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The newest tool for biologists is the baby penguin robotic spy. It's so convincing that penguins essentially talk to it, as if it is a potential mate for their chicks. **PAGE A13**

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Gordon College president D. Michael Lindsay thought he was on safe political ground when he signed the letter protesting a plan to expand job protection for gays employed by federal contractors. **PAGE A4**

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The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office is investigating a suspicious death in Pacolet, after Pacolet police found a woman dead inside a home Sunday afternoon. **PAGE A11**

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GOP candidates make final push

Haley, Christie, Graham rally backers at Beacon to stand tall and vote Tuesday

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It was politicians aplenty as Gov. Nikki Haley and other Republicans, including U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, made a stop at Spartanburg's iconic Beacon Drive-In on Sunday, two days before voters head to the polls.

"We're going to win every election in sight come Tuesday," former attorney general and lieutenant governor

candidate Henry McMaster said before introducing Haley to the enthusiastic crowd. "Y'all, we got the best governor in the United States. Nikki Haley has delivered on everything she promised, plus some. She has done a magnificent job. The entire country is talking about it. And we're getting ready to do it again for four years."

Taking the podium, Haley said four years ago, she asked voters to take a chance. This election, she's asking them not to go on her words, but on her accomplishments.

"Now, I'm saying go on my actions, our results, what we've done," Haley said.

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Gov. Nikki Haley and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie greet supporters outside the Beacon Drive-In on Sunday.

YOUNG FARMERS



PHOTOS BY TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM
Boiling Springs farmer Tyler Finger operates a combine while harvesting several soybean fields. Finger and his grandfather, Marshall Cooley, will be entering their soybean yield into a statewide competition.

Harvests bountiful in self-fulfillment

By JENNY ARNOLD
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BOILING SPRINGS — A combine crept across golden fields and churned up dust and soybeans next to Boiling Springs Intermediate School this past week.

Tyler Finger, 23, and his grandfather, Marshall Cooley, 73, rent 80



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Park Sterling bank likes the middle



Business Editor
Don Worthington

There's an oft-heard regional radio commercial these days where a business owner complains of the advice he is getting from his staff. One staffer says that small is the new big, while another says big is the new small. He ends up taking advice from an intern.

But what if you are positioned in the middle, perfectly between the big and the small?

There's where Park Sterling bank of Charlotte finds itself – the middle, exactly where CEO Jim Cherry wants to be.

Large banks have plenty of products and service but lack flexibility and individual services, he says. Small banks are loved by their community but lack the solutions their customers want.

As the largest community bank in the region, Park Sterling is "nimble" enough to quickly meet its customers' needs, Cherry said.

Park Sterling has been expanding. With the purchase of Provident Community Bank for \$6.5 million in March, Park Sterling added nine South Carolina branches, including locations in Rock Hill, and acquired, and kept, a like-minded leadership team to spearhead local efforts.

The purchase of Provident Community Bank "filled in the dots for us," Cherry said.

Last week Park Sterling celebrated that acquisition, cutting the ribbon on a new combined Rock Hill facility – each bank had a Rock Hill office – and holding a series of board meetings at Carroll Hall at Winthrop University. Larry Carroll, a Rock Hill native, was one of the founding board members of Park Sterling when it started raising capital in 2006.

At the ribbon-cutting, Cherry touted some of the services he said makes Park Sterling a leader in turning a smart phone into a wallet.

"What's out there doesn't get the whole job done," Cherry said of the many banking apps. There are many that help customers find a branch.

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Election Day is biggest voter ID test

Voters can get ID on Tuesday at DMV, voter registration office

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If Tuesday will be the first time you head out to vote since 2012, there's one new item you'll need to grab before you cast your ballot.

This year will be the first in which a general election in South

Carolina will require voters to show one of five forms of photo ID before they can head into the voting booth. But fear not, you still have time to get one of the approved forms of ID, and if you can't, your vote will count anyway.

South Carolina passed a voter ID law in 2011, but a federal court blocked it from going into effect for the 2012 election because of a U.S. Justice Department challenge. With that challenge since

resolved, voters have been asked to show ID in local elections and in the statewide primaries this past summer, but Tuesday will be the highest-turnout election since the law went into effect.

In order to vote, you need to show a South Carolina driver's license, something most voters already do. You can also show a voter registration card with a photo, a DMV-issued photo ID card, a U.S. passport or a military-issued ID.

