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With or without fanfare, moments were special

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Travelers Rest High School football coach Dean "Chico" Bolin had an office that Roger Hayes recalled "might be big as a small bathroom."

In December of 1962, Bolin, Hayes and Clemson A&M College recruiter Fred Cone crammed into that "little bitty office," and Hayes signed a football scholarship to play for the Tigers.

"No one was around," Hayes said earlier this week, sitting among mementos in the kitchen of his home in Taylors. "I guess no one knew that I was going to sign. Back then, we had black and white television and three channels. If we were lucky, we could get three channels."

Eventually people knew. The Greenville News-Piedmont sent a photographer to capture the moment, and the picture is one of many Hayes has in the scrapbook his aunt suggested he put together.

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Gridders Take Pens In Hand Today

Major high school football players will be participating this afternoon in the TD Convention for signing day. Hayes is one of the players who will be signing.

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Top, Roger Hayes, a 1963 Travelers Rest High School graduate, looks over clippings and mementos from his career at his home. Above, a Greenville News clipping from 1963 of Roger Hayes on the day he signed a football scholarship with Clemson University. Pictured with Hayes are his coach Dean "Chico" Bolin, left, and Clemson recruiter Fred Cone.

Cruz stumps in city after win

Gets warm welcome,
support of Rep. Duncan

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Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz campaigned in Greenville Tuesday, one day after Iowa Republicans picked him as their favorite to be the party's presidential nominee and one week before New Hampshire Republicans were scheduled to vote on the same question.

Cruz, a senator from Texas, found time between campaign events in New Hampshire to travel to Greenville and deliver a stump speech at the TD Convention Center.

Hundreds of voters who mostly filled a large meeting room didn't seem to mind that he was late. They repeatedly interrupted his speech with applause.

"I'll tell ya, South Carolina knows how to make a Texan feel at home," Cruz declared.

Cruz came to Greenville on the same day he received the endorsement of U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan of South Carolina's 3rd Congressional District.

Duncan told Gretchen Carlson of the Fox News Channel that Cruz is a "constitutionalist, and he's someone that shares my vision for the future of America."

Some voters at the TD Convention Center were undecided about who to support in South Carolina's first-in-the-South GOP presidential primary on Feb. 20.

Allen McAlister, however, said he was most certainly voting for Cruz.

"I'm pretty sold on Ted Cruz," the 50-year-old plumber from Easley said. "I like his style. I like the fight he's got. I like the way he stands for the Constitution."

Cruz urged everyone in the audience to vote 10 times.

"I'm not suggesting voter fraud," he explained. "But if everyone here gets nine other people to show up on Feb. 20 and vote, you will have voted 10 times."

During a brief interview with The Greenville News, Cruz said he thinks

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As the circus evolves, the last elephant show comes to town

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Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus is the last of its kind in the United States.

Last year Feld Entertainment, the parent company of Ringling Bros. announced it was phasing elephants out of the circus and moving them to the Ringling Bros. Elephant Conservation Center in Florida.

an art form that has dazzled audiences for centuries.

"When we made our move from the big tents—the big top—to the arenas, people thought this was a loss of magic. But people are still coming to see the show."

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Cruz in S.C. rallies 'grass-roots army'

Iowa victor courts Upstate voters, picks up U.S. Rep. Duncan's support



Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, greets supporters during a campaign event on Tuesday in Greenville.

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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GREENVILLE — Sen. Ted Cruz told hundreds of people on Tuesday that the South Carolina primary will be a repeat of his Iowa caucus victory, despite the usually inverse relationship of the two early voting states.

"South Carolina this year is going

to ensure the next Republican nominee and the next president of the United States is a true and proven conservative," Cruz said to applause. Within 24 hours of winning the Iowa vote, Cruz rallied supporters in New Hampshire and then in the Upstate, where more than 700 people turned a TD Convention Center ballroom into a standing-room only event.

"The way we did in Iowa is how we're working to do it in New Hampshire, is how we're working to do it in South Carolina, which is empowering the grass roots, an army," Cruz said while calling for a stronger military, abolishing the IRS and restoring the Christian values of America. The rally came hours after U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan publicly endorsed Cruz. In a prerecorded video mes-

sage shown to supporters, Duncan said the Texas senator "shares our South Carolina values."

