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The U.S. battle against the Islamic State has not yet curbed the group's global reach. The group is expected to plot more attacks on the West and incite

ORLANDO NIGHTCLUB MASSACRE

Obama appeals for gun control

By Josh Lederman and Kathleen Hennessey
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Embracing grieving Orlando families and appealing anew for national action, President Barack Obama claimed a threat to all Americans' security Thursday as a strong reason to tighten U.S. gun laws. Counterterror campaigns overseas, he declared, can never prevent all "lone wolf" attacks like the one that

killed 49 people in Orlando.

Speaking at a makeshift memorial to the victims, Obama said the massacre at a gay nightclub was evidence that "different steps" are needed to limit the damage a "deranged" person set on committing violence can do. He cheered on Democrats' push for new gun control measures, including a new ban on assault weapons and stricter background checks.

Although he showed little hope the measures would find

much support among most opponents, Obama seemed to be aiming for other lawmakers, perhaps Republican hawks eager to get behind counterterror campaigns but steadfastly opposed to gun restrictions.

Obama arrived as Orlando began the next stage of its grief — funerals all over town. A visitation for one victim, Javier Jorge Reyes, on Wednesday night turned out a crowd of friends, family, drag queens and motorcyclists to pay their

respects.

"We're just here to spread love and joy and try to put an end to all the hate," said Ezekiel Davis — or, as he's known to some, Sister Anesthesia Beeverhausen. Obama could not miss other signs of a community coming together in tragedy. Hundreds of people gathered in 95-degree heat outside the Amway Center stadium where he met with families.

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SENATE DISTRICT 12

Gov. Haley throws support to Talley



GUN DEBATE

Filibuster fails to push Congress

By Erica Werner
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The slaughter in Florida and an attention-grabbing filibuster in the Senate did little to break the election-year stalemate in Congress over guns Thursday, with both sides unwilling to budge and Republicans standing firm against any new legislation opposed by the National Rifle Association.

Democrats renewed their call to action after Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., held the floor along with colleagues in a nearly 15-hour filibuster that lasted into the early hours Thursday.

"We can't just wait, we have to make something happen," said Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., at an emotional news conference where Democrats joined family members of people killed in recent mass shootings. "These are people bound by brutality, and their numbers are growing."

But Republicans were coolly dismissive of Democrats' demands. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., derided Murphy's filibuster as a "campaign talk-a-thon" that did nothing but delay potential votes.

Noting that a few Democrats



On the evening of Wednesday, June 17, 2015, nine lives were taken.



Our city mourned ...



... And found unity in tragedy ...



... But how is their loss affecting us now?

One year ago today, the mass shooting at Emanuel AME Church changed who we are as a community. The pain of that tragedy ran deep, shaking the city to its core even as it inspired us to be more tolerant, forgiving and united as a people. Inside, readers reflect on how this seminal event continues to impact their lives. *See Pages A5-A7.*

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EMANUEL
ONE YEAR LATER

The lesson that night

BY ELL MAUPPEN

"And these are they likewise which are
sown on stony ground." - Mark 4:16

"Who are we now?"
- Nikky Finney, "A New Day Dawns"

How hot it was that sun-beat week,
watering the yard every day,
the curled leaves and dry ground,
green wings of zinnia breaking the soil.
They sat together around a green table,
prayed, sang, then opened the gospel—
the lesson that night was seed sown
on stony ground. What can we know
of the human heart, entangled in all
that we've been taught? A boy from here
sat with them about an hour,
then aimed his hate and opened fire.

How quick we were to act,
focused on that festering flag,
quick to take it down
and move forward, move on—
these aren't the same.
After weeks of heat, it rained the day
the governor said to take it down.
Are we somehow different now?
How would we know?

We lurled a flag. We lurled a flag.
A girl was slung across a room,
a man who ran shot in the back.
The broke and broken schools remain.
What has changed, beyond that square
of empty sky where it once flew,
the opened door of clouds and blue?



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CHARLESTON CHURCH SHOOTING: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

Emanuel 9 victims recalled, honored



The Rev. Anthony Thompson greets the public for a Wednesday night Bible study at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. A year ago, parishioners met for the same service. Mine, including Thompson's wife, Myra, would die there.

