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Second place may be good enough in S.C.

With Trump soaring and Cruz confident, lower-tier Republicans compete to stay in race by courting state's undecided voters



Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who claimed second place behind Donald Trump in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday, speaks Wednesday to a capacity crowd at Finn's pizza in Mount Pleasant.

BY SCHUYLER KROPE
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South Carolina might be Donald Trump's to lose, but a new storyline is emerging that says finishing second or even third in the upcoming Republican primary can go down as a victory.

With their long-term viability a growing concern in a nominating race that may not be decided until April, the lower-tier candidates arrived Wednesday but only a few mentioned the bombastic front-runner. Instead, they're appealing to the thousands of undecided voters up for grabs.

Ment also appeared to be content with playing for next in line positions — those down-ballot slots that are likely to be in Trump's shadow if his lead stays put.

One exception is Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who continued his play for the state's biggest prize Wednesday: the tens of thousands of voters who describe themselves as evangelical in their beliefs.

Appearing at Ground Zero, a Christian teen club near the Myrtle Beach boardwalk, Cruz went after Trump in his only appearance in the state Wednesday, describing



Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, with a smear of ash on his forehead in observance of Ash Wednesday, kicked off the South Carolina leg of his campaign Wednesday, including this stop at Mount Pleasant's Memorial Waterfront Park.

the New York real estate billionaire as a liberal in hiding.

"The only way to beat Donald Trump is to highlight the simple truth of his record. It is not con-

servative," Cruz said. He added, "If you want a proven conservative, don't listen to

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Get ready for 'Shark Summer, Part II'

Experts say potential for bites about same

BY BO PETERSEN
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The "Summer of the Shark" in the Carolinas was a worldwide phenomenon, it seems. A record 98 bites or attacks were reported in 2015, more than half of them in the United States.

Next summer could be that way, too, experts say, simply because more people than ever will be in the water, more sharks are around and warmer waters might have groups of them migrating along popular beach areas earlier in the season.

That would be right about end of the school year in South and North Carolina, where eight bites occurred in each state in 2015, including a freak spate in June and early July. Two serious attacks occurred at the same beach in a single June weekend.

Whoa, catch your breath. It's not as bad as all that. Most shark "attacks" are rips when humans are mistaken for prey in roiled water; they often require little more than stitches. And the odds of getting bitten are slim.

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Activists plan to be at MUSC meeting

Health care group's signs not allowed

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
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Protesters who show up to the Medical University of South Carolina board of trustees meetings on Thursday or Friday won't be allowed inside unless they drop their signs at the door, an MUSC spokeswoman said.

And they may be barred from the board room regardless if there aren't enough chairs to go around.

The board will convene for the first time this week since passing new "rules of decorum." The rules prohibit "signage or placards" during board meetings and they require members of the public to sit down in a designated area in the board room.

The decorum policy is meant to promote civility, but it will effectively silence the members of Healthcare

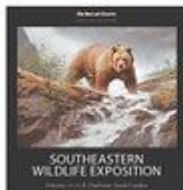
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Feds sue Ferguson for amending police deal

AG says citizens should not have to wait any longer for safety, rights protections

BY JIM SALTER
and ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

FERGUSON, MO. — The federal government sued Ferguson on Wednesday, one day after the City Council voted to revise an agreement aimed at improving the way police and courts treat poor people and minorities in the St. Louis suburb.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch

said Ferguson's decision to reject the deal left the department no choice except to file a civil rights lawsuit. "The residents of Ferguson have waited nearly a year for the city to adopt an agreement that would protect their rights and keep them safe... They have waited decades for justice. They should not be forced to wait any longer," Lynch told a

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Attorney General Loretta Lynch said the Justice Department was left no choice but to sue Ferguson, Mo.



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Ohio Gov. John Kasich speaks Wednesday during a town hall event at Geekin Radio, a business in Charleston.