For anyone still in need of a photo – and when the law was blocked in 2012, an estimated 130,000 South Carolina voters lacked any of the listed IDs – the quickest way to get one is to head to the local voter registration office to get a photo taken and added to your registration card.

"There are really two types of cards," said Beth Covington, public relations coordinator for the York County Elections and Voter

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SWEET TREATS ON SUNDAY



PHOTOS BY JEFF SOCHKO



Meghan Chandler, above, 9, prepares a chocolate-covered marshmallow at the sixth annual Decadent Dreams Chocolate Festival and Fall Market on Sunday at York Technical College. Leia Keane, far left, 5, takes a bite of the cookie she decorated. Sandra Fraizer, left, samples a cupcake.

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Sweets: For more photos from the Chocolate Festival, go to heraldonline.com.



Gov. Nikki Haley signs a copy of her book for Manjula Ahluwalia, co-owner of the Rock Hill Holiday Inn where Haley spoke Sunday.

Haley talks up record in Rock Hill

Incumbent crossing the state ahead of Tuesday's election

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The lobby of Rock Hill's Holiday Inn was close to overflowing Sunday when the blue campaign bus pulled up to the front of the building with its police escort.

Out stepped Nikki Haley to fire up the troops, just two days before she hopes the crowd waving her campaign signs turns out to give her a second term as South Caroli-

na's governor.

As campaign season nears its end, Haley is criss-crossing the state to rally voters to her side, touting a record she credits with turning around the state's economy.

"Four years ago, I only had my words and a vision, and you took a chance on me," she told the crowd.

Today, the Haley campaign has a record to run on, and the governor rattled it off as if she's repeated it a thousand times before on the stump: 57,000 job announcements around the state as her office has worked to recruit new industries; improvements to infrastructure, such as a

\$1 billion bill for road and bridge maintenance; and the deepening of the Port of Charleston; and what she calls an improvement in the state's image.

"We wanted everybody to see the goodness in us, but more importantly I wanted us to see it in ourselves," Haley said. "So, in addition to being the third-best state in the country to do business, we were just named the friendliest state in the country, and the one I'm most proud of, the most patriotic state."

For the second time, Haley faces Democratic state Sen. Vincent She-

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ELECTION

Public education is on the ballot

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MOLLY SPEARMAN

Public education in the Lowlands, and the state at large, is set to change in the very near future, a future that will be determined, in part, at the ballot boxes Tuesday.

Perhaps the most prominent election in the field is that for state Superintendent of Education. Candidates in this race include Republican and Saluda native Molly Spearman, Democrat Tom Thompson, and American Party candidate Ed Murray.

Current executive director of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators, Spearman was formerly the representative for District 39 in the state House of Representatives. She also taught music for 18 years.



ED MURRAY

Thompson, on the other hand, is the coordinator of specialized programs for doctoral candidates at Walden University. He also was a dean at South Carolina State and taught at the University of South Carolina after working as a math teacher and principal.

Third-party candidate Murray is an assistant principal at North Middle High School in Orangeburg. Prior to becoming an administrator, Murray taught physics and served in the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Power Program.



TOM THOMPSON

Locally, several school district board of trustee seats are up for election. These districts include Abbeville, McCormick, Saluda and Greenwood 50.

With five seats up for grabs and only two incumbents running for re-election, the Abbeville County School District could see a drastic change in its governing body.

In District 1, current board chairman Tim Rhodes is facing challenger Christopher Griffin. Newcomers Holisa C. Wharton, Edwin D. Crawford, and Charlie Bradford Evans are vying for District 6. Likewise, three newcomers — Joyce Cunningham, Reed Gordon and James W. Wilson — are competing for District 9. Running unopposed are incumbent James B. Tisdale in District 3 and newcomer James "David" Carter in District 7.

PETTAY is the cat's meow

Dogs think she's something to bark about



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Karen Pettay, executive director of the Greenwood Humane Society, plays with Bobbi, a kitten up for adoption.

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Back in the sixth grade in southern California, when asked to write down what she wanted to do when she got older, Karen Pettay wasn't like most of the other students whose responses included stewardess, lawyer and doctor. Pettay wrote she wanted to have a lot of animals.

"I guess I wanted to be a boarder, clearly that was my only goal," said Pettay, who is executive director of the Humane Society of Greenwood. "I do think it was something of an indicator that I would end up working with animals in my career."

There were other indicators, too. Sometime later in life, she said she wanted to build a pet shop.

