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State chamber calls out Senate

Cites crashes on I-85, failing roads while Senate debates

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COLUMBIA — The state's business community has heard enough of a Senate filibuster on roads and wants senators to begin voting on something this week.

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce on Monday asked members to contact senators and demand that they begin voting, citing accidents on Interstate 85 in the Upstate as one reason the state cannot afford to wait any longer.

"There is a wreck every three hours on I-85 in South Carolina," the chamber told its members. "That means, while our state senators debate, eight accidents are happening per day, 56 accidents are happening per week, 240 accidents per month just on I-85 alone. All the while, our state senators continue to debate, filibuster and kick the can down the road."

The plea came on the eve of the Senate

returning to a filibuster that began last week by Sen. Tom Davis of Beaufort, who wants the Senate to give control of the state Department of Transportation to the governor and to overhaul the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank.

One reason no senator has moved to stop Davis from talking, what lawmakers call cloture, is that there is no consensus yet on any plan, including restructuring DOT, senators told *The Greenville News*.

"There's a reluctance to vote cloture on a fellow senator unless there is some end game and I don't see the end game yet," Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler of Gaffney said.

If the Senate can work out agreement on DOT governance, he said "the filibuster can take care of itself."

But even his caucus is not united on a governance plan, he said.

One plan passed out by the Senate Transportation Committee would have the state's 10 regional Council of Governments each nominate three names to

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South Carolina's roads are crumbling and a comprehensive reform plan still isn't in place. STAFF FILE

ELECTION 2016: DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks during a rally in Las Vegas last Friday. JOHN LOCHER/AP



Bernie Sanders works the crowd at A Future to Believe In rally at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena on Sunday. SYDNEY DUNLAP/CONTRIBUTOR

No coal ash in Pickens until suit is resolved

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A circuit court judge on Monday denied a request by MRR Pickens, LLC for an injunction that would allow it to move ahead with plans to build a coal ash landfill in Pickens County.

Judge Robin Stilwell said the company failed to show that it would suffer "irreparable harm" if the injunction were not granted and failed to demonstrate that there was "an adequate remedy at law."

MRR has sued the Pickens County Planning Commission for \$25 million, saying its withdrawal of the company's land use permit was a breach of contract.

An attorney for MRR said he sees the ruling as a victory.

"The order gives MRR Pickens the relief we requested — the right to operate a Class 2 landfill in Pickens County," Robert Goings said. "The county tried to improperly shut us down, but thankfully the Court recognizes that a legally enforceable agreement exists between the parties."

"MRR Pickens will now continue its efforts to operate a Class 2 landfill, and pursue additional legal remedies."

MRR's attorneys argued in a hearing last week that the company would miss out on an opportunity to bid on a big contract for disposal of coal ash if the land use permit issue weren't cleared up by the end of the month.

But the judge noted that Gary Poliakoff, an attorney representing Pickens County in the case, said the county would be willing to let the company continue to develop the landfill under the provisions of the original permit issued by the state Department of Health and Environ-

Upstate question: Where are Democrats?

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The Greenville Chamber invited all presidential candidates, Democrats and Republicans, to

according to a tally kept by Democracy in Action.

The other Democratic presidential candidate, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, has visited South Carolina 11 times, traveling twice to

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Dems take different paths in S.C.

Clinton to campaign in state every day until primary; Sanders focuses on Super Tuesday

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COLUMBIA — With Super Tuesday taking place just days after South Carolina's Democratic primary — and Hillary Clinton far ahead in most polls — Clinton and Bernie Sanders are employing different approaches to courting South Carolina voters.

While Hillary Clinton will spend every day through Saturday in South Carolina, Sanders is setting his eyes on Super Tuesday states, raising questions about his viability in the Palmetto State.

Though Clinton and Sanders both have their sights on winning more than just South Carolina, Clinton is expected to hold daily events in the Palmetto State, while surrogates are likely to represent Sanders.



Clinton

Sanders

Scheduled appearances for both candidates are still fluid, but Sanders is expected to skip South Carolina on Wednesday and Thursday.

Both Sanders and Clinton are expected to bounce between South Carolina and Super Tuesday states, where close to 900 delegates in 11 states are up for grabs, with Clinton favored to collect most of them.

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Rubio gains more support; Cruz fighting accusations of dirty tricks, fires spokesman

BY STEVE PEOPLES and NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press



Cruz

Rubio

ELKO, NEVADA — Marco Rubio amassed increasing support for his candidacy while Ted Cruz's campaign showed signs of struggle as Republican presidential candidates crisscrossed Nevada on Monday on the final day of campaigning ahead of the state's GOP caucuses.

