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Archakam S. Bhattar, priest at the Vedic Center, blesses Shailendra Mathur, president of the Vedic Center, inside the temple on Wednesday. "We are so far away from India, so at times, I think this becomes the second home," Mathur said.

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Hindu Vedic Center turns 25

Temple, cultural site
unites all from India

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The first immigrants from India came to Greenville 30 years ago.

But it's what sits at the corner of Bethel Drive and Bethel Road in Mauldin that has made the Indian community feel at home here.

On that more than five-acre site sits the Vedic Center of Greenville, a Hindu temple and Indian cultural center that unites all from India, regardless of what part of the country they came from or the God they pray to.

On Nov. 7-9, thousands of Indians will gather at the center as part of a three-day celebration marking its 25th anniversary.

The Vedic Center followed the growth of the Indian population here.

The community itself has been a significant part of Greenville's development, said Whitney Walters, executive director of the International Center of the Upstate.

"The Indian community is a very industrious community," Walters said. "It's always wonderful to have a faction of people who are industrious, entrepreneurial and self-reliant. It's a nice attribute."

R.P. Rama, vice president and chief technology/information officer for JHM Hotels, said there is almost no profession in Greenville not represented by someone from India.

The Indian population also contributes much in terms of social services, he said, raising funds and volunteering with many area non-profits.

Rama said he believes the Indian community would not be in a position to do what it does if there were not a place like the Vedic Center.

"Can you substitute a church? You cannot," he said, "because that's where you get your spiritual upbringing."

"That's where you connect with the so-called one and only God in whatever form you see that God, and that's where you have the opportunity and chance to be with people who are thinking the same way."

Indian migration

The Indian population is "a large presence in this community, but perhaps under-recognized," said Greenville Mayor Knox White.

"It is very diverse in the community, and it ranges from professionals like doctors and engineers to people who work in other jobs," he said.

"People I know find Greenville a very welcoming place to be. It's part of what makes Greenville a global community."

But things were very different



Inside the Vedic Center on Wednesday. It is at Bethel Drive and Bethel Road in Mauldin.

when Surendra Jain, a Greenville entrepreneur, arrived in the Upstate some 50 years ago.

After earning a chemistry degree from the University of Bombay and graduating from the Philadelphia College of Textiles, Jain came to Greenville to work as a chemist at the Charles S. Tanner Co.

He knew of no other Indians living here at the time.

He returned to his native country to marry, and he and his bride, Neelima Barar, came back to Greenville the next year.

Life was not good, Jain said, "be-

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Clemson fraternities are facing charges

Two frats are accused
of hazing, two under
university investigations

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Clemson University has disciplined fraternities and sororities on campus 34 times between 2010 and the start of this fall semester, citing violations that range from hazing to underage drinking, according to data released by the university Thursday, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request by *The Greenville News*.

Since 2010, Greek organizations on Clemson's campus have been investigated in 31 separate incidents, most of which included multiple charges, the university said. The university found 34 violations of fraternity and sorority codes of conduct, dismissed charges in four incidents and found no violation in 21 others, the university said.

Clemson put a number of fraternities and sororities on probation, including five that are currently under disciplinary probation, the university said.

Charges are pending against two unnamed fraternities in separate incidents involving alcohol, hazing and harm to a person this semester, according to information released by the university in response to Freedom of Information Act requests by *The News* and other media outlets.

Two other fraternities remain under investigation in connection with other hazing reports this semester, the university said.

The *News* requested information on Clemson's Greek organizations following Clemson student Tucker Hipps' death in September after fraternity brothers told investigators the 19-year-old fell behind during an early morning fraternity group run. Hipps was a pledge with Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Sigma Phi Epsilon suspended the Clemson chapter's activities until the national office and the Oconee County Sheriff's Office complete their investigations, Rob Jepson, spokesman for the national chapter wrote in an emailed statement to *The Greenville News* Thursday.

He said information obtained from Clemson students continues to support

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Publisher Steve Brandt leaves legacy of public service

Community service efforts
marked his career and life

By Ron Barnett

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Not long after taking a job as person-

Bismol plant at Donaldson Center to sell graveyard shift workers on the idea of giving a portion of their hard-earned money to help the less fortunate in Greenville County.

It was a far cry from the career he had envisioned for himself as a world-famous investigative reporter, but it was

At the same time, his wife, Scottie Lu, was heading the group that brought the Upstate its first children's museum.

And, as many in the community lost jobs and found themselves in need of help for the first time in their lives, Brandt teamed the newspaper with WYFF 4 to expand the Holiday Sunshine



No. 2 Preseason poll ranks USC women hoops team near the top



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'Super yacht' High-tech billionaire sails into Charleston



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Officials vote to delay election for Harrell's seat

Tinkler files with S.C. highest court, requesting the decision be revoked

BY JEREMY BORDEN
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COLUMBIA — South Carolina election officials boosted Republican chances of hanging onto former Speaker Bobby Harrell's old seat, but Democrats wanted no time in asking the state's highest court to reverse the decision.