"When you look back, there's definitely a theme," said Pettay, whose father was a veterinarian.

Pettay moved to Greenwood in 1989 and started volunteering at the Humane Society. She had a variety of jobs until the Humane Society, of which she was president of the board of directors, was asked to run the Greenwood Animal Shelter. Being executive director of the Humane Society wasn't something she planned, but is something she's proud to be.

"I still don't know what I'm going to be when I grow up," Pettay said. "There's a lot of things I like to do, so I almost get stuck because I don't want to pick one direction. I'm very content where I am now. It's not just a job, it's an adventure. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

Pettay said the Humane Society has a focus.

"It's got a mission. There's a point to it and a meaning to what I'm doing," she said.

According to the Humane Society website, the mission statement is: The Humane Society of Greenwood is a not-for-profit organization committed to the compassionate care and protection of animals.

"I like to be an advocate for something I believe in," Pettay said.

During a recent interview at the Humane Society office near Greenwood Civic Center, Pettay kept her eyes on several cats and a dog that made themselves at home there.

"This is our product," Pettay said, pointing to the animals in the office. "They market themselves way better than we do."

"People don't love me. People don't love us. They love these guys. It's the animals. As long as we're associated with doing what's right for them, I think that's why the support will always stay strong. I do make the most of wherever I am. I do it with everything I have ... I take work very seriously."

A supporter of the Humane Society is Donna Adams, owner of Allegra Printing. She owns three dogs, one of which was a Humane Society pound dog and her youngest son is a Humane Society Camp Good Dog graduate.

Pettay is the face of the Humane Society, whether she likes it or not.

"She is the driving force behind that," Adams said. "She is why so many people mobilize to come together to help

"I'd like to be an advocate for something I believe in."

KAREN PETTAY
director of Humane Society

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Bus driver backgrounds checked

County looks at driving records, criminal histories of bus drivers

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Several bus drivers in other states have been arrested for DUI recently — including one who had prior DUI arrests on his record — but Aiken County Public School officials said potential drivers for the School District undergo thorough driving and criminal history checks.

A Massachusetts bus driver who was charged with drunken driving Oct. 18

was allegedly impaired while he drove a bus with 25 members of a cross-country team and their coaches home from a meet, according to news reports. Witnesses on board and around the school bus noticed it swerving and speeding, and said the driver ran three red lights.

This was the driver's third arrest for drunken driving, and his attorney said his last arrest was 25 years ago, according to news reports. School officials said they checked the driver's background and

driving history; however, that check only examined the last five years.

About a week earlier, a Utah bus driver was jailed after allegedly driving while under the influence of prescription anti-anxiety/muscle-relaxer pills, according to reports. The bus she was driving was seen swerving and nearly striking a car while 67 elementary school students were on board.

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During the cold weather in January, an Aiken County School District driver leaves the bus shop at Aiken High School.

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Guarding Horn's Creek



Jane Gunnell, left, and Tricia Price Glenn were among the members of the Edgefield County Historical Society who helped protect Horn's Creek Church and its cemetery from vandals Halloween night.

Edgefield historical society protects church from vandals

BY DEDE BILES
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EDGEFIELD — If there were any ghosts roaming around Horn's Creek Church and its cemetery Halloween night, they didn't make their presence known.

No mischief-makers showed up either, and to members of the Edgefield County Historical Society, that was a relief.

The organization held its second All Hallow's Eve Supper at the historic former place of worship Oct. 31 to make sure it didn't suffer any damage on the spooky holiday.

"There has been a terrific amount of vandalism here in the past," said Historical Society President Billy Benton. "There are a lot of curious people who come here because it is a very spiritual place."

Just the night before, someone had removed the gates from the fence



Tricia Price Glenn spends some time in the cemetery at Horn's Creek Church on Halloween night. She and other members of the Edgefield County Historical Society were there to protect the former place of worship and its graveyard from vandals.

day, and they're doubly strong," said Tricia Price Glenn, who is Edgefield

two tables in front of the caretaker's cottage that is being built on the

There's no promise of tomorrow

How to plan a last will and testament

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Editor's note: This is the third and final installment in a series on estate planning.

It's inevitable. Sooner or later, we all die.

Planning an estate gives you some control over what happens to your possessions and affairs after you die, and a last will and testament is one of the key documents in estate planning.

"I don't have any thing worth giving to anyone" isn't a good reason for not making an estate plan, said Linda Farron Knapp, an estate and elder law attorney with offices in Aiken and Barnwell.

