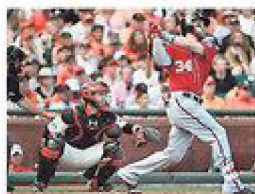


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Volunteers work on projects during United Way Hands on Greenville Day earlier this year. Service agencies say the involvement of millennials is key in philanthropy and volunteerism with baby boomers aging and GenXers being smaller in number.

Millennials give their time, money

People born between early 1980s and 2000 are engaging in causes differently

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Russell Stall recalls a generation of people who would write a check to a nonprofit organization and forget about it.

Millennials are not that generation.

Not only are they giving more, but they're expecting more from the organizations they're giving to,

said Stall, founder and executive director of Greenville Forward, an organization formed to help Greenville achieve its Vision 2025 plan.

The 2014 Millennial Impact report by consulting firm Achieve found that 87 percent of millennials donated to a nonprofit last year, up 4 percent from the 2012 report.

United Way of Greenville County's Young Philanthropists 40 and under had 827 donors give \$1,057,716 last year. The organiza-

tion's Young Philanthropists 20s group, consisting of more than 227 members, gave \$166,766 in 2013.

Since 2005, about 10,000 millennials have been involved in United Way's Hands On Greenville's annual HOG Day, according to Rebecca Ellefson. During HOG day, volunteers complete a wide range of community service projects across Greenville County.

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Wilson continues defense of ban

AG says gay marriage
ruling does not affect SC

By **Mary Troyan**
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WASHINGTON — South Carolina Attorney General Allan Wilson continued to defend the state's ban on same sex marriage Monday, despite the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to address lower court rulings declaring such unions a constitutional right.

The high court offered no explanation for its decision, which directly affects Virginia and four other states, which immediately began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples Monday.

The court's action does not immediately affect South Carolina, even though it is part of the same federal judicial circuit as Virginia.

Wilson, who has been defending South Carolina's 2006 ban in court, said that case is still pending.

"Until the courts rule on the matter, South Carolina will seek to uphold our state constitution," Wilson said.

Gov. Nikki Haley agreed with Wilson, according to her spokesman, Doug Mayer.

"Our voter-approved state law should be followed until a court rules on it directly," Mayer said.

Based on what happened Monday, the lawyer who filed the challenge to South Carolina's ban on same-sex marriages said she will ask U.S. District Judge Michelle Childs within a few days to declare the ban unconstitutional.

"We're very hopeful she will do that, given the developments," said Carrie Warner of Columbia. "We're hopeful she will follow that pattern."

Gay and lesbian couples in South Carolina could start obtaining marriage licenses soon if the court moves quickly and agrees that South Carolina's ban is similar to Virginia's and is therefore unconstitutional.

But the process could take longer if Wilson continues to support the ban in court.

"We're hopeful the state will not continue to waste resources and fight the inevitable decision in our favor, given what happened across country and in the Fourth Circuit," Warner said. "But there is no indication from the state that they intend to throw their hands up."

The state, for example, could argue that Virginia's ban and South Carolina's ban aren't identical. Wilson's statement did not address his legal strategy for defending the ban.

But marriage equality advocates in South Carolina celebrated the possibility that gay marriage could become legal within days or weeks, and urged Wilson to drop his opposition.

Warren Redman-Gress, executive director of the Alliance for Full Acceptance in Charleston, said state officials are reviewing "when and how they should actually agree or acquiesce to this ruling."

Lattimore group battles concussions

Foundation launches effort
to promote safety in sports

By **Scott Keeper**
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Marcus Lattimore

The star running back suffered two devastating knee injuries during his career as well as a severe concussion in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl, the latter of which underscored for him the

ent view of the game — sitting in the training room all the time and sitting with trainers and doctors.

"Most of the time when we go back to Columbia, we still go see the trainers before we even go hang out with the coaches."

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Child death cases may go unresolved

SLED looking into 115 cases after audit finds major reporting gaps

Read more

For previous coverage of the DSS situation, go to postandcourier.com/DSS.

BY CYNTHIA ROLDAN
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COLUMBIA — A massive audit released Friday revealed major gaps in reporting child deaths in South Carolina and rendered the state's Child Fatality

Advisory Committee statistics inaccurate. It also left a well-known victim's advocate "flabbergasted." The Legislative Audit Council released its long-awaited audit of the Department of Social Services on Friday.

The audit, a result of nearly two years of work, found issues that go beyond the embroiled child welfare agency. A State Department of Law Enforcement database was found to be lacking 152 deaths.

SLED has started looking in to 115 of those cases, according to the audit. But Perry Simpson, director of the Legislative Audit Council, said closure in some of these cases may not even be possible. Autopsies were not conducted in at least 25 of those deaths, Simpson said. That leaves SLED "handicapped in their ability to do a really good review of the deaths," he said. Laura Hudson, vice chair of the fatality committee, said she suspected the audit would find some underreporting.