The legal duel began Thursday

morning, when the State Election Commission voted unanimously to postpone the District 114 election, giving the GOP a chance to replace Harrell on the ballot with another Republican.

Harrell is barred from running for or holding public office for at least three years after pleading guilty to six misdemeanor campaign finance-related charges earlier this month.



Tinkler

Within hours, the Democratic candidate, Mary Tinkler, filed for a hearing before the South Carolina Supreme Court, contending that the Election

Poll

Should the state supreme court intervene in the District 114 election? Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Commission erred in ruling that state law allows the GOP to replace its candidate.

The Supreme Court is expected to consider the case Friday — a mere four days before Election Day on Tuesday. State Democratic Party chairman Jaime Harrison earlier said the 5-0 decision was "not fair for the voters, it's not fair for the candidates."

The commission's decision opens up a "Pandora's box," he said, because candidates who trail in races could claim disqualification and state parties could try to find another, better candidate while delaying the election.

Generally, state law says that candidates cannot withdraw from a race within 30 days of the election.

But the commission's reasoning hinged on its finding that Harrell did not withdraw but rather was disqualified because of his guilty plea.

The commission is appointed by the governor and by law has one Democrat, Nicole Spain White, who voted with her colleagues for the delay.

State Republican Party Chairman Matt Moore praised the commission's decision.

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McGinley out

Charleston County School Board's acceptance of superintendent's resignation met with a mix of angry chants and tears



PHOTOGRAPH BY PAUL ZOLLER/STAFF

Dot Scott, president of the local branch of the NAACP, and others react after hearing Nancy McGinley would be resigning during a school board meeting at the Charleston County School District central office.

BY AMANDA KERR
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Nancy McGinley went from being superintendent of a 48,000-student school district to an undefined consultant following an emergency meeting Thursday of the Charleston County School Board.

The board voted 8-1 to accept McGinley's resignation after meeting in closed session for more than an hour and a half. Michael Miller cast the dissenting vote.

School Board Chairwoman Cindy Eohn Coats, reading from a prepared statement, said the board had authorized her to accept McGinley's resignation, "which we believe will be forthcoming."

Later, Coats said the board had to vote to accept McGinley's resignation

Poll

What do you think of Nancy McGinley's resignation? Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Inside

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- A timeline of Nancy McGinley's career. **A6**
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tion before she officially tendered it as part of the negotiation process, which involves outside counsel. McGinley had two years remaining on her contract.

A couple dozen people who had gathered in the boardroom at the school district headquarters in downtown Charleston erupted as Coats read her statement. Jerome Smalls began chanting "down with the racist," while Dot Scott, president of the Charleston branch



Acting superintendent Michael Bobby, seated beside chief academic officer Dr. Lisa Herring, talks after the resignation of Nancy McGinley was accepted.

of the NAACP, shouted "We will see you at the polls." Some district employees wept at the announcement of McGinley's departure.

McGinley will remain a district employee and be available for consultation through June 30, 2015. She will continue to receive her salary and benefits through that date. Mc-

Ginley's annual salary is \$226,278 and she will also receive a payment of eight months' salary and benefits after July 1, 2015.

Michael Bobby, the district's chief financial officer, was named acting superintendent.

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Experts compare smoking to Ebola

CDC official: 1,000 people a day die from cigarette use

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A top official from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called on Americans to use the same dedication it is showing in the Ebola crisis to respond to a longtime epidemic that is killing an average of 1,000 people a day: cigarette smoking.

Poll

Do you think cigarette taxes and smoking bans are having an impact on encouraging people to quit smoking? Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

"A thousand deaths a day. Why do we tolerate that? Do we need to tolerate this," said Dr. Timothy McAfee, director of the CDC's office on smoking and health.

"My simple message, which comes

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Plan ahead with new mobile app

Discover how you can find the best places to eat, drink and more with The Post and Courier's new events app. PlanIt SC offers an exhaustive list of things to do in Charleston and beyond in one convenient location — your mobile phone. You can enter to win great prizes, buy event tickets or simply find the nearest happy hour. The free app builds off all the great events, from concerts to church services, you can find at PlanItSC.com. Visit the site to download the app. Once downloaded, you can bookmark your favorite things to do, make plans and invite friends in a private personalized environment.



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The Gamecocks trail only defending champion Connecticut. They will meet on Feb. 9. **C1**

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S.C. HOUSE

Panel moves to weaken speaker's power

Plan in response to Harrell fiasco would limit speaker's terms, PACs

By CASSIE COPE
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The S.C. House of Representatives should disperse more power among its members by restricting the terms of its speaker and prohibiting members from having leadership political action committees, a panel proposed Thursday.

The House also would step up its oversight of state agencies if the proposals, made by a panel tasked with reforming House rules, are adopted at the House's December organization meeting.

