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Changes for DOT finally to Senate

Bill can pave way to roads
funding, committee hopes

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COLUMBIA - Senate debate on a road-funding bill is a step closer after a committee sent to the floor a bill that would give the governor the power to appoint all the state's highway commissioners.

The 9-6 vote by the Senate Transportation Committee Thursday was the first time in two years the panel has approved a bill on the contentious issue and it came despite opposition from some of its most powerful members, who agreed afterward the bill was a means of breaking a stalemate on road funding.

"It's a vehicle," said Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler of Gaffney, who wants the governor to have appointment power but had problems with the bill. "It's an empty vehicle but it's a vehicle."

Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Larry Grooms also voted against the bill because of problems he had with it. But he said it will enable the Senate to start a debate on fixing the state's roads and bridges.

"I believe the action today will advance an overall roads bill," he said.

The issue of restructuring the board of the state Department of Transportation was tied to road funding a year ago by Gov. Nikki Haley, who told lawmakers then that she would support raising the state's gas tax by 10 cents per gallon but only if they also scrapped the present system of picking highway commissioners and reduced the state's income tax.

Currently, legislative delegations elect seven of DOT's board members, one from each congressional district. The governor appoints an at-large commissioner. The governor also appoints the state secretary of transportation.

Haley has threatened to veto any road-funding bill that does not contain tax relief and restructuring.

The House last year passed a bill to give the governor the power to appoint highway commissioners, to provide some modest tax relief and to raise about \$400 million annually in taxes and fees.

But the Senate never voted on a roads bill, in part because the Senate bill on the calendar only raised revenue and Republicans wanted both tax relief and restructuring.

This week, the Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, began debating a tax relief plan.

The chore of restructuring fell to Grooms' committee, which has labored over the issue multiple times over the past two years without agreement.

LANDFILL ODORS RAISING BIG STINK



BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF

Residents have compared the odors emanating from the Twin Chimneys landfill to a combination of 'vomit, sewage and raw offal.'

Southern Greenville County residents complain about Twin Chimneys site

ANGELIA DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Riding a bike, walking or just being outdoors are things that some residents in southern Greenville County say they can't enjoy doing anymore.

They said odors emanating from the Twin Chimneys landfill makes those things nearly impossible to do.

"The stench is so bad that it about stops you up when you get out there," said Tommy Coleman. It's suffocating and

you can't even breathe."

Residents have compared the odors to a combination of 'vomit, sewage and raw offal.' They said it's seeping into their homes and can be smelled as far as 15 miles away.

There's a sense from residents that the odors have increased over the past six months, said Hal Gaymon, a resident and moderator of the meeting.

Coleman and hundreds of other residents met with staffers at the landfill, county and state leaders, and repre-

sentatives from the state Department of Health and Environmental Control hoping to get answers and solutions to the odor problems.

An estimated 325 people overflowed the sanctuary of Columbia Baptist Church, a neighbor to the landfill, for the meeting.

In addition to the odor, residents had a list of other issues they wanted addressed such as health concerns, visibility, late night truck activity, environmental damage and property values.

Marcia Papin, manager of the Twin Chimneys landfill on Augusta Road, and Susan Harrison, a county environmental

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Lindsey's Lights shines on social media

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People around the world lit up social media Wednesday night with their photos of candles glowing for Lindsey Motley.

Friends and strangers alike posted their best wishes for the 28-year-old Greenville woman diagnosed with colon cancer on #Lindseyslights.

"With lots of love from Russia for Lindsey," read one post accompanied by a photo of candles arranged in a heart in a bed of pure white snow.

"All of Greenville is lit up for our Lindsey," another person wrote on



HEIDI HEILBRUNN/STAFF
Lindsey Motley hugs friends who surprised her with luminaries throughout her neighborhood in a show of support for Motley's battle with

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3 Roper patients tested for Zika virus

Babies born to women exposed to virus can develop microcephaly

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A maternal and fetal physician for Roper St. Francis said three of his pregnant patients have undergone testing for the Zika virus — a mosquito-borne disease that may cause severe, even fatal, birth defects and is “spreading explosively” throughout the Americas.

The blood samples were sent to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and then to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for testing.

Dr. Christopher Robinson said the women may have been exposed to the Zika virus during recent travel. He anticipates it will take two weeks for the CDC to process his patients’ samples. DHEC has only received three blood samples to be tested for the

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5 things to know about the mosquito that spreads Zika. **A6**

Where the CDC says pregnant women should not travel. **A6**

Zika virus. Two of those requests have been sent to the CDC for testing, and one of them has already been ruled out.

