



### SPORTS MB DUO CLOSING PREP CAREERS AS SOUTH TEAMMATES

Brandon Sinclair and Drayton Arnold, senior teammates from Myrtle Beach, have committed to play next season at Old Dominion. They have played together since they were 8-year olds in rec football. **1B**



### LOCAL PANERA COMING TO MB AREA

Panera Bread plans to open its first bakery cafe in the area. The building is set to be built next to Starbucks Coffee on U.S. 501 in the Carolina Forest Commons. Business plans will likely receive approval soon, but it's unclear when the opening will occur. **3A**

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Tom Housner plays on the 18-hole disc golf course he helped build at the Socastee Recreation Park. The recreation park, located off Butler Road, has ball fields, a race track, an archery club area, a nature trail, a playground and the disc golf course.

## Horry unveils plan for building paths, sidewalks and trails

S.C. 707 community has seen explosive growth, but infrastructure lags behind

Bike and pedestrian plan developed over last year has lots of details, but identifies no funding source

Plan calls for elevated boardwalks, bridges and sidewalks; cost is nearly \$20 million

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A day after wrapping up a three-week remodeling job, Tom Housner traded his tools for a



A warning is nailed high in a pair of trees on the nature trail at the Socastee Recreation Park.

few beers and a round of disc golf.

The 59-year-old handyman meandered through the wooded course at Socastee Park last

Thursday morning, slinging discs and occasionally stopping to sip suds or adjust his Oakland Raiders ball cap.

"This is my solace point,"

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Housner said. "This is my respite."

In the coming years, residents of nearby Burgess may be able to enjoy that same recreational spot without having to drive there.

Horry County officials plan to connect the park with the neighboring community through a 33-mile trail network, one that would provide Burgess with the walking paths that were largely overlooked during the last 20 years of explosive development.

"Burgess is a really interesting community," said John Dantford, the planner who presented the design to the county's planning commission last week. "They're really engaged. ... They all recognize that 20 years ago had they done this, their community would be all that much better today."

Burgess sits along the S.C. 707 corridor between Socastee and the Georgetown County line. Bordered on the west by the Waccamaw River and on the east by U.S. 17 Bypass, the community covers about 28 square miles.

In recent decades, Burgess has seen tremendous growth, booming from a rural hamlet of 3,396

## Horry Schools advances plan to save money, keep class sizes at current level

Finance committee offers funding shift plan to save \$3 million

Joint finance and human resources committee motioned to add 2 students to every class

Adding 1 student to middle and high school classes would cut 41 teachers

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CONWAY

One week after one Horry County Schools committee voted to add two students to every middle and high school classroom over two years, another committee made a motion to

keep classes at their current size.

Both motions will go to the full Board of Education during its regular meeting Monday.

Officials have been debating ways to come up with \$3 million to pay for the Personalized Digital Learning Program, debt repayments and other district expenses.

The finance committee met Wednesday to discuss an alternative way to save \$3 million after the joint finance and human resources committee mo-

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### BUSINESS

## GAS PRICES KEEP FALLING

U.S. gas pump prices are poised to drop below \$2 a gallon nationwide for the first time in over six years. Oil has plunged by 39 percent since June and may keep falling after OPEC virtually lifted the ceiling on production. **6A**

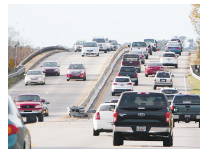


### NATION

## CHICAGO MAYOR APOLOGIZES FOR POLICE SHOOTING

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel apologized for the police shooting of Laquan McDonald "that happened on my watch." Protests, largely peaceful, occurred for hours after the mayor's speech.

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### LOCAL

## HORRY APPROVES SPENDING EXTRA ROAD TAX MONEY ON RADIO SYSTEM

Horry County voted to spend \$16 million of extra road tax money on a new radio system for public safety personnel. The measure had enough votes to achieve the super-majority needed to pass. **3A**

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