INSIDE

"It's important to

DREHER-CAMDEN FOOTBALL BRAWL

Two players face charges

Appeals of penalties imposed on schools denied; suspensions, fines, probation will stand

By HARRISON CAHILL and
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Two players are facing criminal assault charges following a postgame melee that broke out between the Camden and Dreher high school football teams, according to the Camden Police

Department.

The schools also were told Thursday that their appeals of penalties imposed on their football programs because of the fight were denied.

Orlando Zaquan Williams, 17, of Camden and Jeffrey Jordan Wider, 17,

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Watch the fight in a video, online with this story.

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RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Deputies may face more fraud charges

5 ex-officers, 1 ex-employee accused of padding of tax refunds

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More tax fraud charges are likely in a \$100,000 scam that so far has ensnared five Richland County sheriff's deputies and a former, convicted civilian employee of the agency.

Sheriff Leon Lott said Thursday.

Each of the now-fired deputies has been criminally charged and each was a veteran of the department, having worked there from seven to 14 years, Lott said. He called their conduct a betrayal of their

oaths to serve the public as well as of his trust.

"I want to apologize to the community," Lott said at a news conference announcing the arrests in a scheme to create fake dependents so deputies could get larger state and federal tax refunds. "This is a very

discouraging day today for us at the sheriff's department."

The deputies served in positions that ranged from a school resource officer at Richland Northeast High to a road deputy and a plain-

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YAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Dog lovers participate Thursday in the Pup Parade through Five Points before heading to Jake's Bar for 'yappy' hour. Above, Jessie, left, and Minnie show off their pumpkin costumes before the parade. They are owned by Monica Holbert and Ken Profit.

At left, June Pak, a manager at Jake's, basks



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Dems' day in Orangeburg

In final days of campaign, Sheheen says he'll push for Medicaid, roads



By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen challenged hundreds of Democrats in Orangeburg County to help change South Carolina by voting in Tuesday's election.

"This race for governor is extremely close. The candidate who wins is the candidate whose voters go to vote," Sheheen said at Thursday night's Orangeburg County Democratic Party's Candidates' and Elected Officials' Cook-Off at Willcreek Plantation.

S.C. Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison described Orangeburg County as the "bluest of the blue" among

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Republicans visit today

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley, who is seeking a second term, will return to her hometown of Barnburg at 12:15 p.m. today with a stop at Rusty and Paula's Restaurant, 3308 Main Highway. Former S.C. Attorney General Henry McMaster, the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, is scheduled to join her.

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, speaks Thursday at the Orangeburg County Democratic Party's annual cook-off fundraiser. The gubernatorial candidate encouraged voters to turn out for the Nov. 4 election. **Find more photos and video online at TheTandD.com.**

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Game of the Week

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Cops offer trick-or-treating tips

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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With ghosts, witches and other little monsters hitting the sidewalks and streets to trick-or-treat tonight, local authorities are offering some tips to make sure

everyone has a happy but safe Halloween.

A safe and fun night starts with getting dressed. Parents should make sure their children's costumes don't cover their eyes or keep them from moving easily, according to Capt. Maryann Burgess,

a spokeswoman for the Aiken Department of Public Safety.

"The brighter the costume, the better," she said. "Especially if you're going to be trick-or-treating in darker lighting." Police are urging parents not to let children 12 or younger go trick-or-treating alone.

Those 12 and younger should have a chaperone of some kind, even if it is an older child, and Burgess suggested making sure your trick-or-treater carries a cellphone if you won't be accompanying them.

"We'd rather have them in a familiar neighborhood," she said.

"We understand some people live way out and come into the city to trick-or-treat, but just make sure somebody who has some knowledge of the area or an older child or adult is with them."

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Aiken Standard Election Guide

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Four-page section covering all candidates and ballot questions for the Nov. 4 election.

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Calling foul on bullying

Millbrook Elementary School gets visit from Harlem Globetrotter

BY LARRY WOOD
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Gallery
See more photos from Millbrook Elementary online at aikenstandard.com

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Alivia Gray, right, a kindergarten student at Millbrook Elementary, spins a little Harlem Globetrotter magic with Hi-Lite Bruton.

Harlem Globetrotter Hi-Lite Bruton brought his game from the basketball court to Millbrook Elementary's cafeteria Thursday, dazzling students with tricks and spins but really scoring with his message of bullying prevention.

Entering to the familiar whistling in "Sweet Georgia Brown," the Globetrotters' theme song, Bruton presented the "ABCs of Bullying Prevention," focusing on action, bravery and compassion, as part of Red Ribbon Week. The national observation, held every October, calls attention to violence prevention.

"What's the first letter in the ABCs?" Bruton asked the students, who answered, "A," in unison. "The A stands for action."

Calling two kindergarten students up to the front to join him, Bruton asked them what action they should take if

they see someone being bullied.

