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## Sparring far from over in Slager case

Defense likely to attempt some legal maneuvers to derail trial

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When they return to court Monday, jurors will have had three days to ruminate on questions they heard from attorneys hoping to upend the case against the policeman who killed Walter Scott.

With all but a few of the 27 witnesses called in former North Charleston pa-

trolman Michael Slager's murder trial, opposing attorneys have gone tit-for-tat in conveying their views of Scott's shooting death through the questions they ask.

The presiding judge had cautioned them not to testify themselves through their own inquiries, but the tactic has persisted. The defense's challenge Thursday of a leading investigator was no different. "You know that this whole case is not



Slager

about the shooting; it's about what led to the shooting. Isn't that correct?" defense lawyer Andy Savage asked him.

"The case is what the case is," Lt. Charles Ghent of the State Law Enforcement Division said.

A prosecutor, Chief Deputy Solicitor Bruce DuRant, sought to rebut the questioning.

"Did (Slager) appear to be in danger at the time he shot Mr. Scott?"

"He did not," Ghent said.

For the prosecution, the hope is to portray Slager as an officer who turned vengeful in a sliver of time, and carried out a callous killing that was caught on video. The defense strategy is to turn some of the blame on Scott for running away and fighting the officer, to paint him as a drug user who disliked cops and backed their authority.

The sides couldn't disagree more, and the kind of courtroom confrontations that materialized in the first six days of testimony will not end as the trial enters its third week Monday.

The prosecution is likely to rest its case

early during another abbreviated week of court. No proceedings in the case are scheduled Friday, and no action was held on Veterans Day. Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson emerged once last week from the courtroom in downtown Charleston and said, "We're getting there." Certain witnesses, including North Charleston Police Chief Eddie Driggers and the lead SLED investigator, Angela Peterson, have yet to take the stand, but with similar testimony already done, it's uncertain if they will.

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## Holocaust victims to never be forgotten

Survivor Joe Engel, 89, joins event to plant daffodils, remember children lost



These children joined about 75 other people in Marion Square to plant daffodils on Sunday in memory of the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. College of Charleston Jewish Studies major Samantha Krantz organized the event as part of the worldwide Daffodil Project.

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Holocaust survivor Joe Engel said he was one of the lucky ones. He's 89 now, but Engel vividly remembers the time in his childhood when he was directed to the left in a line filled with other victims.

Those directed to the right were sent to the gas chambers.

"Not a day I don't think about the millions and millions who perished, including the 1.5 million children," Engel said Sunday afternoon under a large tent at Marion Square. "I'm lucky to be standing here with you today."

The 40-degree rainy weather didn't stop Engel and about 75 others from meeting up to plant daffodil bulbs at the Charleston Holocaust Memorial at Marion Square. The bulbs honor the victims who were forced to wear yellow stars during the Holocaust.

The memorial was constructed

in 1999. But Samantha Krantz, the College of Charleston student who organized the event, said something needed to be done to remind people that there is a memorial here in Charleston that honors Holocaust victims.

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## Man dies, deputies injured in struggle

Spokesman: Man took baton, struck deputies

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A man died Sunday after a fight near Ladson with two Charleston County deputies that involved a Taser and a baton but no gunfire, authorities said.

Eric Watson, a spokesman for the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, said the incident happened just after 4 p.m. on U.S. Highway 78 above Pinewood Drive.

Deputies were called to the scene after a man was reported walking through traffic with no shoes on.

After the deputies approached the man, a struggle ensued, Watson said. The man was able to grab one of the deputies' batons and strike both of them multiple times.

One deputy deployed a Taser, but it's unclear if it made contact with the man, Watson said.

The man eventually was restrained with the help of several witnesses, Watson said.

The man was taken to Trident Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead, Watson said. The cause and manner of death are unknown, and Watson said he's not sure if the man was already dead before being transported to the hospital.

The two deputies are being treated for head injuries at Medical University Hospital and are in stable condition.

Watson said body camera footage and other evidence is being turned over to the State Law Enforcement Division, which is investigating.

A request for footage has been sent to SLED.

Following the altercation, authorities began redirecting traffic near the scene.

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# The State

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

## Time for a new courthouse?

■ Richland County's 36-year-old judicial center in downtown Columbia is "busting at the seams" and out of date, local leaders say. But cost and location are two big challenges that would face any plans for a new courthouse.

BY SARAH ELLES  
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The Richland County Judicial Center already has outlived its expected lifespan by a year, and county leaders now want to explore the costly possibility of building a new courthouse in a new location.

The 36-year-old judicial center on Main Street is "busting at the seams," said County Councilman and lawyer Seth Rose.