KASICH SCHEDULE LEAVES OUT UPSTATE

Region doesn't show up in initial itinerary's nine SC stops

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Ohio Gov. John Kasich has planned nine stops in South Carolina this week following Tuesday's Republican primary in New Hampshire, where he came in second place.

But none of the stops are in the deeply conservative and vote-rich Upstate, where just two counties — Greenville and Spartanburg — accounted for nearly 20 percent of ballots cast in the 2012 Republican presidential preference primary.

A schedule that Kasich's campaign released Tuesday morning calls for him to stump along the coast and in the Pee Dee region before heading to Columbia Friday to meet with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

But instead of continuing on Interstate 26 towards the Upstate, Kasich turns around and heads back to Orangeburg, a Democratic stronghold, and from there, on to coastal Bluffton.

His approach is noticeably different from other GOP White House hopefuls such as Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, whose schedules coming out of New Hampshire include multiple stops in the Upstate.

Kasich's itinerary may reflect the challenge that a northern moderate faces in the conservative South — even a popular governor and former congressman such as he with a long resume going back to the Reagan era.

It may also signal a bid for Democratic and independent votes as was made by Arizona Sen. John McCain when he ran unsuccessfully against George W. Bush in South Carolina's 2012 primary. A Kasich consultant, John Weaver, worked for McCain that year.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie planned on taking a similar approach, but suspended his trip to South Carolina late Tuesday after a poor showing in the

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WHO'S IN THE UPSTATE?

Thursday, Feb. 11

Marco Rubio

Southside Christian School
2211 Woodruff Rd. Simpsonville, SC 29681
Doors open at 3:15 p.m., event begins at 4 p.m.

Ben Carson

Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery - Exhibit Hall
210 W. Frederick St. Gaffney, SC 29341
Doors open at 2:30, event begins at 3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 12

Jeb Bush

Mama Penn's Restaurant
2802 North Main Street Anderson, SC 29621
Event begins at 11:15 a.m.

Jeb Bush

Faith and Family Presidential Forum -
Guests include Ted Cruz, Ben Carson
Founder's Memorial Amphitheater, Bob Jones University
Access at 1700 Wade Hampton Blvd. Greenville, SC 29614
Event begins at 12:30 p.m.

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Proposal disturbs parents

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Tears were shed, prayers were uttered and a few angry shouts were lobbed at Pickens County School District officials at A.R. Lewis Elementary School on Wednesday, as parents and school supporters delivered an urgent plea to keep the school open.

It was one of three community meetings held simultaneously at three schools that the School Board is considering closing in order to save money to pay for long-range maintenance of existing schools.

Some parents said they would homeschool their children rather than send them to one of the two consolidated schools the board is considering.

The group applauded loudly when several speakers said they would welcome a tax increase if it meant saving the school.

"This is not just a building. This is a family that will be torn apart," one parent said, drawing a raucous shout of approval when he added that the incumbent board members should be voted out of office if they move ahead with the plan.

Board member Brian Swords told the group the district has never done

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New roads plan unveiled in SC Senate

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COLUMBIA — Two senators not running for re-election are proposing a roads plan that would address funding, tax relief and reforms to the state's two agencies that handle transportation projects.

But the proposal by Sen. Joel Lourie, a Columbia Democrat, and Sen.

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Ray Cleary, a Georgetown Republican, was not warmly embraced by some in the chamber Wednesday afternoon.

Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler of Gaffney, nicknamed the two senators' plan "Leary," a play off their two names.

"I am leery this is going to pass," he told the Senate.

Lourie said there are some details in the plan even he does not like. But he said it is a plan that addresses the major areas of concern.

"This, hopefully, at a minimum will be a starting template," Lourie told the Senate. "I will tell you right now this

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- 7 places for specialty cocktails
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- 12 flowers and what they mean

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PARTNERS IN ART: Scotty and Sally Peek are one of the couples featured in a Columbia College exhibition opening Valentine's Day. He paints; she makes handbags and accessories.