"It's critical that we as conservatives unite behind someone like Ted," Duncan said in the video. "If we don't nominate a conservative who can contrast with Hillary (Clinton) on issues like amnesty or

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Gaillard project lawsuit adds city

Taxpayers would pay damages if city loses

BY DIANE KNICH
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The company that managed the renovation and expansion of the Gaillard Center has added the city of Charleston to a lawsuit, blaming the city for delaying the project by furnishing a deficient design.

Skanska-Trident, which had a \$110 million contract with the city to build the center, is seeking a minimum of \$20 million in damages.

The Gaillard was supposed to be completed in April 2015, but the project came in six months late. The city and the company had a special "construction manager at risk" contract, which sets a maximum price for the completion instead of simply going with the lowest bid.

In the amended suit filed Thursday in Circuit Court, Skanska-Trident accused the city of breach of contract, breach of warranty of plans and specifications and unjust enrichment.

City Attorney Frances Cantwell said in a statement that the city has the lawsuit and is reviewing it.

"We do not believe the claim has any merit," she said, "and we will vigorously defend against it."

The city isn't insured against such damages, she said. So, if it loses the case, the cost would be passed on to taxpayers.

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'Stand your ground' measure advances

Clarification would allow for immediate appeals to high court

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COLUMBIA — A House panel has advanced a bill that transfers appeals of "stand your ground" hearings directly to the state Supreme Court, and requires prosecutors to prove a defendant's use of deadly force wasn't justified.

The bill, which passed the House Judiciary Committee on a unanimous and bipartisan 20-0 vote, clarifies existing law by allowing for immediate appeals to the high court if a judge determines during a pretrial hearing the accused was not justified in their situational response.

It also would require prosecutors to prove the shooting was not justified. Current law requires that defendants must prove they shot in self-defense.

House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford, D-Columbia, said the bill would simply ensure the law does what it was intended to do when it first passed in 2006.

The clarification was needed, Rutherford said, because by allowing for an appeals process before going to trial, defendants won't have to wait until they're convicted to appeal.

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Iowa a reality check for Trump, Sanders on way to S.C.

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The caucus results in Iowa should be a wake-up call for both Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders, telling them that running for president won't be as easy as it seems when the candidates move on to South Carolina next week.

In Trump's case, even as he leads in

South Carolina polling, he'll again have to contend with the evangelical vote that came out so strongly for Texas Sen. Ted Cruz on Monday, making him the Iowa GOP caucus winner.

According to 2012 exit polls, evangelicals made up 65 percent of the South Carolina GOP primary turnout that

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Generals say women should register for draft, plan phase-in for combat

Army, Navy chiefs vow to not lower standards, warn of hurdles

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
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WASHINGTON — The top Army and Marine Corps generals told senators Tuesday that it will take up to three years to fully integrate women into all combat jobs, adding that women also should have to register for the draft.

The military service leaders repeatedly vowed that they will not lower standards to bring women into the more grueling jobs. But they warned that inherent physi-

cal differences and different injury rates between men and women will have an impact on how the integration moves ahead.

The selective service question revealed differences between the military chiefs and their political leaders. Army Gen. Mark Milley and Marine Gen. Robert Neller both flatly said that women should be included in the requirement to register for the selective service at age 18, but Navy Secretary Ray Mabus and

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Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller testifies Tuesday on Capitol Hill at a hearing on opening all ground combat units to women.



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Roses of faith for families, survivors

Children from Benedict College Child Development Center prepare to hand roses to family members of those killed at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston during a special presentation and part of "No Greater Faith: The Legacy of Mother Emanuel AME Church" event Tuesday at the school's Antislavery Chapel.

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SC voters today older, more diverse

Landscape has changed since 2008 presidential primaries

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The S.C. voters that presidential candidates will be wooing over the next weeks are far different than in 2008, the last time the state had two presidential primaries.

Those voters are older and more diverse racially. Most are signing up in counties where Republicans dominate at the polls. And there are a lot more of them — 3 million compared

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to 2.2 million in 2008.

The State compared the makeup of S.C. registered voters leading up to the state's 2008 presidential primaries to those who registered in time to vote in the GOP and Democratic presidential primaries on Feb. 20 and

27, respectively.

The number of registered voters, age 65 and up, has increased by 57 percent since 2008, making older voters the fastest-growing age group. Older voters now account for one in four S.C. registered voters, up from one in five in eight years ago.

