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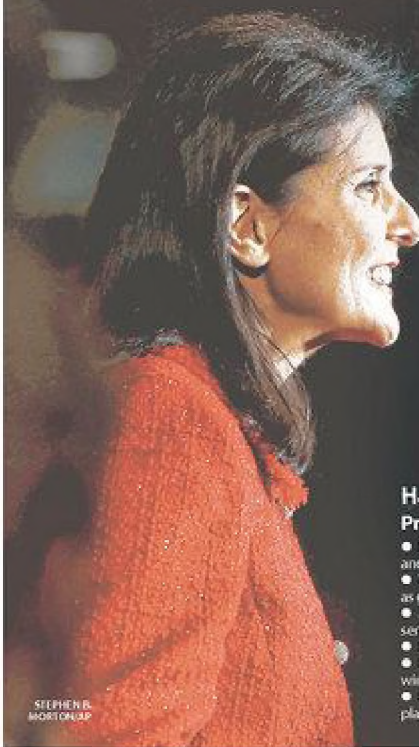
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LOFTIER GOAL FOR GOV. HALEY?

Landslide election to second term fuels speculation that a GOP presidential hopeful might want her on ticket



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Will she or won't she? And, even more importantly, will she have any suitors who see her as an asset in bringing out voters in 2016?

Minutes after Gov. Nikki Haley's blowout win Tuesday night, speculation began anew that the governor may not finish out her second four-year term if the eventual Republican presidential nominee comes calling.

Some see the idea of Haley getting a spot on the ticket as a long shot. One obvious strike against her is that she's a Southerner in a region already owned by the GOP.

"She's probably not a first-tier vice presidential candidate simply because she's from a very safe red state, and the eventual GOP nominee may be looking for a VP choice from a swing state," University of Virginia political scientist Geoffrey Skelly said Wednesday. But there are other variables that no one can predict, Skelly added.

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Anger, demographics shape 'blue state' losses. A7

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Haley as a vice presidential contender

Pros

- Female state executive and a minority
- Wouldn't have to step down as governor to campaign
- Military wife whose husband served in Afghanistan
- Disciplined campaigner
- Liked by the GOP's tea party wing
- Branding as jobs creator could play well in 2016 economy

Cons

- No Washington, D.C., experience
- No foreign policy experience
- South Carolina is not a swing state
- Has had vocal GOP enemies here
- Wary of the media
- Past ethics allegations would get fresh scrutiny

Medicaid rate might reduce C-sections

Change targeting unnecessary surgery

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
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When hundreds of doctors, nurses and hospital administrators descend on Columbia for the third annual Birth Outcomes Initiative Symposium on Thursday, they will be congratulated, then told to keep pushing.

Since 2011, the statewide coalition has focused on strategies to improve infant health. It cut early elective deliveries — when labor is induced before 39 weeks gestation without a good medical reason — by more than half. The group also bolstered programs to promote breast-feeding and prenatal group counseling.

But state leaders want more. At the conference, these health care providers will be encouraged to reduce the number of babies delivered by cesarean section to first-time moms. For one reason, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine issued a joint statement in February declaring the national C-section rate more than 30 percent of all births in 2011 — too high. They believe C-sections are "overused without clear

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Poll

Do you agree with Medicaid's decision to change the way it pays for C-sections? Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Kidnap case reveals it's easy to disappear

Prosecutors wary of Barnett's bail plan

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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Dorothy Lee Barnett found it easy to get phone identification and leave the country 20 years ago in a scheme to keep her infant daughter from her ex-husband, according to federal court documents.

Then an idle of Palms resident, she used an alias to obtain California birth certificates, a Texas driver's license and a U.S. passport that allowed her to fly to Malaysia in 1994 and start a new life, prosecutors said earlier this week in the filings.

She didn't resurface until two years ago, when the FBI learned she was in Australia. Agents probe there culminated late last year when they searched her home and found the falsified IDs.

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4,178 votes show Harrell still has fans in Dist. 114

Disqualified candidate lights up ballot; winner Mary Tinkler awaits court ruling

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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For a candidate ruled ineligible to run Tuesday, disgraced former House Speaker Bobby Harrell got a lot of votes.

Harrell, who withdrew his candidacy as part of his guilty plea last month for improperly using campaign funds, received 4,178 votes — despite signs in District 114 polling places noting that he was no longer in the race.

That's more than Rep. Samuel Rivers

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S.C. voter turnout the lowest in decades. B1

received while winning his contested re-election bid in Goose Creek's House District 15.

Despite Harrell's showing, Democratic newcomer Mary Tinkler won with 5,391 votes, slightly more than he was no longer in the race.

That's more than Rep. Samuel Rivers



Democrat Mary Tinkler, campaigning with her father Paul last month, won the District 114 race but must await a court ruling to see if she'll be sworn in.