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Suit might undo huge tax breaks for student housing

Plan favors some projects at the expense of others, attorney argues

BY CLIF LEBLANC
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A new lawsuit threatens to unravel millions of dollars in student housing tax breaks that led to a burst of high-end, dormitory-like construction in the Capital City in the past two

years. The suit contends that it was illegal for Richland County and the city of Columbia to extend 50 percent property tax breaks to five complexes whose owners

invested at least \$240 million collectively to build apartments intended to keep university students living in the city center rather than moving into private housing just outside of town.

The surge of construction, now reaching completion, is to bring some 3,000 students downtown.

The state law that the city and county used to create multi-county industrial or business parks — the legal mechanism that is the basis of the tax breaks — does not allow for residential construction, the suit by the Greenville-based S.C. Public Interest Foundation and Columbia resident Rusty DePass states. The suit also alleges the tax breaks amount to unequal

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THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

SC's Graham settles into supporting role for Bush



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Days until S.C. GOP primary

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Days until S.C. Democratic primary

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Number of days — Friday — that Democrat Hillary Clinton plans to spend in S.C. over the next week. Former Presi-



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Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush makes his way through the crowd Wednesday after his appearance at Sun City Hilton Head.

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Bush looks for SC turnaround

Former Florida governor slams Trump on use of profanity

Says hopes to win South Carolina as his father and brother both did in their own campaigns

Speech at Sun City stop focused on military, veterans issues

BY MATT MCNAB
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Jeb Bush met a chilly morning in South Carolina with the warmth of optimism.

Bush told a crowd of about 500 at the Pavilion inside Sun City Hilton Head that he hopes to capture the same magic in South Carolina as his father and brother, who won the state's Republican primaries in 1988

and 2000, respectively.

"South Carolina has been good to the Bushes in the past, and I'm hoping and praying it will be that way again," he said to a round of cheers and applause.

Bush's short speech Wednesday — a day after he finished fourth in New Hampshire's Republican primary — at the retirement community focused mostly on the U.S. military and veterans issues, but he also

harangued Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

Bush said Trump, the businessman and leading Republican candidate, has insulted "about 90 percent of all the people in the country." He also took issue with Trump's use of profanity.

"Unless I'm caught by a camera I didn't see, I'm not going to use profanity," he said. "If I did, the first call I get is going to be from Barbara Bush."

Trump won the New Hampshire primary with 35 percent of the votes, according to the Associated Press. In addition to Trump, Bush trailed John Kasich and Ted Cruz in the Granite State.

Bush criticized Clinton for changing her political positions

and for sponsoring little legislation while serving as a senator from New York.

"This woman can't be trusted," Bush said.

Bush said he would not veer from his conservative principles and would tamp spending, as he did while governor of Florida from 1999 to 2007. He repeated a line he has used on the stump and in campaign commercials, noting politicians in Florida called him "Veto Corleone" after he axed 2,500 line items from a state budget. He also mentioned Trump's history of bankruptcy filings.

"We need to send 'Veto Corleone' to Washington," Bush said. "I'm giving you a reality-based answer, not a reality TV answer. I was the most conservative, reform-minded governor in the country. I feel the looming presence of my mother again. I'm bragging."

He opened the event by joking about the cold, as temperatures were in the mid-30s at the start of the event in the open-air pavilion.

"I thought, 'Man, I'm going to South Carolina, I can take my coat off,' but when I woke up this morning, oh my goodness

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CRIME REPORT

Bitten earlobe leads to man's arrest

BY CAITLIN TURNER
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A distraught Hilton Head Island man yelling about the death of his daughter, making threatening comments about killing someone and about burning a house down was

behind bars Wednesday after allegedly biting off the earlobe of man in a bar Sunday.

Robert Prock, 44, believed to be the father of shooting victim Rae Prock, was charged with first-degree assault and battery after deputies were called to Hilton Head Hospital around midnight Sunday, according to a Beaufort County Sheriff's Office report.

Rae Prock, 17, was found with a gunshot wound Feb. 3 in a home on Wild Horse Road. She died the following day at the island hospital.