Cruz told reporters Monday he has asked his campaign spokesman, Rick Tyler, to resign for tweeting a story that falsely alleged Rubio insulted the Bible.

"We are not a campaign that is going to question the faith of another candidate for president," he said, calling Tyler "a good man" and noting that he deleted the tweet once he discovered it was false.

Tyler did not return telephone, text or email messages left by The Associated Press seeking comment.

It's not the first time that Cruz's campaign has been accused by rivals of using questionable tactics. Cruz apologized to GOP hopeful Ben Carson earlier this month after his campaign promoted a news story suggesting that Carson was getting out of the race.

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Camper or squatter?

Extended-stay visitors in national forests raise concerns



Michael Legg has been camping for months in the Francis Marion National Forest. He says he has been traveling the country for five years and enjoys being out in nature. Some say such long-term campers are homeless squatters.

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HUGER — A gray fox scampered across the dirt road in front of Michael Legg as he walked his dogs the other day. Thousands of birds were in the pines lately, but they're now gone. He does see mice.

What you don't see is another soul, not anywhere around the pull-off in the Francis Marion Na-

tional Forest where Legg, 59, has been with his dogs, camping trailer, truck and sports car for so long he's not really sure what month he arrived. He's just camping, he says.

Others say he's squatting. To some, long-staying "campers" such as Legg are the forest version of the urban homeless. Regular forest users worry that if the practice is not better controlled it could create eyesore "camp" cities there, much

like the so-called Tent City that Charleston is dealing under Interstate 26 near Hugier Street.

The extended-stay campers currently turn up in campgrounds or simply open spots by forest roads, living essentially off the road. Often they're in travel trailers, occasionally just in tents. A lot of them are retirees, a harder-core style of the RVer who moves campground to campground. They are

trying to live the retire-out-in-the-woods dream.

It's a not-so-widely realized aspect of national forests that open camping is permitted, unless it's been prohibited in a specific area. The governing regulation in the Francis Marion is that after 14 days, the camper must leave the site for a minimum of four days.

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S.C. ready for battle over Gitmo relocation

GOP lawmakers await Obama report

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WASHINGTON — South Carolina Republicans in Congress have said repeatedly they'd fight President Barack Obama should he, as rumored, be eyeing Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston as a potential relocation site for Guantanamo Bay prisoners.

Lawmakers are about to find out whether they have to make good on that promise. The administration is due on Tuesday to come out with an official report outlining a course of action for closing the terrorist detention center — coincidentally, on the very same day President Theodore Roosevelt signed an agreement with Cuba to lease the surrounding area in 1903.

Obama is expected to fight hard to bring the plan to fruition. He is about to leave office, and he has been saying he wants to close Guantanamo Bay since the very early days of his 2008 campaign.

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Charleston weighs freeze on downtown hotel projects

City Council to vote on temporary ban, calls for study amid development surge

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On the campaign trail last year, Charleston mayor candidate John Tecklenburg caught flak for propos-

ing a moratorium on new hotels downtown. Now that he's taken office, the temporary ban is on the agenda.

City Council is expected to vote Tuesday on an ordinance that would block any new hotel projects on the peninsula south of Mount Pleasant Street, at least until early next year.

PC Poll

Should City Council put a moratorium on new hotel construction on the peninsula? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

The vote comes in the wake of a burst of new downtown hotels either built or on the drawing board.

The proposal says 4,826 new hotel rooms have been built or are under construction — and 11 more hotels,

with 763 more rooms, already have the necessary zoning approval.

None of those would be affected, only brand-new projects.

In downtown Charleston, last year saw several hotel openings.

The 41-room Spectator, located on State Street, and the 50-room Grand Bohemian on Wentworth and Meeting streets opened south of Calhoun.

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Sanders, Clinton scour black colleges for votes



Bernie Sanders poses for photos at a town hall meeting Saturday morning at Benedict College.

Sanders visited S.C. State in November

But Clinton campaign had been on Orangeburg campus since last spring

'I like free college, but I like Hillary Clinton ... being president, too'

BY WILLIAM DOUGLAS
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ORANGEBURG

When the Bernie Sanders-aligned Nurses on the Bus vehicle rolled onto the campus of S.C. State University recently, Aaliyah Loadholt bolted from the cafeteria to greet it.

