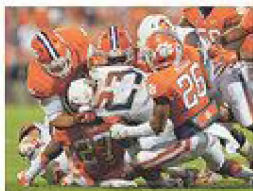


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Voters decide sales tax question today

Numerous public offices
are also up for grabs

By Rudolph Bell
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Foes of a 1 percent sales tax to pay for road improvements in Greenville County continued to press their attack Monday on the final day of campaigning.

Voters decide the question today, as well as who will fill a long list of public offices, from governor, to both of South Carolina's U.S. senators, to every member of the state House of Representatives.

As usual on Election Day, polls are set to

open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

The political battle over whether to impose a 1 percent sales tax for road improvements has been among the hardest-fought contests on Greenville County ballots.

Opponents were still swinging Monday, reiterating their claim at a press conference that the language of a county ordinance would allow County Council to spend the sales tax money on anything it wants.

State and local authorities have said that's not the case, that under state law the county can use the money only for a list of specific projects.

That list, drawn up by a special citizens committee after a series of public hearings around the county, was posted on the

county's website months ago.

The state law says counties that want to have a sales tax referendum must "specify" in a local ordinance "the project or projects and a description of the project or projects for which the proceeds of the tax are to be used."

That makes the issue "very black and white," according to Greenville County Attorney Mark Tollison.

"If the state law says you have to do it a certain way, then we're bound to do it that way," he said.

Others who have said the county is bound by state law to use the sales tax money only for certain projects specified in advance are state Sen. Larry Martin of Pickens, chairman of the Judiciary Committee,

who said he ran the question by the committee's chief attorney; Columbia lawyer Burnet Maybank, a former two-time director of the state Department of Revenue; and DOR spokeswoman Bonnie Swingle.

A local attorney who opposes the sales tax, Nathan Earle, offered a different view at a press conference Monday called by the state chapter of Americans for Prosperity, which has led opposition to the sales tax plan.

Earle pointed to language in the local ordinance that says nothing shall "prohibit the transfer of funds appropriated in the Sales and Use Tax portion of the biennial

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New doubts cloud future in pro football for Lattimore

Two years after knee injury,
player weighs retirement

By Willie T. Smith III
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COLUMBIA — Two years after severely injuring his right knee, Marcus Lattimore's football future remained in doubt Monday.

According to the former University of South Carolina and Byrnes High running back's coach with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers, Lattimore is considering whether to retire from football.

"He's weighing his options," San Francisco coach Jim Harbaugh told reporters covering the team Monday. "He's going to talk to his family. We're in the process of that right now."

Lattimore's agent, Michael Perrett of Element Sports in Atlanta, asserted that his client has yet to make a decision.

"No decision has been made on Marcus Lattimore's future," Perrett posted on his Twitter account.

Lattimore has been on the NFL's injured list since being drafted in the fourth round by San Francisco in 2013. He began practicing with the team a week ago in hopes of being able to play this season. According to several media outlets in the area, Lattimore experienced renewed soreness in the knee this past week.

Whatever Lattimore decides, his time in the Palmetto State remains legendary to both Gamecocks and Rebels fans.

"When we first got here, we were average," USC coach Steve Spurrier said at Lattimore's announcement that he would forgo his senior season to make himself available for the 2013 NFL draft. "We were 7-5, 6-6, 7-6, something like that. Very mediocre. Then Marcus came in."

"That's when we started to win. We got a lot of other really talented players, Stephen Gilmore, Jadeveon (Clowney) and others. But it really took off when we got Marcus."

Lattimore rushed for 1,197 yards with 17 touchdowns as a freshman, leading the Gamecocks to a 9-5 record and its only Southeastern Conference Eastern Division title. He rushed for 212 yards

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ALEX HICKS JR./AP

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley campaigned at the Beacon Drive-In in Spartanburg this past weekend.



HEIDI HELBRUNN/STAFF

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Sen. Vincent Sheheen made an appearance at Greenville County Democratic Headquarters.

Haley, Sheheen wrap up statewide campaigning

Candidates for governor make final appeals to voters before Election Day today

By SEANNA ADCOX,
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and her Democratic challenger, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, made their last appeals to voters as they wrapped up statewide tours on Monday.

Haley's bus tour Monday included a stop in Sheheen's hometown of Camden. She ended the day at Harmon's Tree Farm in Lexington County for a rally with Republicans running for statewide offices.

The event, the last on Haley's 23-stop tour that began Wednesday, is in her former state House district. The barn is the same place Republicans rallied on the eve of Election Day four years ago.

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campaign filings show Haley had \$1.5 million still left to spend in the campaign's final weeks, while Sheheen had less than \$580,000.

Sheheen received a boost last week from independent Tom Ervin, who abruptly ended his gubernatorial campaign and endorsed Sheheen, saying the senator represents the best chance of ousting Haley.

Ervin, however, remains on the ballot.

Other gubernatorial candidates are Libertarian Steve French and United Citizens Party candidate Morgan Bruce.

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Lattimore faces tough decision on his future

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Report: Team saw no racism in ritual

Academic Magnet coach described as 'very defensive' during interview

BY AMANDA KERR
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An investigation into the Academic Magnet High School football team's postgame victory ritual found none of the players involved were aware their team's postgame watermelon ritual could be taken as racist, according to a Charleston County School

District report.