Capt. Bob Bromage of the Sheriff's Office declined Wednesday to confirm that Robert Prock was the dead teen's father, saying only that the two were related.

The bar assault victim, who was missing his entire right earlobe, told deputies he had been at the Beach Break Bar on Palmetto Bay Road when Robert Prock entered and appeared to be heavily intoxicated.

He said Robert Prock began

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Campaign comes to Spartanburg

Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio, speaking in Spartanburg on Wednesday, remains optimistic about his campaign despite finishing fifth in the New Hampshire Republican primary. Meanwhile, the wife of Texas Sen. Ted Cruz says she's confident the South Carolina Republican presidential primary on Feb. 20 will reshape the race. **C1**

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Just like humans

Computers that control cars of the future can be considered drivers just like humans, the federal government's highway safety agency has decided. **A3**

Concerns about climate treaty

The Obama administration asserted Wednesday that a Supreme Court order delaying enforcement of its new clean-power rules will ultimately have little impact on meeting the nation's obligations under the recent Paris climate agreement. But environmentalists and academic experts are more nervous. **A6**

Ferguson sued after try to revise deal

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GOP field hopes for survival in SC

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The Associated Press

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"We very easily could be looking at May — or the convention," Rubio campaign

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SPECIAL REPORT GUN LAWS & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Hollie Ayers poses for a photo while reminiscing about her late son, Michael, 2, at her home Jan. 18 in Bedford, Pa. Michael was shot and killed in front of her by her abusive ex-husband in 2013. She was shot in the face and the leg. Her ex-husband killed himself after the rampage. JOHN BEALE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

States taking action to keep guns away from abusers

By Ryan J. Foley
The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — More than a dozen states have strengthened laws over the past two years to keep firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers, a rare area of consensus in the nation's highly polarized debate over guns.

Lawmakers and governors of both parties have supported bills stripping gun rights from those who have been

Lawmakers hope to improve protections for abuse victims

Officials, advocates call last year's law a good first step

By Daniel J. Gross
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Some local lawmakers are looking at ways to build on the state law passed last year that bans some domestic violence

2014. Spartanburg County ranks second in the state for firearm-related domestic deaths, with 18, according to the data. Only Greenville had more, with 19. Cherokee and Union each had two, according to the data. Law enforcement agencies self-reported the numbers to the FBI.

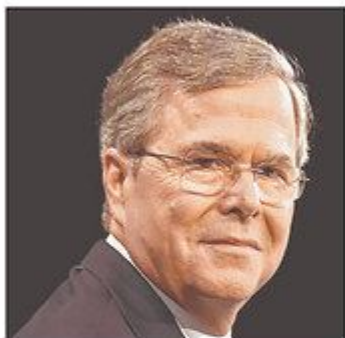
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Jeb Bush brings campaign to town

GOP candidate will speak at 3:30 p.m. today at Baker's Sweets, 1089 Alice Drive.

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County gets clean audit

Also, Sumter, Shaw expand reciprocal golf course partnership

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter County Council received a clean audit for the county's financial record for fiscal year 2014-15 during its meeting Tuesday.

Webster Rogers LLP partner Chuck Talbert said the county received a clean unmodified audit, meaning the auditors did not have any modifications to make to the clean opinion.

He said the county's financial information was appropriately reported.

According to the audit report,

the county ended the fiscal year 2015 with \$42.2 million in fund balances, an increase of \$5.7 million in comparison to the previous fiscal year.

Sumter County ended the year with a surplus of approximately \$9.6 million in its unassigned fund balance which is available for spending at the county's discretion, according to the report.

Also, the county's capital assets increased by \$2 million since fiscal year 2014, states the report.

The county's newest major capital assets include \$3.85 million for a new Enhanced 911 digital radio

system; approximately \$428,700 for patrol cars for Sumter County Sheriff's Office; \$2.8 million for the completion of the Sumter County Summary Court building; \$656,000 for the county public works building; and a new fire truck for approximately \$227,500.