Meanwhile, younger voters — those ages 18 to 24 — have been the slowest growing age group since 2008, increasing by only 9 percent. The

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S.C. REGISTERED VOTERS

3 MILLION

Number of S.C. registered voters now, up from 2.2 million in 2008

40%

Growth in African-American voter

26%

Growth in white voter registration

86,420

Number of S.C. registered voters who are not

39,320

Number of S.C. registered voters in 2008 who were

24%

S.C. registered voters who are 65 or older,

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Follow Signing Day online for USC, Clemson and Midlands commitments. There will be updated signing lists, stories and videos.

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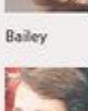
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Simpson

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Dam repairs to cost \$13.5M

BY DAN BROWN

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Aiken County Council heard some very sobering and frightening news about Langley Dam during its Tuesday work session.

In November 2014, when Langley Dam began to leak, the 100-year-old dam came very close to failing.

"We weren't aware of how close we came to failing at the time, but the dam was in very bad shape,"

County Engineer Joe Berry said. "I knew it was going to be complicated, but we were in a dangerous situation here. I was worried about the dam."

Joe Monroe, a project engineer with Schnabel Engineering out of Alpharetta, Georgia, delivered even more sobering news.

"It will cost \$13.5 million to repair Langley Dam," he said.

The \$13.5 million price tag is more than twice what the County had planned. Included in this \$13.5 million is an almost three-year construction and de-

sign process. The design process would take almost a year if the project started work in March, with a 15-month construction period ending in July 2018.

"A three-year wait and \$13.5 million, more than twice what we expected," said Council member Phil Napier. "That's sickening."

The repair work would include a complete replacement of the concrete spillway, removal and replacement of siphons, installation of a pedestrian bridge and the flattening and re-enforcement of the earthen slope on either side of the concrete spillway.

"Langley Dam is more than 100 years old," Monroe said. "The concrete spillway was either built in the 1930s or sometime in the 1950s or '60s. It's an old dam."

The Langley Dam situation was far worse than anyone on Council anticipated.

"We're in a Catch-22 situation here," Napier said. "We're damned if we do, and even more damned than if we don't."

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Clock ticking on Project Jackson

Glover says progress has been made

BY SCOTT RODGERS

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While the City of North Augusta has taken no action since last fall on Project Jackson — a planned \$200 million development including a baseball stadium, hotel, retail and residential — officials say there has been a lot of activity taking place behind the scenes.

The City still must approve a variety of measures before ground is broken, but only an initial approval for those steps was OK'd during an October 2015 meeting. The measure establishing the overall development agreement and the terms involved still face second and third reading at some point in the future at North Augusta City Council.

Since that time, there have been a handful of executive sessions to discuss the project.

North Augusta City Administrator Todd Glover said substantial progress has been made, and negotiations have been fruitful.

"Council has basically said when we get to second reading, we want this thing in its finished form," he said. "They didn't want to have changes. If you make substantial changes between second and third, you have to do second reading again. We'd just rather take the time and have it where we bring it forward to second reading and that's the deal."

"People would criticize us for having second reading and coming to second reading again, and we would rather have it all worked out at the same time."

During the first reading, North Augusta Mayor Lark Jones said there was potential

for multiple second readings, and that is something Glover is hoping to avoid. Glover also equated the first reading to that of a relay race, with the baton being passed from the City back to the developers.

"We went to first reading more to show that Council was willing to move forward if we got to where we needed to be," he said. "People are saying 'Why did you do first reading and stop?' Well, we did a step, and we're expecting them to come back and take one. We've had some great negotiations that are so advantageous to the City as a result of kicking the can down a little first."

"We'll see, I just know we're not ready for (this week). One of the things that Council wanted to do is have the documents out there for people to review. We didn't want to dump them on a Friday and read it on a Monday."

We will need the extra time to get the documents out there."

As far as a time table, Glover acknowledged that the clock is ticking.

He said if the stadium is going to open for the 2017 season, which was the original plan, that second and third reading would need to be done sooner rather than later.

He also said it's possible that the Augusta GreenJackets could move in during midseason in 2017, or, if Council chooses, it could be in 2018.

The core of the project has remained strong throughout the process and since it's announcement in December 2012.

"Not only are the key elements in it, we've added stuff," Glover said. "Right now, we've got an 180-room hotel with a conference center, an 80,000-square-foot office building, apartment buildings, single-family

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Pictured is a rendering of Project Jackson from Odell Associates Inc.