District Associate Superintendent Lou Martin said in the two-page report obtained by The Post and Courier that the majority of the players said they understood the term racism, but they didn't perceive that the team's ritual of chanting and smashing watermelons with caricature faces could be construed as having



Walpole

last month that the team's tradition perpetuated a racial stereotype demeaning to African Americans.

The controversy over the ritual and the

"any negative connotation toward race."

Martin and district consultant Kevin Clayton, who is an adviser for the district's diversity committee, questioned the players and coaches after School Board member Michael Miller raised concerns

subsequent firing and rehiring of the head football coach, Bud Walpole, ultimately led to longtime Charleston County Schools Superintendent Nancy McGinley's resignation last week. The board voted 8-1 with Miller dissenting to accept McGinley's resignation last Thursday, with some members saying her support on the board evaporated over the handling of the Academic Magnet incident.

The district's Chief Financial Officer Michael Bobby was named acting superintendent following McGinley's departure.

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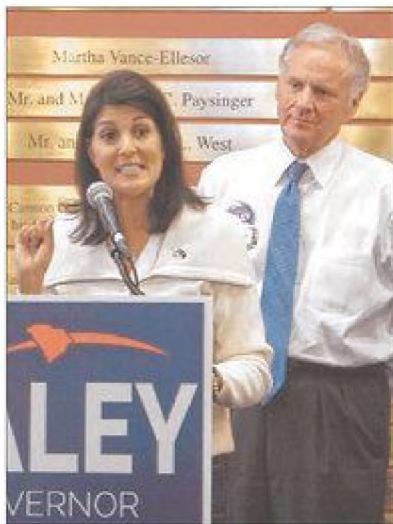
Do the new details in the Academic

Magnet football team watermelon incidents change your opinion about the over all outcome? Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

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Decision time is here

Haley, Sheheen wrap up whirlwind tours in S.C. governor's race



Gov. Nikki Haley speaks to voters as GOP lieutenant governor candidate Henry McMaster listens on Monday in Newberry.

BY SEANNA ADCOX
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Haley, who is widely expected to win the rematch, spent much of her time trumpeting other Republicans and asking voters to say "yes" to a

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constitutional amendment allowing future governors to choose the adjutant general. South Carolina is the only state where voters elect the state's top military officer. Though the job entails overseeing the state's National Guard, nothing requires candidates to have military experience.

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Sen. Vincent Sheheen makes a stop at the Democratic office in West Ashley to thank supporters and Rep. Robert Brown (right) on Monday.

Fight for Senate control intense, expensive, ugly

BY DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On a final, furious day of campaigning, Republicans strained to capture control of the Senate while Democrats struggled to limit their congressional losses in elections midway through an unpopular President Barack Obama's second term.

The spending, the borrowing, the taxing, the overregulation, the slow growth. ... These people need to be stopped," Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said of the Democrats on Monday, urging voters to support him and

GOP candidates everywhere. He would be in line to control the Senate's agenda as majority leader if Republicans win on Tuesday. Democrats weighed down by Obama's unpopularity kept their distance from him and looked to a costly turn-out-the-vote operation in the most competitive Senate races to save their seats and their majority.

"There are two people on the ballot tomorrow: me and Scott Brown," said Sen. Joanne Sheheen of New Hampshire as she made the rounds of six campaign stops on the race's final full day.

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S.C. gay marriage battle heats up

Haley, Wilson oppose couple's bid

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Attorneys for Gov. Nikki Haley and Attorney General Alan Wilson, both facing re-election bids Tuesday, have filed a federal court brief opposing a request for a n injunction that could allow gay marriages in South Carolina.

The 57-page brief filed late Monday argues that a lawsuit filed last month by Charleston County Councilwoman Colleen Condon and her partner, Nicholas Blackley, should not move forward and that an injunction they requested not be granted because the case is moving quickly enough to avoid any serious harm.

The brief also contends that federal courts overall have moved at an unprecedented pace already.

"Centuries of precedent have been swept away in other jurisdictions in the space of only two or three years. Never have the Courts made judgments so quickly about an issue that had received little attention before now."

But the legal proceedings are not over," the filing says.

Blackley and Condon filed the lawsuit seeking to marry following the U.S. Supreme Court's Oct. 6 refusal to review an appellate case overturning Virginia's gay marriage ban.

The couple requested U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel issue a preliminary injunction prohibiting state officials from enforcing the state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. However, a preliminary injunction is an "extraordinary and drastic remedy" designed to avoid "irreparable harm," which attorneys for Haley and Wilson contend has been proven.

If Gergel grants the injunction, the defendants want him to issue a stay while they appeal to the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

"The window should not be opened on same-sex marriages at the substantial risk of closure again should the Defendants' appeal be successful," the brief states.

Attorneys for Condon and Blackley have until noon Wednesday to file a response. Gergel could rule any time after that.

In some ways, the current legal wrangling began with a Virginia case

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Dreher, Camden win appeals of fight suspensions; both in playoffs

'We shouldn't penalize the kids that weren't involved'

By AKELAH IMANI NELSON
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The appellate panel of the South Carolina High School League on Monday overturned the League's decision to ban the Camden and Dreher football teams from postseason competition.

By a 4-1 vote, the panel voted to reduce Camden's penalty from full probation, which prohibits postseason competition for this season's playoffs and the 2015 preseason competition, to a restrictive probation. The Panel voted 6-0 to reduce Dreher's penalty.