District 114 results

County	Tinkler	Edwards	Harrell	Write-in	Total
Charleston	4,457	704	3,014	97	8,272
Dorchester	934	282	1,164	31	2,411
Total	5,391	986	4,178	128	10,683
Percent	50.5%	9.2%	39.1%	1.2%	100.0%



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Christopher Titus Show
Half off Christopher Titus show "The Angry Pursuit of Happiness." See A2



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County deputy filmed striking man resigns

No charges to be filed for Aug. 23 incident at Walmart

By Anna Lee and David Dykes
Staff Writers

The Greenville County deputy who was filmed striking a suspect on the floor of the Walmart on White Horse Road in August has resigned, according to the Sheriff's Office.

No charges are being filed, Sheriff's Office spokesman Jonathan Smith said. The deputy, who was placed on admin-

istrative leave after the incident, resigned Wednesday, Smith said.

The deputy's name won't be released, he said.

The resignation came the day before 13th Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins plans to hold a press conference to discuss the findings of an investigation into the deputy's use of force.

The press conference will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Wilkins' office inside

the Greenville County Courthouse, a spokeswoman for Wilkins said.

Wilkins declined to comment Wednesday.

The incident on Aug. 23 was under investigation internally before it was turned over to the solicitor, Smith said.

Videos shared on social media in August showed a deputy punching a man in the head, authorities have said.

Warrants identified the man as Sandon M. Sierad, 32, of 6 Cotton St., Greenville, who was charged with resisting ar-

rest, assault and battery third degree and public disorderly conduct.

The man had been inside the store for 30 minutes before authorities were called to Walmart about a disturbance just after 1 p.m., Smith said.

He said the man showed "erratic behavior" based on discussions with employees and the man's own call to 9-1-1 in which he told dispatchers his truck was missing while standing next to it.

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Victory gives Haley a mandate, experts say

How legislators will
respond still to be seen

By Tim Smith
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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley's 14-point re-election victory gives her a mandate but how it will translate in the Legislature is still an open question, lawmakers and political experts say.

The GOP governor, who beat Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen in 2010 by 4.5 points, almost tripled that margin Tuesday night with a 55.9 percent to 41.3 percent win in a rematch with Sheheen, according to unofficial returns posted by the State Election Commission.

Pundits had predicted a Haley victory and the latest Winthrop Poll showed a 10-point lead for the governor. But the margin surprised many and most lawmakers and political experts interviewed by *The Greenville News* said the governor now has a mandate.

"The governor and the constitutional officers certainly earned a

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HEIDI HEILBRUNNSTAFF
Nikki Haley became South Carolina governor in 2010 by 4.5 points, but almost tripled that margin in Tuesday's win.

BUILDING A LEGACY OF FITNESS

Five-year study shows
active students are
smarter, trimmer

By Nathaniel Cary
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Fifth graders at Legacy Charter School in Greenville filed into the gymnasium.

The 100 students split into groups — some stayed inside, others found their way outdoors to the school's volleyball court, soccer field and outdoor basketball court.

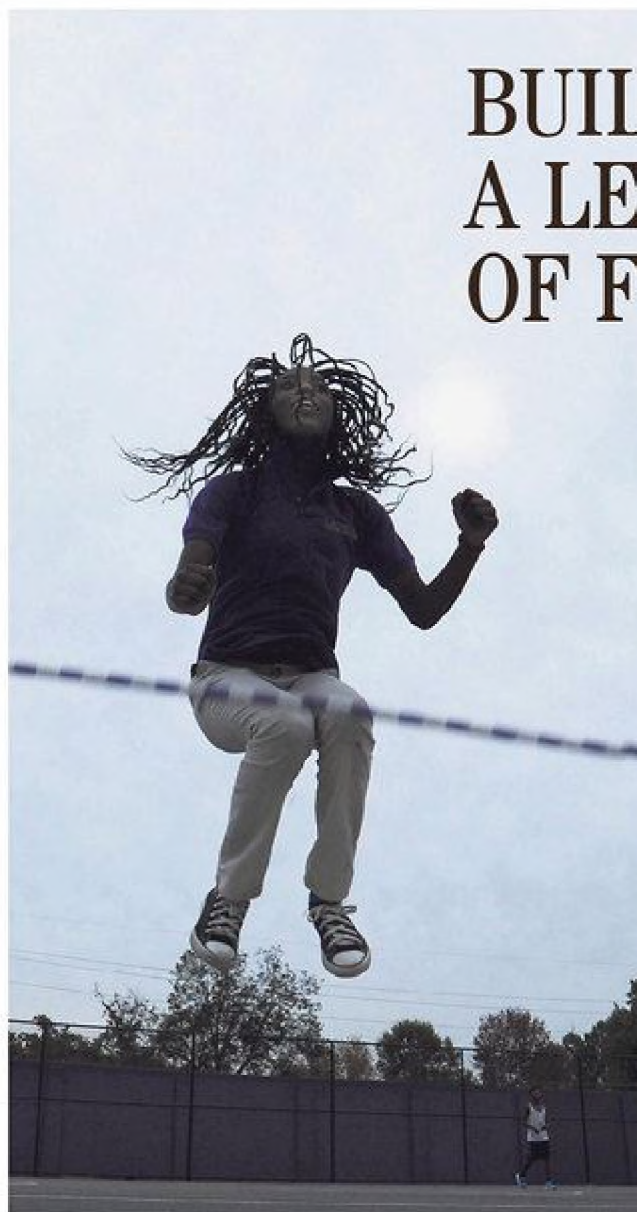
Four teachers split the students into groups, and organized chaos ensued. Some ran laps around the basketball court — skipping, hopping, sprinting. Others ran relays on the soccer field's artificial turf or threw a Frisbee.