But at the most, she expected it to be 20 to 25 deaths. "I was flabbergasted at the amount of coroners who had not reported," Hudson said. "It's going to be very hard to investigate them (the deaths)." The fatality committee's task is to review deaths and see if there are any trends, such as too many drownings or too many car crashes where a kid was not properly secured in a car seat. Please see **DSS, Page A6**

Plastic bags gum up the works

They clog Charleston County recycling machinery, pollute marine environment



Workers at the Charleston County Recycling Center remove items that the center cannot recycle, such as plastic bags, as they enter the plant on Romney Street.

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Plastic bags are a daily headache for the Charleston County Recycling Center. A bevy of workers picks out most of the bags as they move along on a conveyor belt that also carries other trash. Some bags get past the gauntlet, though, and move on to gums up rotors that separate paper for baling. "There are just so many (plastic bags) that they can't get to them all. It does cause us to have to shut down the sorting line to pull the plastic bags out of the rotors in the machinery," said Christina Modos, recycling coordinator. The recycling center on Romney Street processes more than 150 tons of paper and cardboard, aluminum and steel cans and plastic daily in the form of bottles, jars, jugs, tubs and clamshell containers. Crushed materials are baled and sold. Plastic bags separated from the waste usually end up in a landfill

Poll

Did you know that you shouldn't include plastic grocery bags in your recycling? Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

although sometimes they can be sold to a vendor who finds a market for them, Modos said. Plastic bags aren't just an inconvenience for Charleston County. Even buried, plastic can take hundreds of years to decompose. It can pose a danger to wetlands, particularly as litter, because as it slowly decomposes, toxins seep into soils, lakes, rivers and the oceans, experts say. A study at The Citadel of the presence of plastics and the damage to marine life is the latest among a number of studies documenting pollutants and their effects in Charleston Harbor. Please see **RECYCLING, Page A4**

Bits of plastic in harbor add up to tons of trouble

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Those "pristine" Charleston estuary waters are in worse shape than most people think. At least 750 tons worse. That's how much plastic is estimated to be breaking down in the tide and waves of Charleston Harbor, its tidal rivers and creeks. The total comes from a study by a research team from The Citadel. The assessment doesn't even begin to gauge how much of that plastic already has come apart into microscopic fragments, fibers and balls. Sooner or later, a portion of that waste gets eaten by marine creatures such as shrimp. It can kill them, or be eaten in turn by them. The disturbing finding joins earlier studies by the College of



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Charleston and others that discovered among other things: ● Microfibers from synthetic clothing in oysters. ● Antibiotic resistance in dolphins from exposure to antibiotics. ● Some of the worst concentrations of these pollutants in dolphins that have been found; half the dolphins tested weren't healthy. Please see **HARBOR, Page A4**

Ruling may pave way for S.C. gay vows

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Charleston County Councilwoman Colleen Condon and her fiancée, Nicholas Bleckley, will seek a marriage license this week from the county's Probate Court — one of at least five requests for same-sex marriage licenses expected soon across South Carolina in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court decision Monday. The Supreme Court decided not to review a Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling overturning Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage — and similar rulings in two other circuits. Legal experts said the court's move makes such unions legal in South Carolina and 10 other states. S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson said he will continue to uphold the state's same-sex marriage ban that voters approved several years ago, at least until the Lexington County marriage case, *Bradac v. Wilson*, is decided. "I'm the state's attorney. The state is my client. I don't know of any client who would not want their attorney to exhaust all avenues," Wilson said. "Had the Supreme Court ruled with some degree of finality, it would have made the decision easier for all the states. Right now, there's a little degree of grayness."



Condon

Inside

A look at what other states are doing. **Local, A6**

Jill Appers of the S.C. Equality Coalition said Condon, Bleckley and several same-sex couples will seek marriage licenses beginning Tuesday. "We're doing this to test to see what the probate courts are going to do," he said. "If they're denied, then our lawyers will move forward with lawsuits on each of those individual cases. Since South Carolina is in the same federal circuit as Virginia, many experts said Monday's decision ultimately paves the way for same-sex marriages here. Dr. Donald Songer, a political science professor and judicial expert at the University of South Carolina, said the Supreme Court's Monday decision expressed no judgment or opinion on whether the lower courts decided the cases correctly. But the court's decision also means the Fourth Circuit's rulings are binding for all states that are located within it. Please see **MARRIAGE, Page A6**



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HANK HAWES TRIAL

Hank Hawes sits in circuit court Monday in Richland County with his attorney, Fielding Pringle, left.

The curious and the caring fill Courtroom 3A

Trial begins for man accused of slaying USC professor in 2011

By DAWN HINSHAW
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Bill McInnis was drawn to court Monday because he'd met Jennifer Wilson on campus seven years ago and found her to be a remarkable person.



Wilson

They were in a Spanish class together at the University of South Carolina. She sat right behind him, the two of them older than the typical students surrounding them.

"She was brushing up, because she had a trip planned to South America," said McInnis, who described Wilson as kind, "super bright" and charismatic.

"She had such a great future ahead of her," he said. "She's just one of those people you don't forget."