The teams will be allowed to compete in the first round of the Class 3A playoffs, which begin Friday. Dreher goes on the road to Berkeley in the Lower State. Camden will play at Belton Honea Path in the Upper State.

The teams had been put on probation and banned from the playoffs by the SCHSL after an Oct. 17 fight between players from both teams after their Region 4-3A contest.

Eleven Camden players and nine from Dreher were identified as being involved in the brawl. One player from each team, Orlando Zaquan Williams, 17, of Camden, and Jeffrey Jordan Wider, 17, of Dreher, were each

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EXCLUSIVE S.C. closer to same-sex marriages

U.S. Judge Gergel poised to give his OK

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Federal Judge Richard Gergel of Charleston has signaled he likely will soon rule that the U.S. Constitution trumps the state constitution and so nullifies a state Supreme Court order barring a Charleston County probate judge from issuing a marriage license to two women who want to get married.

In a little-noticed public hearing late last month, Gergel indicated to attorneys for state Attorney General Alan Wilson and Gov. Nikki Haley — who are fighting to deny South Carolina same-sex couples the same rights that heterosexual couples have to get married — that he would quickly overturn South Carolina's ban on gay marriage.



Gergel

During that Oct. 24 hearing, Emory Smith, an attorney in the attorney general's office, begged Gergel to let the attorney general have just three more days to file some legal papers to stop a possible marriage between Charleston County Councilwoman Colleen Condon and Anne Bleckley.

Gergel said no. The hearing lasted just 15 minutes.

"Let me tell you my view, Mr. Smith," Gergel said, according to a public transcript of the hearing. "The plaintiffs in this case have asserted an irreparable injury. They assert their marriage was stopped by action of the defendants ... and I believe they're entitled to an expedient review."

All filings in the case are now due by noon Wednesday, according to court records. Gergel could rule anytime after that.

A Gergel ruling that overturns South Carolina's ban on same-sex marriage would not necessarily mean that Condon and Bleckley would be allowed to get married right away. But it would be the first ruling by a federal judge in South Carolina on same-sex marriage and set the stage for Wilson and Haley to either drop their opposition or file appeals, said lawyers familiar with the case.

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ELECTIONS 2014

Tuesday is Election Day

FOUR TO WATCH

1 Haley seeks re-election: She was the state's first female and minority — Indian-American — governor. Now, in a rematch with her Democratic opponent from 2010, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, Republican Nikki Haley is seeking a second term. Haley is favored in heavily Republican South Carolina. But does she do better than in 2010, when she won by an anemic 4.5 percentage points?

2 Scott seeks to become the first: U.S. Sen. Tim Scott is expected to become the first African-American elected to the U.S. Senate from South Carolina on Tuesday, and the first black person elected to statewide office since Reconstruction. Three other African-Americans also are on the statewide ballot. However, only Republican Scott is favored to win, according to the polls.

3 Tax for roads: In Lexington County, the hottest local races are ballot measures — a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax increase for roads and other improvements, as well as a \$225 million package for new schools and renovations in Lexington 2. Expect long lines at polling places, thanks to a lengthy ballot and expected heavy turnout, with officials estimating up to 70 percent of the county's 160,000 residents could vote. By late Monday, nearly 13,000 absentee ballots had been cast in Lexington County.

4 Richland 2 in spotlight: School board races don't typically draw a lot of attention. But in Richland 2, 12 candidates are vying for four seats in an election year where racial politics erupted. Also on the schools front, two Midlands school districts — Lexington 2 and Kershaw County — will ask voters to help finance school construction and renovations.



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S.C. marks 1st Election Day liquor sales

By CASSIE COPE
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Depending on whether S.C. residents like the outcome of Tuesday's elections, they — for the first time — either can celebrate or mourn with a bottle of liquor.

Tuesday will be the first election in South Carolina when liquor stores can

sell whiskey, vodka and Scotch while polls are open statewide. In July, South Carolina became the last state to lift its Election Day ban on liquor sales.

The ban was put in place because, at one point in U.S. history, it was common for politicians to buy liquor on Election Day to encourage people to vote for them or have the voting booth in a saloon, said Joann Zeise, a curator of history at the State Museum.

"Having a very conservative tradi-

tion and a large population who are adherent to the Baptist faith, it kind of makes sense that South Carolina would be one of the last states to hold on to an alcohol ban on Election Day," Zeise said.

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Election polls open today

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Polls will open at 7 a.m. today and will remain open until 7 p.m. for the South Carolina general election. County residents must have a picture ID to vote, which includes a driver's license, an ID card issued by the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, a S.C. voter registration card with a photo, a U.S. passport or a federal military ID. If voters do not have a current form of ID from the list above, registered



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Aiken Standard reporters will be using #ASElection to live tweet today.

of their Social Security number. People can view their polling location and a sample ballot online at the S.C. State Election Commission's website, www.scvotes.org. There will be a number of candi-

dates on the ballot, including for governor, S.C. House of Representatives District 84 seat and Aiken County School Board districts.

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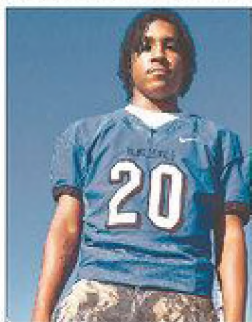
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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Williston-Elko's Bing claims top honor again
Sports, 1B

Beth Spangler knocked out of 'The Voice'

Beth Spangler's run on NBC's "The Voice" ended with Monday's knock-out rounds.



