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'I'M ASHAMED TO BE HERE'

USC trustee fined \$75,000 for killing red-tailed hawks

Charles Williams must do community service at bird center, stop hunting for year

Red-tailed hawks that Williams trapped, killed are vital part of nature, wildlife expert says

Federal prosecutor urges judge to "send a message" with penalty

BY JOHN SHOOK
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CHARLESTON
 University of South Carolina trustee Charles Williams wept Monday after pleading guilty to baiting and trapping red-tailed hawks, then shooting them in a cage.
 His tears came before U.S.

Magistrate Judge Shiva Hodges fined him \$75,000 for trapping and shooting the federally protected birds. Williams and three associates had agreed to plead guilty to the killings.

"I'm ashamed to be here," Williams of Orangeburg said as he choked back tears. "I'm sorry. I'm embarrassed for my children, for my friends. I tried to do right all my life and be an



Williams

ONLINE
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example for my children. I love hunting, but that is no excuse." It was one of the largest fines

in the nation levied against an individual in years for killing wildlife, according to a list of federal fines for that read in court.

Evidence showed Williams trapped and killed hawks preying on penned quail he was raising for hunting on his nearly 1,800-acre plantation.

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END OF THE ROAD FOR SANDERS?

Hillary Clinton is expected to clinch the Democratic nomination Tuesday. Or has she already? 4A



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NEW ST. ANDREWS RESTAURANT

A new meal service and restaurant on St. Andrews Road specializes in local ingredients. 6B

IN MEMORY



TRACY GLANTZ / glantz@thestate.com

The bridge over Spring Lake on Rockbridge Road is nearly complete and will soon open.

AFTER THE FLOOD: 'WE'RE STILL HERE STRONG'

New bridge is 'first step in many' to healing

Rockbridge Road bridge set to reopen by June 15

Bridge was closed for eight months after October flooding

New structure cost \$2.3 million to design, build

when the roads will reopen.

'2016' CARVED IN CEMENT
 Rockbridge Road bridge is being replaced because it is not atop a dam and is maintained by the S.C. Department

Celebrating a new bridge

The state Transportation Department expects to reopen the Rockbridge Road bridge by June 15. However, weather permitting, the thoroughfare connecting the Arcadia Lakes and Forest Acres communities could open later this week.

\$2.3 MILLION



COLLEGE BASEBALL, 1C USC GAME POSTPONED



LIFESTYLE, 1D Ride raises Alzheimer's awareness

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Trail group finds possible routes

Green Crescent proposals
come from feasibility study

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The group working to create a network of walking and hiking trails that would connect points of interest across the greater Clemson area has identified two segments to focus on first — a route from downtown Central to Southern Wesleyan University and one from Pendleton Road to Nettles Park.

Those were the priority recommendations that came out of a feasibility study for the proposed Green Crescent Trail.

The study outlines 35.7 miles of bicycle and pedestrian routes with a total cost of more than \$25 million.

But in order "to eat the elephant one bite

at a time," as Blake Sanders of Alta Planning + Design called it, the initial efforts will aim at those two segments, which carry a total price tag of \$1.3 million.

They'll seek funding from a variety of sources, including municipalities, corporate sponsorships and individual donors.

"Keep it on the forefront," Sanders told a group of about 50 who met at Southern Wesleyan University on Thursday to hear the report.

The Central to SWU segment could be done for about \$600,000, with the Nettles Park to Pendleton Road stretch coming in at \$700,000, he said.

The Central trail involves use of an old abandoned railroad bed that is privately owned. And within six months, the group hopes to work out arrangements with the property owner and the state Department of Transportation while beginning fundraising.

The following six months would be taken up with the engineering and permitting process, with the project being built over the 12 months after that and opening two years from now.

The first phase of the Pendleton Road to Nettles Park segment would connect Mac's Drive In to Ashley Deering Park. It would connect on the other side of Pendleton Road to the Parcel Milliken property that is being redesigned as a mix-use development with trails.

The first phase could open as a natural surface trail in 18 months, with the asphalt surface completed within 36 months, according to the plan.

Those segments would link up eventually to a trail system being planned in Pendleton and five other segments on the long-range plan.

The Central to SWU trail would be

extended down Church Street and Road 18 to Walmart near U.S. 123.

The plan calls for major improvements of an existing bike route from downtown Central along State 93 to downtown Clemson.