McInnis sat near a group of Wilson's friends and family, a clutch of stoic survivors that grew to about 15 throughout the day. One woman was wip-

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LEXINGTON COUNTY TRAGEDY

Elaine Marie, left, Gabriel, Nahtahn, Elias and Merah Gracie

Sheriff: Father bought items for disposal of children's bodies

By HARRISON CAHILL
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Lexington County investigators found material in the car of Timothy Ray Jones Jr. — accused of killing his five children — that showed purchases of unspecified "items consistent with destruction and disposal of human remains," according to search warrants made public Monday.

The documents provide new details into the investigation into the deaths of the children — Merah, Elias, Nahtahn, Gabriel and Elaine.

Their bodies were found in plastic garbage bags Sept. 9 outside Camden, Ala., according to investigators who have said Jones led them there.

Copies of the documents — sections of which are blacked out — were obtained by The State newspaper through a Freedom of Information Act

Have S.C. officials lost same-sex marriage war?

High court's latest ruling called a clear signal for South

By JOHN MONK
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Gov. Nikki Haley and state Attorney General Alan Wilson are doomed to fail in their efforts to fight against same-sex marriages after Monday's clear signal from the U.S. Supreme Court that such marriages are legal in South Carolina, some experts say.

"The state can continue to fight if it wants, but it's a waste of taxpayers' money — (Haley and Wilson) are going to lose, but they may feel politically they don't want to give in and have people say they are responsible for gay marriage in South Carolina," said Donald Songer, a University of

South Carolina political scientist and judicial expert.

"If the attorney general was smart, he'd just say this is a waste of time, money and would be fruitless litigation," said Carl Tobias, constitutional law professor at the University of Richmond, speaking of the same-sex marriage ruling that was just upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Neither Wilson nor Haley would give a specific answer when asked by The State newspaper how much the ongoing legal action is costing.

In Monday's action, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a July ruling by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals that overturned a Virginia ban on

same-sex marriage. The 4th Circuit oversees federal courts in both Carolinas, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. Its decisions are binding on those states.

"I'm not surprised at the governor — I assume to her, it's politics. I am surprised that Wilson is doing this because he is a lawyer. He knows the 4th Circuit decision is going to apply to South Carolina," said University of South Carolina School of Law family law associate professor Marcia Zug. "We all know what the final result will be — same-sex marriage is coming."

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Tracie Goodwin and Katherine Bradaes, shown with their kids, are suing over S.C.'s gay-marriage ban.

GREYHOUND BUS STATION SITE

Despite questions, panel recommends spread of student housing complexes

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The Columbia Planning Commission on Monday voted unanimously to allow student housing in a commercial area near Five Points — a plan pushed by the mayor and an ex-mayor — despite questions from a commission majority and neighborhood leaders.

"I've heard enough here ... that I'm not comfortable based on this discussion," commissioner Gene Dinkins Jr. said.



Student housing is proposed for the Greyhound bus station at Gervais and Harden streets.

Richard Cohn said he's worried that allowing the dormitories can't work in what they're

ers, asked about providing security at the proposed development to be located at the Greyhound bus terminal along Gervais at Harden streets and others that might follow.

Yet the commission recommended that City Council approve the zoning change, requested by Mayor Steve Benjamin, former Mayor Bob Coble, an attorney with Nexsen Pruet, represented the developer, Peak Campus Development of Atlanta, at the meeting, but did not ad-

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Aiken man back in the system

Police: Man assaulted wife, held dog out car window



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An Aiken man was jailed on multiple charges Sunday after he assaulted his wife, held her small dog out the window of his vehicle while driving under the influence and then left after crashing into a parked vehicle, according to the Aiken Department of Public Safety.

Lester Jackson Padgett Jr., 56, of Park Avenue, was charged with DUI, criminal

domestic violence-second offense, cruelty to animals, hit and run with property damage and open container. He was placed in the Aiken County detention center, where he remained Monday afternoon.

Officers responded to a gas station on East Pine Log Road at about 8 a.m. Sunday, where they found the victim with blood on her nose and face and missing her front teeth, according to an incident report. She told officers she met with Padgett at their home earlier Sunday, and that he was

heavily intoxicated and began hitting her in the face.

Padgett convinced the victim to get into her vehicle with him but repeatedly struck her while he was driving, police said. He also grabbed his wife's Chihuahua and held it out the window of the car by the skin on its neck, threatening to throw the dog from the vehicle.

The victim exited the vehicle at the intersection of Banks Mill Road and East Pine Log, where she ran into the gas station, po-

lice said. Padgett was later found walking on Banks Mill Road and told officers that he wrecked his car but couldn't say where.

Padgett said he drank a Four Loko alcoholic drink before driving "so that his wife wouldn't get in trouble for drinking it," the report stated. His vehicle was found about 650 feet down the road, where officers determined it left the roadway and struck a vehicle parked in a driveway.

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Beth Spangler advances on 'The Voice'

Aiken resident Beth Spangler appeared on "The Voice" Monday on the last night of blind auditions.

She made it through her audition during which she sang to coaches Blake Shelton, Pharrell Williams, Gwen Stefani and Adam Levine while their backs were to her. All four coaches

liked her singing enough to hit their buttons and turn around. After all four tried desperately to woo her, Spangler chose Levine to be her coach.

Check back on Wednesday for a full story on Spangler's audition.