Then the fifth graders picked their activity — a soccer game broke out in one spot, touch football took off in another, while other groups jumped rope or played volleyball or a hybrid-basketball game.

Physical education classes are a daily ritual at Legacy, which built its education philosophy on the belief that 45 minutes of organized P.E. per day would improve student health and academic performance.

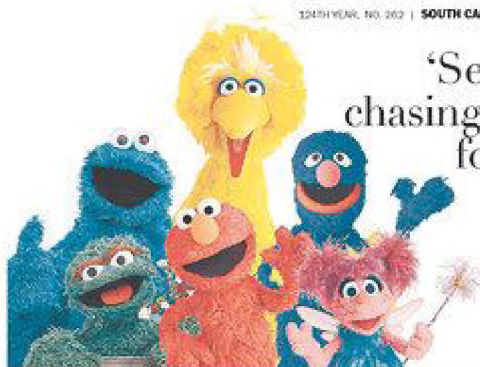
It's working. Legacy's students are trimmer and perform better in fitness tests, according to the fifth-year results of an ongoing study performed by Dr. Julian Reed, a Furman University health science professor.

Students also showed marked



HEIDI HEILBRUNNSTAFF
Legacy Charter School students are active during their gym class on Wednesday.

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New policy tightens Fort Jackson access

FBI vetting, escorts replace showing driver's
license s as Army moves to protect soldiers

By JEFF WILKINSON
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Visitors to Fort Jackson now will have to be escorted or be vetted by the FBI and receive credentials to have access to the post, although the rules allow flexibility for some large events, according to the garrison commander.

Previously, visitors simply had to show their driver's licenses to

visit the fort's water park, museums, golf course and other destinations. The restricted access is to comply with new Army regulations intended to protect soldiers and their families from attacks such as the one in Ottawa, Canada, last month in which a lone gunman killed a soldier guarding that country's National War Memorial. Col. Mike

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LEXINGTON

Penny tax vote creates county dilemma

Leaders must now
find road funds
elsewhere

By TIM FLACH
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Lexington County leaders are struggling to come up with a new approach for road improvements after the unexpectedly strong rejection of a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax plan at the polls Tuesday.

"If it wasn't this, I don't know what," County Council chairman Johnny Jeffcoat said Wednesday. "I don't know any answer."

The plan for \$268.1 million in projects that county leaders spent two years developing lost by slightly more than 2-to-1, winning approval in only one precinct in West Columbia out of 96 countywide.

Overall, the tax lost 52,696-22,991, according

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Democrats may face years of rebuilding

S.C. party ponders
a long, hard road
back to relevance

By JAMIE SELF
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When South Carolina elects its next governor, the state's youngest voters — those casting their first ballots in 2018 — will have no

Lattimore made USC believe in itself



Marcus Lattimore waves to fans while leaving the field in a game against Navy.

TRACY GLANTO/TRACY GLANTO/SCOUT24/REXUS

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2012 injury ends NFL career of USC star who lifted program from depths



He was indestructible... until he wasn't.
In 2010, when Marcus Lattimore's knee tissue was as blemish-free as his reputation, he carried a football program on his back without so much as a missed step. On Wednesday, bearing scars on both knees thanks to the game that he loved, he retired from the San Francisco 49ers without ever

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1 election decided, another up in air

By COLIN RIDDLE
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Wilson keeps District 1 seat, run-off for District 4 in Abbeville

One race is decided with the other contested race calling for an encore.

Gus Wilson, a 23-year veteran of Abbeville City Council, will keep his District 1 seat, while his colleague, Bertha Crawford, will have to wait another two weeks before District 4

is decided.

Wilson defeated James "Boo Jack" Bolden with 54 percent (78 votes) of the vote to 45 percent (66 votes).

"This election was a tough one, but I'm proud to be back," Wilson said.

Bertha Crawford will face Chris

Crawford again in a runoff, which most likely will be Nov. 18, according to Kim London, registration and elections director for Abbeville County.

Bertha Crawford took a little more than 40 percent (59 votes) of the vote

with Chris Crawford and Lamar West taking 32 percent (48 votes) and 26 percent (39 votes), respectively.

Though Bertha Crawford garnered more votes than any of the candidates, a runoff will be held because she did not earn more than 50 percent of the

votes.

Wilson said he believes in putting the residents first, supports informing the public and engaging the community in decision-making. Wilson added it is important to help residents understand why decisions are or are not being made.

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HAPPY HOLIDAY HOUSE



PHOTOS BY MADDY JONES | INDEX-JOURNAL

Guests inside the McGowanBarksdaleBundy House in Abbeville walk among the Christmas trees and decorations Wednesday morning for "A Taste of Christmas," presented by the Abbeville Historical Society.