A Berkeley Drive corridor would link Clemson Elementary School and neighborhoods along that road.

Another route, which would include boardwalks along Lake Hartwell, would connect downtown Clemson to the North Experimental Forest.

A route would run along Pendleton Road from State 93 to the Parcel Milliken Property.

A fund raising event is scheduled for June 11, with a walk from Nettles Park to Patrick Square, with bike events for kids and live music.

Details on the study are available on the Friends of the Green Crescent Trail Facebook page.



John Ling, former director of the South Carolina Department of Commerce in Shanghai, helped bring nine Chinese factories to the state.

College buys property in Greer

Grad schools, courses
part of campus move

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North Greenville University is branching down from its main campus in Tigerville into Greer.

The move will bring the college's graduate schools and new course offerings to the former location of the Ryan's corporate office building on Lancaster Avenue, near the intersection of Wade Hampton Boulevards and Poinsett Street.

The university acquired the 10.2-acre property and 31,000-square-foot building just days before the adjacent Ryan's restaurant closed as part of its parent company's bankruptcy and restructuring.

By January, a new physician assistant master's program will begin on site, once some renovations are complete. By fall the university's existing graduate programs will begin moving to the new facility along with the College of Adult Professional Studies and other personnel who have worked out of the main campus and at the Tim Brashier Center on Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville.

Ryan's Family Steakhouses was founded by Upstate native Alvin McCall in 1977 in Greer, where it was headquartered for years. Now, that site's redevelopment will herald a new era for the city, according to Greer Mayor Rick Danner.

"I think that's going to be a great benefit for the city, and I think it will be for the school as well," Danner said. "It's significant. It's another piece of that puzzle. We keep talking about quality of life issues and different things. This is one of the things that we were really missing. We've had some presence from

Greenville resident specializes in recruiting jobs from China

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Jobs are coming to South Carolina from China, and Greenville resident John Ling is a big reason why.

Ling worked for the state Commerce Department for 13 years and ran its recruiting office in Shanghai for a decade before moving back to Greenville in 2014.

Over the years, he helped persuade nine Chinese companies to locate new

The most recent announcement — and the biggest — came on May 31 when the Commerce Department said a firm called China Jushi would spend \$300 million and hire 400 people for a new fiberglass factory in Columbia.

Ling said the project started with a visit he made to the company's chairman in 2012.

The recruiting work took longer than expected, he said, after the company decided to spend more than \$150 million in Egypt first.

the 130-worker American Yuncheng Plate Making plant in Spartanburg, the 100-worker Unisite plastic film plant in Gray Court and a 109-worker automotive textile plant planned in Travelers Rest by Suzhou Glacier Import & Export.

Ling said the BMW plant between Greenville and Spartanburg is responsible for recruiting Jiangnan Mold Plastic Technology Corp., a Chinese auto parts maker that announced a 130-worker plant for Greer in April.

Ling said he did not play a direct role in recruiting the \$500 million, 4,000-



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Plutonium from Japan arrives at SRS

Vessels left Charleston port around 12:30 p.m. Monday, were carrying about 730 pounds of nuclear material

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About 730 pounds of plutonium that left Japan on British flag ships *Pacific Heron* and *Pacific Eger* has reached its destination at the Savannah River Site and the Y-12 National Security Complex near Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The *Aiken Standard*, Associated Press and Japanese Kyodo News Agency reported it last March that the ships had been loaded in Japan and were en route to South Carolina. The ships were seen leaving the Japanese

port in the Tokai village, northeast of Tokyo, on March 22, according to the Kyodo News Agency.

According to vessel tracking information from Intelsat Position, the Automatic Identification System, or AIS, in the vessels showed both the *Heron* and *Eger* traveling with a specially vessel away from port in Charleston at around 12:30 p.m. Monday.

The National Nuclear Security Administration confirmed the ships' arrival in a news release Monday evening. According to the release, the plutonium recovered from Japan will be prepared for disposition using the

unique capabilities of the Savannah River Site for eventual disposal in DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, or WIPP, near Clostield, New Mexico.

Under Secretary for Nuclear Security Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klaus said in the release, "The removal of the material from Japan represents a significant accomplishment in our broader global nuclear security efforts to secure highly enriched uranium and plutonium worldwide. Japan has been one of the United States' staunchest allies in the global effort to minimize, and where possible eliminate, the use of sensitive nuclear materials at research facilities."