MARY ORNDORFF TROYAN THE GREENVILLE NEWS

WASHINGTON - South Carolina's senators marked the anniversary of last year's Charleston church shooting with stirring speeches Thursday that honored the nine victims and recognized the grace and forgiveness shown by their families.

"We were all in a state of shock," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said of the June 17, 2015, tragedy at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. "And what woke us up was the way the families behaved... when they channeled their grief into something constructive."

Within hours of Dylann Roof's arrest in the shootings, the family members publicly offered the suspect their forgiveness.

"They reminded us of what humanity is all about," Graham said.

Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., connected the anniversary of the Charleston tragedy with last weekend's shooting in Florida, where a gunman killed 49 people inside a nightclub in Orlando.

"As Orlando mourns and Charleston remembers... we can show how love overcame hate," Scott said in his remarks on the floor.

Graham and Scott made their comments after the day's final votes. Most other senators were gone but members of the public lined the gallery. CSPAN broadcast the comments live, and they will be inserted into the Congressional Record for posterity.

"The world will also see this from Charleston —



Sen. Tim Scott



Sen. Lindsey Graham

"As Orlando mourns and Charleston remembers we can show how love overcame hate."

SEN. TIM SCOTT
R-S.C.

High court hears Wilson, Pascoe dispute

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COLUMBIA - State Attorney General Alan Wilson and Solicitor David Pascoe on Thursday took their public dispute over Pascoe's attempt to begin a state grand jury probe of public corruption to the South Carolina Supreme Court.

The five justices repeatedly fired questions at both sides during an hour-long hearing in a packed courtroom but issued no immediate decision.

"We want to get this right," Chief Justice Costa Pleicones said at one point. "It seems to me, when you get down to the nitty-gritty, the bottom line in this case is everyone thinks a grand jury investigation in this case is OK. It's just a matter of who conducts the grand jury investigation."

The case is unusual for its public spat between two of the state's top legal officers but also because of the issues the justices must sort through to reach a decision, which could not only impact Wilson and Pascoe but also the corruption probe in question and future matters of recusal and special prosecutors.

Wilson originally picked Pascoe, the chief prosecutor for the judicial district based in Orangeburg, to handle the prosecution of former House Speaker Bobby Harrell, who eventually pleaded guilty to multiple ethics charges. After that probe turned up allegations concerning some other lawmakers, Wilson's office asked Pascoe to look into them. Saying Wilson had "firewalled" himself from the case over concerns about potential conflicts of interest.

In March, after consultation with Kuel, Pascoe moved to bring the probe to the state grand jury. Wilson said he was surprised by the move and

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Police dash cam, FOIA bill sinks in stalemate

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COLUMBIA - Legislation to regulate the release of police dash cam video and to revise the state Freedom of Information Act has died after House and Senate negotiators could not agree to join the two bills.

The House last month swapped revisions to the FOIA in a dash cam bill after a senator halted progress of the FOIA bill in the Senate.



SPORTS RedWolves slip past Bananas in Coastal Plain League. **Page 1D**

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Musically Exceptional Showcase

Students show off skills learned during camp



BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — More than 40 young artists showed off their talents Thursday morning in a room packed full of friends and family. The District One Musically Exceptional Showcase was the culmination of the district's annual camp for students interested in the arts.

Students participated in workshops in one or more of the five study areas: vocal, string, band, drama and guitar. They learned new musical pieces and choreography; some of the students even wrote their own pieces.

Drama students were challenged by workshop leader Kevin Murphy to write a piece about someone who is their hero. One student wrote about her mother, battling cancer again after having beaten it before. Another student spoke about an older sister who always made herself available even as a busy college student. Several students wrote that they were their own hero and that they would continue to make their own path in the world.

In the songwriting workshop, students were able to work with singer/songwriter Kellin Wilson who was a judge for the district's Vocal Star competition several months ago. Wilson played the song "Steal

on Top of the World" and featured several students prominently with guitar solos and vocal callbacks. Student Gracie Hinson sang a verse of the song solo, which earned her a thunderous applause from the audience.