Eyes on N.H., S.C. primaries after Iowa caucus

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Monday night's Iowa caucus was significant, but Republicans and Democrats in Aiken and across the state reaffirmed that South Carolina's influence will play one of the biggest

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz grabbed the top spot in the Iowa caucuses Monday, overshadowing businessman and real estate mogul Donald Trump and Florida Sen. Marco

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ton narrowly beat out Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Officials called the race Tuesday for the former Secretary of State after the Sanders campaign confirmed it would not challenge the results after only coming in around 0.2 percent behind Clinton.

Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley also finished in the top five, but he was not in the race.

With Iowa down, and only days away from the New Hampshire primary on Feb. 9, South Carolina Republican and Democratic Party leaders are focused on efforts in the

caucuses; former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee did the same.

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WHAT'S COOKING IN ABBEVILLE?



Chef Pamela Varnish prepares a cooking demo Tuesday morning in the temporary classroom the culinary class currently uses at the Abbeville Career Center.

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ACSD waits expectantly on opening of new culinary facility

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Construction for Abbeville County School District's new culinary facility in the Abbeville Career Center started in September and ended at the beginning of Decem-

ber, but Superintendent Jonathan Phipps said it can't open until it gets approval from the Department of Education.

In 2014, the culinary program was moved from Dixie High School to the career center so both high schools in the district could make use of the program, but the career center did not have a room

equipped with kitchen appliances the students could use, so plans to turn a storage room into a culinary classroom were put into motion.

In July, the district approved spending about \$265,000 to make the storage room into a culinary classroom.

Phipps said the project was a larger undertaking than what was

initially projected as the building had to be updated to stay within regulations for a culinary room.

Phipps said the career center was constructed in 1981, so the fire alarm system had to be updated because the current one didn't work with the hood over the top of

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2013 INCIDENT

D50 settles suit

District to pay \$187,500
in case of mentally
disabled student

By ARIEL GILREATH
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Greenwood County School District 50 has settled to pay \$187,500 in connection with a lawsuit stemming from a 2013 incident.

The lawsuit was filed about a year after the mother of a mentally disabled girl found a video on social media of the girl, who was then 17, performing sex acts with a male student on a district school bus.

Expert witnesses filed in the case have said the girl has a mental age of about 6 years old and is easily taken advantage of because she is trusting and naive.

The lawsuit, T.M. v. Greenwood County School District 50, says students with intellectual disabilities were on the same school bus as students from the Genesis Education Center, an alternative school in the district for students with behavioral problems who have been removed from public school, as well as students who were removed from their regular buses because behavioral problems.

A 13-year-old boy was initially charged with exposure of private parts in a lewd and lascivious manner. The video was uploaded to social media by a 14-year-old boy on the bus, who was initially charged with disseminating, procuring or promoting obscenity unlawful in connection with the incident.

The lawsuit alleges the school district "created a policy and practice of transporting children from the alternative school on special needs buses and that this practice was inherently dangerous, it was a violation of Plaintiff T.M.'s various constitutional and federally protected rights and that the practice was grossly negligent."

The lawsuit claims the school bus camera was not working at the time of the incident.

Outside of the bus incident, the lawsuit alleges the school district failed to check in on T.M.'s individualized education program (IEP), failed to notify T.M.'s guardian of the removal of a shadow T.M. had to supervise her throughout high school until 12th grade — when the bus incident occurred — and teachers, other students and school officials spoke about the incident and made comments

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Brunson-Dargan's Little Gents Club teaching life lessons



Members of the Little Gents Club at Brunson-Dargan Elementary have worked as ushers in two school programs this year, helping to pass out programs and hold open doors.

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — Young boys at Brunson-Dargan Elementary School are learning and practicing skills not always found in textbooks that the school hopes will help them be more successful now and as adults.

The student members of the Little Gents Club are taking part in dedicated learning about respect, responsibility, manners, appropriate professional attire and other related skills.

Fifth-grader Lamont Bivens enthusiastically explained his experiences since joining the club.

"I think it's great. We are learning

how to be respectful, use table manners and how to be respectful to ladies," he said. "It makes me feel like an adult gentleman."

