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In a letter the Evans family requested The Gaffney Ledger publish, they offered their thanks for all of the support they have received.

“Roy and Cindy Evans would like to thank our family, neighbors, the Gaffney community and the Spartanburg community for their prayers and all their acts of kindness that have been shown to our family,” they wrote. “Please continue to pray for our family and may God bless you and your families.”

The accident occurred about 9 a.m. directly across from Prime Outlets - Gaffney.

The Evans brothers were headed north while the Tousants were headed south on the interstate.

South Carolina Highway Patrol accident investigators responded immediately to the scene.

The investigators have not released any findings to date.

S.C. House committee cuts spending in state budget

COLUMBIA — College spending would be cut by about \$10 million and state agencies would lose more than \$61 million under final approval given Thursday by House budget writers to a spending plan for the next fiscal year.

Their proposed \$7 billion

budget is balanced mostly because it taps reserve, trust and surplus cash that agencies have been able to set aside over the past couple of years. The spending plan is to head to the House floor in two weeks.

Some of the cuts may reach pocketbooks, particularly those

of parents and students paying tuition. The last round of state budget cuts beginning in 2000 led to sharp tuition increases.

Gov. Mark Sanford had called for deeper budget cuts out of worry that the economy is slowing. He wanted lawmakers to cut spending by \$326 mil-

lion, or 4.6 percent, compared with the current budget.

Sanford on Thursday had some praise for the House's budget, noting that the lawmakers went along with reductions in travel spending he's sought for years. He also lauded plans to fully fund the annu-

al increase in per-student spending in public schools, eliminating a shortfall in the state's tuition prepayment program and putting more money into the state's economic development efforts.

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Taste

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cheese on it. Gaffney Middle School students tried out French toast sandwich plates Thursday morning. The French toast was brought out by Keith Whipple, a sales representative with Hopco Food Service

County Democrats convene Saturday

The Cherokee County Democratic Party will have a precinct meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Fatz Restaurant on frontage road in Gaffney.

Marketing in Charlotte.

Whipple is among several food vendors who occasionally approach Cabading about the possibility of adding new menu items in local schools.

“We've had taste tests in several schools this year to find out whether students will like a new food item,” Cabading said. “If we get a positive response, there is a possibility we might

add it to the menu. We always try to offer food that students will enjoy eating.”

Some experiments simply don't work.

Broccoli soup is one new food item that wasn't a hit with county students this year.

Blacksburg Elementary third graders didn't particularly care for the “Toastee Dog.”

Cafeteria manager Susan

McDaniel said she wonders if the “Toastee Dog” food item might have gotten a more positive reaction from older students.

“The third graders didn't really care for the Toastee Dog. It was served on pieces of toast and they prefer softer bread,” McDaniel said. “Our staff seemed to enjoy it. I think it might be aimed more

towards an older group of children.”

This type of feedback is valuable for schools in planning menus. Sometimes the menu requests from students catch school officials off guard.

“We had some high school students who wanted us to serve coffee at breakfast,” Cabading said.