She said even young adults have assets and legal interests that need protecting and directing upon death. Additionally, a will outlines guardianship for a child should something happen to the parents.

Will or trust?

Wills can be prepared inexpensively and are understood fairly easily by the average person after a loved one's death, Knapp said.

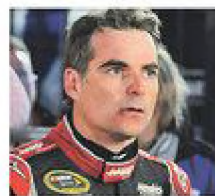
Wills are probated in South Carolina probate court, but Knapp said many people might object to having their post-mortem finances and assets scrutinized.

An alternative is a living trust, which Knapp said bypasses most of the probate process and allows a client's loved ones to immediately access accounts and assets. A will doesn't become effective until you die, but a trust is operative during your lifetime so you can manage your assets and even specify preference for caring for your family or a nursing



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World War II veteran Bill Robinson, right, speaks with re-enactors William Grayson Hill, left, and Casey Buchanan, center, who traveled to Greenville on World War II-era planes during the Wings of Freedom Tour at the Downtown Greenville Airport in October.

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Easley WWII vet gets Honor Flight, Wings of Freedom ride

Trip to Washington, return to old plane are highlights

By Ron Barnett

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EASLEY — Before he could go to work on a new type aircraft nicknamed "God's Will," Bill Robinson of Easley had to pass a background check by the FBI.

Back then, the B-29 bomber was a secret weapon. It was the type plane that would drop the atomic bombs on Japan that ultimately ended World War II.

Robinson, who at 89 still shows up for work every day at his law office in downtown Easley, is like all veterans of the biggest war in history.

He didn't do anything special, he says. He just did what had to be done.

But over the past couple of weeks, he's been hailed as a hero on an Honor Flight with other WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., and given a chance to take to the skies in 1940's vintage aircraft at the Greenville Downtown Airport as part of a Wings of Freedom tour.

"I guess looking back, it's gratifying," he said of the trip to the nation's capital, in which he and his comrades were given VIP treatment everywhere they went.



Bill Robinson examines a model of the B-29 bomber in his law office in Easley.

RON BARNETT/STAFF

ville-Spartanburg Airport, the group of about 100 veterans from the two Carolinas were treated to coffee and donuts and patriotic music by a student orchestra, cheered by children and their every move recorded by photographers and reporters.

"They say, 'Thank you for your service,' and I appreciate that. But I did what everyone else did."

BILL ROBINSON, on his welcome back to

2014 ELECTION

Mixed results for penny tax votes

38 counties have levy; it's never passed in Greenville

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In some South Carolina locales, the penny sales tax fight has proved arduous, waged over multiple years until the right mix of projects is presented or the road needs appear dire enough that voters' minds turn at the ballot box.

In six South Carolina counties, including Greenville, penny tax referendums have never passed, whether county leaders sought money for roads or education or capital projects, according to the South Carolina Association of Counties.

It's been 16 years since a penny tax referendum has been attempted in Spartanburg County. Union County's last attempts for a local option penny sales tax failed twice in the early '90s.

Tuesday, residents from 14 counties will vote on sales tax referendums. Four of those counties — Anderson, Georgetown, Greenville and Oconee — have never had a penny sales tax referendum win before, SCAC data show.

Greenville voters will decide Tuesday whether to add a 1 percent sales tax for eight years or until it raises enough money to fund \$673 million in road, bridge, sidewalk and trail projects countywide.

It's been a mixed bag of results in recent sales tax referendums in counties across the state.

Voters in 38 counties currently have placed a penny sales tax upon themselves as either a local-option sales tax or for the school district, transportation projects, capital projects or education capital projects.

Beaufort County stands out as an example of the back-and-forth nature of the penny roads sales tax.

Voters approved a tax in 1999 that lasted 24 months. Then when the county tried to renew it in 2002, voters rejected it. The county tried again in 2004, and again it was rejected, but by a closer margin, said Beaufort County spokeswoman Joy Nelson, who served on the road tax advisory council.

Then, in 2006, the county whittled its list down to 14 projects, including widening heavily traveled Highway 278 that runs from Beaufort to Hilton Head, and it passed.

The tax ended in 2012, and Beaufort officials tried to revive it again this spring and created a list of projects, but County Council voted it down so it would not appear on Tuesday's ballot, Nelson said.