"Go tell the teacher," Alivia Gray said.

"Well, go tell the teacher," Bruton told Alivia, who hesitated at first but then followed through and found a teacher sitting nearby and told her. "You may be afraid at first, but if you hesitate, it only prolongs the bullying when the victim is begging for help."

"By telling the teacher, does that make her a tattletale?" Bruton continued. "No, it does not. It makes her a hero."

"B" stands for bravery and means standing up for someone else, Bruton said.

"It's easy to stand up for yourself, of course. When you've had enough, you're going to say something," he said, "but sometimes it's even more brave for someone else who's not involved to take matters into their own hands."

Bruton told the students not to confront bullies but to tell them to stop, walk away and, again, tell a teacher.

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Martin awarded lifetime membership to Kiwanis

BY ROB NOVIT
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Not long after she was hired USC Aiken, Dr. Deidre Martin joined the Aiken Kiwanis Club. More than 24 years later, her friends at the civic organization recognized her with a Lifetime Membership award Thursday.

"I've worked with Deidre for many years," said former president John Palmer. "She has brought everything to this program. She's a wonderful woman with so many activities that she has taken on that are beneficial to the club."

Kiwanis International focuses much of its community-service endeavors on initiatives



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FILE
Voters will line up at the ballot boxes at Seneca's Shaver Recreation Complex gymnasium and thousands of other polling places around the country for Tuesday's general election. Inside today's edition of The Journal, readers will find a special comprehensive election section designed to help voters make informed decisions in Tuesday's election.

HIGH SCHOOL GAMEDAY: Bobcats, Lions close regular season with Western 3A rivalry showdown. **C1**



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11 arrested in 'Infinity' roundup

Police on the lookout for 15 others

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Nearly a dozen people were arrested and 15 more were being sought Thursday afternoon in a drug roundup conducted by the Oconee County Sheriff's Office.

According to a statement released by the sheriff's office, the eighth "Operation

"Infinity" drug roundup — an effort started after sheriff Mike Crenshaw took office in January 2013 — began with a meeting at the Law Enforcement Center at 8:30 a.m. Thursday and a briefing that also included officers from the Seneca Police Department.

Crenshaw said in a statement his office "is engaged in an ongoing effort to

combat the drug problem in Oconee County through enforcement and education" and called the issue an "ongoing commitment." The sheriff said his office wanted to ensure the safety of families and children who will be out for Halloween tonight.

"We just felt like with (today) being Halloween, you're always concerned

about children being given marijuana-laced candy, candy that could make them sick," he said Thursday. "These individuals charged in illegal drug activity will hopefully remain in jail while children are out trick-or-treating (today)."

A total of 26 people were being sought on a variety

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Special election section in today's edition

THE JOURNAL STAFF

2 hospitalized after Thursday wreck



JESSICA NELSON / THE JOURNAL

A two-car collision in Seneca on Thursday morning ended with two people transported to Oconee Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A Seneca Police Department official said a Kia traveling west on Railroad Street disregarded a stop sign and struck a Honda heading north on Fairplay Street. The unidentified driver and passenger in the Honda were transported to OMH. Capt. Robbie Tribble said the female driver of the Kia was charged with a traffic infraction.

Christmas for Kids program seeking space

THE JOURNAL STAFF

SENECA — The Christmas for Kids program is seeking retail or warehouse space for its annual toy drive for underprivileged

The space is needed as soon as possible in order to store toys that have been inventoried and so the application process for the program can begin.

The ideal space would be

but not a necessity.

Christmas for Kids directors are seeking the space to be donated from as soon as possible through the end of December. That space will be used to store the



SENECA — Today's edition of The Journal includes a special section with information designed to help readers make informed choices in Tuesday's general election.

The special section contains stories about all of the contested races, from the governor's race and the two elections for the U.S. Senate to local races for the State House of Representatives, Pickens and Oconee county school boards, Clemson City Council and the Keowee Fire District Commission.

Information about the ballot questions voters will be asked to decide is covered as well. This includes the oft-discussed 1 percent capital sales tax referendum that would pay for new and renovated libraries, as well as a new YMCA, agricultural center and a variety of other projects.

There are also three communities — Oconee County, Clemson and Pendleton — that are asking voters to decide whether businesses and restaurants can sell alcohol on Sundays.

Statewide, there is a referendum asking voters to decide whether non-profit groups can conduct charitable raffles to raise money.