Spangler

Spangler went up against fellow Team Gwen member Ryan Sill. Sill chose Ne-Yo's "Miss Independent," while Spangler sang Jolo's "Too Little Too Late."

Sill was chosen over Spangler to continue on to the live rounds.

Check back Wednesday for more coverage on Spangler's "Voice" experience.

AREA DEATHS

Derrick "Daddy" Williams, Allendale

George Robert DeSalvo, Aiken
Joyce Annette Ward Hubbard, Gloverville

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Vicki Lynn Barton, Gloverville

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Charlie Thomas, 3, plays hopscotch on the new Born Learning Trail at the Freedman Parenting Center in Graniteville on Monday.

Learning trail engages youth

BY DEDE BILES
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GRANITEVILLE — After helping cut the ribbon to officially open the Born Learning Trail at the Freedman Parenting Center, Charlie Thomas got to spend time playing on it Monday morning.

The 3-year-old practiced jumping on one foot on the hopscotch course. He also visited an area where brightly colored letters of the alphabet had been painted.

When asked to name some words that began with the letters, Charlie came up with apple for A, ball for B and cat for C. Then, with a little prompting, he revealed his opinion about the trail.

"I like it," said Charlie, before trot-

ting off to inspect some circles that had caught his eye.

The Born Learning Trail was a United Way of Aiken County project. On Oct. 24, about 20 of the organization's staff members, along with representatives of the Young Phantoms Society and Success By 6 program, installed the trail on the Freedman Center's playground.

"We would like to thank our community partners for this wonderful project," said Dr. Beth Everitt, superintendent of the Aiken County School District. "It is going to benefit all of the children here."

The Born Learning Trail is designed to provide opportunities for preschoolers to gain knowledge.

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STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Stephanie Franklin, left, holds Charlie Thomas after helping him cut the ribbon for the new Born Learning Trail at the Freedman Parenting Center.

Sunny, warm weather expected

BY LARRY WOOD
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After a cold early morning, Aiken County voters can expect warmer weather if they wait to head to the polls this afternoon for

temperature should rise to near 70 degrees later in the day, said Jeff Linton, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Columbia.

Skies will be mostly sunny, and winds will be out of the southwest from 5 to 7 mph.

Saturday morning, the weather continued to be cold through the beginning of the week with lows at freezing or just below Monday morning.

A weather observer in Aiken reported a low of 32, and an observer in Johnston reported a low of 29.

dile of the week with a low near 50 and a high of about 75 expected Wednesday. Skies will be partly sunny.

A front will move through the area Thursday, bringing mostly cloudy skies and a chance of showers. The low is forecast to be in the upper 50s, and the

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Oconee County voters will get final say on proposal today

Do you support Oconee County's capital sales tax referendum?

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Seneca library branch	\$7.7M
Northern economic development water line extension	\$1.15M
Indoor recreation/aquatic center	\$11M
Foothills agriculture resource center	\$6.705M
Westminster library renovation	\$1.3M
Golden Corner Comm. Center/Southern library branch	\$4.37M
Salem recreation/senior center	\$736,200
Salem library branch	\$2.034M
Walhalla library renovation	\$1.04M
Oconee Heritage Center	\$425,000

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — More than six in 10 people responding to a poll on The Journal's website over the weekend said they support a referendum to raise the sales tax in Oconee County by 1 percent for the next eight years to pay for a variety of capital projects.

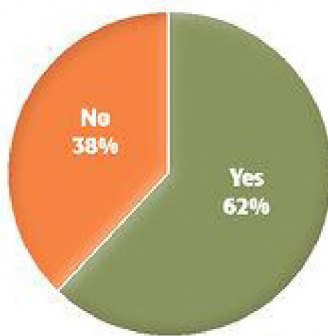
The weekend poll, which ran on UpstateToday.com from Friday to Monday, had 373 voters. A total of 230 people — 62 percent — said they supported the county's capital sales tax referendum, while 143 people

— 38 percent — opposed the referendum. The poll is not scientific.

If approved in today's election, the sales tax is expected to generate about \$42.7 million over its eight-year life. It could not go longer than eight years without voters approving another referendum.

A special capital sales tax commission recommended \$36.5 million in building projects, which were approved by Oconee County Council earlier this year. County officials have said they would likely use bonds to

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HOT DOGS & HANDSHAKES

Graham visits Seneca eatery on eve of election



Sen. Lindsey Graham speaks with constituents during a visit to Skins' Hot Dogs in Seneca on Monday. Graham is expected to win another term in the Senate during today's election.

Senator focused on today's race, not White House

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham was critical of President Barack Obama on several fronts Monday, but hasn't yet decided whether he wants to be the man to replace him.

"I am so excited about going

the Senate in today's election, but he believes the party needs to use its Congressional control to work with Obama, not against him.

That didn't stop the Seneca resident, who grew up in Central and graduated from Daniel High School, from taking a few jabs at the Democratic president during the luncheon.

important than ever to be willing to compromise with Obama — not least because Islamic State terrorists groups in the Middle East certainly make no distinction between the parties.

"We're at war with people who hate everybody in this room," he told those in attendance. "They hate Republicans and Democrats.

School districts proactive on Ebola concerns

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

As concerns over Ebola have run rampant, school district officials are seeking to be proactive about getting information to parents, as well as the general public.