The campaign to pass a transporta-

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Traffic circle has businesses worried

Owners of Mount Pleasant fixtures fear loss of critical parking space from roundabout

View a simulation

To view a simulation of the roundabout's lanes and vehicle flow, go to www.tompcc.com/mediacenter.aspx?CID=78 and view item 2033 under the traffic channel options.



Poll

Do you think the planned roundabout at Coleman and Chuck Dawley boulevards will hurt area businesses? To vote, find this story at postandcourier.com/polls.

BY JENNIFER BERRY HAWES
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When Mike Able and John Royall opened a bait and tackle shop 32 years ago, Coleman Boulevard was a two-lane road that slipped through the heart of old Mount Pleasant. Shrimpers filled Shem Creek, the town's population topped out at 15,000 and its first stop light stood in front of their building. Able and Royall, who opened a hardware store next door, built their businesses in a row of old-timer looking buildings where Coleman meets Chuck Dawley Boulevard. They weathered recessions, the advent of big-box stores and the normal tides

of running small businesses. But now the men fear they might not survive what their local government has planned. A large, multi-lane roundabout coming to their storefront doors could threaten livelihoods built on decades of family sweat and customer loyalty, the men said. "I never dreamed the thing that would hurt my business is my government," Able says. "But that's what is happening."

Able owns Haddrell's Point Tackle & Supply, an icon among local anglers with its big red barn-like facade facing Chuck Dawley.

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COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT

The current roundabout plan for Coleman and Chuck Dawley boulevards has two lanes inside the circle and one bypass lane on the way to Sullivan's Island.

Basin's 'lost' history

Little is known about raid that freed some 700 slaves



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The last brick slave cabin standing at Nemours Plantation in Beaufort County is in shambles. For more photos, go to postandcourier.com/galleries.

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NEMOURS PLANTATION — As rifles fired, some 700 leery slaves slogged through the rice fields and climbed aboard gunboats, coaxed by soldiers from the black 2nd S.C. Volunteer Infantry. They were frightened enough that the captain of one boat told "Moses" to calm her people. So Harriet Tubman began to sing. It's a moment that should be riveted in history. Tubman is a preeminent figure in the story of Civil Rights. The plantation workers were the largest number of people to be freed in a Union army attack during the Civil War. But the Combahee Ferry Raid is little known, like much of the

singular cultural heritage of the ACE Basin.

A gathering of invited guests at Nemours Plantation was set Sunday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the basin, the huge conserved river delta country south of Charleston that the Nature Conservancy championed as one of the last great undeveloped places on Earth.

The basin is the confluence of the Ashepoo, Combahee and Edisto rivers, where more than a quarter million acres already have been put under some form of conservation, largely at the hands of private owners and nonprofit groups working with public agencies.

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Combahee Ferry Raid

A little known raid by Union troops during the Civil War freed more than 700 slaves, the most freed during the war in an attack of this sort.



GILL CARRUTH/TAZ

U.N. has blunt climate warning

Reducing emissions likely not enough

BY KAREL RITTER
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK — Climate change is happening, it's almost entirely man's fault and limiting its impacts may require reducing greenhouse gas emissions to zero this century, the U.N.'s panel on climate science said Sunday.

The fourth and final volume of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's giant climate assessment offered no surprises, nor was it expected to since it combined the findings of three reports released in the past 13 months.

But it underlined the scope of the climate challenge in stark terms. Emissions, mainly from the burning of fossil fuels, may need to drop to zero by the end of this century for the world to have a decent chance of keeping the temperature rise below a level that many consider dangerous.

The IPCC did not say exactly what such a world would look like but it would likely require a massive shift to renewable sources to power homes, cars and industries combined with new technologies to suck greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.

The report warned that failure to reduce emissions could lock the world on a trajectory with "irreversible" impacts on people and the environment. Some impacts already being observed included rising sea levels, a warmer and more acidic ocean, melting glaciers and Arctic sea ice and more frequent and intense heat waves.

"Science has spoken. There is no ambiguity in their message. Leaders must act. Time is not on our side," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said at the report's launch in Copenhagen.

Amid its grim projections, the report said the tools are there to set the world on a low-emissions path and break the addiction to burning oil, coal and gas which pollute the atmosphere with heat-trapping CO2, the chief greenhouse gas.

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ELECTIONS 2014

Lines, snags possible at polls despite lighter turnout for midterms

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Turnout on Election Day on Tuesday is expected to be roughly the same as four years ago. But there still may be lines at the polls in some areas, including Lexington County.