The ships' routes are not public during much involving nuclear materials for security reasons. Monday's activation of AIS locational devices was the first publication of the ships since they left the United Kingdom in October 2015.

The AIS is an international tracking system used by maritime traffic controllers, similar to air traffic controllers, and helps prevent collisions and keep track of vessels in emergency situations.

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The screenshot from MarineTraffic.com shows information about the *Pacific Heron*. The shipment arrived at SRS on Monday, sources confirmed.

Dad, daughter dancing their way to the Big Apple

Aiken YouTubers to appear on 'Today'

BY STEPHANIE TURNER
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Almost two years ago, one of Josh Rinder, of Aiken, and his daughter Audrey's dance videos was shown on the "Today" show.

Today, the daddy-daughter duo are heading to New York City to appear on the news-talk show.

"One of the producers messaged me on YouTube and said that she was working on a Daddy-Daughter Dance Off segment. She asked if we would be interested in participating, so of course I said, 'Yes!,'" Rinder said. The segment will be filmed live Wednesday, according to Rinder.

The pair are competing against two other daddy-daughter teams.

"All I know is that they are going to play 20-second clips from different genres of music. They won't be actual well-known songs but songs that sound like them," Rinder said.

The teams will take turns dancing, and a panel of judges will pick the winner.

The prize will be for the winning team to stay in New York City until Friday and attend a Nick Jonas concert.

If the two don't win, they'll be sent home Wednesday, according to Rinder.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Josh and his daughter Audrey Rinder, of Aiken, have received national attention for their dance videos.

Council moves forward on parks

First of two votes on budget approved

BY DAN BROWN
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Aiken City Council has a lot on its plate with the 2016-17 budget deadline drawing near — the first and second votes, plus the public hearing to officially pass the new budget, plus finalizing designs of the Eastside Park Senior Youth Center and Phase 1 of the Northside Park.

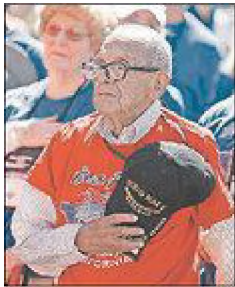
During a Monday night special meeting and work session, Council approved the first of two votes regarding the 2016-17 budget and finalized designs for both Eastside and Northside parks. Council also set the workshop schedule to finish out the budget approval process.

"We want to approve this budget for the first reading with the understanding that we do have four workshops scheduled in the coming week, plus the second reading during our June 20 meeting," said City Manager John K. Lima. "We've already had several workshops in May dealing with details of the budget, and we will continue to work hard to draft a budget the City can work with moving forward."

Budget workshops are scheduled for Friday of this week, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The first of two votes passed by a 5-1 vote, with Council members Reggie Blum, Dick Dewar, Phil Hayes, Leslie Price and Mayor Rick Olson voting in favor of the budget with Council member Philip Merry voting against it.

Council finalized the proposed plans for the Eastside Park Senior Youth Center and Northside Park. Council also approved the



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Tryon Resort opens gun club in NC

The Gun Club at Tryon Resort in Rutherfordton, N.C., welcomed community members last week to test their skills on a 4,100-foot sporting clay course. C1

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USC postponed

The Gamecocks' college baseball regional final against UNC Wilmington was rained out on Monday and has been rescheduled for today. B1



Kurt Busch conserves fuel for Pocono win

Kurt Busch stretched his fuel to the checkered flag and won the Sprint Cup race Monday at Pocono Raceway. B1

NATION & WORLD



Ali scripted funeral plans in exacting detail

DEMOCRATIC RACE

AP: Clinton will be nominee

By Hope Yen, Catherine Lucey, Stephen Ohlemacher and Lisa Lerer
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Striding into history, Hillary Clinton will become the first woman to top the presidential ticket of a major U.S. political party, capturing commitments Monday from the number of delegates needed to become the Democrats'

presumptive nominee.

The victory arrived nearly eight years to the day after she conceded her first White House campaign to Barack Obama. Back then, she famously noted her inability to "shatter that highest, hardest glass ceiling."

Campaigning this time as the loyal successor to the nation's first black president, Clinton held off a surprisingly strong challenge from Vermont Sen.