"It is certainly the time of year to start being more cognizant of student health," School District of Oconee County superintendent Michael Thorsland said. "This year, there is certainly more concern because of Ebola."

Thorsland said while some districts have

begun asking questions related to travel when new students enroll, Oconee County has not — at least not yet.



Thorsland said the school district's website (www.oconee.k12.sc.us) contains information regarding the flu, the enterovirus and the Ebola virus.

Thorsland said the information is being posted in order "to keep

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Propex annexation ordinance in the works

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Seneca City Council is poised to take a first vote to annex the former Propex building at the industrial complex now called Seneca Rail Site.

Seneca planning director Ed Halbig told elected officials last week a favorable recommendation by the planning commission paved

"Essentially, this next meeting in November would be the first reading of an ordinance to annex that portion of the Seneca Rail Site," Halbig said.

The Seneca Facilities Corp., a not-for-profit organization created by city council in 2012 to make property decisions, voted in September to annex the Propex building.

City officials say annexation of the Seneca Rail Site would bring

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Extra security

Another "set of eyes" will soon keep watch outside the Spartanburg County Courthouse. A grant will bring new cameras to the public parking area behind the courthouse. **PAGE C1**

Lattimore ponders

The former South Carolina standout and San Francisco 49ers running back is trying to decide whether his career is over. **PAGE B1**

Clues in crash

Federal accident investigators have an early sense of what went wrong before an experimental spaceship designed to ferry tourists beyond the Earth's atmosphere broke apart during a test flight. **PAGE A4**

Hackers hit agency

A cyberattack similar to previous hacker intrusions from China penetrated computer networks for months at USIS, the government's leading security clearance contractor, before the company noticed, officials told the Associated Press. **PAGE A3**

'Car Talk' host dies

Tom Magliozzi, one half of the brother duo who hosted National Public Radio's "Car Talk," where they bantered with callers and commiserated over their car problems, died Monday of complications from Alzheimer's disease, the news organization said Monday. He was 77. **PAGE C2**

Son charged in Pacolet slaying

By ZACH FOX
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A Pacolet man has been charged with murder after his mother was found dead in her home Sunday afternoon.

Mark Allen Bradberry, 49, of 130 Holiday Drive, Pacolet, was arrested Monday morning and charged with murder and armed robbery. He was found asleep in a car behind an acquaintance's home in Pauline, according to a statement from the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.



Bradberry

The acquaintance had seen that Brad-

berry was named as a person of interest by the Sheriff's Office and called 911 when Bradberry came to his door, according to the statement. Bradberry was taken into custody without incident.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said Connie Bataille, Bradberry's 69-year-old mother, died from blunt force trauma to the head and multiple stab wounds to the shoulder and chest.

Pacolet police officers found Bataille in her home on Montgomery Avenue Sunday afternoon, leaving the Pacolet Mills community reeling.

Bataille's green and white house, now surrounded by crime scene tape,



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Connie Bataille, 69, was found dead in her Pacolet home on Sunday afternoon. Her son, Mark Bradberry, was arrested Monday.

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WORLD TRADE CENTER REOPENS



CRAIG RUTTLE / AP FILE

One World Trade Center is again open for business, marking an emotional milestone for both New Yorkers and the nation and a symbolic return to a sense of normalcy at the site of the 9/11 terror attacks.

First tenants move into skyscraper at 9/11 site

By VERENA DOBNIK
 The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The silvery, 1,776-foot skyscraper that rose from the ashes of 9/11

ist attack.

Conde Nast, publisher of Vogue, The New Yorker and Vanity Fair, is expected to move in about 3,000 more employees by early next year.

Voters advised to arrive prepared

Knowing ballot will keep lines moving, officials say

By FELICIA KITZMILLER
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Local election officials are urging preparedness as people head to the polls today.

While state law says voters are entitled to three minutes in the voting booth, Cherokee County Elections Committee Chairwoman Suzanne Turner said that is a tight timeline for this year's long ballot.

"Based on our experience with absentee voting, it takes longer than that," she said, noting her office will not be rushing people at the polls.

She advised people to read the ballot questions. In Spartanburg County, voters will decide whether to allow bars and restaurants to serve alcohol on Sundays. In Cherokee County, they will decide whether to continue a penny sales tax, and whether to issue \$60 million in bonds to pay for school improvements. Throughout the state, voters will determine whether to approve fundraising raffles for charities and whether the adjutant general should be appointed rather than elected.

"They are kind of long and complicated, and you have to know what you're voting on," Turner said.

Spartanburg County Voter Registration

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Tuomey slashes 24 jobs

Lawsuit contributes
to reorganization

BY JIM HILLEY
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Two dozen employees of Tuomey Regional Health Care System have been laid off in what the hospital is calling a reorganization.



CHASE

Brenda Chase, public relations manager for Tuomey, said a variety of positions throughout the hospital were eliminated.

"Some were management positions, some were hourly," she said.

She said some of the people laid off are eligible for retire

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Dems aim to shake things up

In S.C. contests, don't
expect many surprises

BY JEFFREY COLLINS
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina voters will pick their candidates today in 11 statewide races along with the state's U.S. House members and state House members.

It appears to be an Election Day without many surprises in a state where no Democrat

has beaten an incumbent Republican in a statewide or congressional race since 1998.

Republicans appear heavy favorites across the board, but Democrats have said they can shake things up with a massive get-out-the-vote effort.

It will also be the first statewide general election under South Carolina's new voter ID law.

