of a man with a handgun who had threatened a resident.

According to a police report, a 27-year-old Beech Island man told the responding deputy he and his children were at a gas pump pumping gas when Keenan pulled up in a 25-foot white recreational vehicle, or RV.

The victim allegedly looked at Keenan and noticed Keenan had a cyber and



Keenan

black pit of pointed right at the victim's head, the report said. The victim told police Keenan told him to get him and his kids out of the area, the report said.

The victim allegedly thought Keenan "was on something," and although he had plans to job the gas station, police reported.

The victim said he saw the RV pull out of the parking lot and take a right toward Pine Log Road in Aiken, adding he had never seen Keenan and didn't know who he was, according to the report.

At the gas station, police received another call around 8:09 p.m. from the homeowner of 2093 Evans Drive,

who reported a suspect with a weapon and a RV was on his property making threats to shoot them, Abdullah said.

Police reported Keenan after refusing to put down his weapons multiple times despite verbal commands to do so, raised both weapons and Deputy Sylvester Young fired one round from his service weapon, striking Keenan in the chest.

Young has been with the Sheriff's Office since December 2014. He is currently on 90 administrative leave, Abdullah said.

An autopsy was scheduled Monday in Newberry.

According to court records, Keenan

has been in and out of the court system dating back to 1991. Court records state Keenan's most recent charges were in August for traffic violations.

"It's really scary to know just up the street on someone called a fier holding people up at gunpoint," said Ashley Black, 34, who lives in the area.

The investigation is being handled by SLED.

According to a SLED news release, the state's top law enforcement agency conducts investigations into officer-

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## Follow election results online

Site to feature reader photos, races to results

BY MAAYAN SCHIECHTER  
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Want to follow Election Day results in Aiken County?

In an effort to keep the Aiken County community informed, the Aiken Standard will have real-time coverage published on its website at [www.aikenstandard.com](http://www.aikenstandard.com).

On the go? We plan to keep our Twitter and Facebook accounts updated with photos, quotes from elected officials, precinct lines, problems at the polls and more.

Readers can follow the newspaper's Twitter account using @AikenStandard for updates, and use #AikenVotes to engage with the newspaper and its reporters.

Readers can also follow us on Snapchat and Instagram. In addition to the Aiken Standard app found on iOS and Android devices.

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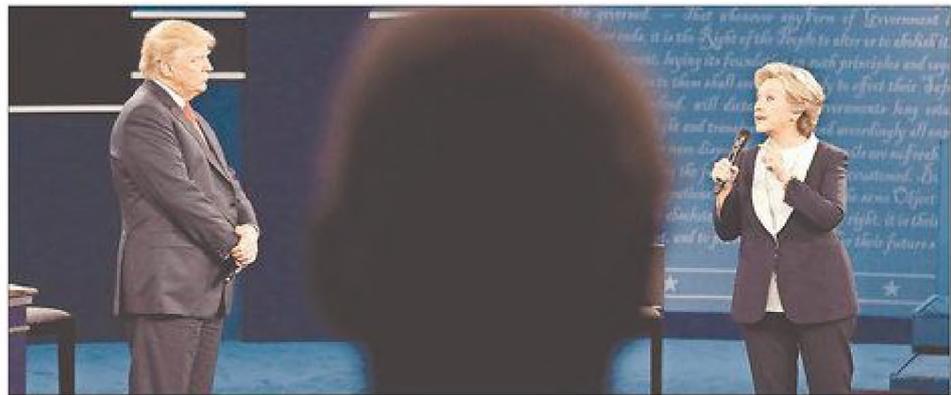
To download the app on Android devices, visit [bit.ly/2fyo213](http://bit.ly/2fyo213).

Have a photo with an "I Voted" sticker? Share those photos with the newspaper on Twitter and tag us, or email them to [mschiechter@aikenstandard.com](mailto:mschiechter@aikenstandard.com) for a chance to show up in our online gallery.

### Area deaths

- Freddie Aaron, Aiken
- Joel Keenan, Aiken
- Elizabeth Livingston, New Ellenton
- Hester Moore, Aiken
- Emlyn Phillips, Palmetto
- Eddie Yillman, Spartanburg, N.C.
- Camaron Williams, Aiken
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# Trump, Clinton near finish line



Bill Clinton, in foreground, watches the second presidential debate between Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump at Washington University on Oct. 9 in St. Louis.

## Candidates make last pitches for presidency

BY JULIE PACE, LISA LERER AND JILL GOLVIN  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Straining toward the finish line of the wildly unpredictable White House race,

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by FBI Director James Comey's announcement Sunday that he would not recommend criminal charges against her following a new email review. The

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## Aiken County polls open until 7 p.m.

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Voters will head to the polls today for the 2016 general election.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

of Aiken County Registration and Elections, advises voters to know what precinct they are supposed to go to and have their photo ID ready.

Precincts and polling places are listed on a person's voter registration





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# Decision day dawns

Florence Ward 11 precinct relocated

BY JOSHUA LLOYD  
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FLORENCE — Finally, Election Day has arrived. Voters across the nation will head to the polls today to choose their next batch of government leaders, from president of the United States on down to city council and school board representatives.

The weather won't offer voters any excuses to not make a trip to a precinct. It is supposed to be clear today, with a 5 percent chance of rain. The low this morning will be in the high 30s. The high today is expected to be 67.

In South Carolina, polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This includes the entire Pee Dee region.

**Precinct change**

Florence residents who typically vote at the Maple Park Recreation Center on Gregg Avenue will instead vote today at Central United Methodist Church because of damages from Hurricane Matthew, officials say.

Florence Precinct Ward 11

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"Vote Here" signs can be seen across the Pee Dee today just outside of polling places. These signs sat outside Florence Ward 11 at Sandhurst Church on Monday afternoon.

# Absentee voting in SC hits a record

BY SEANNA ADOCK  
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — While the presidential contest between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump tops South Carolina's ballot, voters also will choose whether U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and seven U.S. House incumbents return to Washington.

Absentee voting already has broken the record previously set in 2012, when nearly 395,000 people voted absentee either in person or by mail.

Nearly 463,000 South Carolinians had cast ballots by midday Monday. That's a 29 percent increase from midday before Election Day four years ago, said state election

**WHO'S ON THE BALLOT?**  
▶ See a list of candidates who are running in contested races. **Page 5A.**

Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire.

With several hours of in-person voting remaining, plus mailed ballots accepted

through today, "we'll probably have somewhere around half a million absentee ballots cast," he said.

But it's impossible to know who the numbers favor, because voters do not register by party in South Carolina.

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# Army is in transition, retired general says

BY JOE PERRY  
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FLORENCE — The U.S. Army is simultaneously transitioning from the past while engaged in current conflicts and preparing



Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Janice Halper speaks Monday to the Rotary

# Concert canceled at Civic Center

FLORENCE — A Friday concert on the I Love the 90s Tour has been canceled, Florence Civic Center officials announced Monday. The tour features Vanilla Ice, Soft X Pepp, Kid N Play, Coolio

to cancel the event. The hurricane triggered power outages, flooding, home and road damages and unexpected expenses.

"We've been a standstill since the hurricane," Florence Civic Center Marketing Coordinator Kaylen Snapp said. "Understand-

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