"This has to be done," Rose said. "This is the people's building. ... It's no longer being functional, and that's going to continue to become a bigger problem."

Lawyers from both the solicitor's and public defender's offices are doubled up in offices and lack private meeting spaces. Elevators break down on a regular basis.

Courtrooms — there are four large and several smaller ones — are not equipped with up-to-

date technology.

And many courthouse professionals, including those who prosecute or work with people accused of dangerous crimes, have to walk unprotected between their offices and cars because of the building's lack of sufficient protected parking.

"It's a safety issue that I've been screaming about for years," 5th Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson said.

Johnson's office has about 120 people working in the courthouse, split between two floors. They have only one restroom for men and one for women and no



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Richland County Council wants to explore the possibility of renovating the Judicial Center or constructing a new building.

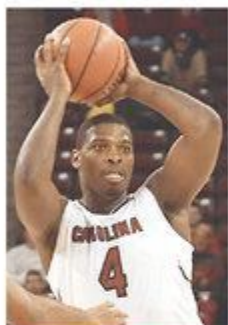
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**UPSTATE SLAYINGS**

## Suspect built a real-estate firm during hidden crime spree



JOHN EYUM / Associated Press

On Nov. 3, Todd Kohlhepp's home is searched by Spartanburg County deputies and his vehicles are impounded in Moore after he was arrested earlier in the day.

Sometimes-odd behavior contrasted with his financial success

BY JONATHAN DREW  
AND SEANNA ADCOX

were uncovered when investigators last week rescued a woman chained up in a 20-foot

bragged about chasing people off his rural property with an arsenal, including guns with

sheriff said he confessed to the bike-shop shootings and pointed investigators to these pho-







Renovations are underway on the John H. Goodwin House on South Carolina Highway 11 in Travelers Rest.

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## NOT A WRAP FOR GOODWIN HOUSE

County hopes to preserve a piece of stagecoach history

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For now, its worn but once majestic presence on Scenic Highway 11 stands veiled in blue and white weather wrap. But the hope is that the more than 200-year-old John H. Goodwin House will someday be unveiled as a reflection of its former glory.

That's a goal for the property, also known as the Blythe-Goodwin-Hagood House. Greenville County Councilman Joe Dill said the missing ingredient for that to happen is funding.

"Architects and engineers looked at it and gave us prices to restore it," Dill said. "It's going to be up in the \$800,000 range. The grants we've gotten fall short of that amount, but as soon as we get the money we're going to restore it and make a scenic place out of it."

The house was scenic to many travelers who stopped there mid-way be-



An old flag hangs near the historical John H. Goodwin House on South Carolina Highway 11 in Travelers Rest on November 2.

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## AARP study urges training

Examines handling of SC vulnerable adults

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COLUMBIA - The state's unit for protecting vulnerable adults has seen a 63 percent increase in clients in the past five years with no increase in funding and a reduction in the number of caseworkers since 2001, according to an AARP study that is recommending increased training, better data collection and more funding for the state Department of Social Services.

According to the study, 60 percent of the substantiated claims made to the DSS Adult Protective Services unit were for self-neglect, while 30 percent alleged neglect by a caregiver.

The study grew out of recommendations last year by the Institute of Medicine and Public Health and was conducted with the aid of the Nelson Riley Mullins & Scarborough law firm's pro bono program.

Sen. Thomas Alexander, whose Senate budget subcommittee oversees DSS, said he had not yet read the study but hoped DSS would ask for additional resources in light of the study's findings.

"I would think probably as that aging population grows, unfortunately there will be more of those cases," he told *The Greenville News*. "I'm sure their caseload is continuing to grow, and I certainly would be pleased to work with the agency."

In a statement, DSS said Director Susan Alford created the Adult Advocacy Division as a separate division of DSS "in order to continue to improve services to vulnerable adults and ensure the department and public remain focused on the unique needs of this population."

"The department, under the leadership of Kelly Cordell, has renewed its focus on creating and enhancing partnerships with organizations like AARP to identify and administer services to this growing population," DSS said. "The department appreciated the opportunity to work with AARP on the study of adult protective services and looks forward to continued opportunities for collaboration."

In 2001, according to the study, the Adult Protection Services unit, which is charged with aiding adults who are victims of abuse, potential abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation, had a budget of \$7.3 million, of which \$1.8 million was state funds. In 2015, the

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# CLEMSON SOCCER

Men fall in ACC championship while women move to next round in NCAA. 1B



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Children start the Tigers for Babies 5K run and walk Sunday in Clemson.