Wordy sales tax proposals on the ballot in some areas, including Lexington, could cause lines at some polling places. The

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state's new voter ID law also will be in place for the first time in a general election.

Heading into the weekend, roughly the same number of absentee ballots had been submitted as in 2010. That suggests the governor's race has similar voter

interest as in 2010, when Republican Gov. Nikki Haley beat Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen by 4.5 percentage points.

As of Friday afternoon, 143,853 absentee ballots had been issued for Tuesday's election. That is down slightly from

the 156,075 ballots that had been issued on the Sunday before the election four years ago, the closest comparable number the S.C. Election Commission could provide.

Those figures indicate voter turnout will be similar to 2010, said Winthrop University political scientist Karen Kedrowski, adding that turnout is lower in midterm elections than for presidential elections.

"That is a particular challenge to Democratic candidates because Democratic voters, demographically, tend to be those who have less of a tie to the electoral system and are more difficult to activate without the excitement of a presidential election," Kedrowski said.

That lower excitement level can result in a massive difference

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St. Joseph Catholic School art teacher Bob Bramhall surveys a selection of art projects his students have made from recycled items, including CDs, records, toilet paper tubes and cassette tapes.

Young recyclers: Think outside the bin

Area students compete to help their schools, communities go green

By SARAH ELLIS
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Their parents might not think twice about tossing newspapers and plastic bottles in the garbage along with all their other daily discards. But Midlands schoolchildren are learning that all waste doesn't have to be destined for a landfill.

Many local classrooms are teaching students that recycling is about more than just having an extra bin next to the trash can.

"It teaches them to rethink their garbage," said Jane Hiller, an educa-

tion specialist at Sonoco Recycling, who coordinates and promotes recycling for a number of local school districts. "Our goal is to make less waste and to take better care of the planet, so we ask kids, before they throw something away, to walk themselves backwards and think, 'What else can I do with this?'"

Sonoco is hosting the RETHINK contest this Saturday, in which about 30 students from local schools will show off their creative reuse of normally discarded items. The competition is an example of ways schools and students are taking recycling a step further and using their creativity to encourage families and communities to go green.

Here's how some students are thinking outside the bin when it



Dutch Fork High School student David Bowen works on a project with reused items in Blakely Sheely's art class.

comes to recycling and reusing.

GATORADE GREENHOUSE

You wouldn't believe how many plastic Gatorade bottles the students

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BUILDING OUR CITY

Columbians to help decide how city will develop in the future

Wednesday open house is forum to collect public input

By CLIFF LEBLANC
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Columbians wanting to affect the big-picture plan for how to develop the Capital City are invited Wednesday for a close-up look at maps that depict the latest draft of a road map to the future.

Months in the making, the proposed land use plan would replace an outdated one that city planners say is so vague it approaches being useless in guiding where to locate construction — whether it's commercial, mixed-use projects or housing.

"I looked at the land use plan, and it gave little to no direction — it didn't provide a vision," Krista Hampton, Columbia's director of planning and development, said last week.

The public's feedback on Wednesday might tweak the plan that already has been vetted by businesses, neighborhood leaders and other stakeholders. A three-day public workshop in June drew a cross section of about 200 residents to the Metropolitan Convention Center, Hampton and planning administrator John Fellows said.

The city Planning Commission is to vote on the plan at its Dec. 1 meeting, and City Council is scheduled tentatively to finalize it in January, they said.

A revised land use plan is tightly intertwined with Columbia's 50-year-old zoning laws, which

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IF YOU GO

Columbia's open house for a proposed land use plan is the public's chance to review and respond to maps that show six new development designations.

When: Wednesday at 11 a.m. and at 6 p.m. The morning session lasts three hours; the evening one lasts two hours.

Where: The Canal Room at EdVenture Children's Museum, 211 Gervais St.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Columbia Planning Commission is to review and vote at its Dec. 1 meeting at City Hall. Its recommendation goes to City Council.

City Council is tentatively set to give final approval in January.



The Brazilian free-tailed bat

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Wire Reports

■ Bats invade Utah courthouse

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Order is being restored to the courthouse in St. George with the removal of dozens of bats from the building.

The Brazilian free-tailed bats were discovered when employees arrived for work Thursday at the 5th Judicial District Courthouse.

More than 50 bats were removed Thursday and Friday from the attic and other areas of the building, said Eric Palmer of Southwest Exterminators.