Bernie Sanders. He mobilized millions with a fervently liberal message and his insurgent candidacy revealed a deep level of national frustration with politics-as-usual, even among Democrats who have controlled the White House since 2009.

Clinton, the former secretary of state, New York senator and first lady, reached the 2,383 delegates needed to become the presumptive Democratic

nominee on Monday with a decisive weekend victory in Puerto Rico and a burst of last-minute support from superdelegates. Those are party officials and officeholders, many of them eager to wrap up the primary amid preference polls showing her in a tightening race with presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump.

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DUNCAN PARK

Tree clearing concerns residents



David Satterfield, who has lived in the Duncan Park neighborhood since 1966, said he has never seen quite the extent of tree clearing that is being performed in the area for a Spartanburg Water right-of-way maintenance project. ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHL.COM

Project part of Spartanburg Water rights-of-way sewer line maintenance

By Alyssa Mulliger

swathes of greenery for a Spartanburg Water sewer system maintenance project has upset Satterfield and other Duncan Park residents. Satterfield, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1966,

Spartanburg Water has contracted with Alabama-based Brown's Clearing to remove the trees and shrubs inside the wastewater collection system rights-of-way. The rights-of-way contain

line blockages. Removing the vegetation and other debris allows for any necessary inspection, maintenance and repairs to the wastewater collection lines and system, according to Spartanburg



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S.C. Senate District 31

Fowler, Skipper talk issues at forum

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FLORENCE — The Florence County Republican Party hosted a forum Monday evening for the candidates of South Carolina Senate District 31.

Florence County Treasurer Dean Fowler and Richard Skipper, the former county GOP Chairman and small business owner,

took part in the Q-and-A style event.

The Senate 31 Incumbent, Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., was not present at the forum. According to a release by Leatherman's campaign, the 36-year incumbent was unable to attend the candidate forum because he started "a long-planned series of events"

to meet with citizens and address concerns. He visited Monday evening with constituents in Johnsonville.

Topics raised during the Florence forum came from an audience of approximately 50 constituents and were moderated by conservative internet radio show host Bill Pickle.

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S.C. Senate District 31 challengers Dean Fowler (left), Florence County treasurer, and former county GOP Chairman Richard Skipper appear at a Florence County Republican Party forum Monday evening at the Floyd Conference Center on the Carolinas Hospital System campus.



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Florence City Council

Special District 2 election arrives

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — The Democratic special election primary for Florence City Council's 2nd District — a seat held by the late Ed Robinson for nearly 25 years — will be held today.

Five candidates are on the ballot.

■ Tyron Jones, vice president of Information technology at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

■ Pat Gibson-Lye Moore, a Florence School District 1 board member.

■ LaShonda NeSmith, the Florence County Democratic Party chairwoman.

■ Alexis Demetrius Jenkins Sr., a Florence 1 board member.

■ Gary A. Summerfield Jr., a Meland nurse.

Election officials say a runoff election is likely in this race because of the high number of candidates.

If a runoff is required, it will be held June 21. The general election for the District 2 seat is set for July 26.

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MORE ONLINE

■ For more information about this race and the candidates running, visit http://www.scn.com/news/local/article_a3725b0a-2b44-11e6-b12b-a7c139a076e7.html.

■ For questionnaires filled out by each candidate, visit http://www.scn.com/news/election/2016/questionnaire_responses/.

■ Tonight on [scn.com](http://www.scn.com): Look for coverage of this special election.

The state of roads



PHOTO BY JOE PERRY FOR MORNING NEWS

Brandon Hoffmeyer uses an excavator Monday morning to move a felled tree along S.C. 51, also known as Pamlico Highway, just before Gale Road as a widening project continues.



S.C. Department of Transportation deputy secretary for intermodal planning Ron Patton (left), DOT Commission chairman Mike Wooten (center) and S.C. Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., R-Florence, applaud an announcement Monday at Vickers, the site of Florence Rotary Club's regular meetings. Wooten and Patton spoke about the current state of the state's roads and bridges.

DOT officials give update to Rotarians

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FLORENCE — Mike Wooten thinks he's probably not on Nikki Haley's Christmas card list.

The South Carolina governor probably will not reappoint him to the Department of Transportation's commission when his term is up in February, and Wooten, the chairman, told Florence Rotarians on

Monday that freedom gives him "a lot of liberty" to tell it like he sees it.