"They were right outside the cafeteria, and they were, like, 'Do you like Bernie?'" said Loadholt, a 20-year-old senior

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predominantly black colleges and universities, hoping students will be receptive to the



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Counties where U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz came in second; Rubio placed second in 16 counties

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Rubio was endorsed by three high-powered GOP officials — Gov. Nikki Haley of Lexington County, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of Charleston County and U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy of Spartanburg County. However, he



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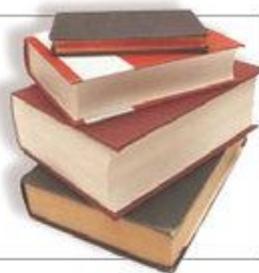


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South Carolina Rep. Bill Clyburn, left, D-Aiken, listens as Gregg Greer, second from right, speaks during the Breaking Down Barriers Forum at Friendship Baptist Church on Monday. Also pictured are Benjamin Crump, second from left, and Billy Murphy, far right.

Support for Clinton expressed at forum

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Two prominent civil rights attorneys and a well-known social justice advocate voiced their enthusiastic support of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton on Monday.

Maryland-based lawyer Billy Murphy described Clinton as "the only rational choice that we can make for the next president of the United States" during the Breaking Down Barriers Forum at Friendship Baptist Church.

Clinton is leading Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in the polls heading into the South Carolina Democratic primary Saturday. Illinois businessman Willie Wilson also will be on the ballot.

Murphy made news last year when he represented the family of Freddie Gray, who suffered spinal cord injuries and died after being arrested by the Baltimore police.

Comparing Clinton to Sanders, Murphy said: "She has a better relationship with communities of color than he does, all across

the country. That's why she won in Nevada, because she had historical relationships with people of color in Nevada, with women in Nevada, with labor unions in Nevada and with Progressives in Nevada that were much stronger and deeper than Bernie Sanders' relationships. Likewise, she has those kind of relationships here in South Carolina."

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In addition, Murphy said he supported Clinton because "she knows more than any of the other candidates about the nature of the power of the presidency and how to use that power." "The answer why is obvious," he continued. "She was the First Lady under a very successful president, Bill Clinton, so she was not only an eyewitness, but also a partner in much of what he accomplished. Then she became a United States Senator... and even further, our current president, our beloved Barack Obama, entrusted her with one of the most important jobs in his administration, Secretary of State."

In Murphy's opinion, Clinton would be able to make knowledgeable decisions in dealing with the Supreme Court vacancy, resulting from the recent death of Justice Antonin Scalia, should it not be filled before the end of President Obama's second and final term.

"She is a lawyer, and she is familiar with constitutional law," Murphy said. "She also is familiar with the requirements for a Supreme Court Justice. She wants the same kind of Supreme Court Justice that we do, and that is someone who respects individual rights, who will fight against any kind of constitutional discrimination and who will strengthen the Voting Rights Act so that the precious right to vote is not watered down."

Florida-based attorney Benjamin Crump praised Clinton for her strong support of voters' rights and helping the poor get better access to legal advice and representation.

"Our commander in chief, our executive in the Oval Office, has got to be willing to sign legislation that says all lives matter, that black

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Council votes not to repeal hospitality tax

BY DAN BROWN
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An attempt to repeal Aiken's 1 percent hospitality tax failed by a 4-3 vote during City Council's Monday night meeting.

Aiken Mayor Rick Osborn made repealing the hospitality tax the cornerstone of his mayoral campaign last year. On Monday, Osborn fulfilled a campaign promise and brought the vote to repeal the controversial tax before Council.

The vote to repeal the tax failed with Council members Philip Merry, Leslie Price, Gail Diggs and Steve Homoki voting in favor of keeping the hospitality tax, and Council members Dick Dewar, Reggie Ebner and Osborn voting to repeal it.

The defeat of the repeal vote means there will not be a second reading and vote required for the ordinance.

Council adopted a 1 percent local hospitality tax on May 11, 2015. The tax went into effect June 1. In the seven months since the hospitality tax went into effect, more than \$780,000 has been collected.

It is what Council member Leslie Price has called a "good tax." "It is a good tax, and I stand by that," Price said. "In five years, you will look at this tax and say it's a good tax. We have been very transparent about how we spend the hospitality tax. Not a single Council person has opposed the spending of one thin dime of the hospitality tax."

Price pointed out the position of John McMichael, the City's new business vitality manager and Osborn's campaign manager, was not budgeted when he was hired, and McMichael's salary was funded by the hospitality tax.