Zac Welser, a Washington County deputy prosecutor, said he heard scratching noises when he walked into court Friday morning. Bats were in the ceiling, hallways, stairwells and even inside courtrooms.

Suspected entry points opened up during a recent renovation project were sealed to keep bats out of the building, said Nancy Volmer, Utah state courts spokeswoman.

Because Brazilian free-tailed bats are a species of special concern in Utah, the state Division of Wildlife Resources took the lead in removing them with the help of Southwest Exterminators. The bats were being released back into the wild.

■ Bikers cancel party after police recover stolen bar

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — No bar, no party.

Danish police say members of a biker gang called off a planned party after officers raided a new club house in western Denmark and took away the bar that had been stolen from a nearby workshop.

Anders Uhrskov of the police in Aalborg said officers found the piece of furniture when raiding a house in Lystrup, northeast of Denmark's second largest city, as part of "our preventive strategy" against organized crime groups so "they never doubt that we keep an eye on them."

Police also seized a "minor amount" of drugs and a gold chain.

Gang members declined to comment, and it was unclear whether the party would be rescheduled.

■ Mustache hall of fame? Why not?

ST. LOUIS — There are halls of fame for everything from baseball to rock 'n' roll, so why shouldn't those with a hairy upper lip get their just rewards?

The tongue-in-cheek American Mustache Institute says it will unveil its inaugural class for the International Mustache Hall of Fame on Feb. 11 — the birthday of Burt Reynolds.

The Mustache Hall of Fame will be a virtual-only effort initially, but AMI says it is searching for a physical location.

Nominations for the inaugural class are being accepted through Nov. 30 at MustacheHall.com.

■ Mad scramble

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'Second Chance'

Coalition formed to reduce stray population with no-kill sanctuary

By DIANNE GLEATON
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Two Orangeburg women have formed a coalition to combat animal homelessness in the community.

Cindy Smith and Julie Fersner established the nonprofit Second Chance of Orangeburg Animal Rescue Coalition in 2012 and are working to build the partnerships needed to support the group's no-kill sanctuary.

"Nothing's going to happen overnight, but building partnerships is one of the most crucial factors of a no-kill community. If business, industry, government and community leaders believe in the same mission, then we'll accomplish this goal," Smith said.

While she did not want to disclose the exact location of the group's no-kill sanctuary for safety reasons, Smith said, "We have 13 dogs that were either dying or were going to be put to death had Second Chance not rescued them."

The ultimate goal is to keep the Orangeburg County Animal Control office from having to euthanize animals, she said.

"It's not something they enjoy doing, and they would prefer people to step up and help. But we're trying to keep them from having to kill any animals and get (spay/neuter) programs in place," Smith said.

"We are in desperate need of adoptive and foster families. This gets the dogs into a home environment."

"My partner and I put a lot of our money into it, but a lot of it comes from the community — people who care about animals the way we do. They may not be able to foster or adopt an animal, but they can help fund some of their medi-



LARRY HARDY/T&D

Cindy Smith says she knows the new Second Chance Animal Shelter will not be able to save every stray animal, but she said she and her associate, Julie Fersner, will do the best job they can saving one at a time.

cal care and help us buy more kennels," Smith said.

Fersner works full-time but still manages to feed the dogs, give them needed medication, clean pens and provide playful interaction with the animals, Smith said, noting that volunteers are needed to walk and feed the dogs and clean kennels.

"It's a little overwhelming and it hurts a lot because

right now we can't save them all. My partner does all of the physical labor, but my job is to raise the money to do the marketing and make sure she has the resources she needs," she said.

Smith added, "I also keep talking in the community about the need for spay and neuter programs. There is a need."

The Second Chance coal-

ition is currently just Smith and Fersner, but they're working on building a board of directors.

"We also work closely with the SPCA, and we've had (requests) from the Mary Ann Morris Animal Society (in Bamberg County) and the Calhoun County Animal Shelter to help them. We try to help them when we can, but right now our sanctuary is

full. Every pen we purchased or had donated to us is full," Smith said.

Orangeburg County Administrator Harold Young said the county is not sitting idly by in its effort to control the homeless animal population.

"Right now, the county doesn't have a full-scale spay and neuter program, but this is something we've been in the process of getting ramped up. We've got to get responses back from local veterinarians, and they want the specifics of the program before they commit," Young said. "Vets have a lot of costs, and you can't expect them to do something for free."

In the meantime, the county has been tapping into low-cost sterilization services provided by Pawmetto Lifeline and the Humane Society of South Carolina in Columbia.