“Testing activity doesn’t reflect disease activity,” said Dr. Teresa Foo, a DHEC medical consultant. A spokesman for the Medical University of South Carolina said the hospital has not sent the state health department or the CDC any blood samples for testing.

To date, no Zika virus cases have been identified in South Carolina. Please see **ZIKA**, Page A6



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The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is a vector for the proliferation of the Zika virus.

\$13.5M masterpiece

Renovated Gibbes to be ‘temple for the arts’ when it opens in May



PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAUL ZOLLER/STAFF

Guests listen as Executive Director Angela Mack conducts a tour Wednesday of the \$13.5 million Gibbes Museum of Art project. The Gibbes is gaining 30 percent more gallery space from the renovation, partly because it moved administrative offices across the street.

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The interior is still stuffed with scaffolding, the porcelain tile floors are covered with protective cloths and most rooms resound with the clanking commonly heard at construction sites.

But make no mistake: The Gibbes Museum of Art’s \$13.5 million renovation is getting close to completion, and the museum has set May 28 for its public unveiling.

That’s when everyone can see a building both restored to its original 1905 Beaux Arts luster as well as updated with improved public spaces for working artists, classrooms, meetings and other events.



The Gibbes Museum is undergoing renovations, including improvements to protect the art collection.

Executive Director Angela Mack provided a sneak peek recently.

“What we’re trying to do with this renovation is bring a lot more of the original beauty back and make it a temple for the arts as it was intended to be,” she said.

Mack said the May 28 grand opening — on the first full day of this year’s Spoleto Festival USA — will feature a new visual art exhibit on “Porgy and Bess,” one of the festival’s main offerings.

It also will feature another exhibit titled “The Things We Carry,” featuring works from 10 contemporary artists. Mack said the exhibit was scheduled for next year but

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Elephant missing from the GOP room

Rivals seize moment, poke fun at Trump

BY JULIE PACE and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

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Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, a frequent target of Trump, said with a very smile, “I kind of miss Donald Trump; he was a teddy bear to me.”

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McMaster: Trump has wide appeal

Defends endorsement in presidential contest

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COLUMBIA — Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster knows he spun a lot of heads by endorsing Donald Trump but believes the Republican presidential front-runner is “uniquely” qualified to tap into new crops of voters who previously were left out or apathetic about the electoral process.

“It is something that is unusual,” McMaster said from his office on Thursday. “That’s one of the things that attracts me to him that makes him the right man for this job.”

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Global threat of plastic-polluted oceans drives local research. **A7**

Brian Hicks: This is why we license tour guides. **A2**

SPORTS

C of C rallies from 20-point second-half deficit to beat Northeastern in overtime. **C1**

Day at beach may get complicated as Sullivan’s weighs new parking limits

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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SULLIVAN’S ISLAND — Leaders here on Thursday suggested limiting public parking to only one side of neighborhood streets in response to Isle of Palms restricting visitor parking in residential areas.

The Town Council Public Safety Committee discussed how con-



Poll
Should Sullivan’s Island Town Council limit parking to one side of the street in residential areas? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

gestion could worsen during this year’s beach season unless the town acts.

The three-member panel, including Mayor Pat O’Neil, did not take a vote but agreed to present the matter to the full council Monday.

Sullivan’s Fire Chief Anthony Stith said the island’s new ladder truck faces a tight squeeze when navigating narrow streets built in the 1960s. Limiting parking to one side of the street would help solve that problem, he said.

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Southern Bridal Show
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The State

Fixes for rural school buildings introduced in SC House

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A bill aimed at committing state money to helping impoverished school districts replace or repair aging facilities was among eight proposals introduced Thursday in the S.C. House.

Another bill would allow the state to take control of a school district that is failing financially. Under current law, the state has that power only if a district is failing academically.