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## Clemson 5K benefits March of Dimes

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CLEMSON - Finn Brookover walked a mile Sunday. It was all the motivation that 134 other participants needed.

"We're mostly being cheerleaders today," said Corey Brookover, referring also to his 7-year-old daughter Finn, who was the center of attention at the Tigers for Babies 5K Run.

The event began and ended amid chilled temperatures at the Esso Club.

"It's pretty amazing that so many friends would come out on a cold day to

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support us. Finn is has been excited about this for days," said Corey Brookover, who teaches running and jogging as a fitness instructor at Clemson University.

In 2009, it was Finn who provided much more excitement than Corey Brookover wanted. Her daughter was born prematurely (at 24 weeks), and was not expected to survive the birth.

Weighing only 2 pounds and 15 ounces and with underdeveloped lungs, Finn spent her first 114 days in the hospital.

Today, she's a healthy, energetic 7-year-old, a big reason why Corey and Bob Brookover are big fans of the March of Dimes.

The event Sunday, which organizers hope to make an annual one, raised more than \$17,500—and some awareness for the March of Dimes.

Finn's outgoing personality has

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## Quiet Carl Anderson to retire as deputy

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A soft-spoken man, Carl Anderson can cut through a crowd of booming voices with just a whisper.

On Dec. 2, the first black sheriff's deputy in the county will hang up his badge and the gun he never used and go back to the Pendleton-area farm where he was raised.

In 1970, Anderson was working a \$14,000-a-year job in electrical engineering with Sangamo Electric Co. in

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Pickens, a post he landed in 1965 after leaving the Army. At the urging of then-Pendleton Mayor Jerry Sloan, Anderson took a two-week

leave to try out as a sheriff's deputy. He never went back to electrical engineering.

He was happier as a deputy, with a \$5,800 salary.

"I got satisfaction out of it. I could make a difference," said Anderson, 77. "I was never interested in the money. I haven't gotten rich, but I've got enough to do what I want to do."

Anderson moved up quickly in the ranks, proving himself as a road deputy in an era when deputies didn't even have walkie-talkies.

At the time, there were three deputies per shift for the whole county, and they were expected to be able to make it from one end of the county to the other in a half hour.

Anderson was made an investigator within a few years and then supervised investigators.

"Nothing takes the place of wearing out shoes and knocking on doors," Anderson said. "You knock on doors, it's amazing what you'll find out. People don't like to call you but if you ask them, you'll find things out. I like to eyeball people, and you can tell things by their motions, their movements and their reactions."

Bob Waldrep, a former state senator and defense attorney who has known Anderson for decades, said he has always had a reputation as an honest man.

"He was just a very effective law enforcement officer," Waldrep said. "He would get people to tell him everything, even if it was to their detriment. He always carried himself with this congenial personality that is so rare in public life."

When Anderson spoke, no matter

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## Trump could remake SCOTUS agenda

MARK SHERMAN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Even before Donald Trump chooses a Supreme Court nominee, the new president can take steps to make several contentious court cases go away.

Legal challenges involving immigration, climate change, cost-free contraceptive care and transgender rights all could be affected, without any help from Congress.

The cases turn on Obama administra-

ter Senate Republicans refused to consider President Barack Obama's nomination of Judge Merrick Garland.

"We were hoping we'd be looking forward to a progressive majority on the Supreme Court. After the election results, there is a new reality," said Elizabeth Wydra, president of the liberal Constitutional Accountability Center.

The Supreme Court is already set to consider a case involving a transgender teen who was born female but identifies as male and wants to use the boys' bathroom at his Virginia high school. When

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could cause the justices to return the case to the lower courts to reach their own decision about whether the law requires schools to allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms based on their gender identity.

"It is possible, maybe even likely, that if the first question went away







## CHIEFS EDGE MISTAKE-PRONE PANTHERS

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### IN BRIEF

#### Inman man dies from crash injuries

An Inman man died Saturday night from injuries he sustained in a single-vehicle crash.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger reported that Roy C. Rodgers, 69, of Hannon Road, Inman was involved in a vehicle crash on New Cut Road at Black Road at 3:54 p.m. Saturday. Rodgers was taken to Spartanburg Medical Center for surgery and later died at 8:24 p.m. Saturday, according to Clevenger.

State Highway Patrol reported that Rodgers was driving a 2013 Toyota SUV westbound on New Cut Road when he ran off the left side of the road and overcorrected the vehicle, driving off the right and left side several times before eventually running off the road's left side. The vehicle then overturned and struck a tree. Rodgers was wearing a seat belt, according to Highway Patrol.

#### Union man killed in crash

A Union man was killed on Sunday in a single-vehicle crash.