"We direct a lot of people who can't pay full price to them," Young said.

The administrator said the county is also ramping up its own low-cost sterilization service called "2-Sam," which distributes special spay/neuter discount coupons to promote spaying and neutering as the humane, effective means of reducing the number of animals that are put down in shelters each year.

He said euthanizing animals is not something the county "takes pleasure in," but it is a "necessary evil at this point until we can get more people to step up and give these animals homes."

In regard to the 2-Sam program, Young said, "Hopefully, in the next couple of budget years, the county can come together and put some monies together to allow them to increase the spay and

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School officials: Public had chance for input; it's time for new K-12 facility

By RYANNE PERSINGER
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DENMARK — The mayor of Denmark says he recognizes the need for a new school in his city but would have preferred to see more public involvement in the plans to build a K-12 facility with federal loans that have been applied for by a private foundation.

Bamberg School District Two officials insist they gave the public a chance for input and now it's time to provide decent facilities for students.

In September, the Denmark-Olar School Found-





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Life after football: McCullough is a Marion deputy

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MARION — Richard "Jake" McCullough spent his college and early adult years fighting off offensive tackles on the gridiron, but these days, he's fighting crime in Marion County.

McCullough, now 49, was a college football star at Clemson University and went on to be drafted in the fourth round by the Denver Broncos in 1989. McCullough went to the Super Bowl with the Broncos in his rookie year, but left the NFL after he was injured only three years into his career.

"I healed from the injury, and I had a chance to go to the Redskins, but I grew

up without a father," McCullough said. "And I was not going to play that game and let it cripple me to the point that I couldn't get out and play ball with my kids one day."

McCullough's mother was in poor health, so he decided to return to his hometown of Aynor and take care of her. Though it was the less-glamorous choice, he knows it was the right one.

"I was with her the last year and able to spend that time with her," McCullough said. "I would have never gotten that time with her otherwise."

McCullough went into the construction business with his cousin, bricking buildings and homes. He said he enjoyed the work, but family members kept encouraging him to go into law enforcement.

His brother is a lieutenant with the Horry County Sheriff's Office, so McCullough decided to apply there. He didn't get the job and was feeling a bit discouraged about a future in law enforcement, so he turned to God.

"I prayed about it, and the spirit of the Lord spoke to me and told me to go to Marion County and to apply with the Marion County Sheriff's Office," McCullough said. "In fact, the Lord told me not to just apply but to personally put my application in the hands of Sheriff Mark Richardson. So that's what I did."

His persistence paid off. Richardson said he was immediately impressed with McCullough but didn't have an open

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Marion County sheriff's Deputy Richard "Jake" McCullough laughs while telling a story about his time in the NFL. McCullough played at Clemson University and went on to play in the NFL. The 49-year-old Horry County native recently decided to pursue a career in law enforcement and joined the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Welcome to Florence



Members of the Florence Welcoming Club's Book Club pose for a picture at one of their gatherings.

Club offers friendship and information about the community

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FLORENCE

If you are new to Florence, want to try a new hobby or simply want to find a few new friends, the women of the Florence Welcoming Club can help you.



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Lake City Gallery celebrates Goya

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LAKE CITY — The Jones-Carter Gallery in Lake City will be celebrating the life of artist Francisco de Goya at 7 p.m. Thursday with a free Spanish music concert and wine tasting.

"Celebrating Goya" will be held in the National Bean Market at 111 Henry St. in Lake City. The event celebrates Spain's rich musical heritage and the life of Goya, whose famed series of etchings is on view at the Jones-Carter Gallery.

"What we're doing with this concert is highlighting the life of Francisco de Goya," said Hannah Davis, gallery manager at Jones-Carter Gallery. "We actually found music that's about the ('Los Caprichos') collection. Many artists find it truly inspirational."

"Los Caprichos" is a set of 80 etchings by Goya published in 1799. The collection is considered one of the most influential series of graphic images in the history of Western art.

The concert Thursday will feature performances by classical musicians Paolo Andre Gualdi and Danijela Zvezelj-Guaidi of Florence and Matthew Anderson of Atlanta. Pieces by composers Federico Moreno Torroba, Isaac Albeniz, Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco and Pablo Sarasate, among others, will be performed.

"We have two of (Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco's) pieces that will be played during the concert," Davis said. "He wrote pieces that were based on each one of the images that we have at the gallery."

Davis said many artists find this sort of event inspirational.

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