Osborn said he hopes to move McMichael's salary from the hospitality tax to the general fund with the upcoming budget process. "I hope we can make this happen," Osborn said.

Several Aiken residents and members of the business community stood to speak for or against the tax on Monday.

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STAFF PHOTO BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER

Resident Teri Sullivan speaks out against the City of Aiken's 1 percent hospitality tax during City Council's Monday meeting. Council decided in a 4-3 vote to keep the tax, which was adopted by Council in May 2015.

AREA DEATHS

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Millions in revenue lost from Langley Pond closure

BY DAN BROWN
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Aiken County has lost millions in potential revenue since Langley Pond was closed after a leak in the dam was discovered in 2014.

The economic impact felt by Aiken County from the closure of Langley Pond totaled nearly \$2.4 million annually in potential revenue, according to Mark van der Linden, director of Aiken County Parks, Recreation

session Friday.

This includes a number of events that have had to be canceled and potential future events that have moved elsewhere because Langley Pond was not available.

Van der Linden's presentation was just one of several department heads who made budget request presentations last week.

Council Chairman Ronnie Young said the first budget work session is always an important one for council with

on with each department within the county in a quick and concise format," he said. "These work sessions are truly invaluable."

Langley Dam's economic impact

Langley Pond was closed in November 2014 when a man walking his dog along Langley Pond notified County officials of a leak in the embankment

Pond Park, according to van der Linden.

The economic impact loss is based upon direct visitor spending, which factors in the number of athletes and spectators attending Langley Pond events and the hotel rooms in which they would have stayed.

Since November 2014, the economic impact loss from canceled events total nearly \$2.4 million annually, according to figures in the 2016-17 economic impact



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CRISIS IN SYRIA

US, Russia agree on plan

Cease-fire to take effect Saturday

By Maeva Bambuck and Bradley Klapper
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — The United States and Russia have agreed on a new cease-fire for Syria that will take effect Saturday, even as major questions over enforcing and responding to violations of the truce were left unresolved. Syria's warring government and rebels still need to accept the deal.

The timeline for a hoped-for breakthrough comes after the

former Cold War foes, backing opposing sides in the conflict, said they finalized the details of a "cessation of hostilities" between President Bashar Assad's government and armed opposition groups after five years of violence that has killed more than 250,000 people.

The truce will not cover the Islamic State group, the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front and any other militias designated as terrorist organizations by the U.N. Security Council. But where in Syria the fighting must stop and where counterterrorism operations can continue

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In this undated image made from video, Syrian President Bashar Assad, left, gestures while being interviewed in Damascus, Syria, by a journalist with Spanish El Pais. During the interview, Assad said that refugees can return to his country without fear of reprisals and asserted that the only way for regime change to happen in Syria is through a political process. SYRIAN PRESIDENCY/EL PAIS VIDEO VIA AP

UPSTATE

City Council moves two plans forward

Plans for two downtown Spartanburg development projects got the green light Monday following City Council approval. C1



Reducing waste

Chesnee High School received \$2,000 from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control to reduce the number of plastic water bottles students use every day. C1

A new restaurant coming to east side

Mothers, a cool-casual eatery that will serve American and Southern fusion food, will open in early spring in a 1,500-square-foot space previously occupied by Lil D'z bar. C1

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Donald Trump has repeated inaccurate and racially charged

BY SOUTHERN LIVING MAGAZINE

Landrum named one of the South's best small towns

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Landrum's charm and attractions continue to draw national attention.

The city was named by Southern Living Magazine as one of the South's Best Small Towns for 2016. The magazine's list of 20 best small towns released this month included Highlands, N.C., Beaufort, S.C., Floyd, Va., Fernandina Beach, Fla., and Oxford, Miss.

The magazine noted that Landrum "has plenty of small-town charm." The city's antique shops, restored train depot, surrounding foothills, equestrian heritage and local eateries such as The Hare and Hound are what makes it a destination, according to Southern Living.