Earlier this school year, physical education teacher Joseph Gainey and school resource officer Keith Cauthen founded the Little Gents Club. They hoped it would provide positive learning experiences for the boys that translate into their futures.

"I came up with the idea after realizing there is some lack of positive male figures in the community," Gainey said. "With Officer Cauthen's help we started the club, and it's a way we hope to help students stay on the right track academically and

with self esteem while giving them tools to help them be successful in life."

The club's inaugural members meet every morning at 7:30 a.m. sharp to discuss their purpose and to focus on the day ahead.

"I was all for it," Cauthen said. "I only had my mom when I was growing up, so I know what it's like. We want to do anything we can to help these kids out."

Gainey and Cauthen have worked with the boys on learning about tying a tie, table manners and holding an open door for others. The Little Gents Club handed out programs

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Clemson research center being updated

BY JOE PERRY

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When the Pee Dee Research and Education Center was dedicated, Dick Riley was the governor.

A program from the July 19, 1985, dedication of the 2,300-acre site off West Pocket Road shows a \$3 million annual budget covered the work of 65 scientists, Clemson Extension specialists, technicians and secretaries from both Clemson and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to serve agribusiness in the Pee Dee, as well as 40 young men and women helping out over the summer.

Over 30 years later, the centerpiece of the Research and Education Center, the John B. Pitner Center — named for the first director — is now undergoing a \$7 million renovation to update laboratories, improve network capacity, and create collaborative workspaces for multidisciplinary scientists and researchers.

And the goal is simple, said Jonathan Windham.

"Improving cotton, soybeans, corn and other crops is the long-term goal," explained Windham, the school's Advanced Plant Technology Program representative. "Crops that are important to South Carolina — that's what these labs are for."

Housed within the 244,000-square-foot Pitner Center, and just one component of the research at the center, the Advanced Plant Technology Program will soon have modern labs designed to be more open and conducive to collaboration.

"The labs were dated, dark and cluttered" and reflective of late 1970s aesthetics, he said.

"We're going to create gigantic, multiscale laboratories," he said,

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DANCING WITH THE STARS OF DARLINGTON COUNTY



PHOTOS BY ARDIE ARVIDSON/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

The 2016 Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County trophies go to Dr. Jamie Harvey and his professional partner Ariadne Roberts. The event is held as a fundraiser for the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault.

Harvey, Roberts win contest

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON

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The third annual Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County was a successful night combining entertainment with fundraising and education about domestic violence and sexual abuse to benefit the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault.

The event was held Thursday night at the Center Theater be-

Rowe to the song "Sway." Their costumes were designed by Lyn Barnard.

Harvey grew up in Goose Creek and moved to Florence with his family while in high school. He is one of seven children. He spent two years as a missionary for the



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Suspect's charge upgraded to murder

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Sumter County Sheriff's Office upgraded a suspected shooter's charge of attempted murder to murder on Monday after the victim recently died of complications from a wound he suffered in December.

Ricardo Dargan, 29, of 1281 Devonshire Drive, Sumter, was originally charged with attempted murder



DARGAN

after the shooting on Dec. 3, 2015 when the victim, David Clea, was shot in the leg with a 9 mm handgun, according to a news release from the sheriff's office.

In an incident report provided by the sheriff's office, Dargan and Clea, 40, were arguing outside of a residence in the 1000 block

of Vaughn Street when a witness overheard Clea say, "You gonna shoot me with my own gun."

Shortly after, witnesses heard multiple gun shots. When officers arrived, Clea was found on the ground with a gunshot wound to his right inner thigh and Dargan had left the scene.

Dargan was later located on S.C. 441 and was arrested.

He has been held at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center since his arrest in December after he was denied bond for his original charge of attempted murder, said Capt. Robert Burnish with the sheriff's office.

Clea was transported to Palmetto Health Tuomey right after the shooting

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Volunteers give dignity to the dead

Grandmother leads recovery of overgrown, forgotten cemeteries

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A group of volunteers has taken on the task of preserving local history by cleaning Rembert Branch Cemetery, which has been overgrown and forgotten for decades.

Beulah Carter, who has several relatives buried in the cemetery, decided to preserve her family members' resting places when she returned to South Carolina after living in New Jersey for years.

On Tuesday, Carter, her grandson and two volunteers worked in the cemetery from 9:30 a.m. into the evening cutting down trees, marking grave sites and fixing headstones.

She said several headstones had been stolen from the cemetery during the years.