Historic home starts Christmas festivities

By COLIN RIDDLE
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ABBEVILLE

A fundraising breakfast for the Abbeville County Historical Society quickly transformed into a holiday and decorative showcase of the vast abilities of local resident Frances Lewis to transform everyday decorations into lavish adornments.

Residents met Wednesday morning at the society's headquarters at the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House on North Main Street in downtown Abbeville for "A Taste of Christmas" to share in fellowship, tour the house and take a few tips home when it comes to festive design.



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ELECTIONS 2014

Leaders pledge to work together

President Barack Obama and Mitch McConnell, the likely new Senate majority leader, vow to govern in a bipartisan way.

By ANITA KUMAR
 and SEAN COCKERHAM
 McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and the likely new leader of the Senate, Mitch McConnell, pledged Wednesday to work together to govern the nation in a bipartisan way a day after Republicans secured control of both chambers of Congress for the first time since Democrats won the White House in 2008.

But the goal could prove daunting after years of political dysfunction that left Congress and the White House unable to compromise, as well as a pledge by Obama to issue an



Obama



McConnell

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MORE ON ELECTIONS

- With some races unsettled, the GOP victory wave may continue. 11A
- For a look at the voter turnout and who cast a ballot, go to 11A.
- Go to bit.ly/bc-elections for results and local, state and federal elections coverage.

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Write-ins waiting for winner

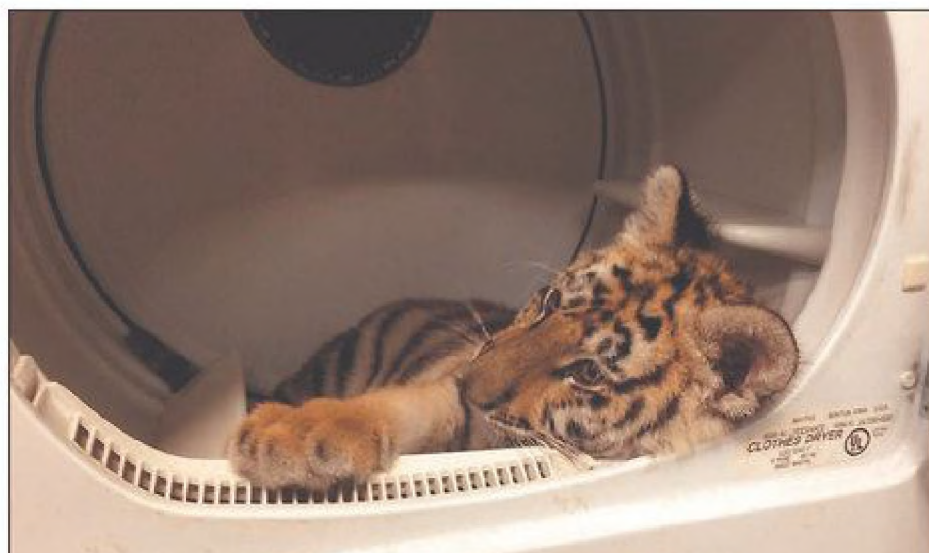
By ZACH MURDOCK
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Lundy Baker and Joseph Dunkle must wait at least one more day before learning which of them captured the Beaufort County Board of Education's District 4 seat in Tuesday's election, according to county elections director Marie Smalls.

With no candidate



Baker



UPROAR at Beaufort Liquidation

Owner plans to add lions, tigers
in flea market reopening

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A Beaufort business owner has announced plans to reopen a Burton flea market, this time with a big twist — a 6,000-square-foot enclosure for lions and tigers.

Beaufort Liquidation posted the "Safari Flea Market" announcement Tuesday to the Facebook account managed by owner Jeff Lowe.

The initial post — which has been deleted — and subsequent social media postings quickly led to an outpouring of online comments for and against the plan, as well as a petition to stop it.

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ON THE WEB To read Stacey Johnston's petition, go to bit.ly/safariשמרקט.

THE OWNER

"If people don't agree with my decision to spend my money helping animals that very few people can help, that's their right."

Jeff Lowe, Beaufort Liquidation owner

CONCERNED RESIDENT

"Animals, I think, serve a purpose in our society. ... I could not believe this was approved through codes."

Stacey Johnston, of Lady's Island

LOCAL ATTORNEY

"The keeping of lions and/or tigers on this property is not currently regulated in any manner under our zoning code. Therefore, we will be primarily monitoring ... from a safety and humane treatment standpoint."

Josh Gruber, of Beaufort County

Submitted photo
 Jeff Lowe, owner of Beaufort Liquidation, submitted this photo of a tiger cub that he retrieved from an undisclosed, overcrowded zoo. The cub is shown relaxing in a utility room clothes dryer.