Patty Otto, who owns The Hare and Hound, said she believed the magazine's recognition would help drive more business to the Lan-



Southern Delights & More owner Lisa Howard is excited that Landrum was named by Southern Living magazine as one of the South's Best Small Towns to visit in 2016. Southern Delights is at 114 E. Rutherford St., Landrum. PHOTOS BY ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

"I like the whole main street feel of it. I would recommend



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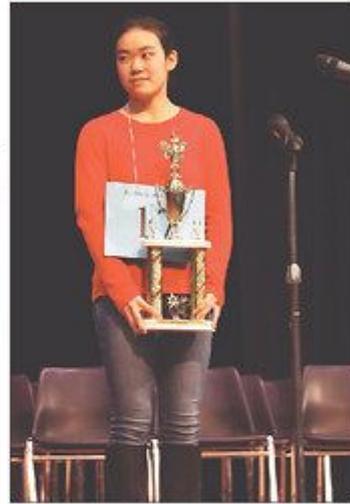
Spelling bee winner, runner-up same as last year

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FLORENCE — It was a repeat performance Monday night at the Pee Dee Regional Spelling Bee as the numbers dwindled to the final two spellers: Rebecca Liu and Abby Richburg. For the second consecutive year, Liu took home the title.

After 32 rounds, more than 20 of them between the two young ladies, Richburg finally misspelled a word. As the final

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LEFT: Rebecca Liu, an eighth grader at Williams Middle School in Florence, won the Pee Dee Regional Spelling Bee for the second consecutive year Monday night at Francis Marion University.

FAR LEFT: Jadan Lewis, a student at Johnakin Middle School in the Marion County School District, spells a word on her hand during the Pee Dee Regional Spelling Bee.

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A series honoring young African-Americans in the Pee Dee

Shykeria King

Wilson student is a leader in Junior ROTC

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FLORENCE — Shykeria King tears up as she looks down at her recognition of achievement from the Florence County Sheriff's Office.

"I don't know what to say," she said. "I think I'm going to cry. I am going to cry."

Shykeria was recognized by the sheriff's office for her involvement with the Wilson High School's Air Force Junior ROTC program. She was awarded for her "... success, dedication, commitment, volunteerism and many accomplishments."

As a sophomore and in her second year with the AFJROTC, she has become a leader in the organization. She holds the cadet rank of Senior Master Sergeant as well as Deputy Senior Enlisted Advisor, Administration Officer and Deputy Color Guard Commander.

These roles mean spending countless hours completing community service, participating in color guard events and mentoring fellow cadets.

Shykeria wants to continue AFJROTC throughout the rest of her high school career and into college. She hopes to attend Duke University to become a medical officer in the Air Force.

"I just really like helping people," she said. "I feel like I can do that. I want to do that. I want to make people feel better."

As Shykeria accepted her award, she thanked her peers and credited her accomplishments to their support. After the ceremony, the other students approached her



USC-FDTC partnership discussed

BY JESSICA IMBIMBO
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FLORENCE — The president of the University of South Carolina made two stops Monday in Florence to discuss future plans for the institution, including a possible partnership with Florence-Darlington Technical College.

USC President Dr. Harris Pastides started his Florence visit with a trip to FDTC. He spoke to students, faculty and staff members about his university's plan to partner with FDTC in the coming years. Though he said nothing is official just yet, Pastides and USC are "very impressed" with the college, specifically the engineering department.

"They've got high-intensity, corporate relevant equipment there that we don't even have on our campus," Pastides said. "They've got equipment in 3-D printing that I think doesn't exist anywhere else in South Carolina. We're going to do some breakthrough things with them."

FDTC President Dr. Ben Dillard said partnering with USC can greatly benefit students in that they will be able to take a two-year associates



Pastides

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Hazardous storm could hit Pee Dee on Wednesday

from staff reports

FLORENCE — The National Weather Service is warning of the possibility of hazardous weather Wednesday afternoon across the Pee Dee.

In a release issued Monday, the NWS stated that a line of thunder-



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Dealing with a possible deficit

Board discusses money-saving plan

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NINETY SIX — After a net loss of about \$753,000 in 2014-15, Greenwood County School District 52 is looking to curb spending in the 2016-17 fiscal year's budget.

At a budget workshop Monday night, Emily Temple, finance director in District 52, gave the board of trustees a preliminary budget for 2016-17 with conservative revenue expectations and expenditures based on the previous year, as well as expected increases.



SHARON WALL

"This is a very conservative estimate of revenue and a very high estimate of expenditures for next year," Temple said.

Temple said if spending is at the high-end of what's budgeted and revenue remains at the low-end, the district could see a deficit of about \$1 million.

"If we had a deficit of \$752,000 and we don't make any changes and we have to give our teachers raises and give them a step (increase), you would expect that it's going to be around the \$1 million. It's going to go up — it's not going to get better if we don't make any changes," Temple said.

