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A DAY OF 'SNOW' FOR A YEAR OF HARD WORK

St. Greg's once again unleashes tons of snow on its students. Don't mess with a nun with a snowball. **Page 14**

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EARTH CHAMPS

NEWS

West resigns as Bluffton football coach

Upstate native
rumored to be
headed to
Class 4-A gig.

BY TIM WOOD
SPECIAL TO BLUFFTON TODAY

Jeremy West stepped down as the Bluffton High School head football coach with the same level of grace he showed in his three years at the Bobcats' helm.

The second coach in BHS history told BHS Principal Robert Anderson and athletic director Dave Adams of his decision to resign one week ago but waited to make it official until Thursday so he wouldn't take the spotlight off the wrestling team.

"He didn't want to be the story. He didn't want to put a damper on the wrestlers," Adams said. "I think that was



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**Bluffton High and H.E. McCracken Middle schools
receive \$2,000 grants to help save our environment.**

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Boy Scouts Trystan Rickerson, Nicholas Rengier, Tyra Davis, Nathaniel Rickerson, Deuce Flynn and Jake Esway pose outside PetSmart.

Bluffton loves its overseas military

BY BECKY FLYNN

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This past weekend members from Pack 241 sold Scout popcorn for Marines stationed in Afghanistan. With the help of Moss Creek Marines the popcorn along with other necessities will be sent out early next week. The scouts were able to collect more than six cases of popcorn — most had handwritten notes of gratitude attached.

Thank you Bluffton, for coming out and supporting our soldiers.

Some of the soldiers feel as if they have been forgotten. I assure you, they haven't been. When the Cub Scouts asked people if they wanted to send popcorn to our soldiers, many people stopped and gave them a second look. If they couldn't purchase a box, many gave

donations. Bluffton really cares about the people protecting our country.

Even though it was cold, wet and windy, seven Scouts stood outside Petco for more than three hours Saturday and two scouts stayed at Lowe's until the popcorn sold out.

Deuce Flynn proudly turned over the popcorn to Commanding Officer Fred Will of the Moss Creek Marines. Will said that they have adopted the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines out of Camp Lejeune, N.C., which is comprised of 900 soldiers in a reinforced battalion.

Some of the popcorn will also go to the wounded soldiers that have returned to Camp Lejeune to heal. Thank you, Cub Scout Pack 241 and Moss Creek Marines, for all your hard work, and thank you Bluffton for coming out and supporting your soldiers.

Tech school system gets broadband grant

The S.C. Technical College System has been awarded a \$5.9 million grant by the U.S. Department of Commerce — National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

The grant will fund the

South Carolina Ready to Educate, Activate, Connect (REACH for Success) initiative. Colleges and partners, will work together to implement a three-pronged approach to expanding broadband access and use in South Carolina.

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