ON CANE ISLAND

Bald eagles' nest removed when tree cut down



By ERIN MOODY

"... We appreciate being able to see



COLLEGE GAMEDAY

Soaring Clemson defense takes on struggling Deacons tonight. C1

MORE THAN A GYM: CrossFit Proverb holds in-house competition. B1
'GET THE JOB DONE': Obama vows to work with Senate Republicans. D1

'Jazz' season finale to welcome cyclists

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Scores of cyclists are pedaling their way into town, staying at local hotels, eating out and joining in the fun at the season finale of Jazz on the Alley tonight.

The cyclists are converging at Ram Cat Alley from points throughout the country and even distant shores to partake in the Road Titans 300 plus mile challenge in the Upstate.

The Road Titans challenge participants — about 100 of them — will officially register for the race at To the Letter, a store at 114 Ram Cat Alley that features personalized gifts, embroidery, screen printing and sporting goods.

To the Letter proprietor Shonda Wilson said Wednesday she and her husband, Rick, were looking forward to having the cyclists visit their store today to register.

"I know they are going to start registering at 2 in the afternoon until 7," Wilson said.

The shopkeeper is hoping the influx of visitors to her store will help business.

"We have created a few T-shirts for cyclists with logos on them so they can get an idea of what kind of things we can do that we can offer when they come in," she said.

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ELECTION FALLOUT

Local voters let their voices be heard Tuesday, voting down a referendum that would have added 1 percent to the Oconee County sales tax to pay for a list of capital projects and giving the OK to Sunday alcohol sales in Oconee, Clemson and Pendleton.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Oconee County Capital Sales Tax Referendum By the numbers...

• Out of 20,115 total votes, 11,114 (55.25 percent) were against the referendum.

• Six of 31 geographical precincts supported the referendum (all in Seneca or the precinct that includes Keewee Key):
 Ravenel 57% (521 yes votes out of 909 total)
 Seneca 1 57% (502 of 875)
 Stamp Creek 57% (552 of 1,191)
 Seneca 2 56% (309 of 691)
 Seneca 4 52% (444 of 857)
 Ulka 52% (100 of 195)

• Seneca 3 was the most evenly split precinct, with 49% casting "yes" ballots (225 of 459).

• The referendum received the least support in Westminster, its surrounding rural areas and the areas north of Walhalla. The areas of least support (under 40 percent):
 Holly Springs 20% (26 of 135)
 Madison 26% (60 of 235)
 Mountain Rest 29% (120 of 407)
 Westminster 2 33% (106 of 314)
 Salem 35% (233 of 675)
 Earles Grove 37% (112 of 302)
 Tanawasee 37% (183 of 497)
 Westminster 1 37% (188 of 514)
 Oakley 39% (175 of 457)
 Walhalla 2 39% (252 of 670)

• Support of the sales tax referendum tended to correlate geographically with support for the Sunday alcohol sales referendum. The precincts most supportive of Sunday alcohol were: Stamp Creek (62%), Ravenel (60%) and New Hope (68%). The least supportive precincts were: Holly Springs (30%), Madison (34%) and Westminster 2 (35%).

— Compiled by Steven Bradley

Thrift: Another tax referendum 'not in the foreseeable future'

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — There will be no rush to put another capital projects sales tax referendum before the voters, Oconee County Council chairman Joel Thrift said Wednesday.

Asked whether council would consider putting it back on the ballot again in 2016, which is the earliest date possible after voters soundly rejected the idea in



Tuesday's general election. Thrift wrote off that possibility without hesitation. "Not in the foreseeable future, I don't think so," Thrift said. "I think it's a

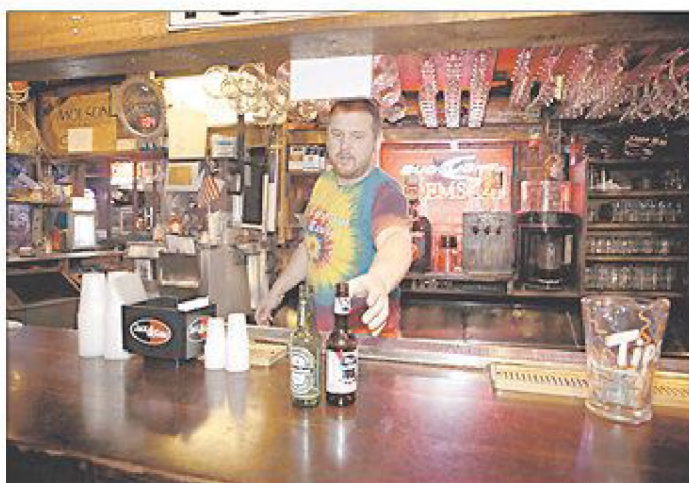
FOR MORE

To see a breakdown of the winners and losers in each of the Oconee County races featured on Tuesday's ballot, turn to page A5.

little premature about trying to get on another sales tax (referendum)."

In 2006, Thrift was a mem-

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JESSICA NEUMANN / THE JOURNAL

Tiger Town Tavern manager Shane Vaught works behind the bar earlier this year. Although Oconee County, Clemson and Pendleton residents voted Tuesday to allow Sunday alcohol sales, no official dates have been confirmed for when businesses can obtain permits to start selling.