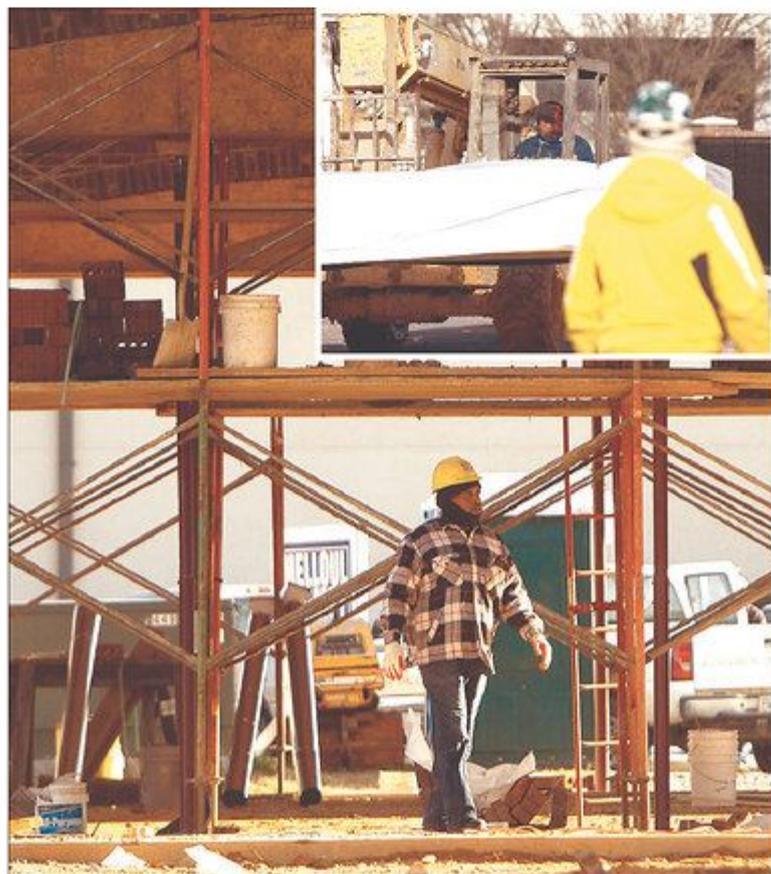
Rhonda McDowell, assistant superintendent for instruction and personnel, said there are a lot of positions and programs required by the state, but little to no money provided to fund them, so the district has to be careful what areas are cut to save spending.

Temple gave the board potential options to reduce funds spent in operations, and interim Superintendent Sharon Wall said they would try to make cuts through not refilling a position rather than terminating anyone.

"We don't want to terminate

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A worker walks through the construction site of the new Uptown Market on Maxwell Avenue. TOP: A worker operates a forklift at the construction site of the new Uptown Market on Maxwell Avenue.

City Council OKs first reading of new Uptown Market guidelines

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The date is set as guidelines fall into place for Greenwood's new Uptown Market.

Greenwood City Manager Charlie Barrineau told City Council the city is eyeing 5 p.m. April 21 as its grand opening during a meeting Monday where Council approved new guidelines and policies for the farmers market.

Council approved first reading of two ordinances 5-2, which permit events at the market and set up a rental policy. Councilmen Johnny Williams and Ronnie Ables voted opposed, continuing their mainstay in opposition of any alcohol-related events in Uptown.

The new event ordinance would allow for the temporary suspension of the city's ordinance prohibiting alcohol in public areas in order to allow beer and wine to be served at

public or private events on the property.

"A permit would have to be filed with the city," Barrineau said. "Same guidance that we had for Oregon Avenue. This would allow — on a temporary basis — to suspend our alcohol (ordinance)."

The city developed a similar ordinance for public events on Oregon Avenue next to the market, where the

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Making sense of numbers

Results show Trump dominated, Bush humiliated

By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — While Donald Trump's win by 10 percentage points dominated the headlines after Saturday's Republican presidential primary, the numbers show other stories, too. Nearly 740,000 people cast ballots — shattering the previous record by 132,000 voters.

The numbers show how far the Bush family name has fallen, where Ted Cruz was liked and wasn't liked, the parts of the state that are growing the fastest and the conservative nature of the people entering the state and maybe even a small nod to the joke that John Kasich could do well in Beaufort County because everyone in Ohio moved there.

Here are some trends in the county-by-county breakdown of Saturday's vote:



DONALD TRUMP

Cruz versus Rubio

Ted Cruz finished third in the primary, about 3,000 votes behind Marco Rubio. Rubio received more votes than Cruz in 16 of South Carolina's 46 counties.