The facilities proposal follows calls from the governor and state schools chief this

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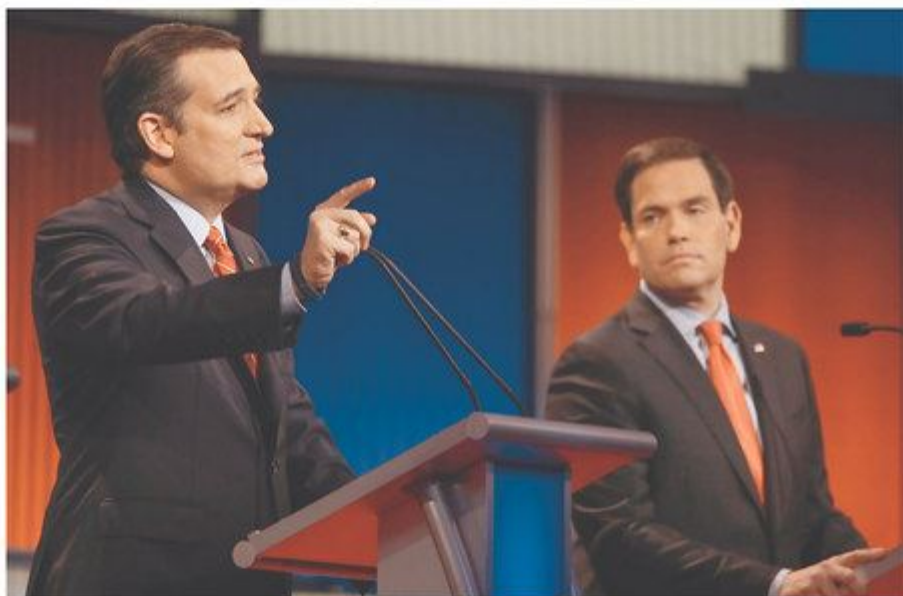
Former USC quarterback Stephen Garcia was selected in

the first round of the MLFB — a new spring football league, 4B

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THE 2016 RACE

As Trump skips debate, his rivals go for spotlight



Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, answers a question as Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., looks on Thursday night.

The GOP race in SC

Who's leading in the Palmetto State, according to latest S.C. poll, by NBC News, the Wall Street Journal and Marist College, of likely GOP primary voters

36%
Donald Trump

20%
Ted Cruz

14%
Marco Rubio

9%
Jeb Bush

8%
Ben Carson

2%
Chris Christie, Mike Huckabee

1%
John Kasich, Carly Fiorina, Rand Paul

6%
Undecided

Billionaire stages his own campaign event as other candidates debate in Iowa

BY DAVID LIGHTMAN AND LESLEY CLARK
McClatchy Newspapers

DES MOINES, IOWA

Donald Trump dominated the Republican presidential campaign's biggest night so far Thursday, thanks to his trademark ability to remain the center of political attention even when he's not even around.

His boycott of a key Republican debate in favor of his own rival event allowed him to stand apart, and perhaps above, the field just four days before Iowa Republicans signal their choice for the party presidential nomination. And it left Ted Cruz, his chief rival, front and center at the debate, where he found himself taking the heat that usually comes Trump's

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The latest numbers in the S.C. Democratic Primary race, 3A

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way. The duel in Des Moines unfolded on two very different stages. At the stately Iowa Events Center, seven of Trump's rivals debated before a well-heeled, politely applauding audience of Republican stalwarts, with Cruz, the senator from Texas, the chief target.

Two and a half miles away, about 750

SEE DEBATE, 7A

Mattel gives Barbie wider hips, shorter legs to broaden appeal

Thursday the biggest makeover ever of Barbie's shape by introducing three new body types — curvy, petite and tall. The new Fashionistas line also has seven skin tones,

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Barbie gets a new body

Doll now comes in tall, curvy and petite

By JOSEPH PISANI
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — At 57, Barbie is getting a major makeover.

The iconic plastic doll, whose small waist and long legs have been criticized for creating unrealistic expectations for girls, will soon be sold with three new bodies — curvy, tall and petite. Barbie will also be more diverse, coming in seven skin tones, 22 eye colors and 24 hairstyles.

Mattel Inc. has been searching for ways to recharge sales of Barbie, which fell 4 percent in the most recent quarter as "want lists" from girls increasingly include iPads and other things. The company hopes more kids will be able to relate to the new dolls.

The body transformations have been in the works for two years, said Mattel spokeswoman Michelle Chidoni on Thursday.

The doll has changed in some ways already. New skin tones and looks were added last year. And Barbie's foot was movable for the first time, allowing her to kick off her heels and wear flats.

The El Segundo, Calif., toy company said it

EYES
Barbie will have 22 eye colors to choose from.

HAIR
Barbie will feature 24 different hairstyles.

BODY TYPE
Barbie will come in three new body types: tall, curvy and petite.

SKIN
Barbie will be more diverse, coming in seven different skin tones.