String students played several classic pieces and then collaborated with the guitar students on more contemporary fare. The full orchestra even tackled the theme song from "Harry Potter."

The teachers involved with the camp said that the students worked hard, had a good attitude and were able to accomplish amazing things.

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Florence County

Council approves \$33 car 'user fee'

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FLORENCE — Beginning July 1, vehicle owners within Florence County's unified fire district will pay an annual \$10 service fee for emergency medical services and a \$23 fee for fire and rescue services.

An ordinance passed Thursday by the Florence County Council by an 8-0 vote removes the existing \$25 parcel fee for property owners to use those same services.

Council Vice Chairman Ken Caudle said the readjustment came from the number of car owners in the county versus the number of land and home property owners, and the fact that most EMS and fire services are vehicle-related.

"Most of our first-responder calls are to vehicle accidents," he said. "There are people who own vehicles, often multiple vehicles, who don't own titles to property. Before, it was a penalty to property owners but now it's more like a user's fee for vehicle owners in the unified fire district."

County officials said the tax increase will take the fire and first-responder fund from \$202,000 to about \$3.9 million.

"The basic functions of government are public safety, transportation and EMS," Caudle said. "We used to have a lot of people where the help was far away from them when they needed it, and that's why we're putting so much money into fire and EMS — hopefully to keep improving it."

The unified fire district covers the district of Sallis-Timmonsville, Johnsonville, Hays Springs, Hannah-Salem-Friendfield, West Florence and Windy Hill.

ORLANDO SHOOTING

Community remembers victims



SHIRLEY MOULDER FOR FOX 40 NEWS

Community members gather at Central United Methodist Church on Thursday evening to pray and remember the victims of the mass shooting in Orlando.

Central United Methodist Church hosts candlelight memorial and prayer service

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FLORENCE — A bell was rung and a new candle lit each time the name of a victim of the Orlando shooting was called at Thursday's service of prayer and remembrance.

The special service was hosted

by Central United Methodist Church and gave the community an opportunity to pray and sing hymns together while remembering victims of Sunday's attack in Orlando.

People who attended the service said the solemn hour was a touching one. The symbolism was beautiful, said

Hank Leake, one of the many people who attended.

He said the shooting of innocent people shattered the lives not only of the victims, but also of the victims' families.

"It's a tragedy," Leake said. "We as Christians, we're here to support those people, to show them we love them,

and to hopefully bring some hope."

Several Scriptures were read, and hymns were sung throughout the service.

The Rev. Will Mulanbri III led the congregation in a prayer. He prayed for those

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Double Dutch team comes out on top at world competition

April Azile turns ropes at the Barnes Street Activity Center several days after her team won



BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — Last week, the city of Florence fourth-grade Double Dutch team

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EMANUEL AME: ONE YEAR LATER



Police tape surrounds the parking lot behind the Emanuel AME Church as FBI forensic experts work the crime scene, where nine people were shot by Dylan Storm Roof, in Charleston. After nine black parishioners were slain at a Charleston church, South Carolina did what many thought would never happen: It moved the Confederate flag off Statehouse grounds.

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Calls for tolerance, reform after Charleston shooting

One year later, area residents reflect on to shooting massacre

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A year after a shooting at their historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston claimed the lives of nine parishioners, some Aiken area residents are calling on gun reform and others, prayer.

But tolerance also seems to be a common theme, as they reflect the importance of people accepting those who are not like them.

The victims included Cynthia Hunt, Dellyn McMillen Doctor, Susan Park-

son, the Rev. Shonda Singletary, Ethel Jarne, Tywanza Sanders, Myra Thompson, the Rev. David Simmons Sr. and the Rev. Clement Pettigree, the church's pastor, who was also a congregant.

As a symbol of solidarity, confederates paraded in for the city and vigils and services were held across the state, including in Aiken.

Robert Zipfel, who sat in front of New Mount Calvary downtown Aiken on Thursday, said he was in Tulsa a year ago when he heard the news.

"It definitely affected me. It's made me more aware of my surroundings and it's also made me very sad," Zipfel said. "You hear about what happened and... it's just terrible."



Connie Enlow, Aiken resident



Jennifer Smith, Aiken resident



Robert Zipfel, Aiken resident

"It made me want to pray more for people... it opens my eyes more to what's going on."