Many of them were the state's more populous counties. Eight of the 16 counties where Rubio beat Cruz had 10,000 votes or more cast. They also were all away from the more conservative Upstate.

Beaufort County alone propelled the U.S. senator from Florida to second place in South Carolina. Rubio



TED CRUZ



MARCO RUBIO

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Traffic stop nets drugs, thefts

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A routine traffic stop on State Road in Cheraw uncovered a wealth of drugs and stolen merchandise Feb. 18.

Sgt. John Livergood was running radar at Arrowhead Park shortly before 8:30 a.m. when he reportedly observed a Hyundai Elantra traveling 56 miles per hour in the 35



Canady

mph zone. Livergood stopped the vehicle and found it was driven by 28-year-old Michael Wayne Canady of Hope Mills, N.C., whose license was suspended. Other passengers in the vehicle included 19-year-old Brandon Tristin Campbell of Raeford,



Campbell



Underwood

N.C., and 35-year-old Jennifer Sweet Underwood of Fayetteville, N.C. The vehicle was registered to Canady's sister, Lauren Fralley.

Upon determining Canady was driving with a suspended license, Livergood had him exit the vehicle and placed him under arrest. Campbell, who was in the passenger seat, was then asked to exit the vehicle so officers could determine if he were safe to drive the car.

As Officer Will Horne was talking with Campbell, he noticed a large bulge in Campbell's pants and asked

him to shake his slacks. When Campbell did so, a bank bag fell from the bottom of his pants leg.

According to a CPD report, the bank bag contained two burned spoons and three cut straws with drug residue, six empty syringes and two medicine bottles that were prescribed to Canady's sister.

As Campbell was being arrested, Underwood was removed from the vehicle. Also about that time, Officer Mike McGloin noticed a loaded syringe in the side pocket of a car door. A search of the vehicle also revealed additional bags of narcotics

and drug paraphernalia, as well as more than \$4,500 in stolen merchandise from Walmart.

A fast food bag and receipt from a purchase made that morning in Hartsville prompted Cheraw police to contact the Walmarts in Hartsville and Cheraw to question whether items found in the Hyundai had been stolen from their stores. Store managers at both sites reportedly did have surveillance video of the suspects stealing from their facilities.

Field tests of the substances found inside the vehicle were conducted and

showed positive for heroin and cocaine.

According to Detective Sgt. George Halma of the CPD, Canady, Campbell and Underwood have all been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Canady is also charged with speeding, trespassing, driving under suspension, shoplifting and possession of heroin. Campbell is also charged with possession of cocaine, possession of heroin, possession of a controlled substance and shoplifting.

Underwood is also charged with possession of stolen property.

Two men arrested for distribution of meth

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Chesterfield County sheriff's deputies arrested a 60-year-old Mt. Croghan man last week who's suspected of supplying methamphetamine in the county.



Taylor

Kenneth Ray Taylor of 85 Burch St. was wanted on warrants for distribution of methamphetamine and distribution of methamphetamine within proximity of a public park when undercover officers saw him around 10 a.m. last Wednesday traveling on Highway 109 toward North Carolina.



Nicholson

A CCSD incident report

states authorities had received information that Taylor was en route to meet a methamphetamine supplier, so deputies were dispatched to await his return to the county. Taylor was spotted shortly after 4 p.m. as he was traveling Highway 9 back toward his home.

According to the report, deputies executed a traffic stop at Taylor's home. Also in the vehicle was 50-year-old Robert Forest Nicholson of Wadesboro, N.C., who goes by the alias "Beautiful Bobby."

The report states Cpls. Joseph Carnes and Brian Campbell approached the vehicle, with Campbell addressing Taylor and Carnes meeting with Nicholson. The report states Taylor had a medicine bottle in his hands when he exited the vehicle and that he tried to prevent officers from obtaining it.

Once deputies were in possession of the bottle, they found it contained multiple

baggies of a substance believed to be crystal methamphetamine. An additional bag of meth, a large wad of cash, a fentanyl patch and a roxy-codone pill were found during a search of Taylor.

Nicholson was also found to be in possession of a substance that appeared to be methamphetamine, which was stuck inside an empty cigarette pack. An open bottle of liquor was found inside Taylor's car where Nicholson was seated, as well as a glass pipe with white residue inside the vehicle's glove box.