Wooten and Ron Patton, the department's deputy secretary for intermodal planning, addressed the Florence Rotary Club at Vickers and brought a dire message of how expensive it will be to fix our roads if South Carolina continues to be paralyzed by politics.

Wooten called a

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Flash flood watch issued for entire Pee Dee region

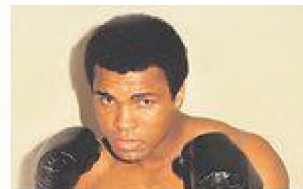
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A pedestrian wades through water as rain from Tropical Storm Colin rolls in on Monday at Gulfport Beach in Gulfport, Fla. The storm brought heavy rain to Beaufort County on Monday, with more rain and possibly dangerous winds conditions expected today.

TROPICAL STORM COLIN

Forecast: More rain, strong winds

Tropical storm warning issued for Beaufort County

Meteorologist: Prepare for strong winds, dangerous rip currents, possibly tornadoes

Rainfall could total 8 inches through today

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After already inundating Beaufort County with heavy rainfall Monday, Tropical Storm Colin is expected to bring more rain and possibly dangerous wind conditions today.

The storm could dump up to 8 inches of rain by this morning, according to the National Weather Service. The area could also see thunderstorms this morning.

"That's obviously a lot of rain to fall in less than 24 hours," National Weather Service meteorologist Jonathan Lamb said Monday afternoon.

The National Weather Service issued a tropical storm warning for Beaufort County through today. The area is also in a flash flood watch until today.

The tropical storm, which formed in the Gulf of Mexico, landed in Florida late Monday and headed northeast, bringing heavy rain from Georgia to the Carolina coastline, according to the National Hurricane Center.



Allison Hyde and her boyfriend David Earl, both of Darien, Conn., walk toward Old Town Dispensary in the rain on Monday in Bluffton.

"The flooding potential from the rain is the number one concern," Lamb said. "But there could also be some salt water flooding in low-lying coastal areas."

At least one school, The Little Island Preschool on Arrow Road on Hilton Head Island, announced it would be closed today out of concern for staff and child safety.

The heavy rains forced the closure Monday afternoon of a flooded portion of H.E. McCracken Circle near Bluffton Elementary School and the entrance to the Pinecrest com-

munity, Bluffton Police Department spokeswoman Joy Nelson said.

Carl Barnes, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said the Beaufort County area, especially on the coast, should prepare for strong winds and elevated rip currents.

"We're looking at hazardous marine conditions around Beaufort County," Barnes said. "We

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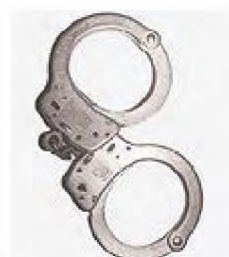
How has Florida been impacted? 8A



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FAMILY FIGHT TURNS DEADLY

What authorities describe as a family argument on a Sheldon porch leaves one man dead and a second wounded by gunfire. 3A



LOCAL

POLICE IDENTIFY GUNSHOT VICTIM

One man is in custody and a second remains hospitalized following a deadly shooting in Bluffton on Friday. 3A



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3 men arrested in store robbery

FROM STAFF REPORTS

All three suspects allegedly involved in the Memorial Day armed robbery at Jewelry Wholesale have been arrested as of about 10:30 p.m. Monday.



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According to Sumter Police Department, Bradley Devon Brown, 21, of 1206 W. Main St., Dillon, turned himself in to Dillon authorities without incident Monday afternoon, and Rondrick Shesquille Mearite, 22, of 527 Lakeside Court, Dillon, turned himself in to Dillon authorities on Sunday.

A third man, 33-year-old Michael D. Knowles, of 8161 St. Charles Road in Mayesville, was arrested in Richland County on Friday. Brown, Mearite and Knowles were wanted in connection to the jewelry

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Prepare kids to think of safety if left home alone

FROM STAFF REPORTS

With Monday kicking off summer vacation for primary school students, working parents who do not have babysitters should give serious thought to the planning required to make sure children are safe if they are left home alone.

According to Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, the age to allow a child to be at home alone varies based on the individual child's maturity and ability to handle responsibility.

Children 9 or 10 years old should only be left at home alone for 30 minutes to an hour, said hospital pediatrician Deborah Greenhouse in a recent news release from the hospital.