"If you don't agree with people who are black, gay, you still have to accept them."

"It's made me more aware of my surroundings, and it's also made me very sad."

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Gun issue results in 15-hour filibuster

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Democratic senator who mortified the likes of 20 children in his home state waged a roughly 15-hour filibuster in the early Thursday, resisting as he yielded the floor that Republican leaders had committed to hold votes on expanded gun background checks and a ban on gun sales to suspected terrorists.

With a compromise on the gun issue still improbable, Sen. Chris Murphy stood on the Senate floor for most of Wednesday and into Thursday. Speaking in the waning of the mass shooting early Sunday at a Florida nightclub, Murphy said he would remain there "until we get some signal, some sign that we can come together." He concluded the filibuster at 2:11 a.m. Thursday.

Although Murphy, D-Conn., talked optimistically about his cause, it is

unlikely the amendments Democrats are seeking will pass the Republican-run Senate.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., dismissed the Democrats' "campaign rally-a-thon" and urged lawmakers to back legislation favored by the National Rifle Association that would let the government delay firearms sales to suspected terrorists for up to 72 hours.

Prosecutors would have to persuade a judge to block the transaction permanently, a bar that Democrats and gun control activists say is too high.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said nothing will change as long as "Republicans continue to take their orders" from the NRA.

Murphy spent much of the time speaking about the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in December 2012. He finished his filibuster by talking about one of the young boys who died there.

When Murphy had stood on the floor for more than nine hours, his own young sons, ages 4 and 3, briefly appeared in the Senate gallery.

"I hope you'll understand some day why we're doing this," Murphy said, addressing his oldest son. "Trying and trying and trying to do the right thing is ultimately just as important as

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WEATHER

Alligators not abundant, but dangerous

BY THOMAS GARDNER
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Much of the Southeastern U.S. is associated with swamps, including South Carolina, whose wet, blackish landscapes are home to vast populations of American alligators.

Fatal attacks are rare, with 18 reported deaths since 2000. The most recent death occurred this

Florida was home to all but two of those attacks, one of which happened near Savannah, Georgia, the other in Texas. Alligators are well-known in Aiken County and surrounding areas, including Back Pond Park of North Augusta where alligator removal caused a stir in 2012.

What Gibbons, head of the Environmental Outreach and Education at Savannah River Ecology Lab,



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All the Alligator is a young male in the crook of a cypress at Back Pond Park.

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BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Coast Guard: Hospital responsible for oil spill

Hospital called "responsible party" for oil found near Lady's Island Marina in May

Samples from water near hospital and marina were tested by Connecticut-based lab

Hospital will be responsible for undetermined amount of total cost of cleanup

BY WAKI LIVINGSTON
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The U.S. Coast Guard said Beaufort Memorial Hospital is responsible for the oil spill that fouled the waters of the Beaufort River and Factory Creek late last month.

Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Shannon Scaff said Thursday that samples taken from the river

behind the hospital and the creek near Lady's Island Marina were tested and are "conclusive."

"And what the lab results tell us," Scaff said, "is that the hospital has been identified as the responsible party." He later added that he'd been told the test was "100 percent accurate."

The hospital will be responsible for cleanup costs, the

Coast Guard said, "but to what degree I'm not sure," Scaff said.

"Today the Coast Guard notified the hospital that based on their investigation they believe the oil discovered at the Lady's Island Marina on Factory Creek was related to the hospital's oil leak reported by the hospital on May 29," Beaufort Memorial Hospital spokesperson Courtney McDermott wrote in an email to The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette on Thursday afternoon.

"The hospital is waiting for an official report from the Coast Guard to include the lab analysis and the cost of repayment to the National Pollution Funds Center, which was responsible for the marina cleanup," McDermott wrote.