Most of the stories are general overviews, telling a little bit about the candidates or the issues involved. In five elections — State House (Clemson area), the two school boards, Clemson City Council and Keowee Fire District Commission — readers get to hear the candidates in their own words and in more detail respond to questions from

Brees, Saints win

Victory over Panthers puts New Orleans in first place in NFC South B1



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Lava flow

The Hawaii National Guard is deploying troops to a rural Hawaii town as lava makes a slow crawl toward a major road and threatens to further isolate the community that got its start during the lumber and sugar-plantation heyday. **PAGE A8**

Manhunt ends

A survivalist accused of ambushing two state troopers, killing one and seriously wounding the other, was captured on Thursday by U.S. marshals near an abandoned airplane hangar, ending a seven-week manhunt. **PAGE A6**

Replaced on ballot

South Carolina election commissioners agreed Thursday to let Republicans replace former House Speaker Bobby Harrell on the ballot, one week after he pleaded guilty to campaign finance violations and resigned from his seat as part of a plea deal. **PAGE C1**

Fresh produce

Families of students at Jesse Bobo Elementary School were treated to fresh produce on Thursday afternoon thanks to some generous donors. **PAGE C1**

Solid growth

The U.S. economy powered its way to a respectable growth rate of 3.5 percent from July through September, outpacing most of the developed world. **PAGE C7**

Weather

Chamber backs Sunday alcohol

Referendum on county ballots Tuesday would allow on-premises consumption

By JASON SPENCER
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The Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, a membership-based organization representing businesses in and around the county, is supporting efforts to allow bars, restaurants, hotels and other entities to sell alcohol on Sundays.

The chamber — whose mission is to “enhance the economic vitality and lifestyle environment of Spartanburg County” — sees it as an economic development tool, a way to give Spartanburg a

competitive advantage over other areas that don’t allow such sales, like Greenville County, and to bolster existing businesses here.

“Basically, we need to pass this to support our current hospitality-related businesses and to recruit and retain more,” said Russ Weber, chairman of the chamber’s Economic Futures Group.

“Anyone in the hospitality business, they need to be able to expand, and I think it helps everyone in that industry. That’s what we do, you know? ... It’s about help-

ing them survive.”

Voting yes on Tuesday’s referendum would allow businesses to apply for permits to sell spirits on Sundays for on-premises consumption. A one-year permit would cost \$3,000, according to state law.

If the referendum passes, alcohol sales would still be prohibited on Sundays at grocery stores, gas stations and other places for off-premises consumption in Spartanburg County.

“To me, it’s strictly an economic development issue,” said John Easterling, head of the chamber’s political action committee, Spartanburg Tomorrow. “We’re trying to bring jobs to Spartanburg Coun-



STAFF FILE
Bartender Seve Boyd prepares a drink at Speakeasy in Spartanburg.

ty, and we just think it’s an excellent boost to job creation. More restaurants will be interested in locating in Spartanburg County if

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Have fun, but be safe



JOHN BYRUM/JOHN.BYRUM@SHJ.COM
Jonathan Fair, 6, tosses a ring onto a witch’s hat during a Halloween carnival hosted by Wofford College students on Thursday. Kids played games and, of course, enjoyed some candy. See a photo gallery at GoUpstate.com.

Football traffic, trick-or-treaters, Friday night drivers all on roads

From staff reports

Drivers are reminded to be on the lookout today as it’s dark and use caution whenever backing up in vehicles, as well as entering and exiting driveways.

Ebola nurse refuses to stay in

Hickox defiantly breaks quarantine

By ROBERT F. BUKATY
The Associated Press

FORT KENT, Maine — Insisting she is perfectly healthy, nurse Kaci Hickox again defied the state’s Ebola quarantine Thursday by taking a bike ride with her boyfriend, and Maine health authorities struggled to reach a compromise that would limit her contact with others.

Hickox, 33, stepped out of her home on the remote northern edge of Maine for the second day in a row, practically daring authorities to make good on their threat to go to court to have her confined against her will. On Wednesday evening, she went outside for an impromptu news conference and shook a reporter’s outstretched hand.

By evening, it was unclear whether the state had gone to court or whether there had been any progress toward ending the standoff that has become the



Hickox

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Scares and frights at USC Sumter tonight



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Savannah Daniels leads a tour through the haunted house at USC Sumter for the Halloween carnival, which benefits the school's athletics department. The haunted house will be open again tonight from 6 to 11 p.m.



Daniels, above, creeps down the halls of the haunted house.

USC Sumter student and carnival volunteer Javon Mack, right, helps Nilynn Dowe, Sincere Bolden and Neveah Bolden color pumpkins at the event.



Ministers strive to 'protect the flock'

Their opposition to Sunday alcohol sales is based on moral beliefs

BY JOE KEPLER

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Few can argue with the value of economic development, but local ministers are asking: At what cost? They said they base their opposition to the Sunday alcohol sales referendum on moral beliefs.

"Our decisions are based on God's will, and God commanded we remember the Sabbath and keep it holy," said Napoleon Bradford, di-



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WINDLEY

rector of Christian education and missions at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church. "Often times, as spiritual leader and shepherd of our congregations, we see the enemy that the sheep won't see. It's our job to see above the sheep's head and to see what's coming from all angles. That's our job as shepherd, as pastor, to protect the flock whether they know it's the enemy or not."