Spangler

'A really good matchmaker'



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Cynthia Cubbage has a successful business that specializes in Arabian, Anglo-Arabian and Half-Arabian show horses. The horses and riders she works with consistently enjoy success at the national level.

Cubbage, clients enjoy success at national horse show

BY DEDE BILES
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Cynthia Cubbage is a trainer, riding instructor and show coach who specializes in Arabian, Anglo-Arabian and Half-Arabian horses. The Aiken resident and her clients consistently enjoy success at the national level, and Cubbage believes she knows the reason why.

"The major thing for me is to find

the right horse for each person," she said. "You have to be a really good matchmaker."

Cubbage, 39, considers a variety of factors, including size, temperament, skill level and experience.

"You don't want a kid on a great big green (inexperienced) horse, for example," she said. "If you have a nervous, timid rider, you don't put them on a nervous, timid horse. You need to give the rider a horse with confidence."

Cubbage's business—Cynthia Cubbage LLC Sport Horses—is based at a farm owned by Richard and Tracy Lord in Augusta. Cubbage works with 28 horses and approximately 40 riders there.

"I have rarely ever had a person walk in with a horse that I've let them keep," Cubbage said. "It's almost always the wrong horse for them."

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School District's SAT scores exceed state's

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The Aiken County School District's SAT results scored slightly above the state average, as released by the State Department of Education on Monday.

The state agency also distributed scores for Advanced Placement exams. AP classes are rigorous, yearlong classes in which students can earn college credit.

The District's average SAT scores in reading, math and writing totaled

The results are based on the scores compiled by current seniors at the seven high schools. South Aiken High School recorded a 1486 average from 219 students.

Dr. Randy Stowe, the District's director of administration,



Stowe

"Their scores went up 25 points, from 1449 to 1474," he said.

Garen Cofer, the Aiken High principal, said he and his faculty look for higher scores from year to year.

"This is such a substantial increase," he said. "It's encouraging to be competitive within the district and within the state."

Ridge Spring-Montetta improved by 72 points, benefiting from the efforts of a group of 31 students, who averaged a 1220 score.

The other Aiken County schools are

Waggoner-Salley—1187 (28 students).

The South Aiken faculty is devoted to finding new ways for student achievement, said Principal Jill Jen.

"We want everybody to progress and be actively engaged," she said. "Our teachers are working collaboratively to help all our kids from one scale to the other."

Stowe would like to see the Aiken County School District achieve the national average of 1497. It is difficult to compare state-to-state results, how-



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U.S. SUPREME COURT

Same-sex marriage appeals rejected

By MICHAEL DOYLE

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ducked the same-sex marriage question Monday, effectively striking down marriage restrictions in five states but leaving a widely anticipated constitutional clash for another day.

The court's stunning decision not to hear any of the seven marriage

cases presented eliminates same-sex marriage bans in Virginia, Indiana, Wisconsin, Utah and Oklahoma. The decision also undercuts bans in six other states covered by the three appellate courts that have ruled.

"I would call this a huge step forward, but the job is still not done," Evan Wolfson, the president of Freedom to Marry, said Monday.

A denial of a petition to the high court, as happened Monday, leaves intact the lower appellate court decisions that struck down the five state bans. Same-sex marriages began within hours in Virginia, Wisconsin and Indiana. Utah officials, who'd been vigorously defending the state's ban, capitulated after the court's decision. Oklahoma began issuing marriage li-

cense to same-sex couples Monday.

"Each state agency has been advised to begin today to recognize all legally performed same-sex marriages," Republican Utah Gov. Gary R. Herbert said via Twitter, adding that he was "surprised and disappointed" in the court's decision.

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IN SOUTH CAROLINA:



Wilson

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson says he will continue to fight to uphold the state's ban on same-sex marriage. **9A**

Going, going GONE

Hedge funds, average Joes look to cash in at tax sale

By ZACH MURDOCK

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Bluffton resident David Martin claims he's not the smartest guy in the room, but he invests like a hedge fund manager.

Every October for the past seven years, Martin has sat side-by-side with professional investors at the Beaufort County delinquent-tax sale in the hopes he can make a little extra cash buying real estate for which owners have failed to pay property taxes.

This year, Martin joined more than 230 hedge fund representatives, investors and average citizens with extra money to spend. Some traveled from across the country to bid on more than 800 local properties up for auction at this year's tax sale, according to Treasurer Doug Henderson.

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IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

Panel OKs more jellyfish oversight

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Moments before the Beaufort County Planning Commission's vote Monday on whether to more strictly regulate companies catching and processing cannonball jellyfish, Lobeco resident and former commission member Frank Mullens made a passionate plea.

"Think about the people," said Mullens, who supports greater regulation. "See all these beautiful people in here and think about them before you make a decision. You've got all these people in Beaufort County, and it's one plant. One plant."

The commission voted unanimously for a zoning change that imposes more review before companies can offload, rinse, shuck, pack, transport and process jellyfish.

Monday was the second opportunity for public input before the commission. At a September meeting, a majority of members were not present, so no vote could occur.