The Union County Coroner's Office reported that Dontae V. Nash, 21, of Kelly Road, Union was killed in the crash, which occurred at 4:35 p.m. Sunday in the 1000-block of Kelly Road in Union. The Coroner's Office and South Carolina Highway Patrol are investigating the crash.

#### Motorcyclist dies after hitting deer

A Boiling Springs man was killed Sunday after crashing his motorcycle into a deer on Rainbow Lake Road and Wyatt Road.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger reported that Rodney Joe Frady, 52, of Boiling Springs died in the crash. He was pronounced dead at 5:34 p.m. Sunday at Spartanburg

NEAR LAKE LURE, N.C.

## Firefighters continue to battle blaze



Wildfires in western North Carolina continued to burn on Sunday in the Lake Lure and Chimney Rock areas. CHRIS LAVENDER/SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL

More than 3,400 acres have burned

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More than 3,400 acres have burned in the Party Rock fire near Lake Lure, N.C., as firefighters continue to battle the blaze.

N.C. Forest Service spokesman Bill Swartley said Sunday night that the fire was moving slowly on the southern edge and firefighters are keeping a watchful eye as well on the fire's northern edge as it continues to spread.

"Fire weather conditions are going to increase," Swartley said. "This fire may continue to spread. There is a front coming on Wednesday blowing from the southwest and another front is coming on Saturday. We don't know if it will have moisture. Before the fronts pass there will be very strong winds and that is a strong concern."



From left, Lake Lure, N.C. residents Tom and Cathy Maddux speak with Patsy Cook of Lake Lure on Sunday afternoon outside the Lake Lure Inn and Spa on Memorial Highway. They were forced to evacuate their homes this past week due to the Party Rock fire. The fire has burned more than 3,400 acres in North Carolina. CHRIS LAVENDER/SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL

soaking rain was needed to help extinguish the fire.

"We are not going to hold it because it's too dry," he said.

Four fire departments from Moore County, N.C., arrived on scene Sunday. Cypress Pointe Fire Department firefighter Austin Hubbard planned to help fight the blaze

on Sunday afternoon and was active on all perimeters except the east side. The western edge of the fire moved further downhill overnight Saturday off Round Top Mountain and was at the woods line in some areas of Chimney Rock Village. Firefighters worked to protect

ELECTION 2016

## Priebus, Bannon get senior roles

Trump names RNC chair chief of staff; Breitbart's Bannon top strategist

By Laurie Kellman  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump named Republican Party chief Reince Priebus as White House chief of staff and conservative media owner Stephen Bannon as his top presidential strategist, two men who represent opposite ends of the unsettled GOP.

In bringing Priebus and Bannon into the White House, Trump is making overtures to both traditional Republican circles and the party's anti-establishment wing, which helped fuel the businessman's political rise.

Priebus has deep ties to GOP congressional leaders, particularly House Speaker Paul Ryan. Bannon previously ran the Breitbart website, which was fiercely critical of Republican leadership, including Ryan.

Bannon was notably given top billing in the press release announcing the appointments, a curious arrangement given that White House chief of staff is typically considered the most powerful West Wing job.

Under Bannon's tenure, the Breitbart site pushed a nationalist, anti-establishment agenda and became one of the leading outlets of the so-called alt-right — a movement often associated with white supremacy and a defense of "Western values."

Neither Priebus nor Bannon bring significant policy experience to their new White House roles. Chiefs of staff in particular play a significant role in policy making, serving as a liaison to Cabinet agencies and deciding what information makes it to the president's desk. They're often one of the last people in the room with the president as major decisions are made.

Together with Vice President-elect Mike Pence, the triumvirate will lead Trump's transition to the White House and help guide







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## Voter turnout up in Aiken County

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More Aiken County voters cast ballots in last Tuesday's general election than in 2012, though the percentage of registered voters casting ballots declined slightly from four years ago.

Results from the S.C. State Election Commission show a 68 percent turnout for this year's general election and 75,549 ballots cast of 110,956 registered voters.

In 2012, there were 70,832 ballots cast out of then 102,274 registered voters, totaling a 69.26 percent voter turnout,

according to the election commission's website.

On Election Day, however, poll managers at some precincts reported seeing longer lines and a larger turnout than previous elections and primaries.

Absentee voting statewide and in the county saw an uptick this year, as well.

Ahead of Election Day, Executive Director of Aiken County Registration and Elections Cynthia Holland told the *Aiken Standard* the county had already surpassed its 2012 absentee number of 15,000, estimating around 17,000 people had voted absentee ahead of Monday's afternoon deadline.