The referendum, if approved during Tuesday's election, would allow only restaurants to sell alcohol to those dining in their businesses. It does not permit "carry-out" sales, and stores and bars would still be banned from selling it on Sundays.

But for Bradford and George P. Windley Jr., pastor of First Baptist Missionary Church, the passage of the referendum could be a slippery slope. Windley referenced Morgan Reeves, a Green Party candidate for governor in South Carolina who argued marijuana should be legalized because it would bring more money to the state and said this referendum is no different.

"Our church's fear is that this is the gateway," Bradford said. "We've seen in other segments of society where a small legislative decision is made that subsequently provides for something else to take place. It's alcohol on Sundays dine-in now, but who's to say that in the next election, it won't be expanded to the purchase of take-out liquor?"

Windley said alcohol consumption brings

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Sumter native spearheads innovative diabetes product

BY PAUL F. ALONGI
Special to The Sumter Item

What started as a Clemson University research project is

of Sumter, serving as chief technology officer. With four awards to its credit, GlucoSense launches with wind in its sails.

Sense is made from readily available parts that can be found in any U.S. electronics store or bought in bulk and shipped to remote parts of the world.



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Mullis challenging Duncan for U.S. House seat

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Spanning nine counties and nearly 5,000 square miles, the 3rd Congressional District of the South Carolina House of Representatives is vast.

Outside of the two main commercial hubs in Anderson and Greenwood are the unique rural communities that have a lot riding on the moves being made by state and local



JEFF DUNCAN

representatives. This year, the Lakelands and company will get to decide who joins six other representatives from South Carolina to serve in the U.S. House, Republican incumbent Jeff Duncan

Barbara Jo Mullis of Fairplay. Duncan has focused his campaign on three components: jobs, energy and the founding fathers.

While searching for a candidate to endorse in the House race, Mullis, a retired school teacher, wasn't seeing anyone. Duncan was looking at the possibility of moving into a third term with no one running against him. At that point, Mullis decided to submit her name.



BARBARA JO MULLIS

Duncan wants to fuel the entrepreneur to help create jobs in South Carolina by lessening government regulations and creating fair tax regulations.

"What we can do as U.S. legislators is make sure the environment is conducive to job creation," Duncan said.

Mullis wants to focus on infrastructure and innovation when it comes to job creation. A major need in South Carolina regarding infrastructure is fixing the roadways in order to establish better logistics for moving product, according to Mullis.

The candidate said innovators See **HOUSE**, page 4A

■ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Taking a stand

Women find success in ending their horror stories

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EDITORS NOTE: "Martha" and "Veronica" are fictional names used to protect the identities of two women who spoke to the Index-Journal on condition of anonymity. They spoke with the intent of helping other women in abusive relationships as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Martha knows the terror that inevitably comes from living amid the backdrop of abuse.

For years, she shared quarters with the embodiment of her nightmares, suffering through decades of psychological torment. On one occasion toward the end of her marriage, she remembers walking into her husband's bedroom and finding a startling inmate of the man she once loved.

Years of drugs and alcohol abuse had rendered him cold, and she remembers staring into the glazed-over eyes of a creature that appeared soulless, uncaring and no longer human. Those eyes haunt her even to this day.

"That was the only time I saw that," Martha said, trembling as she relived the moment, "but I never wanted to see it again. Never."

Martha enjoys life one day at a time now. She is a beacon of hope to many in the tightly-bound shoes she once wore. Martha is a domestic violence survivor who was able to escape her abusive relationship and start life anew.

It's a journey four years in the making, and one that saw her spend several months at Meg's House. It was at the battered women's shelter that Martha began building toward her independence. Last month, the journey came full circle as she moved into her own condo.

"That place (Meg's House) has really done things for me that I never thought possible," she said, "like the new place I moved into. I just never thought I'd live in a place like that, after going through what I've been through. I'm happier. It's just weird how you feel so free when you leave a place like that. It was like being out of jail."

Martha knows she is one of the lucky ones. There are a host of reasons battered men and women remain in abusive relationships, the most common is for security. Many rely on financial support from

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ABOVE AND BEYOND



BEFORE



AFTER



Tammy Gravley, PTO president at Northside Middle School, reacts to having her head shaved by Kyle Caldwell of Shear Designs at a school pep rally Thursday afternoon.

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Northside Middle PTO president shaves her head

By KATE HRUBY
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Tammy Gravley said she's known for going above and beyond, but she might have topped herself this time.

Gravley, Northside Middle School's Parent Teacher Organization president, had her head shaved Thursday afternoon at a school pep rally, keeping up her end of the bargain of a school fundraising incentive.

"My daughter said she was glad she was no longer in middle school for this and my son,

who is a student at Northside, just keeps shaking his head," Gravley said.

She said the incentive came into being as members of the organization were forced to think outside the box this year regarding fundraising because of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations prohibiting unhealthy fundraisers.