Before the cemetery was covered with decades of trees and overgrown brush, Carter said the headstones could be seen from across the road.

One of the last graves added to the cemetery was in 1989, and one of the earliest graves was dug in 1911.

Carter, who used to clean local cemeteries every year with her grandfather when she was a child, now takes on the task with her children and grandchildren.

"If Nana can get out and do it, they are going to help me," she said.

She hopes to pass on the duty of taking care of the cemeteries to her descendants.

Carter said she gets a joy out of cleaning cemeteries because she knows it's for a purpose.

"I wish people would take



Beulah Carter places the top of Amelia Mark's headstone back in place at the Rembert Branch Cemetery on Tuesday. Mark was buried in 1914.

more care in maintaining loved ones' resting places," she said. "They deserve dignity, even in death."

Once obstructions in the cemetery have been cleaned up, Carter said a fence will be built around it.

She said the project had been going on for more than a week and expects that it will take a long time

to complete because there were still several graves off in the woods that had not been cleared.

She said people can take the wood from the trees that have been cut down, for free to help clear off the land.

The group is looking for more volunteers and more tools to help with the project.

Carter said the group is

looking for an individual who can donate a wood chipper, which would make the clearing process much easier.

She said people can also send financial contributions for the project to 2571 Woodrow Road, Sumter, SC, 29153.

Those interested in volunteering can contact Beulah Carter at (803) 514-8712.

Trump to visit Sumter

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It is almost impossible to turn on the evening news without seeing a report of one of the major presidential candidates stumping in Columbia, Charleston, Greenville or Myrtle Beach. As the state prepares to host Presidential Preference primary elections Feb. 20 and 27,

candidates have not wanted to stray from the big media markets.

In Sumter County, however, except for a visit by U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders months ago, not a single major candidate has scheduled an appearance.

As the election nears, that may be about to change, as billionaire Donald Trump has reserved the Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St., for a Feb. 17 event. Tickets are available at no charge at www.eventbrite.com. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and Trump is scheduled to appear at 7 p.m., the website says.

Acting Sumter County Republican Party Chair Jason Reddick said he is expecting more attention to be turned this way.

"I am glad to see that some of the GOP candidates are focusing on some of the smaller counties rather than just concentrating on the big three, Greenville, Columbia and Charleston, and I think we will see more of that in the next few weeks," he said.

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Campaigns turn to New Hampshire with Cruz, Sanders on the rise

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The next women of country

Clark, Ell and Thompson prepare for Florence Civic Center show

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FLORENCE — After stops in New York City, Boston and more, CMT's "Next Women of Country" tour picks back up in the Pee Dee on Thursday with a diverse evening of country music by Grammy-award

winner Jennifer Nettles, Brandy Clark, Lindsay Ell and Tara Thompson.

CMT first launched its "Next Women" campaign in 2013 in an effort to emphasize undiscovered female artists in the often male-dominated format.

Clark, who has also been

IF YOU GO

» **WHAT:** CMT presents Jennifer Nettles with 2016 Next Women of Country Tour featuring Brandy Clark, Lindsay Ell and Tara Thompson
» **WHERE:** Florence Civic Center
» **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday
» **ADMISSION:** Tickets range from \$51.50 to \$81.50. Purchase tickets online at www.florenceciviccenter.com or by visiting the Florence Civic Center box office.

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Lindsay Ell will perform with CMT's "Next Women of Country" tour at the Florence Civic Center on Thursday.

Voter bill seeks to engage students

Law would require high schools to provide voter registration cards

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FLORENCE — A bill filed by a state representative from Florence aims to require South Carolina high schools to give students a voter registration card before they turn 18.



Alexander

The bill would require lessons on the importance of voting but would also allow students to opt out of the registration process for religious or philosophical reasons.

The legislation calls for the state's Department of Education, election commission and individual county voter registration and election offices to implement the plan.

Rep. Terry Alexander, a Democrat from Florence, filed the bill (H-4382) in January. He said the bill is straightforward and passing it wouldn't cost the state any additional money.

"I simply want to engage our young folks, at an earlier age, in the political process that affects their lives so vigorously on a daily basis," Alexander said. "With so much exposure to politics through media, they are becoming more aware of the problems we're facing. This is an opportunity for them to get involved and make



Sonja Graves (left), principal of Lucy T. Davis Elementary School, and Donnie Chavis (right), food services director for Florence District One, congratulate Pam O'Neal, the school's cafeteria manager, who was honored Tuesday morning as a School Meals Hero by ConAgra Foods.