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Mattel via AP

Spanish Moss Trail to stretch 11 miles

Trail's crossing on Robert Smalls Parkway to be complete next week.

By ZACH MURDOCK

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The Spanish Moss Trail will run all the way from Port Royal to Clarendon Farms before the end of the year, say local officials.

First, the missing link in the trail's existing pathways is set to open next week with the completion of a new pedestrian crossing over Robert Smalls Parkway.

The new crossing will create the first-ever continuous pedestrian pathway from Burton to downtown Beaufort and Port Royal, said Dean Moss, director of the Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail.

But that accomplishment won't slow the group's push to expand even farther, an effort which is getting an almost \$2 million boost from the Kennedy family and Beaufort County.

The Kennedys, who own Clarendon Farms and are active philanthropists in Beaufort and throughout the Southeast, have pledged \$1.7 million in financial support and land for the path to help complete the next phase of the trail — about four miles from Roseida Road to Clarendon Road, Moss said.

Beaufort County Council voted unanimously this week to contribute \$250,000 from local accommodations taxes to that cause.

Combined, the Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail hope the substantial commitments will help secure the remaining \$500,000 cost of the phase from private donors, Moss and county leaders said.

"I don't know of any other grant offers that are this generous," county administrator Gary Kubie said.

The trail is a joint project of the county, Port Royal, the city of Beaufort, the friends group and the PATH Foundation of Atlanta, of which Jim and Sarah Kennedy are board members.

Once completed, the trail will stretch 11 miles from Port Royal to Gray's Hill and could be open by this fall. Future segments would extend the trail all the way to Sea-brook.

"The objective is to get this baby built by Labor Day, because Mr. Kennedy has made it clear to the boys in Atlanta that are working the project that he expects to be able to ride his bike to downtown by then," Moss said with a laugh.

The ambitious project is now years ahead of its original anticipated schedule and other major

Downtown Beaufort named SC Cultural District

Designation could mean increased tourism and a healthy economy overall, officials say.

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In a lot of ways, it was a no-brainer.

ful of arts and community leaders who worked on the city's application for the designation — a process that started in the first quarter of 2015.

To qualify, districts generally include such things as galleries, live-performance venues, theaters, artist studios, museums and public art, according to the commission's website.



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Economic outlook solid for Pee Dee

BY JOE PERRY
BH Media

FLORENCE — Doug Woodward is a glass-half-full kind of guy.

As the director of research at USC's Moore School of Business, he delivered his economic outlook for 2016 during the yearly Review & Resources Conference hosted by the North Eastern Strategic Alliance on Monday at the Carolinas Hospital's Floyd Conference Center.

Woodward, also an economics professor, told the audience of economic developers that he brought good news to share. Economic growth is strong and broad-based, and a solid 2015 has built momentum for a robust 2016, he said.

Statewide, he sees the Pee Dee region and the Grand Strand as the "top performers," he said.

"Our economy is healthy," he said, noting that what matters to the public is job creation.

He joked that he holds no crystal ball and predicted plenty of uncertainty going forward regarding global concerns with China's slowing economy and falling oil prices.

"We're entering a period quite different from what we've experienced," he said, as the world faces a deflationary environment with a loss of pricing pressure in China that is spreading.

South Carolina is enjoying its sixth year of economic expansion, he said, with a steady climb out of the Great Recession, which really ended in 2009. The "real economy" and the stock market are not always in sync, he said, and he doesn't see any repercussions from Wall Street rumblings unless "it gets worse than we've seen."

The state is shaping up for an expansion greater than that of 2003-07, he said, and construction "is finally kicking in" and should create more jobs.

Last year Charleston was the "star performer," with Boeing bringing real results. The Upstate took the economic baton, and now he sees the Midlands gaining steam.

"It's going to cycle around," he said, as job growth should boost the Pee Dee's bottom line to peak levels.

In looking at the Florence Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Darlington County, the general trajectory is "very positive" and will continue apace, he said.

Probably the only thing that could derail job growth in the Pee Dee region would be a major economic crisis that ripples around the world, he said.

In November 2014, unemployment in Florence was 7.2 percent. In

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ROCKIN' ROBOTS

Elementary, GSSM students continue robotics program

From staff reports

Fifth-graders at Carolina Elementary School recently had the opportunity to collaborate with robotics students from the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics during a six-day after-school program.

The 18 Carolina Elementary students worked alongside the GSSM students to learn about robotics technology and build their own robots. It was the fifth year Carolina Elementary and GSSM held the outreach program.