SEE OIL SPILL, 7A

Former employee of solicitor charged

EBa Kim Meeks Powell charged with embezzling \$525 from office's worthless check unit

Alleged theft, secrecy and lack of action had become election issue

Solicitor admits mistake after conflicting statements

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A former employee of the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office has been charged with stealing money from the office's worthless check unit, nearly three years after she was fired and one day after her former

boss won a key challenge for his job.
Ella Kim Meeks Powell, 52, of Hardeeville, was charged Wednesday after a S.C. Law

Enforcement Division investigation concluded she took \$525 from the unit and deposited it into her personal bank account. The charge is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or 30 days in prison. She was released from the Beaufort County Detention Center later that day on bail, according to the detention center's website.

The case lingered in limbo and outside public scrutiny until it came up in a pre-election debate in the solicitor's race and was later reported by The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette. The newspapers found that SLED's report sat in Solicitor Duffie Stone's office for about 30 months before properly being forwarded to the S.C. Attorney General's Office, which will prosecute the case.

The case became a lightning rod in the election, with Stone left to defend his comments at the debate that the case was not in his hands and later to the newspapers that he only had a "victim's report." Both of those statements turned out not to be true. Stone admitted he made a mistake and on Tuesday easily won the Republican primary over challenger Angela McCall-Tanner. He faces no opposition in the November election.

MARKING EMANUEL AME SHOOTING ANNIVERSARY IN BEAUFORT



Members of the audience sing along to a hymn sung by the Sons of Allen Choir during Thursday's memorial service marking the one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Thursday's interfaith service, sponsored by the Unified Interfaith Community Coalition, was held at Beaufort's Grace Chapel AME Church in Beaufort.

Victims remembered with calls for unity

Former state representative Bakari Sellers delivers message

Sellers says victims should be remembered by working to end

BY STEPHEN BASTENNAU
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Bakari Sellers remembers

congregation at Beaufort's Grace Chapel AME Church on Thursday. The memorial service was to remember the nine victims of the Emanuel AME Church shooting in Charleston

Pineckney also had preached at Beaufort's Jericho AME and Porter's Chapel in Port Royal.

Sellers said Pineckney's response to his gripes was to look ahead.

"I remember he smiled at me the way he did and told me to stop worrying so much about what happened yesterday and get busy working for tomorrow," Sellers told the crowded sanctuary. "I remember he told me, 'Bakari, just

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Darlington County Sheriff election

Byrd concedes victory to Tony Chavis

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DARLINGTON — Darlington County Sheriff Wayne Byrd conceded victory to primary challenger Tony Chavis.

As of 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, with 30 of 32 precincts reporting, Chavis was leading by a margin of nearly 5 percent of overall votes.

Final results showed 8-year

Darlington County Sheriff Byrd losing to Chavis by 549 votes. Byrd had 47.13 percent of the votes; Chavis had 52.87 percent.

Chavis retired from his career with the S.C. Highway Patrol to run for sheriff. He worked with the S.C. Highway Patrol for 27 years and served in the U.S. Marine Corps



Byrd



Chavis

Reserves for six years.

As sheriff, Chavis said, he wants to bring positive change to Darlington County police. Within the first 100 days of being elected, he said, he would form a citizen advisory council to rebuild trust between victims and law enforcement in Darlington County.

"I will work to build stronger community partnerships, improve the training and standards for deputies, manage tax dollars and resources wisely, and restore honor, integrity and trust between the sheriff's department and all citizens of Darlington County," Chavis said in a Morning News questionnaire.

He also wants to widen the use of technology and bring updated crime-fighting tools to the de-

partment, among other things.

Chavis thanked the voters in Darlington County, saying that the office belonged to them.

"I just want to thank the citizens of Darlington County who decided that enough is enough and they want the sheriff's office back," Chavis said. "I want to thank them for coming out today and supporting me and putting me in the office chair of Darlington County."

County Council incumbents unseated, auditor close

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY
Bk Media

DARLINGTON — Republican Lewis Brown defeated incumbent Bobbin Brock for the Darlington County Council District 7 seat. Lewis won with 72.29 percent of the vote.



Brown



Thomas



Dana



Rogers

"I'm looking forward to the transition and working with members of county council to put a plan in place for Darlington County," Brown said.

Brock served Darlington County with a passion and interest, and Brown said he wants to thank him for his term as a council member.

"Secondly, I'd like to thank my support team, starting first with my family, all these friends and supporters," Brown said.