Later, Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon announced an upcoming partnership between the county and Shaw Air Force Base that will allow membership access for county residents at Shaw's Carolina Lakes Golf Course and access

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Lenten season begins



Grace Huntz and Cara Pellitier, 10th graders at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, wear the mark of the Ash Wednesday service on their foreheads. The students went to a morning service at St. Anne's Catholic Church. The ashes are produced from burning palm fronds from Palm Sunday.

S.C. PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Jumbled GOP field hopes for survival

Christie, Fiorina bow out of race before heading to S.C.

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AND JOSH LEDERMAN
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Rejected in New Hampshire, Hillary Clinton sought redemption in Nevada, where a more diverse group of voters awaited her and Bernie Sanders.

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After 21-point N.H. loss, Clinton looking to Palmetto State

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Seven parks throughout the county, including Grace Street Park, are being considered to take a slice of the potential capital project sales tax.

CONCRETE PLANS

Committees vetting capital project proposals for possible sales tax

By COLIN RIDDLE
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Greenwood County received 43 applications for the anticipated capital project sales tax, totaling more than \$160 million in projects.

With the 1-percent sales tax, or penny tax, projected to raise between \$9 million and \$9.53 million each year for up to eight years, the five committees appointed by the county and city will be tasked with vetting and prioritizing projects for the review of the six-member capital project sales tax commission, appointed by County and City councils.

"I believe the process has been successful thus far," County Manager Toby Chappell said. "We've received diverse projects in terms of cost and genre. These projects can continue the advancement of Greenwood County."

The projects range five categories: economic development, infrastructure, public safety, quality of life, and parks and recreation.

Economic development

Economic development received three proposals: a new speculative building at the North Greenwood Industrial Park, the development of the Genomics Center of South Carolina at the Greenwood Genetic Center and the development of an advanced manufacturing training facility at Piedmont Technical College.

Together, the projects would cost about \$18 million.

The spec building, which is a move-in-ready industrial building popular among prospective businesses, and the advanced manufacturing training

Capital project sales tax by the numbers

- 43 project applications, totaling about \$161 million
- \$9 million-\$9.53 million anticipated yearly revenue up to eight years
- \$18 million in economic development proposals
- \$79 million in infrastructure proposals
- \$36 million in public safety proposals
- \$7 million in quality of life proposals
- \$19 million in parks and recreation proposals

The 47,000-square-foot training facility for Piedmont Tech would be partially funded by the tax and located on the college campus on Keweenaw between the existing Building Construction Technologies Building and the new HVAC Training Center.

The Genomics Center would be located in existing laboratory and office space vacated by the S.C. Biotechnology Incubator Program on the Genetic Center campus and will use the funds requested for specialized equipment and instruments.

Infrastructure

The infrastructure committee, which received the most project requests for the tax, is geared toward brick-and-mortar projects.

The projects range in cost from \$134,000 for parking lot repairs near the United Center for Community Care to \$37 million for targeted water line replacement in the county by Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works.

A number of sewer line replacement projects have been submitted as well.

Greenwood County and the town of Ninety Six submitted projects to help drainage. The county's \$1.5 million proposal would prompt a study of and repairs to four water basins in order to help areas that flooded during the historic rainfall this winter and past fall.

The town of Ninety Six also submitted various projects to replace water



Beyond the Walls Family Restoration Center has applied for possible capital project sales tax funds to renovate the Seaboard Avenue Recreation Center building and swimming pool.



The capital project sales tax parks and recreation committee has been considering projects for the anticipated capital project sales tax, including renovations and upgrades to seven parks throughout the county.



The county is proposing the widening of a portion of Highway 246 for the anticipated capital project sales tax. The road has grown

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GOP field heads to SC

Fiorina, Christie drop out; Clinton rallies in Nevada, Sanders meets with Sharpton

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Rejected in New Hampshire, Hillary Clinton sought redemption in Nevada, where a more diverse group of voters awaited her and Bernie Sanders.