Donna Barrett, principal at Carolina Elementary, described the collaboration as an excellent opportunity for her students to work as a team and get hands-on experience with 21st-century technology.

"I think it gave them a sense of what they will be doing in the future with technology," she said. "The students were totally engaged every minute. Also, being able to interact with the high school students really helped them to develop relationships."

Ten GSSM student mentors brought robot-building kits to Carolina Elementary each day after school. Seven robot teams designed their own machines that ultimately navigated an obstacle course of sorts on the final day. Parents and Carolina Elementary faculty attended the presentations. Before showing off their robots, several of the Carolina Elementary students explained to the parents what they built, how the robots work and the different sensors each robot used to complete its task.

Dr. Mary Thomas, school counselor at Carolina Elementary, helped organize the collaboration and said parents also enjoyed the program.

"Getting to talk to the Governor's School students was fantastic, and our kids just clicked with them," she said. "They just had a ball, and the parents were saying how excited their students were."



Students from Carolina Elementary and the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics demonstrate the capabilities of robots they created recently during a collaborative program.

The Carolina Elementary students who participated in the program were Andrew Askins, Mia Traker, Conner Barfield, Louis Cook, Chandler Greene, Kathryn Bethea, Jada Blue, Trinity Henderson, Shea Holt, Clayton Miles Hall, Chloe Moore, Chloe Hammond, Taylor Salazar, Turner Peel, Jacob Pulling, Premal Patel, Robert Bridges-Teal and Melissa Ransome.

The GSSM student mentors were Evan Livingston, Dennis Daly, Anish Chaluviadi, Yohan Moon, Lam Nguyen, Jamaal Jacobs, Saulo Arias Hernandez, Hunter Dameron, Danni Areaga and Jack Tabb.

For more information, visit www.darlington.k12.sc.us and www.scgssm.org.



Students from Carolina Elementary and the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics worked together during a six-day after-school program recently to learn about and build robots like this one.

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Relay For Life of Darlington hosts kickoff event

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Clinton's firewall? Black voters the key

Black voters represent a solid majority of the Democratic electorate in South Carolina — and could make all the difference in the state's Feb. 27 primary. A recent poll shows Hillary Clinton with 64 percent of the state's likely Democratic votes, while Bernie Sanders has 27 percent. A4

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REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Candidates mock absent Trump

By Julie Pace And Jill Colvin
The Associated Press

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Never one to go quietly, Trump was holding a competing rally elsewhere in Des Moines, an event his campaign said was raising money for military veterans.

"When you're treated badly,

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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, left, answers a question as Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., center, listens and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, right, looks on during Thursday's Republican presidential primary debate in Des Moines, Iowa. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE FORGOTTEN WAR

Local Korean War vets honored

Medals, certificates presented in ceremony attended by Korean officials

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A group of Korean War veterans was honored Thursday morning in a ceremony at Spartanburg District 3 Community Auditorium.

Twenty-two veterans from Spartanburg County were presented with a medal and a certificate on behalf of the South Korean government during the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal Ceremony.

The medals and certificates express Korean gratitude for the men's service.

"It was a great honor," said the Rev. Bobby McFalls.

McFalls served for the duration of the war, from 1950 until 1953. He currently volunteers as the chaplain for the Korean War Veterans Association station in Cowpens.

"It's so wonderful that some of us, who have never



Eddie Lonan, right, receives a medal and certificate from representatives of the South Korean government

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Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market in Gray Court closed Thursday after a year in the small Laurens County town. The company announced the closing of more than 150 stores two weeks ago.

Convenience curtailed

Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market in Gray Court closes doors

By COLIN RIDDLE
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GRAY COURT — The aisles and gas pumps were empty Thursday as store associates awaited the final hours of Gray Court's Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market.

The small Laurens County town of about 800 people called the store its first grocery in more than 20

years when it opened last year. Now it's closed.

"The reason they came here, it proved we had enough population here to really support it," Gray Court Mayor John Carter said. "It was so much convenience right here."

Wal-Mart announced the closing of 154 U.S. stores two weeks ago, including Gray Court's Neigh-

borhood Market, Pacolet's Neighborhood Market and Winnsboro's Wal-Mart store in South Carolina.

The company opened a Neighborhood Market about 15 miles away from Gray Court in Simpsonville on Wednesday.

Stores of Gray Court's size typically employ about 15 associates.

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JOHN CARTER

A QUIET VOLUNTEER

Rotary Club honors man who never sought praise

By MARY KATE MCGOWAN
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Inside

■ A full obituary of Mo Scott can be found on 4A.