Here are the stories to watch

Region preps for elections



Many candidates placed signs at the corner of Alice Drive and Miller Road where many parents are transporting children twice a day.

RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

BY MATT BRUCE
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About 50,000 voters will cast ballots in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties today, according to estimates. Local, state and federal races will be up for consideration as part of the midterm election. Polls open 7 a.m. today at the 110-plus voting precincts in the tri-county area and will remain open until 7 p.m.

If the 2010 midterm election is any indication, more than 53 percent of 94,000 registered voters in the region will hit the polls today.

Dee Woodward, president of the Sumter County League of Women Voters, invoked a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in urging

ELECTION DAY 2014

For more information about these races and candidates, or to find out what you need in order to vote, pick up the Sunday, Oct. 26 election guide published in *The Sumter Item*. The stories are also available through the Elections tab on our website, www.theitem.com. Find your poll location on today's page A4.

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Democratic Party: (803) 775-9215; 577 Bultman Drive

Republican Party: (803) 351-8586; 710 Bultman Drive

eligible voters to cast ballots today.

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase," she said. "Today you might not know how your vote is going to count. But the future is going to tell you that your vote means a lot, so getting out to vote is going to help determine the future of South Carolina, and everyone should have a say-so."

Locally, Sumter County voters will be able to choose whether to continue a Capital Projects "Penny" Sales Tax, aimed at raising \$75.6 million to go toward 23 new projects. City of Sumter residents will be able to vote on a referendum that allows for beer, wine and liquor sales in restaurants on Sundays. Voters will also choose among eight candidates to fill four city council seats,

and 13 candidates vying for four open school board positions.

Statewide elections include the gubernatorial race, which pits first-term Republican incumbent Gov. Nikki Haley against Democratic contender Vincent Sheheen for the second time.

Federally, the District 5 and District 6 Congressional seats are among the races in which Sumter, Lee and Clarendon county residents will be able to cast a vote.

The League of Women Voters, as well as the Sumter County chapters of the Democratic and Republican parties will be providing elderly, disabled and immobile voters with rides to the polls today. Local officials for both parties said their respective headquarters will be open today to answer questions and provide information about candidates.

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Citadel president: We only accept the best

Leader talks institution's ethical standards during visit to Sumter Rotary Club



BY RICK CARPENTER
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The president of The Citadel told a Sumter Rotary Club audience Tuesday that despite statistics that show a decline in ethical standards by some high school students, the school only recruits students capable of living up

his final position as superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

But Rosa said finding funding support for the state-supported college is more challenging than recruiting top-notch students.

After taking over in 2006, he said the school has faced declining state reve-

FURNISHING A FUTURE

Greenwood Pathway House program helping homeless



TOP: Patrick Dugger uses a saw to cut shapes into wood at Greenwood Pathway House's "Furnishing a Future" program. **BOTTOM:** Patrick Dugger and David Abbott, move a hand-crafted bookshelf made to look like a dollhouse.

By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY
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After divorce, depression and previous substance abuse, Patrick Dugger found himself homeless.

He first found shelter at Miracle Hill Ministries in Greenville and has been at Greenwood Pathway House since the end of August.

"My goal is to be more stable in life and

be ready for the world," Dugger, 34, said. "I pulled myself up just in time and sought help."

Putting his life back together, one step at a time, Dugger is one of several Greenwood Pathway House clients participating in the homeless shelter's "Furnishing a Future" woodworking shop, where they learn to re-purpose and refurbish used and damaged furniture.

Dugger also has been making wooden Christmas ornaments. Greenwood Path-

way House also is in the process of creating ornaments for a tree in conjunction with HospiceCare of the Piedmont for its annual Festival of Trees fundraiser.

"I enjoy the woodworking," Dugger said. "The biggest learning curve is not cutting off a finger. It's fun playing around with different ideas. Previously, I've worked in retail and hotel management and I have cooked."

Shelton Dawson, 51, found himself

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■ WORK SESSION

City to seek grant, remove dilapidated housing

By COLIN RIDDLE
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With Uptown, Self Regional Healthcare and the Greenwood Genetic Center being the three corners — or pillars — of development, the area left untouched within is in need of improvement.

The city developed a master plan for the area being called the Edgefield Corridor, and is now in the process of seeking funds.

Greenwood City Manager Charlie Barrineau received City Council's blessings Monday night during a work session to aggressively seek grant funds from the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority.

"The plan was developed to create a future for this area," Barrineau said.

SC Housing announced the launch of the Neighborhood Initiative Program this year with the goal of stabilizing property values through the removal of blighted properties in strategically targeted areas.

The program is meant to act as catalyst for redevelopment and revitalization in areas suffering from blight and decline.

The application calls for the city to only use the funds on a specific area as opposed to scattered portions around the city, according to Barrineau.

The program will offer up to \$35 million across the state for communities that have applied and been approved. The funding only will be awarded to applicants in areas with a demonstrated need and a comprehensive implementation plan in place.

Those receiving funds will have until June 30, 2017, to finish all projects.

SC Housing has split up the state into four geographical regions with Greenwood falling in the central midlands region that stretches diagonally across the state from Abbeville County to Lancaster County.

The region does include Richland and Lexington counties, the two largest in the designated area.

This region has been allotted \$9.8 million with Barrineau interested in applying for an aggressive \$750,000 or a conservative \$500,000.