More action needed before Sunday alcohol sales permits can be issued

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Now that Sunday alcohol sales referendums have passed in Oconee

County, the county would have to take "legal steps" thereafter.

According to Oconee County administrator Scott

es should be able to apply with the alcohol beverage licensing office.

"There's no projection at this time as to when that will be available — DOR has rec-

Pioneer plant site awaiting closing date

Financial projections show plant is 'best thing for the future'

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
THE JOURNAL

OAKWAY — As the Pioneer Rural Water District awaits a closing date on the site of its





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Avenue for growth
 Families with young children can make visits to the North Spartanburg Park educational experiences because of a newly installed interactive learning trail. **PAGE C1**

Speakeasy closes
 The Speakeasy, a gastropub near downtown Spartanburg inspired by the art and characters and atmosphere of the Roaring '20s, has closed so owner William Cribb can focus on his catering business. **PAGE C1**

Woman sentenced
 A woman who told investigators she was "playing around" with a shotgun before fatally shooting her boyfriend in the chest pleaded no contest Wednesday to voluntary manslaughter. **PAGE C1**

Toy scene players
 A snaggletooth eight-year-old. A middle schooler with a punk rocker bob cut and big earrings. Tween siblings with a penchant for playing. These are among the young power brokers who will determine the toys that will be under Christmas trees this year. **PAGE C4**

Leaders make nice
 One day after big Republican election gains, President Barack Obama and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell pledged to try to turn divided government into a force for good rather than gridlock. **PAGE A4**

MARCUS LATTIMORE RETIRES

'My knee couldn't take it'

Former Byrnes, USC standout's injury ends NFL career



JEFF CHIU/AP FILE

San Francisco 49ers running back Marcus Lattimore speaks to reporters in the locker room at an NFL training facility on Jan. 20 in Santa Clara, Calif. Lattimore has informed the 49ers he plans to retire two years after a devastating knee injury in October 2012 while playing for the University of South Carolina.

By **MATT CONNOLLY**
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Marcus Lattimore's incredible football career came to a disappointing end Wednesday afternoon when the former Byrnes High and South Carolina star announced his retirement without ever playing a down in the NFL.

The state's former Mr. Football suffered the second gruesome knee injury of his career during his junior season at USC. After his junior year, Lattimore entered the NFL draft and the San Francisco 49ers selected him in the fourth round.

After suffering the injury in October 2012 during a game against Tennessee, Lattimore spent about two years rehabbing to get back on the football field. He practiced with the

"I realized I can't play this game anymore the way I want to play it. I've got to let

Through the years



Lattimore is Byrnes' all-time leading rusher and was the ESPN RISE National High School Football Player of the Year in 2008.



SUNDAY ALCOHOL

Wellford voters scotch sales

County businesses elsewhere can soon apply for permit

By **JASON SPENCER**
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Following a successful referendum this week, a few procedural steps remain before bars, restaurants and hotels in Spartanburg County can begin selling alcohol on Sundays.

More than 57 percent of voters on Tuesday approved lifting the ban on such sales. Those votes must be certified by the state Election Commission, which will take place Friday. After that, Spartanburg County administrators must send a letter to the S.C. Department of Revenue notifying the state of the change, said officials familiar with the process.

Once that happens, businesses in Spartanburg County can begin applying for the Sunday sales permit for on-premises consumption — that's \$3,000 for a yearly permit, or \$150 for a single-day permit. The money goes to the state's general fund, Revenue Department spokeswoman Bonnie Swingle said.

The process is fairly quick, she said. A business owner who fills out an application in a Revenue Department office could be issued the permit on the spot. (The department has a satellite office on North Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville.)

Jimmy Martini, manager of the Boiling Springs Ale House on Highway 9, said his business planned to apply for such a permit, to capture customers who are driving to Spartanburg on Sundays to watch sports and to give the employees more hours.

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New jobs coming to



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BARK IN THE PARK (AND VIDEO TOO)

Bring your fourlegged friend out to the annual event at 10 a.m. Saturday and enter your pet in The T&D Pet Idol contest. Also, here's your chance to be a star: Go to TheTandD.com and enter the "Crazy Pet Video Contest."

LATTIMORE RETIRES

FORMER 49ER SAYS
HE'S COMING HOME
TO FINISH DEGREE. B1



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South Carolina State University students marched from University Village on to the S.C. State campus and back as part of a Wednesday rally for a pedestrian bridge between the student housing complex and the university.

Avant not conceding House 90

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

The Republican in the S.C. House District 90 race says he's not ready to concede to Democrat Justin Bamberg, who unofficial results show narrowly winning.

Travis Lee Avant said Wednesday he's "not conceding at this point until certification" of the votes.

Bamberg was the unofficial winner Tuesday in S.C. House District 90 with 5,270 votes to Avant's 5,166, leaving a margin of 1.08 percent between the two. State law only requires a recount when the difference is 1 percent or less.

District 90 is comprised of Bamberg County and parts of Barnwell and Colleton counties. S.C. Rep. Bakari Sellers, D-Denmark, did not run for re-election.