Wingate Thomas defeated incumbent Wilhelmina R. Johnson on Tuesday for the District 3 seat. She received 61.5 votes, or 51.99 percent.

Thomas said she previously served on the Darlington County Board of Education for eight years, was a member of the emergency medical commission for eight years and the county commission for four years.

After she is sworn into office in January, Thomas said, she would like to see the council become a cohesive team and work together to get things accomplished.

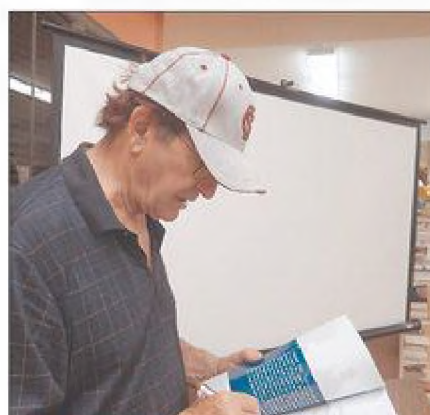
"I think one of the most important things we need to do is to print a county directory so our constituents and people will know who is in the chain of command, what facilities we have, what goes on," Thomas said.

WHERE DREAMS GROW WINGS



PHOTOGRAPH BY APRIENNA WATKINS

Quinetta Butlerbaugh makes her selection from the many books on display at Barry Bookstore on Saturday during the Where Dreams Grow Wings Literary Festival. Authors were on hand for readings and book signings. In the background is local author Bellamy Jackson with her book, "Prayers to Release You from Bondage, Recover You, and Make You Well in Jesus' Name."



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Biker hospitalized after wreck

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Flashing blue lights in the side of Always Money on Montague Avenue Thursday night as Greenwood police officers searched the parking lot for evidence with flashlights.

An orange motorcycle pressed against the glass door had parts hanging off, with scattered debris leading up to it. A crowd of concerned onlookers watched as police assessed the damage

and discussed their findings and S.C. Highway Patrol troopers directed traffic.

The motorcyclist was driving south on Montague when he slid and lost control, according to Lt. Erik Wideman with the Greenwood Police Department. The man was thrown from his bike, and it stopped at the doors of Always Money, he said. Yellow police tape cordoned off the area where the bike lay.

The man suffered severe head injuries, but Wideman said he didn't know

the extent of them. He was taken to Self Regional Medical Center, and Wideman said he might have been airlifted to another hospital.

Friends of the biker watched from behind the tape before leaving, and one man, who declined to give his name, said they had been riding together when the motorcyclist lost control and wrecked his bike. He said he hoped the best for his friend, but that he wasn't in good shape when he was taken to the hospital.



DAVID DOMINGUEZ/INDEX-JOURNAL

Greenwood police scanned the parking lot of Always Money Thursday night after a motorcycle lost control and the driver was thrown from his bike.

DISTRICT 51

Greenwood County officials meet to discuss changing school board vote

By ADAM BENSON

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District leaders want to move the Ware Shoals school board election from May to November in hopes of boosting participation, but it'll take more than moving a date on a calendar to make that change happen.

State law tells the Greenwood County Board of Voter Registration and Elections with administering the Greenwood County

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School District 51 Board of Trustees election, which

spans three counties. Concerns of how that requirement would play out with other races on the ballot were raised during Thursday's elections board meeting.

"To put it on the general election ballot, that's not a problem," said Connie Moody, director of voter registration and elections in Greenwood County. "The issue is for us trying to staff precincts in two other counties, I don't think they're aware of how it's set up."

The elections board asked Moody at the meeting to write a letter to officials from Abbeville and Laurens counties, District 51 and the region's legislative delegation outlining logistical challenges related to the move.

Last month, School District 51 Superintendent Guy Sprouse recommended syncing local races to the general election because of low voter turnout. She said just 230 votes were cast this year at cost of about \$5,500 — or \$23 a voter.

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Justices mulling prosecutor dispute in corruption case

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina's Supreme Court on Thursday presided over a public feud between the state's top prosecutor and a local solicitor who says that he has been empowered to initiate and utilize a state grand jury investigation into legislative corruption.

Solicitor David Pascoc has sued Attorney General Alan Wilson, arguing he has authority to open a state

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