After reviewing the needs

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Rice Elementary preps students in electoral process

By KATE HRUBY
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Mimicking the American electoral process, Rice Elementary School students voted electronically for student government officers Monday.

Guidance counselor Nancy Newlon, who helped coordinate the election, said it was arranged to coincide with Elec-

States citizens, while teaching them how to behave appropriately in society. In the weeks leading up to the election, students learned about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, including the ability to vote.

"As citizens of this country, it (voting) is a privilege. They'll have a voice for who is running the government and that's

tion would make students feel more secure when they go to vote later in life, through exposure to the process.

Prior to the election, teachers discussed the impending local and state elections, voting age, and a bit of American electoral history, related to social studies standards.

According to Newlon, students in grades 3-5 were able to participate in the elec-



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DAY OF DECISION

'Very heavy' early voting could mean strong turnout, election officials say



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Philip Kruger, poll manager for North precinct 1, picks up printed materials, a communications kit and laptop at the Orangeburg County Administrative Centre on Monday. Voters go to the polls today. See A5 for a sample ballot, A4 for polling places and TheTandD.com for much more on the election today and into Wednesday.

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

If the absentee ballot requests and voters casting early, in-person votes are any indication of what to expect at the polls today, then "expect very heavy voter turnout," Orangeburg County Voter Registration Director Anora Smalls said.

Smalls said Orangeburg County has had "well over 4,500 absentee requests."

Voters go to the polls today to elect U.S. senators, House members, a governor and several other state and local officials. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In Calhoun County, Voter Registration Director Shyla Jenkins said that the number of absentee and early in-person votes aren't quite near record numbers, but aren't far away.

"We've been extremely busy," she said.

Nearly 400 individuals have come by the Calhoun County Voter Registration Office to vote early and more than 300 absentee ballots have been requested.

She said if the number of pre-Election Day ballot requests are any indication of the foot traffic at the polls today, "it will be quite a turnout."

In Bamberg County, Voter Registration Director Pat G. Jeffcoat said, "We're certainly not setting any records, but it's picked up quite a bit from prior elections."

Around noon on Monday, the Bamberg County Voter Registration office had a total of 1,023 ballot requests - including absentee ballots and early in-person voters.

"I think it'll be a good turnout," Jeffcoat said.

Bamberg County voters will help elect a new representative for S.C. House District 90 to replace Rep. Bakari Sellers, D-Denmark. Voters will choose between Democrat Justin Bamberg of Bamberg and Republican Travis Lee Avant of Colleton County.

"It has been a long road and we've been working hard since day one," Bamberg said Monday afternoon.

Bamberg said in the final hours he's

Haley, Sheheen wrap up statewide campaign tours

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and her Democratic challenger, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, are making their last appeals to voters as they wrap up statewide tours.

Haley's bus tour Monday included a stop in Sheheen's hometown of Camden. She ends the day at Harmon's Tree Farm in Lexington County for a rally with Republicans running for state-wide offices. The event, the last on Haley's 23-stop tour that began Wednesday, is in her former state House district. The barn is the same place

Republicans rallied on the eve of Election Day four years ago.

Haley, who is widely expected to win the rematch, is spending much of her time trumpeting other Republicans and asking voters to say "yes" to a constitutional amendment allowing future governors to choose the adjutant general. South Carolina is the only state where voters elect the state's top military officer. Though the job entails overseeing the state's National Guard, nothing requires candidates to have military experience.

If voters approve the amendment, that would change in 2019.

"I want whoever succeeds her to appoint in this position," Adjutant General Bob Livingston said in Camden. He has no opposition Tuesday after beating a primary opponent in June. "We want to take the politics out of our National Guard."

Sheheen is making seven stops Monday to thank supporters and volunteers in get-out-the-vote efforts.

Sheheen, a legislator since 2001, has been vastly outspent. As of last month, Haley's campaign had spent more than \$6.7 million com-

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Five burglary suspects charged after suspicious vehicle reported

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

ST. MATTHEWS — Authorities say a call concerning a suspicious vehicle led to Friday's arrest of five people on

first-degree burglary and giving false information to police.

The four men were taken to a bond hearing on Saturday after being charged with two counts each of first-degree burglary. Easterling is further charged with unlawful carrying



Five burglary suspects were arrested.

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Spook-tacular!



Hundreds of children took to the streets in downtown Cheraw Thursday afternoon to bag some goodies during the town's annual Halloween Walk.

Dressed as everything from witches and goblins to superheroes and fairy princesses, the children walked from business to business collecting their treats. Even parents and business employees got into the spirit, getting dolled up and weirded out.

For more photos, see www.thelinkpaper.com or visit us on facebook.



DUI charge against Vick dismissed

Region reports

S.C. Rep. Ted Vick will not face a trial on a driving under the influence charge from 2013.

The charge against the Chesterfield County legislator was dismissed Thursday after Vick's attorney, fellow S.C. Rep. Todd Rutherford, argued that arresting officers did not read Vick his Miranda rights on video as required by law.

Magistrate Josef Robinson dismissed the charge.

Vick was arrested in the

Statehouse garage in May 2013, a Bureau of Protective Services officer said he stopped Vick after seeing the legislator drive his vehicle over a traffic cone while exiting the Statehouse parking garage.

According to published media reports, the same officer testified

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Vick

ELECTION 2014

Smallwood residency issue is cleared up

BOB SLOAN
Editor

CHESTERFIELD After questions arose last week in regards to his residency, the Chesterfield County Board of Elections confirmed Monday that Chesterfield County Council candidate Todd Smallwood is now an official resident of District 4.