The release says a child should not be left alone if he is not comfortable with the idea of being home alone.

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KONSTANTIN VENGEROVSKY / THE SUMTER ITEM
Juanita Britton, chairwoman of Rembert Area Community Coalition, speaks at the organization's 15th Annual Family and Friends Day on Saturday in Rembert.

Rembert coalition celebrates community with 15th event

BY KONSTANTIN VENGEROVSKY
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Rembert Area Community Coalition hosted its 15th Annual Family and Friends Day on Saturday in Rembert, an unincorporated town in the northwest part of Sumter County.

The theme was "Planning for 'tomorrow'" and included a public

forum during which local candidates running for office answered questions from residents. The event also included games for children, entertainment and a meal.

The event is one of the major fundraisers for the nonprofit organization, said Juanita Britton, chairwoman of the coalition.

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Splash Day celebrates center's summer opening



PHOTO BY DICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Ricky Vogel, left; Piper Vogel, 3; and Willow Strickland, 2, certainly knew what to do at the City of Sumter's Exhibition and Splash Day on Saturday at the Aquatics Center, 1115 S. Lafayette Drive. The event celebrated the season's opening of the center.



From left, Kellen Blamding, Mike Schreier and Brock Shermeham practice a move to get a patient with a head injury out of the water. Tyler Singletary, strapped in the stretcher, played the part of the injured swimmer Saturday as part of the event at the center.



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Questioning qualifications

Laurens County coroner sues opponent, says he didn't fill out paperwork

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Laurens County Coroner Nick Nichols is suing his Republican opponent in the upcoming November election, saying he did not fill out the paperwork to show he is qualified to be coroner.

"The state law is pretty straightforward, for tenure offices it has special

requirements," said Robert Tyson, the Columbia-based attorney representing Nichols.

On the candidate affidavit form Billy James Hayes — Nichols' opponent — filled out the four educational requirement questions are either left blank or marked with a "N/A" for not applicable. Below them, a list of seven requirements of varying levels of education and experience in death investi-

gations was left unmarked as well.

"In this situation, Mr. Hayes didn't fill out any of those seven," Tyson said. "He didn't file anything saying he's qualified for the job."

The lawsuit, filed May 26, names Hayes, the Laurens County elections officer, State Elections Commission and the Laurens County Republican party as defendants. Tyson said the paperwork Hayes filled out would

have gone to these bodies before he was certified as a candidate, and since a section of the affidavit was left blank, Tyson said he questions the oversight of the documents.

"Mr. Nichols is not trying to keep people away from running," he said, "but the statute's purpose is to make sure candidates can prove they're



NICK NICHOLS



BILLY HAYES

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MILLION-DOLLAR MESS



Water pools near a drainage ditch off Cokesbury Road in Greenwood on Friday after a utility line failed in the area for the third time since May. **INSET:** Vehicles make their way through standing water on Cokesbury Road in Greenwood on Friday after a water line failed for the third time in a month.

PHOTOS BY ADAM BENSON/INDEX-JOURNAL

\$1M needed to fix failed water line on Cokesbury Road

By ADAM BENSON
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A million-dollar fix is on the way for a troublesome water line along one of Greenwood's heaviest traveled roads.

On Monday, Commissioners of Public Works Manager Steve Reeves said officials hope to use \$1 million

from a 2014 bond to replace a mile-long length of pipe on Cokesbury Road within the next several months.

"It's an old line and it's made out of asbestos cement, which is not the best product ever put out in the water industry," Reeves said. "I think it's finally the age catching up with it."



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— STEVE REEVES
CPW manager

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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton attends an event, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

■ CAMPAIGN 2016

Clinton has delegates to clinch nomination

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LOS ANGELES — Striding into history, Hillary Clinton will become the first woman to top the presidential ticket of a major U.S. political party, capturing commitments Monday from the number of delegates needed to become the Democrats' presumptive nominee.

The victory arrived nearly eight years to the day after she conceded her first White House campaign to Barack Obama. Back then, she famously noted her inability to "shatter that highest, hardest glass ceiling."

Campaigning this time as the loyal successor to the nation's first black president, Clinton held off a surprisingly strong challenge from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. He mobilized millions with a fervently liberal message and his insurgent candidacy revealed a deep

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