Sanders, a Vermont senator and self-proclaimed democratic socialist, raised \$5 million-plus in less than a day after his New Hampshire triumph. The contributions came mostly in small-dollar amounts, his campaign said, illustrating the resources he'll have to fight Clinton to a bitter end.

Both Clinton and Sanders — the first Jew to win a presidential primary — worked to undercut each other among African-Americans and Hispanics with less than two weeks until the Democratic contests in Nevada and South Carolina.

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Iyani Sims, 13, shows off one of her step dance moves. She gave her mother the idea of starting their own step dance team last November.

Sneed Middle School 7th-grader dances for joy

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FLORENCE — For Iyani Sims, it's all about family.

The seventh-grader from Sneed Middle School came home one day and asked her mom if they could start their own step team.

"Me and my sisters, we were on different teams," said Iyani. "I thought my mom could just make her own team and we could all be together."

That was back in November, and the step dance team, Sisters with Steps, has since taken off. The program now has 35 girls participating, ranging in ages from elementary to high school.

Iyani started dancing at a young age. She began cheerleading when she was just 6 years old and since then hasn't stopped performing. Although she has had plenty of experience on stage, she says she still gets nervous from time to time.

"When I'm walking out there going to the floor I'm nervous," she said. "But when I actually start dancing I'm not even nervous anymore. It's just fun."

Iyani says she watches professional step teams for inspiration and next week will get to see her dance idols, the Dancing Dolls, perform in North Carolina. Not only does she admire their dance skills, but at a young age has realized the importance of sportsmanship.

"I just like the way they dance and how they handle it, like the way they act," she said. "They don't get mad when they mess up. They just deal with it."

Iyani's mother, Adrienne White, has been surprised with the interest they have received in the step team.

"I didn't know it was going to be this big," White said, laughing.

She said the group has been able to practice twice a week because of help from sponsors, such as City Grill. The restaurant lets the team practice there free. Membership in the team is five dollars a month, and parents interested in having their daughters join can message Adrienne White via Facebook.

Darlington County

Chavis to run for sheriff

From staff reports

HARTSVILLE — Tony Chavis, a Darlington County resident and a 28-year veteran of law enforcement, has announced plans to run for sheriff in Darlington County this year.

The current sheriff, Wayne Byrd, who was elected to office in 2008 and won re-election in 2012, said he intends to run for re-election this year.

Chavis recently retired from his roles as executive officer and lieutenant of South Carolina Highway Patrol Posts A and B. He will be a candidate in the Democratic primary race on June 14. Chavis said he wants to widen the outreach of the sheriff's office to all Darlington County communities, better manage tax dollars and resources and make upgrades to deputies' equipment and technology.

"I am running because Darlington County deserves a sheriff who will work to create safer communities, build stronger ties with residents and lay the foundation for a brighter future," Chavis said. "I have dedicated my life to law enforcement and community policing. I'm ready to take that experience with me to the

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Apartment fire in Dillon displaces 20

From staff reports

DILLON — A kitchen fire at an apartment complex on W. Madison St. in Dillon caused multiple families to be evacuated from their homes Tuesday night.

According to Dillon City Fire Chief Keith Bailey, the fire occurred at Rosewood Manor at around 7:04 p.m. When firefighters arrived on scene, Bailey said flames were seen coming out of the entry door and the windows to the apartment.

The fire originated in from the kitchen stove and appears to be accidental, according to Bailey. The fire resulted in water and smoke damage to neighboring apartments, causing those residents to be evacuated. According to a release from the American Red Cross, seven families totaling 20 people were affected by the blaze. The Red Cross is providing temporary housing and other assistance to each of the displaced residents.

Chief Bailey said the fire was controlled within 20 to 30 minutes. There were 15

Christ Church pastor holds Ash Wednesday service

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oblations and self-examination," the Rev. Donald R. Hayes of Christ Church said in his sermon Wednesday. "That's what the season of Lent is all about. It's about



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