Board of Elections Director Lois Burr said Smallwood cleared up the issue over the weekend and is now an official candidate in today's General Election. Smallwood is

challenging incumbent Democrat Douglas Curtis.

"It was an administrative clerical error that was due in part to redistricting," Burr said on Friday.

According to a filing fee receipt and a state of candidacy and intention posted, both dated March 30, on www.sevotes.org.



Smallwood

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Chesterfield man killed in moped-vehicle crash

BOB SLOAN
Editor

CHESTERFIELD A 51-year-old Chesterfield man was killed late Tuesday when the moped he was driving was struck by a vehicle.

According to Chesterfield County Coroner Kip Kiser, 51-year-old James Edward Little was pronounced dead at

Chesterfield Police Chief Eric R. Hewitt stated in a release that the incident occurred at approximately 10:31 p.m. According to Hewitt, Heyward Lee Miller of Ruby was driving a 2002 Toyota Camry on S.C. Highway 9 when the vehicle collided with a moped driven

Musical tribute to honor veterans Thursday

Region reports

For the ninth consecutive year, the Cheraw Arts Commission and On Stage Theatre Group will honor veterans with a musical tribute featuring local singers

Tribute to Veterans will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Pee Dee Union Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend this free performance.

Musical Director Barbara Dickson and master of ceremonies Melanie Trusky have

songs and inspirational dialogue.

Community singers will share their musical talents for this annual performance Tim Smoak will serve as accompanist.

For additional information, contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at (843) 537-

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Florence County Voter Registration and Election Commission director David Alford gathers voting equipment at the commission office on Monday. The commission was a hive of activity as poll workers picked up election equipment and absentee voters lined up inside and curbside at the commission. Sheriff's deputies were stationed at the entrance, off Third Loop Road, to help with traffic control.

Election Day arrives

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — The races are hitting the finish line. Today is Election Day, and polling locations are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for county voters to cast their ballots in races ranging from municipal city council races and school boards to the governor's race and Congress.

In order to vote at a designated precinct, a registered voter must

bring one of five forms of identification to the polling location: a S.C. Driver's License, S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID card, S.C. Voter Registration Card with photo, federal military ID or a U.S. Passport.

A voter can cast a provisional ballot if he or she does not bring an acceptable form of identifica-

tion to the polls, but the ballot will count only if the voter shows identification before or at the certification of the election on Thursday morning.

Registered voters should consult their voter registration card to identify their polling location or visit SCvotes.org to locate it as well as view a sample ballot.

The deadline for completed, mail-in, absentee ballots is 7 p.m. today at the Florence County Voter

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Proposed 'Milli's Law' would target drunk boaters

BY TRACI BRIDGES

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MANNING — Millicent "Milli" McDonald would have turned 20 on Nov. 18, and though her mother won't be able to give her an earthly present this year, Melissa Grice is working on a gift she hopes will honor her daughter's life for many years to come.



McDonald

McDonald, 19, was killed in May in a jet ski collision on Lake Marion.

Grice, of Manning, now is asking that South Carolina residents sign a petition asking the state Legislature to implement a law that would require Department of Natural Resources law enforcement officers to administer a breathalyzer test on any and all drivers involved in a watercraft collision on any body of water in South Carolina that results in great bodily injury or death — legislation that she'd like to see called Milli's Law.

"I want other people to be aware that the laws of the road are not the same as the laws of the water," Grice said. "The laws are very different. There is no law that requires DNR to give a breathalyzer to watercraft operators who have been involved in a collision, and I think it's something we desperately need."

S.C. Department of Natural Resources Capt. Robert McCullough said McDonald and a 26-year-old Florence man were riding personal watercrafts near the landing at approximately 7 p.m. on May 19. As they were riding on the watercraft, the man crashed into McDonald. McDonald was airlifted from the scene to a Columbia hospital. She never regained consciousness and was pronounced brain dead less than 24 hours later.

So far, Grice said several business owners in Florence, Marion, Sumter and Clarendon counties are on board with her effort and have petitions in their establishments. Family members and friends are also



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Lynn Brown, flanked by her son Greg and father Major Thomas, walks through a row of collard greens Wednesday in their family's field. Thomas started planting this variety of collards in the late 1980s; the land has been in the family for generations.



"They don't sell these in the grocery store," Lynn said. "They're too big."

Blue-green giants

If the leaves on Lynn Brown's collard green plants were picked off and spread out on her two-acre field, they might cover it six times over.

"It's all I can handle," she said.

Lynn, with help from her son Greg and father Major Thomas, grows a variety of collards known as blue max on their land off Indian Branch Road south of Hartsville.

This crop, which was planted in September, lives up to its name and isn't done growing yet. In not too long, neighbors, friends and passers-by will descend on the farm to buy bushels.

"We've been doing it a long time," Thomas said.

Wreaths for soldiers' graves program is growing

BY JOHN D. RUSSELL

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FLORENCE — It's not quite Thanksgiving yet, but there is a way to start saying thank you to veterans, as Wreaths Across America

WAA is a nationwide, coordinated effort to put wreaths at every headstone in every national cemetery. Kenney, a Navy veteran and president of Rolling Thunder Florence Chapter 4, said he is spearheading the effort because to him, it means a lot.

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