This time, in similar fashion, about four dozen people attended, and nearly all said they supported the change. Attorney David Tedder and environmental consultant Bob Gross both spoke against the changes on behalf of their clients who want to process the jellyballs, as the jellyfish are called.

While the zoning change isn't specific to any specific company, it directly

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2 high schools install solar panels

The Beaufort County School District plans to sell energy to the electric company to reduce its energy bills.



VIDEO ONLINE

Watch the installation of the solar panels and Robert Oetting, head of facilities for Beaufort County School Board, talk about how they'll help the county at <https://bit.ly/1EmHbuW>.



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Ravenel in Upstate

Thomas Ravenel appeared in Spartanburg on Monday afternoon without a reality television crew in tow, eager, he said, to "avoid the narrative that this is not a serious campaign." **PAGE C1**

Test scores mixed

Three local school districts saw average composite SAT scores above the state average while only three local districts saw scores increase from last year, according to data released by the S.C. Department of Education on Monday. **PAGE C1**

Wilson pleads guilty

A former Anderson County councilman pleaded guilty to conspiracy to obstruct justice after federal authorities discovered he was hiding money tied to a multimillion-dollar silver Ponzi scheme for which he had previously confessed. **PAGE A4**

3 share Nobel

The brain, it turns out, has a GPS-like function that enables people to produce mental maps and navigate the world — a discovery for which three scientists won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday. **PAGE A5**

HP splits in two

Hewlett-Packard is splitting itself into two companies, one focused on its personal computer and printing business and another on technology services. **PAGE D1**

Weather

Court expands gay marriage

By refusing to take case, justices allow unions in 30 states

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way Monday for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the United States and may have signaled that it's only a matter of time before same-sex couples can marry in all 50 states.

Rejecting appeals from five states seeking to preserve their bans, the Supreme Court effectively made such marriages legal in 30 states, up from 19 and the District of Columbia, taking in

WILSON REACTS

The S.C. attorney general says he'll keep fighting to uphold the state's ban on gay marriage. More on page C3.

every region of the country.

Challenges are pending in the other 20 states.

Almost immediately, exuberant couples began receiving marriage licenses previously denied to them. "This is the dream day," said Sharon Baldwin, a plaintiff in a challenge to Oklahoma's ban, as she and her partner got their license in the Tulsa County Clerk's Office.

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MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Jennifer Melsop, 26, left, and Erika Turner, 26, from Centreville, Va., are officially pronounced married by the Rev. Linda Olson Peebles, center, who officiated their marriage in front of the Arlington County Courthouse in Arlington, Va., on Monday.

RIDING HIGH AT THE PIEDMONT INTERSTATE FAIR



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From left, Joshua Vick, Victoria Burrell and Timothy Steadman ride the "Vertigo" during the opening day of the Piedmont Interstate Fair on Monday at the Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds in Spartanburg. Below, Andre Bulluck grills chicken and ribs at one of the many food booths. The fair continues through to Oct. 12.



Families revel in food, fun at annual event

By DANIEL L. GROSS

marked the first visit for her 1-year-old

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Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day



Ella White rides over an obstacle during Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day at Poinsett State Park in Wedgefield on Saturday. The park, along with Midlands SORBA and Continental Tire the Americas, sponsored the annual celebration, which is held worldwide the first Saturday in October. Activities throughout the day included bike safety inspections, off-road riding clinics, a challenge course, group rides, games and a free lunch.

MATT WALSH / THE SUMTER ITEM

Lee joins in prayer after teen slayings

BY MATT BRUCE
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Last week was a sobering one for many in Lee County as a sordid saga of violence unfolded that left two Bishopville teens dead and eight others behind bars.

The real-life horror story of drugs, murder and retaliation among high schoolers was one Rosshanda Pratt thought was reserved for much larger metropolises. But when it happened in her own backyard, the Bishopville native was devastated by the level of violence so close to home.

Pratt was one of 100 people on hand Sunday for a prayer gathering at the Tabernacle of Champions church in Bishopville. Pratt, a pastor at the church, organized the community supplication as a call to arms in response to the tragedy.

Several school, city, county and clerical officials were on hand for the event. Among them were Lee County Superintendent Wanda Andrews and Bishopville Mayor Alexander Boyd. Also on hand were a handful of students at Lee Central High School, which suspended this weekend's homecoming festivities in the wake of the shocking trail of violence.

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Court clears way for expansion of gay marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court cleared the way Monday for an immediate expansion of same-sex marriage by unexpectedly and tersely turning away appeals from five states seeking to prohibit gay and lesbian unions. The court's order effectively makes gay marriage legal now in 30 states.

Without comment, the justices brought to an end delays in same-sex marriages in five states — Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. Chief Justice John Roberts did not say a word about same-sex marriage as he began the court's new term.

Couples in six other states — South Carolina, Colorado, Kansas, North Carolina and West Virginia and Wyoming — should be able to get married in short order. Those states would be bound by the same appellate rulings that were put on hold pending the Supreme Court's review.

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BACK IN BUSINESS

Beasley, Tigers record first ACC shutout since 1998 in rout of Wolfpack. **C1**

SLICE OF HEAVEN: Pizza tours offer slice of culture in major cities. **B1**

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Martin: Same-sex marriage 'a runaway train'

'I have maintained it was going to be difficult, and once a state starts to recognize it, the dominoes just start falling in place.'