Both men were booked at the Chesterfield County Detention Center on charges of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. In addition, Taylor was booked on the previous charges of distribution of methamphetamine and distribution of methamphetamine within proximity of a public park, and Nicholson was also charged with an ABC violation.

Clemson honors alumnus Pat Earle

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Clemson University's annual College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences Alumni Reception and Awards kicked off at the South Carolina AgriBiz and Farm Expo in Florence recently. Many alumni, friends and families were in attendance as the CAFLS Agriculture Alumni Board presented awards to deserving alumni who have exhibited a dedication to the college and its programs.



Earle

The CAFLS Professional Achievement Award was presented to Pat Earle of Hartsville and Glenn Stevens of Belton for their dedication in their professional responsibilities, as well as their service to Clemson and CAFLS.

"I have had the opportunity to work with each of these recipients on various projects over the years and each of them are very deserving," Sennah Honca, assistant to the board and coordinator of the CAFLS awards program said. "It is great to be able to recognize our alumni who are successful in their professions, but who are also willing to give back to their communities and Clemson University's College of

Life Sciences."

Pat Earle
Pat Earle is known for his passion of teaching young students, serving as an agriculture teacher at McBee High School.

"The greatest testament of professional achievement for a teacher is the influence exercised with students," said McBee High Principal Dennis L. McDaniel. "With Mr. Earle, this influence is most evident as students not only publicly thank him for what he teaches, but also privately as they return over and over again after graduation to share with him their successes and reiterate how his

Student endures needless pain

REBECCA ROLLINS
Staff Reporter

A local student was recently subject to having three unauthorized fillings at Pageland Elementary School by CareSouth-Carolina.

Brenda Miller, mother of the child, was called to pick up her son from school after he complained of mouth pain. Miller was stunned to learn her son had three cavities filled without her knowledge or consent. Her son, a fifth-grader, had been to the dentist just a day earlier and was told that since the cavities were on baby teeth that were close to falling out, no fillings were needed.

CareSouth-Carolina, a

nonprofit group that provides medical services, has an agreement with the Chesterfield County School District to provide dental services to students who are covered by Medicaid or don't have any insurance.

Anne Lewis, CareSouth's CEO, said the error occurred because the child who was supposed to receive services had the same name as the child who received the fillings, with just a single letter's difference between the two names.

"The incident you referenced in Chesterfield County with the children that had almost identical names except for the first letter of their first name, has re-

vealed an opportunity for improvement of our operational processes and has been taken very seriously by all parties involved," said Lewis. "CareSouth Carolina, since 2000, has been accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. This is a high level of accreditation that instills quality and performance that not many ambulatory organizations achieve. Relevant to this case, we have not only implemented our own internal process of risk management and performance improvement, but we have also engaged the Joint Com-

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Towns in Chesterfield County have exciting plans for 2016

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Cheraw:
The town of Cheraw is working on the following items for this year:

National Guard armory building gifted, Brasington Pond water project, Wilson Branch drainage project, handicap playground equipment project, ACL revitalization and demo project, S.C. Housing Authority demonstration project, community center parking lot project, River Hill landscape project, purchase of parking

lot at Habitat for Humanity ReStore, truck route entrance sign and landscape project, street lighting improvement project, Public Works Department building upgrades and relocation, clean-up project at current Public Works site to develop it into a public safety training center, Work on MASC Achievement Award application, working with Arts Commission to establish a Market on the Green once a month April through September, looking into facade work at Cheraw Complex building and interior upgrades, work on future plans

for vacant lot next to fire department, apply for grant from PRT to address issues at Riverside Park, have Feasibility Study done to assist Cheraw in attracting a new motel and grocery store.

Chesterfield:
Infrastructure: Water/Sewer/Roads: While the town has made significant headway in addressing water loss by identifying sources of leaks, the astronomical costs associated with treatment of wastewater under our current contract

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Chesterfield to hold workshop

Region Reports

The Town of Chesterfield will kick-off its Comprehensive Plan Visioning Workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, March 7, in the Conference Center Auditorium at 344 East Blvd., next to the YMCA. Residents, business and community

ers are invited and welcome to participate in this planning endeavor.

The town is working with Rodney S. Tucker, principal with RS3 Planning Collaborative LLC, on updating the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance. RS3 Planning Collaborative, LLC, in-

"We look forward to working with Rodney as he guides us through this planning process," stated Town Administrator David Huntley. "This kickoff workshop is a step in a series of discussions to help us to develop a vision and create strategies to meet

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