A majority of voters for Bamberg were in Bamberg County. Precincts in neighboring Colleton and Barnwell counties largely supported Avant.

"I thought it would be a close race and we expected a higher turnout overall," Avant said. Bamberg said the tight race was a result of putting the "2012 redistricting to the test."

Prior to 2012, House District 90 included portions of Orangeburg County. Many of those areas are now located in District 91 under Rep. Lonnie Hisey, D-Barnwell.

The Bamberg County Election Commission is scheduled to meet Friday at 10 a.m. to certify the county's votes. Colleton County's Election Commission meets today to certify votes. Barnwell County's Election Commission will certify results before the end of the week.

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'BUILD OUR BRIDGE!'

S.C. State students call for pedestrian bridge over Chestnut; SCDOT says plans underway

By GENE ZALESKI
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"Build our bridge! Build our bridge!" was the chant of about 60 South Carolina State University students Wednesday afternoon as they marched from University Village Apartments to the college campus.

The students, most of them residents of the 500-student University Village, said there needs to be a pedestrian bridge over busy Chestnut Street linking the apartment complex with the university.

"We have tried to have the bridge built for the last four years," said Christian

Code, University Village outreach event coordinator. "We have gone to the DOT (S.C. Department of Transportation) and have gone to meetings and it just stays on their schedule and no action is done."

The students crossed Chestnut Street and carried signs with messages like "Pedestrian is more than a word; it is a life" and "Bridging the Gap — from the community to the college."

In October 2010, a S.C. State senior Teahana Peterson was struck and injured while crossing the street. There has been at least one fatality at the crossing.

Code said the bridge is greatly needed in light of the fact that there are 600

students living in University Village. He said there are also pedestrians from Campus Corner, which houses at least 500 students, and the New Brookland community.

"They are walking across the street during the day and it is very unsafe," Code said. "A bridge would also help with traffic on game day."

The project has been on the SCDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for several years.

SCDOT Program Manager Michelle Shepherd said the project is a priority and

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Obama vows to 'get the job done' with GOP after midterm drubbing



By DAVID ESPO
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One day after sweeping Republican election gains, President Barack Obama and incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pledged to try to



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Bennettsville woman almost victim of lottery scam



Ruth Lane talks Wednesday with her husband, John, about getting scammed out of \$6,000.

BY JOHN D. RUSSELL
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BENNETTSVILLE: — Ruth Lane, 75, learned the hard way that if something is too good to be true, it probably isn't.

Recently she was almost scammed out of \$6,000 she thought she was paying in taxes for a \$2.5 million lottery winning and a new Mercedes. Thanks to the quick work of law enforcement, family and the postal service, she was able to get her money back before it was gone forever.

Roughly three weeks ago, she got a call from someone who said she had won the money and prize, and all she needed to do was pay the taxes on it.

"I thought it was on the up-and-up," she said. "I had entered the sweepstakes, so I called Publisher's Clearing House and they said, 'If you won from us, we would have come to your house to deliver it.' That's when I called the sheriff's department and knew it was a scam."

Unfortunately for her, she already had sent approximately \$1,000, and that money was gone forever. Day after day, Lane said they called her

insisting she won. At one point they asked for her Social Security number and even wanted her to mortgage her house.

"I told him to come to my house and deliver it," Lane said. "They wouldn't do that, because they wanted me to come to Little River and claim my prize. Then I got scared they would come to my house."

Last Wednesday, she withdrew \$6,000 in cash from the bank, put it in an Express Mail envelope and went to the Bennettsville Post Office to mail it.

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FLORENCE COUNTY

Turnout of voters dips again

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FLORENCE — Florence County voter turnout continued its downward trend Tuesday despite a steady increase of active registered voters over the years leading to numbers that reflect statewide results and the reddening of Florence County, despite political deviations in some races.

Though the county saw a slight dip in registered active voters (those who participated in the prior election) since 2012, the county has seen an 18 percent increase in registered voters since 2008. This led to a 45 percent turnout Tuesday, slightly below Florence County Voter Registration and Election Commission director David Alford's estimate.

"I was expecting to hit 50 or above, especially with the last couple days of absentee voting," Alford said. "We had 5,027 ballots cast this year, and that was very close to the 2010 number."

In fact, 1,517 absentee ballots were cast in the Florence City Council at-large race between incumbent Republican Glynn Willis and Democrat George Jebaily — who won the race and 74 percent of the absentee vote.

The absentee rate increased 3 percent over the 2010 race, when Willis defeated Sam Fryer with 55 percent of the vote, in what was a more active midterm election than Tuesday's in which 500 fewer voters turned out for the city council race. The margin switched this year, however, with Jebaily receiving 1,000 more votes, or 55 percent, to Willis' 45 percent — numbers that some numbers gurus predicted to swap but didn't because of lower-than-expected Republican turnout.

S.C. Rep. Terry Alexander, who worked with Jebaily, told the Morning News on Tuesday

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Khaliya Cooper, 3, reacts during a storytime reading of "Hattie and the Fox," by Mem Fox during Camp Out at Mount Zion, which was organized by McLaurin Elementary School and held Wednesday at the Mount Zion Apartments.