Larry Martin
State senator

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

PICKENS — The U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to decide the fate of same-sex marriage on Monday has turned the issue of same-sex marriage in South Carolina into "a runaway train," according to State Sen. Larry Martin of Pickens.

"I have maintained it was going to be difficult, and once a state starts to recognize it, the dominoes just start fall-

ing in place," Martin told The Journal. "It's sort of like a runaway train. You're not ever going to be able to call that back. There's going to be an end result, and usually it gets kind of messy."

Martin spoke in reaction to the announcement Monday that the nation's highest court would not hear a case challenging circuit

court rulings in Virginia, Utah, Oklahoma, Indiana and Wisconsin allowing same-sex marriages. In Virginia, which is in the same circuit as South Carolina, same-sex marriages began Monday afternoon.

Some observers are saying states such as South Carolina may be forced to allow same-sex ceremonies because of the circuit court ruling.

Martin said he is "disappointed" the high court declined to hear the case.

"It's only going to prolong the litigation that will continue to be filed, particularly in this circuit," he said. "We'll ultimately honor the rule of law in South Carolina, whatever that is, but it would have been far better if the court had gone ahead and taken it up. Maybe this is their way of saying, 'We agree with what the appeals courts have held.'"

"I've always had a concern

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Brewer, Lee talk school board issues at forum

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — It wasn't your typical forum Monday night between Oconee County School Board District 1 candidates Jerry Lee and Allen Brewer.

The two candidates agreed on virtually every issue, with the exception of fiscal autonomy.

And even on that issue, which incumbent Lee favored and Brewer opposed, the two agreed it was a moot point, attributing that to the state legislature's passage of Act 300 several years ago and the adamant opposition to fiscal autonomy already expressed by the Oconee County Legislative Delegation.

The League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area hosted Monday night's forum.

held in the World of Energy auditorium. During the nearly hour-long event, which only featured less than 20 attendees — mostly consisting of LWV members, spouses of the candidates and the news media — Lee and Brewer tackled issues ranging from how to



Grady Kelley of the Residences at Park Place in Seneca recently celebrated his 100th birthday with a pair of shindigs with family and friends. To read more about Kelley, turn to page A3.

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100TH BIRTHDAY BLOWOUT

Oconee in middle of messy runway project lawsuit

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — A jury of seven men and five women began hearing a lawsuit brought by a Georgia company claiming damages of more than \$1 million against Oconee County related to a

environmental control (DHEC) seal was used to begin the project.

The complex three-party lawsuit also includes Talbert and Bright Inc., an engineering consultant used by Oconee County on the runway project, and whose employee Martin "Marty"

suffered damages when DHEC stopped the project because of the criminal act by the Talbert and Bright employee. James said Plateau remained on standby at the project site with its heavy land moving equipment during the busy spring and summer months until the

EBOLA IN THE US



ASSOCIATED PRESS

A hazardous material cleaner removes a wrapped item on Monday from the apartment where Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan stayed last week in Dallas. South Carolina officials say they're staying prepared for the virus, although no cases have been reported in the state.

DHEC gives update on deadly virus

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control is warning those traveling to a region where the Ebola virus is being transmitted that it is a "major risk factor."

"If you have traveled to one of these regions, it's advised to monitor yourself for fever or other symptoms, such as severe headache, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain and weakness for 21 days after your departure from that region," DHEC spokesman Jim Beasley said.

Officials say anyone who has developed any of those symptoms should seek medical care immediately. Along with traveling to affected regions, Beasley said DHEC's medical staff has reported the other primary risk for contracting Ebola is becoming exposed to a symptomatic patient.



In recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, today's edition of The Link is printed on pink newsprint.

It would be safe to say most families in Chesterfield County have either been affected by breast cancer or know a family that has had to deal with the disease. According to the American Cancer Society, one in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. More than 39,000 women died from breast cancer last year, second only to lung cancer. More than 450 men die each year from breast cancer.

As you read today's "Pink Link," we hope you'll think about the women (and men) around you who are receiving treatment or have survived breast cancer. Give them some encouraging words

and a special hug. For those you know who have lost someone to the disease, remember their loved ones and give them a call.

We encourage you to keep your "Pink Link" on your desk, coffee table or other place where it can be seen. It may start an awareness conversation in your office or your home.

Ladies, get your check-ups. Men, don't overlook the signs of male breast cancer. Be a part of the October Breast Cancer Awareness Month effort. Wear something pink; have some fun, and always remember: Every day is a gift!

We thank Hospice of Chesterfield County and Springhill Assisted Living for joining us in our pink effort.

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Lucas poised for Speaker post

Contenders throw support behind Dist. 65 representative

ROBERT MONNIE
Staff writer

In a surprise move last week, the two remaining contenders for election to Speaker of the House withdrew their names from consideration and endorsed Acting House Speaker Jay Lucas for that position.

This latest development is expected to all but secure the election of Lucas (R-Hartsville) to the House Speaker post when the General Assembly reorganizes itself in December after the November general election.