Carl Brock did not know one of his closest friends, Maurice "Mo" Scott, volunteered with Meals on Wheels until Brock, Greenwood Rotary Club secretary, drove through the Greenwood Mill Village one day and saw Scott carrying meals to houses.

Brock said no one knew Scott volunteered with the program, and Scott never wanted recognition.

Thursday night during Rotary Club of Greenwood's Charter Day Banquet, Scott, a former Rotary Club president, received a high honor for putting his service above himself: the Rotary Club's Community

Service Award. But he was not there to accept it — he died Tuesday in Durham, North Carolina after a battle with cancer.

Rotary Club president Watson Dorn said Scott was selected to receive this honor months before the club knew about his cancer diagnosis.

His son Jon Scott, who has also served as Rotary Club president, accepted the award in place of his father and received a standing ovation. Jon said his father, who

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Nancy and Jon Scott look on during the awards presentation Thursday night at the Rotary Club of Greenwood's Charter Day Banquet.



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Jon Scott, left, embraces Carl Brock, longtime friend of Maurice "Mo" Scott, after giving Brock a tie that belonged to his father. "Mo" Scott, who died Tuesday after a battle with cancer, was awarded Rotary Club of Greenwood's Community Service Award. "Mo" Scott and Jon once took a trip together to Lisbon, Portugal, where he the tie was purchased.

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FMU cancels April fundraising gala with Don McLean

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — Francis Marion University has canceled the April 2 fundraising gala and concert

featuring American singer-songwriter Don McLean.

The university made the decision after receiving word that McLean, best known for his hit "American Pie," was arrested Jan. 18 on a misdemeanor do-

mestic violence charge.

"In light of Mr. McLean's recent issues, Francis Marion University has decided to cancel his April 2nd concert, which was also a fundraising gala for the university," said Tucker

Mitchell, executive director of public affairs for the university.

Francis Marion officials consulted with McLean's team to ensure they understood the charges, Mitchell said.

But, he said, after giving it some thought, the university made the final call against hosting the concert.

"We support gender-equity issues and all the provisions of Title IX," Mitchell said. "That would be true of

any university. It's probably especially true of a university where two-thirds of the student body are women ... and a significant number of faculty and staff."

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Bills to fix rural schools introduced in SC House

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COLUMBIA — A bill aimed at committing state money to helping impoverished school districts replace or repair aging facilities was among eight proposals introduced Thursday in the S.C. House.

Another bill would allow the state to take control of a school district that is failing financially. Under current law, the state has that power only if a district is failing academically.

The facilities proposal follows calls from the governor and state schools chief this month for the state to do more to improve K-12 public school buildings, some crumbling from years of neglect.

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley has proposed borrowing up to \$200 million a year for school facilities. That would create a new source of money for school districts. Now responsible for building and maintaining their own schools, districts in impoverished, rural areas often struggle to raise enough money just to replace roofs, much less renovate schools.

The proposal aimed at improving school facilities, sponsored by House Education Committee Chairwoman Rita Allison, R-Spartanburg, would create an authority that could borrow money on the state's behalf to spend on school facilities.

The bill does not specify how the state would pay for the program, how much it would spend or how the money would be

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Breaking new ground



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The Florence School District One board of trustees, Delmae Principal Roy Ann Jolley, Superintendent Randy Bridges and Delmae students symbolically break ground on the new Delmae Heights Elementary School on Thursday afternoon.



Barry Townsend addresses the audience Thursday night at the Delmae groundbreaking, thanking the staff and the teachers for their dedication to the students and families they serve.

Delmae community celebrates start of new school construction

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FLORENCE — Even the clouds couldn't hide the smile radiating from Roy Ann Jolley's face Thursday afternoon at the groundbreaking for the new Delmae Heights Elementary School building. Delmae's principal told the audience that she was thrilled to finally see the start of a new school for her staff and children.

"This is a great day for Delmae Heights Elementary School," Jolley said. "We have been waiting for this for a while and we are just going to enjoy the moment. I can't tell you how excited I am."

Florence One board member Barry Townsend, who is also a Delmae parent, addressed the teachers and the staff at the school, leaving a few with tears in their eyes.

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Clemson research center being updated

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shows a \$3 million annual budget covered the work of 65 scientists.

Education Center, the John B. Pitner Center — named for the



Jonathan Windham talks about an extensive renovation to the John B.

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