"We were struggling with ideas on what to use for a fundraiser," Gravley said. "It was more of a light bulb just turned on and thought to myself, 'why

See **SHAVED**, page 4A

State orders new election for Harrell's former seat

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina election commissioners agreed Thurs-



have the final say. The State Election Commission ordered a special GOP primary for

to be followed later by a special general election to fill the seat, possibly Dec. 9. Under the commission's order, Harrell's name remains on Tuesday's ballot but the results will not count. Neither

unnecessary.

Commission Chairman Billy Way said Harrell's guilty plea already disqualifies him from running. Harrell, first elected to the House in 1992 and

for Democratic candidate Mary Tinkler asked the state's highest court to immediately review the commission's decision, overturn it and allow the general election to continue. The petition

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Hartsville Fire Department offers Halloween safety tips



From staff reports

As families prepare to enjoy the fun of trick-or-treating, the Hartsville Fire Department would like to remind all those who will be celebrating the holiday of a few easy tips to make the festivities as fun and safe as possible.

Halloween would not be complete without a jack-o-lantern, but consider using a

flashlight or battery-operated candle as the safest way of illuminating your creation. For those who use real candles, be careful and make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. Candles inside pumpkins should be lit with long, fireplace-style matches or utility lighters.

Lit jack-o-lanterns should be kept well away from anything that can burn. As with all other decorations, jack-o-lanterns should be kept out of the way of trick-or-treaters as well

as doorsteps, walkways and exits.

All decorations should be kept at a distance from open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters. Decorations are the first thing to catch fire in approximately 900 reported home fires every year, according to the National Fire Protection Association, with two of every five of these fires started by a candle.

The city of Hartsville does not restrict trick-or-treating dates or times. When children are trick-

or-treating, provide them with flashlights or glow sticks to use as part of their costume. When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long-trailing fabric which can catch on obstructions or pose a tripping hazard. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see clearly.

The Hartsville Fire Department wishes everyone a happy, fire-safe Halloween. For any safety questions, please call the department at 843-383-3000.

Dancing with the Stars dancers announced

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON

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SOCIETY HILL — Dance pairs for the second annual Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County were announced Wednesday night during a reveal party held at the Beasley Farm in Society Hill. Former S.C. Gov. David Beasley and Mary Wood Beasley played host and provided entertainment by Russian break dancers and jugglers.

Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County is a fundraiser for the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault. The inaugural event last year raised approximately \$50,000 to benefit the coalition's efforts in Darlington County. It also helps to raise awareness about abuse and sexual assault while providing an entertaining evening for sponsors and guests.

Celebrity dancers and their professional dance partners for the 2015 event, which is scheduled for Jan. 29 at the Hartsville Center Theater, along with last year's dancers were honored guests.

Brittany Caldwell and her celebrity dancer Ben Chastain won last year's event. The 2014 People's Choice Team Award went to professional dancer Meredith Holloman Askins and her celebrity dancer Orlando Hudson.

In addition to revealing this year's dance teams, the dancers drew for their style of dance from seven possible styles — salsa, tango, foxtrot, swing, jive, waltz and disco.

"I am excited. I've never done ballroom dancing," said Jeanna Roberts, dancing for the first time this year. "I think I'd like to



Celebrity dancers and their professional partners for the 2015 Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County were announced Wednesday night. Eleven teams will compete for the title and to raise money and awareness for the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault.



ABOVE: Brenton Dana, a celebrity dancer, is joined by his mother, Paula, at the Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County Reveal Party held at the Beasley Farm in Society Hill. LEFT: Former S.C. Gov. David Beasley and Mary Wood Beasley welcome guests to their family farm for the second annual Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County Reveal Party.

do the salsa or tango."

She and her partner drew disco, but dancers are allowed to swap styles with other dancers. Bob Everett and his partner benefited from the swap.

"I love disco," he said.

S.C. Rep. and House Speaker Jay Lucas and his partner drew the waltz.

"I'm not much of a dancer," he said after the partner reveal and style selection. "I have a really good partner."

"We will have to work late and on weekends," Lucas said of his busy schedule.

Darlington County Sheriff Wayne Byrd said it didn't matter which dance style he drew because he wasn't skilled

in any of them. He drew the tango. After the partners were revealed, Byrd learned that his partner was on crutches.

"I'm in the hole to start with," he said, laughing. "We will have to wait until she gets off crutches to

start rehearsing."

Heather Watkins and Amanda Wright are co-chairs as artistic director for the event.

Dance teams will also have an opportunity to win the coveted People's Choice Award. The award will be determined by the dance team that receives the most votes or ballots which will be sold by the dancers, Pee Dee Coalition members, online and on the evening of the dance. Ballots will be available after Nov. 15. The dance team with the most ballot votes will receive the People's Choice Award.

A panel of judges will determine which dance team will be named the 2015 Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County winners during the competition on Jan. 29.