In a letter released to the press dated Sept. 30, Rep. Kenny Bingham (R-Lexington) and Rep. Jim Merrill (R-Charleston) wrote, "For the membership of the House, this election should be as much about reforming

the rules under which we operate as it is about electing new leaders."

"The Speaker has enormous power ... in fact, too much. By controlling the appointments for committees, boards, commissions and conference

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Rep. Jay Lucas

Gov. Haley makes stop in Jefferson. See, Page 3A.

County OKs jail savings plan

Council approves revisions to plans for administrative, shelter buildings

BOB SLOAN
Editor

CHESTERFIELD — Under a plan proposed and approved by Chesterfield County Council at its monthly meeting Wednesday, the Fourth Circuit Solicitor's Office and the Chesterfield County Public Defenders office will work together to decrease costs at the county detention center. In exchange, the offices will split equally 50 percent of the savings.

Fourth Circuit Solicitor Will Rogers was on hand for the

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Mark Moore/Staff photographer

Homecoming Parade

Braves cheerleaders sit on the back of flatbed truck as it travels down Market Street during the Cheraw High School Homecoming Parade on Friday afternoon.

BI-LO to close Cheraw location

Official says closing part of an 'ongoing process to integrate, incorporate stores'

BOB SLOAN
Editor

Officials with Bi-Lo Holdings, LLC confirmed Friday its Cheraw and Bennettsville grocery stores will close on or before Nov. 19.

Miranda Major, public relations account manager with Bi-Lo Holdings, said the closings were part of an ongoing process to "integrate and incorporate our stores."

She said the Pageland Bi-Lo location would not be closing.

Bi-Lo Holdings, with its corporate headquarters in Jacksonville, Florida, owns and operates BI-LO, Winn-Dixie and Harveys grocery stores. It is the fifth-largest conventional supermarket chain in the U.S. and the second-largest conventional supermarket in the southeast. The company employs nearly 70,000 associates who serve customers in 830 grocery stores and 555 in-store pharmacies in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

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County schools awarded \$2.46M grant

Region report

CHESTERFIELD — The Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice today announced it has awarded a \$2.46 million grant to Chesterfield County School District to be used on the "Integrative Models: PBIS and Olweus

School district earns reaccreditation. See, Page 6A.

Bully Prevention" project through the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative. CSSI is a large-scale, multi-agency research

effort to build knowledge about effective approaches to increasing school safety nationwide.

The award of \$2.46 million over three years

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Florence native will be guest at School Foundation Gala

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — The annual School Foundation Gala will take place tonight at the SiMT Center, and the man of the hour will be William C. Hubbard.

A Florence native, Hubbard has gone on to have a successful law career in Columbia and was recently named president of the American Bar Association (ABA).

Hubbard said his interest in being a lawyer started around the time that he was in middle school or high school.

"I saw that a lot of the leaders

in the community were often lawyers," Hubbard said. "They seemed to be the problem solvers and the leaders on a number of issues. At that point, I decided that if you wanted to be involved and help your community, being a lawyer was a good way to go. I was always interested in government, civics and politics."

Hubbard said he was honored to be selected for the position of president of the ABA.

"I am the first lawyer from South Carolina to be elected to that position," Hubbard said. "I consider that a big honor. I consider it an obligation and a responsibility, also, to do the best

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William C. Hubbard (center) laughs with Florence Mayor Stephen J. Wukela and Kenny Barnes during a reception in his honor held at Victor's Thursday night. Hubbard will become the President of the American Bar Association this summer, and will be the first South Carolinian to ever hold the position in the largest legal organization in the world. Wukela presented Hubbard, a Florence native, with the key to the city and a proclamation naming him a favorite son of the Pee Dee.

ELLEN MEYER/MORNING NEWS

In campaign mode



SAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

Republican Congressman Tom Rice shakes hands with former Republican Congressman Ed Young at Bazen's Family Restaurant in Florence on Oct. 6. Rice faces off against Democrat Gloria Bromell Tinubu again for the Seventh Congressional District that was created in 2012. Unlike in 2012, Rice didn't have to battle nine candidates for the Republican nomination this year and hopes to defeat Tinubu again by a strong margin.

Rep. Rice makes stops in the Pee Dee

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — While sipping coffee in a navy blue blazer, button down shirt, blue jeans and boat shoes, Republican Rep. Tom Rice talked with diners at Bazen's Family Restaurant,

briefly participating in their familiar morning routines as he campaigns for his second term at a more comfortable pace than in 2012.

"We're out here working hard and we keep working hard, not take anything for granted and hopefully pull another one out," Rice said. "I think

it is a little bit calmer, but we're out here seeing the people; we're in campaign mode. October we'll be exclusively campaigning but I want people to remember and understand that they don't just see me during

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US Supreme Court gay marriage action: Will Gov. Haley, AG Wilson waste taxpayer money?

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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley and state Attorney General Alan Wilson are doomed to fail in their efforts to fight against same-sex marriages after Monday's clear signal from the U.S. Supreme Court that such marriages are legal in South Carolina, some experts say.