Students at Lucy T. Davis Elementary School hold a banner honoring Pam O'Neal, who was chosen as a School Meal Hero by ConAgra Foods.

Hero in the cafeteria

Lucy T. Davis Elementary cafeteria manager named School Meal Hero

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FLORENCE — The heart of Lucy T. Davis Elementary School got a big hug Tuesday morning.

Cafeteria manager Pam O'Neal received a surprise honor when she was named a School Meal Hero

by ConAgra Foods as part of the company's effort to honor the hard work that goes into preparing nutritious meals for students every day.

"She's the heart of our school," said Principal Sonja Graves after an assembly that included lots

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Arts scholarships available for Florence County students



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School board passes nepotism policy

Final policy allows hiring of superintendent's immediate family members

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The Beaufort County school board's new nepotism policy includes no restrictions on the hiring of a superintendent's immediate family members, despite last minute efforts by some members to ban just that.

ELECTION RESULTS

For Beaufort County School District 2 election results, go to **7A**.

The policy passed 6-4 at Tuesday night's regularly scheduled meeting, with board members Evva Anderson, Joseph Dunkle, JoAnn Orischak and Michael Rivers opposing. Anderson had sought to

reinstate language that would prohibit any family members of the superintendent from working for the district but was shot down by a majority.

"It's unconstitutional, unfair and inappropriate," Paul Roth said of imposing a different rule on the superintendent than on other employees.

One member of the public, Citizens About Responsible Education member Rebecca Bass, let out a quiet "Oh my God" as the board gave its final vote.

The tally put a dot on an issue that has plagued the board since mid-September when Superintendent Jeff Moss changed the district's nepotism rule and recommended the hiring of his wife.

The board had promised to craft an overarching nepotism policy the same night Moss announced his wife's resignation.



Moss

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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WHO WON?



Hillary Clinton — 49.9%

Bernie Sanders — 49.6%

Martin O'Malley — 0.5%



The Democratic caucus results were so tight that Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders hopped overnight flights to New Hampshire with the victor of their neck-and-neck contest in doubt. It took until midday Tuesday for a firm call in Clinton's favor and for state party officials and Sanders' campaign to make clear there's no plan for a recount in the offing.



Ted Cruz — 27.7%

Donald Trump — 24.3%

Marco Rubio — 23.1%

Ben Carson — 9.3%

Rand Paul — 4.5%

Jeb Bush, Carly Fiorina, John Kasich, Mike Huckabee, Chris Christie, Rick Santorum and Jim Gilmore garnered less than 3% of votes each. Other was at 0.1%.

EXIT STRATEGIES

Does Iowa turn into a knockout blow for more bottom-tier candidates? Democrat Martin O'Malley and Republican Mike Huckabee bailed out before midnight on caucus night. More candidates could look for the exits after sleeping on it.

WHY IT MATTERS

Winners and those who exceeded expectations will be happy to play up the significance of the Iowa results. Just how far do they stretch that victory lap?



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WHY IT DOESN'T MATTER

Poor performers in the caucuses will look for ways to play down the importance of Iowa. Ben Carson, for one, complained in his evening speech that he'd been the target of caucus-night dirty tricks.

Seafood market looks to expand

Sea Eagle Market buys Dopson Seafood on St. Helena Island.

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Darlene Dopson feared development would overtake a St. Helena Island shrimping institution.

She and her husband, Craig, poured 40 years into Dopson Seafood and worried imported shrimp and a thirst for waterfront property would eventually shutter the business.

"St. Helena Island is all fishermen and shrimpers and oystermen, and I'd like for it to stay that way," Darlene said in a 2014 video for the S.C. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Now another local shrimping establishment is granting that wish.

Sea Eagle Market is expanding to St. Helena after the Reaves family bought Dopson Seafood this week.

The new-look business will be known as Sea Eagle at Village Creek and will include seafood processing, a retail operation and event space, owner Craig Reaves said Tuesday.

"We're going to preserve the working waterfront for future generations," Reaves said. "It gives us security in the Beaufort area."

Sea Eagle will maintain about 10 boats on the docks during peak season, and one of its boats had already been using the dock to offload

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