Aiken County precincts largely went Republican. Nearly 58 percent of Aiken voters voted straight Republican Party and 38 percent, straight Democratic Party, according to the election commission.

In the presidential race, the majority of Aiken County voters favored now President-elect Donald Trump, who received around 61 percent of the vote. Hillary Clinton received 34 percent in the county.

Third-party candidate Gary Johnson yielded 2.4 percent and Even McMullin, 1 percent. Other third-party candidates received less than 1 percent.



Justin Oswalt prepares to vote Tuesday evening at First Baptist Church of North Augusta (Precinct 29), with poll manager Sarah Pace explaining the procedure.

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## Eugene White outlines vision

NAACP president-elect to focus on three key areas

BY DEDE BILES  
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The Aiken County Branch of the NAACP's new president-elect plans to focus on education, corporate relations and law enforcement after he officially takes office at the start of 2017.



White

"They are the three foundations of a community that is living in harmony," said Eugene White. "If you have people

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### Area deaths

Mary S. Brown, Aiken  
Alexander Callas, Aiken  
Martha J. Lewallen, Aiken

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### Weather

Decreasing Clouds

## History mixes with art



The glass-form waste canister stands in downtown Aiken with snapshots of Savannah River Site history. The art installation was a project of the Leadership Aiken County program.

## SRS canister sculpture installed in downtown Aiken

BY THOMAS GARDINER  
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For the City of Aiken, one group's trash became a downtown treasure.

A new sculpture was installed on Newberry Street last week, one of several projects under Leadership Aiken County.

Going into this year's class, Leadership Aiken County developed themes

and information about the Savannah River Site, which has been a major player in the economy and culture of Aiken since its beginnings in the early 1950s.

The designer, Gretchen Hash-Hefner, used a waste canister from SRS that was designed to hold glass-form waste. The canister was not up to required specifications and was never used on site, so it was the ideal choice for the sculpture.







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## Cultured classroom

Florence teacher infuses  
international experience  
in Florence classroom

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FLORENCE — When Kesue Nicely prepared her classroom this year, it was an entirely different experience than in years before. This year, Nicely is teaching at Dewey Carter Elementary School in Florence rather than her native Jamaica.

"The whole thing with doing a search for work overseas was that I wanted something different," Nicely said. "I was working in a small school, and I love my school, but I wanted something different; I wanted to see if the classrooms were really like what they show on the television. I wanted to see if I could bring what I know from Jamaica into another setting and (also) learn something new."

Florence was not the only place from which she received an offer.

"I was searching the internet, all over the world," Nicely said. "I applied for jobs all over, and I got an offer from the Middle East, but my mother didn't want me to go because she was scared. She was thinking that if anything should happen and I am in the U.S., I can just hop on a plane and come home."

Nicely is one of 12 international teachers hired by Florence School District One for the 2016-17 school year. She said she has enjoyed her experience so far, but it has come with an adjustment period.

"I'm used to teaching all of the subjects," Nicely said. "In Jamaica, I teach art, music, math, science, everything. Here I only teach two subjects: ELA (English language arts) and social studies. I still find myself sometimes teaching math. I always tell my students that everything is connected."

Nicely said she was drawn to teaching after having had a great teacher in third grade.

"I realized that I could change some persons, maybe not everyone but some, not just academic but otherwise," Nicely said. "After being in the classroom for so long, I realized it doesn't matter how good or great of a teacher you are, some students are just not academically inclined. That's just life. Sometimes we get overwhelmed just giving students academics, and we fail to see that they are so good at something

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## War stories



Andrew Raines poses next to the Wall of Honor at Florence Veterans Park. Raines interviewed war veterans for his Eagle Scout project.



From left, Frank Stokes, Hugh Merriman, Andrew Raines and Paul Rung pose together. The World War II veterans were from a group of eight veterans whom Raines interviewed for an Eagle Scout project.

## Eagle Scout documents memories of local veterans

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FLORENCE — Andrew Raines had one goal in mind for his Eagle Scout project: to listen.

For six months, Andrew interviewed World War II veterans to share their stories. He was approached with the idea by Scoutmaster Tim Fisher, who was inspired by Mary Davidson, the librarian at Central United Methodist Church. "She had known for a while that we had lots of

World War II veterans in the church and had been wanting to do it for a long time," Andrew said. "It had always been an idea that she had given to Mr. Fisher, and every year he would ask someone to do it. When it was finally my turn to do the Eagle Scout project, I was the one to take it up."

The combination of Andrew's respect for veterans and love of history made him the perfect candidate for the job. It also proved to

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## McLeod to celebrate 110th anniversary

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