"The state can continue to fight if it wants, but it's a waste of taxpayers' money — (Haley and Wilson) are going to lose, but they may feel politically they don't want to give in and have people say they are responsible for gay marriage in South Carolina," said Donald Songer, a University of South Carolina political scientist and judicial expert.

"If the attorney general was smart, he'd just say this is a waste of time, money and would be fruitless litigation," said Carl Tobias, constitutional law professor at the University of Richmond, speaking of the same-sex marriage ruling that was just upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Neither Wilson nor Haley would give a specific answer when asked by The State newspaper how much the ongoing legal action is costing.

In Monday's action, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a July ruling by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals that overturned a Virginia ban on same-sex marriage. The 4th Circuit oversees federal courts in both Carolinas, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. Its decisions are binding on those states.

"I'm not surprised at the governor — I assume to her, it's politics. I am surprised that Wilson is doing this because he is a lawyer. He knows the 4th Circuit decision is going to apply to South Carolina," said University of South Carolina School of Law family law associate professor Marcia Zug. "We all know what the final result will be — same-sex marriage is coming."

Haley and Wilson said Monday they would

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► More about same-sex marriage and the Supreme Court rulings. **4A**

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Auction draws large crowd, outstanding taxes

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — In just 20 seconds, the bid for a property with

a fire hazard-sized crowd, some in awe, crammed into a conference room on the sixth floor of the County Complex.

But the real "a-ha moment" is

cess that will still yield an eight percent return or a little more than \$14,000.

Such returns are better than bank rates, County Treasurer





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The growing legend
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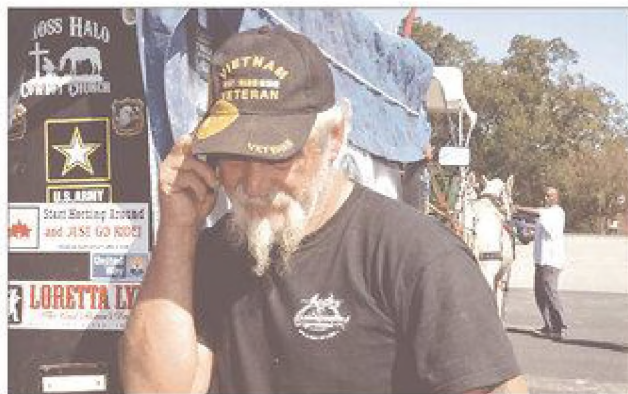
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ONE LAST JOURNEY



Debora Bantan reacts after feeding one of Roger Howell's horses a piece of apple from her hand Monday afternoon at the Edisto Drive Piggy Wuggly parking lot.

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Roger Howell takes a phone call as curious onlookers stop to check out his horse-drawn carriage and trailer Monday. Howell left his Tennessee home in March 2013 on a winding trip to Niagara Falls, New York. He said he was motivated to embark on the journey after receiving a terminal diagnosis from a doctor. The Vietnam veteran, who suffers from complications of Agent Orange, says he "just doesn't want to die on the porch." Howell initially set out on a six-week trek to visit his grandchildren in Michigan. "I was able to pick them up from school in the horse and buggy," he said.

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Court clears way for gay marriage expansion

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way Monday for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the United States and may have signaled that it's only a matter of time before same-sex couples can marry in all 50 states.

Rejecting appeals from five states seeking to preserve their bans, the Supreme Court effectively made such marriages legal in 30 states, up from 19 and the District of Columbia, taking in every region of the country.

Challenges are pending in the other 20 states.

Almost immediately, exuberant couples began receiving marriage licenses previously denied to them. "This is the dream day," said Sharon Baldwin, a plaintiff in a challenge to Oklahoma's ban, as she and her partner got their license in the Tulsa County Clerk's Office.

Directly affected by Monday's orders were Wisconsin, Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah and Virginia. Officials in those states had appealed lower court rulings in an effort to preserve their bans. Couples in six other states — Colorado, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming — should be able to get married in short order since

Gay marriage fight not over in South Carolina

By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson says he will keep fighting to uphold the state's constitutional ban on gay marriage.

Wilson issued a statement Monday hours after the U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear an appeal of a ruling allowing same-sex marriage by a federal appeals court with jurisdiction over South Carolina.

Wilson says no ruling has been made in a lawsuit by a same-sex couple legally married in Washington, D.C., who live in South Carolina. They are asking to overturn the state's gay marriage ban. Wilson says he will keep fighting until there is a ruling in that case.

A lawyer for the same-sex couple, Carrie Warner, says she'll be filing paperwork soon asking for an immediate ruling in their favor.

Experts don't think any appeals will work.

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Fair worker saves roommate from fire

By KIMBERLEI N. DAVIS
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A seasonal Orangeburg County Fair maintenance worker doesn't want anyone calling her act of heroism

them against the wall in an effort to make noises to wake up her house-mate.

"When he (Mintz) came to, he was in shock," Garvin said. While gasping for air and with her eyesight blurred,



Bond set at \$150,000 on woman in stabbing

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

Bond has been set on Orangeburg woman charged with stabbing her boyfriend to death last week.



sure that the defendant is present in court. It is not supposed to be

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