'Building community' | Camp Out brings students, teachers and parents together



Campers and a teacher search through a basket of crayons during a coloring activity.

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FLORENCE — Forty-four children attended Camp Out at Mount Zion, a series of activities that promoted reading skills and creativity, Wednesday at the Mt. Zion Apartments off of East Ervin Street.

It's part of an initiative by McLaurin Elementary School to help develop relationships with its stu-

dents and their families and to give children a little extra boost.

Deidre Harley, a technology teacher at McLaurin, described it as "building community."

"A lot of times in areas like this, there's sometimes

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Maneuvering continues in gay marriage cases

The Associated Press

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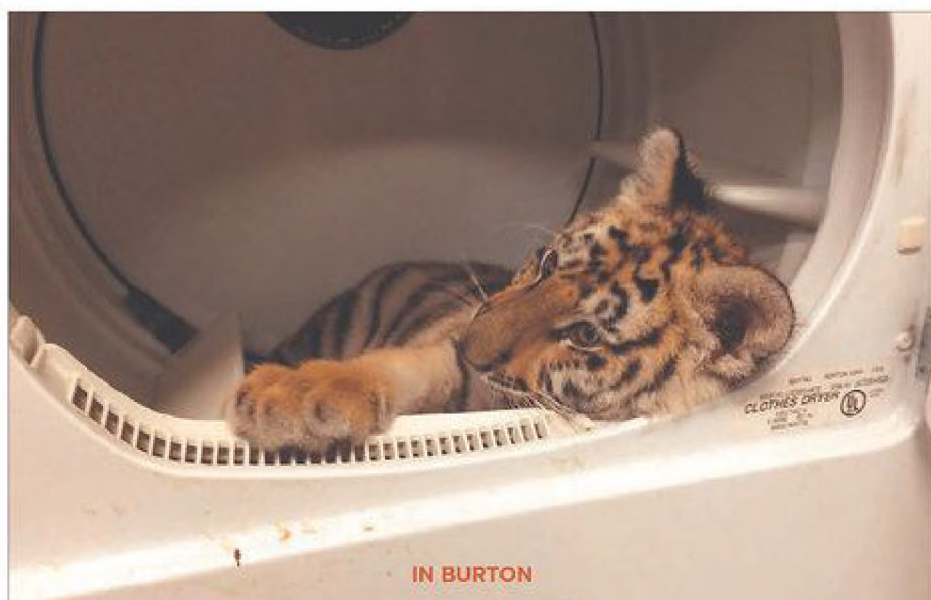
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Beaufort businessman's plan for flea market CAUSES UPROAR

Lion, tiger exhibit included in reopening of indoor facility

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"There are thousands of these cats in backyards and apartments of drug dealers, and without people willing to step up to care for them, they would likely be destroyed."

Beaufort Liquidation owner Jeff Lowe

By ERIN MOODY

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A Beaufort business owner has announced plans to reopen a Burton flea market, this time with a big twist — a 6,000-square-foot enclosure for lions and tigers.

Beaufort Liquidation posted the "Safari Flea Market" announcement Tuesday to the Facebook account managed by owner Jeff Lowe.

The initial post — which has been deleted — and subsequent social media postings quickly led to an outpouring of online comments for and against the plan, as well as a petition to stop it.

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AGAINST

"Animals, I think, serve a purpose in our society, but when I read this on Facebook, I could not believe this was approved through codes."

Stacey Johnston, who started a petition opposing the exhibit

Submitted photo

Jeff Lowe, owner of Beaufort Liquidators, submitted this photo of a tiger cub that he retrieved from an undisclosed, overcrowded zoo. The cub is shown relaxing in a utility room clothes dryer.

ELECTIONS 2014

Leaders pledge to work together

President Barack Obama and likely new Senate leader Mitch McConnell say they will govern the nation cooperatively.

By ANITA KUMAR and SEAN COCKERHAM
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and the likely new leader of the Senate, Mitch McConnell, pledged Wednesday to work together to govern the nation in a bipartisan way a day after Republicans secured control of both chambers of Congress for the first time since Democrats won the White House in 2008.



Obama



McConnell

But the goal could prove daunting after years of political dysfunction that left Congress and the White House unable to compromise, as well as a pledge by Obama to issue an executive order this year that would provide temporary legal status to some of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants. It's a move sure to anger Republicans. "The American people sent a

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TALLER APARTMENTS AT SHELTER COVE

Council gives initial OK to plan

The proposal calls for a five-story, 210-unit building along Broad Creek.

By DAN BURLEY
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A plan to build a taller apartment building at Shelter Cove Towne Centre that once drew fire from Hilton Head Island residents was passed Wednesday with little opposition.

Bald eagles' nest removed when tree cut down

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When Bernie Kole built his home on Distant Island in 2007, he didn't realize the marsh view came with a

realized the removal of the nest, and the tree it was in, might be a federal offense. Kole said the S.C. Department of Natural Resources and federal investigators have been down to interview residents and to



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