Bonnie Hamilton of the Pee Dee Coalition's Darlington County Chapter said the money raised will be used for a great cause — to help abused women and children.

"We tend to turn our eyes because we don't want to see," she said when it comes to facts about abuse. "We are here to raise money for the cause. It is all about the cause."

The Pee Dee Coalition has two safe shelters for victims to use. According to the coalition, last year they were used 949 nights with the average stay of 55 days. Sixty-four families were helped by the 24-hour crisis line.

The dance celebrities and their professional partners are:

Monty Bell, partner with Bell and Weaver law firm, is teamed with Jenna Roberts, a graduate of Belhaven University



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Maritime Center to open Saturday

Port Royal Sound Foundation's facility includes rotating exhibits, touch tanks

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where we are bringing everyone together and helping them build an appreciation for the water," foundation director Jody Hayward said.

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Models of Carolina Snowball, the albino dolphin of Beaufort County, and Sonny Boy, her son, hang in the entryway.

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MONITORING FOR EBOLA

Maine, nurse standoff heats up

Kaci Hickox has rebelled against the restrictions of a voluntary quarantine after returning from treating victims in West Africa.

By ROBERT F. BUKATY

The Associated Press

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ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Embattled ex-judge vies for seat

Frank M. Simon retired in 2012 after three female court employees filed complaints against him.

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A former Beaufort County judge who retired amid controversy is making another run for public office.

Frank M. Simon, 86, stepped down as probate judge in 2012 after three female court employees filed sexual-harassment complaints against him.

Two of them also filed federal lawsuits, accusing Simon of making lewd and sexually explicit comments to them in the workplace. Those lawsuits were settled this year for an undisclosed amount. Attempts Thursday to reach



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TUESDAY ELECTIONS

Finances, commerce key issues

School board, council candidates face off in debates

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The Beaufort County School District needs to get more creative to stabilize its annual budget, school board write-in candidates Lundy Baker and Joseph Dunkle say.

But the two candidates differ on how to do that.

For Baker, it means balancing careful budget cuts with putting more pressure on the S.C. General Assembly to change Act 388, the school funding law that local officials agree is hurting the local district by shrinking its tax base.

Dunkle counters that the district first needs to curb its own excesses, such as expensive travel bills and car washes, and should consider hiring a comptroller to comb through its budget.

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Culinary competition raises money for library

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FLORENCE — The Fourth Annual Books 'n Boil Culinary Competition Fundraiser took over the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library on Thursday night in Florence. Around 150 attendees came out to sample

local cuisine and meet Patricia Moore-Pastides, first lady of the University of South Carolina and acclaimed cookbook author. Mostly, though, they were there to support the Florence County Library System.

At a VIP reception before the main event, Moore-Pastides mingled with attendees and

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Patricia Moore-Pastides, first lady of the University of South Carolina and cookbook author, poses with Jeffrey Martin, chef of Table 118 in Lake City. Martin's Blueberry Duck Confit with Buttermilk Biscuits won the Books 'n Boil Culinary Competition Thursday night at the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Florence Library.

MELISSA ROLLINS/MORNING NEWS



Tierra Patterson walks through a mini "Haunted House" with her candy Thursday evening while trick-or-treating at Darlington's Scare on the Square.

Scare on the Square



Hannah Loggie tosses a ring into the air Thursday with the hopes of hooking a pumpkin stem during Darlington's Scare on the Square.



David Corry (center) with Edward Jones Investments tries to keep up with candy demand Thursday during Scare on the Square.

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Wreck victim's family mourns

BY TRACI BRIDGES

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FLORENCE — Vincent Thomas lived a life to be proud of.

Thomas grew up in Mayesville and graduated from Mount Pleasant High School. He joined the Army Reserve and served a tour in Afghanistan. Once back in the United States, he got a job with Amtrak in Florence. Just recently, he had purchased a house in Florence and was excited about the move.



Thomas

By all accounts, the future looked bright for the 33-year-old Lee County native.

But then, on a seemingly routine Wednesday morning, everything changed.

Thomas was sitting in his vehicle at the intersection of Cheves and Church streets just after 5 a.m. Wednesday, headed home after his shift at the Amtrak station in Florence, when a vehicle came barreling toward him at an extremely high rate of speed and crashed into him.

Thomas was pronounced dead shortly after emergency personnel arrived on the scene.

The driver of the other car, 19-year-old Kyeon Glover of 3081 Ballpark Road, was later charged with felony DUI resulting in death, as well as failure to stop for a blue light and siren resulting in great bodily harm, first-offense possession of an ounce or less of marijuana, first-degree burglary, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, first-degree assault and battery, no South Carolina driver's license, unlawful possession of a firearm by a

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State denies arguments in Florence County lawsuit

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extension that was essentially the same as the answer filed by "The state of South Carolina, state's answer was,"the state is day, and the SCAG office had no without sufficient knowledge or additional comment other than

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