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Eleventh Circuit solicitor candidate Rick Hubbard checks voting numbers with Sutanja Radlein at his gathering to watch poll results.

11TH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR

Race to succeed Myers appears headed for runoff

BY TIM FLACH
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The contest to succeed longtime 11th Circuit Solicitor Donnie Myers appears headed for a second round June 28.

Longtime Myers assistant Rick Hubbard of Gilbert fell just short of winning outright the three-candidate match in Tuesday's Republican primary ballot, finishing with 49.84 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results.

If that count holds after a review, Hubbard will face former Grand Strand assistant prosecutor Candice Lively of Chapin in a runoff election since no candidate received more than 50 percent.

"This is stage one, and now we enter the final phase," Hubbard said.

Lively could not be reached for comment.

Larry Wedekind, also of Chapin, urged supporters to back Hubbard after he finished last.

The change in the prosecutor's office is part of a sweeping generational change in law enforcement in steadily growing Lexington County over the past two years.

Either Hubbard or Lively will join Sheriff Jay Koon and Coroner Margaret Fisher as the new generation of lead-



Candice Lively finished second behind Rick Hubbard in the primary for 11th Circuit solicitor.

ers, replacing predecessors who dominated the scene for four decades: Myers, James Metts and Harry Harman.

"What makes it unique is that it all happened in a short period," political consultant R.J. Shealy said. "It was hard to imagine just a few years ago that these changes would come so quickly. The officials who left had been there so long, they had become institutions."

By the numbers

Unofficial results in the Republican primary election Tuesday for 11th Circuit solicitor in Lexington County and adjoining areas:

(137 of 137 precincts)

Rick Hubbard: 13,969

Candice Lively: 8,841

Larry Wedekind: 5,216

VIDEO

THESTATE.COM: Hubbard on pushing through to the runoff

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Each of the new leaders came up through their respective professional ranks, relying on friendships developed from years on the job.

With no Democrat running, winning the Republican showdown is tantamount to automatic election at the Nov. 8 ballot.

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Haley ousts 1 foe in Senate

Gov. Nikki Haley targeted longtime state Sen. Wes Hayes, R-York, who lost Tuesday

Sens. Leatherman, Rankin won primaries despite governor's opposition

'It's a tough year for incumbents,' Hayes said

BY JAMIE SELF
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S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley and her allies helped push one longtime S.C. Senate leader, Wes Hayes of Rock Hill, out of office in Tuesday's Republican primaries.

But two GOP Senate leaders who Haley also targeted - Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, and Sen. Luke Rankin, R-Horry - won their primary challenges despite the governor's endorsement of their opponents.

A pro-Haley political group spent more than \$500,000 in an attempt to defeat the senators and reshape the Legislature's upper chamber.

Leatherman beat back two challengers - including former Florence GOP chairman Richard Skipper, who Haley endorsed - to avoid a runoff in his bid for a 10th four-year Senate term.

The most powerful legislator in the state, Leatherman said Haley and her allies "misread" how Florence voters would see their opposition.

Out campaigning, Leatherman said voters repeatedly told him, "Whoa, whoa, whoa. What makes the governor think she can come in here and tell us who our senator's going to be?"

Senate Ethics Committee chairman Rankin also defeated a Haley-backed challenger, Myrtle Beach financial adviser Scott Pyle, positioning himself for a seventh term in the state Senate.

No Democrats or third-party challengers are seeking the seats in November, making Leatherman and Rankin the presumed winners.

The outcome of one race that Haley's targeted still is undecided.

State Rep. Stephen Goldfinch, R-Georgetown, narrowly finished first in a four-way primary for the open Senate seat that Re-



Haley

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Richland sheriff's race: Leon Lott easily captures sixth term as

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Lexington State House: Rick Quinn re-elected to

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RUNOFFS IN KEY RACES



Bruce Lynch casts his primary ballot at Overbrook Baptist Church on Tuesday.

LAUREN PETRACCA/STAFF

Bright, Talley to face off in Senate District 12

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THE GREENVILLE NEWS

Republican voters in Senate District 12 will once again have to choose between Sen. Lee Bright and former state Rep. Scott Talley, who are headed to a runoff after Bright won 37.69 percent of the votes and Talley won 26.56 percent in Tuesday's primary. The two other contenders hoping to unseat the incumbent Bright, businessman David McCraw and Duncan Mayor Lisa Scott, won 22.95 percent and 12.8 percent, respectively.

Bright and Talley first fought for the senate seat in 2008. Talley, then a state representative, sought the open senate seat, but lost to Bright, who had then served on the Spartanburg School District Five board for nearly 10 years. Bright won that election and has represented the district in the South Carolina Senate for two terms.

All three candidates running against Bright have criticized him for controversial legislation, statements and action during his tenure. Chief among them was Bright's recent bill which would have restricted bathroom access for transgender people. That bill did not receive a full senate vote by the end of this year's legislative session. Bright has defended these criticisms, saying he prioritizes families and small businesses, and bills like what he has called the "Restroom Protection Act" protect both those groups.

Bright has also faced opposition from interest groups in South Carolina, chief among them the Good Government Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.



Sen. Lee
Bright



Scott Talley



David
McCraw



Former deputy to meet ex-boss in sheriff runoff

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Former sheriff's deputy Will Lewis will go up against his old boss Steve Loftis in a runoff for Greenville County sheriff.

With all precincts reporting in unofficial results from the Republican primary, Loftis received 13,769 votes or 41 percent; while Will Lewis, 6,216 votes or 19 percent; Hobart Lewis, 5,938 votes or 18 percent; Bruce Cannon, 5,341 votes or 16 percent and Sam Manley, 1,570 votes or 5 percent.

A runoff is necessary because no candidate received more than 50 percent of the vote, said Conway Belangia, Greenville County elections supervisor.

In a runoff race, the two highest vote-getters who don't withdraw will face off June 28.

Will Lewis, 39, said he started at the Sheriff's Office in 2002 and attained the rank of master deputy before resigning in 2013 to spend more time with family.

He ran a campaign focused on modern policing and said his No. 1 priority was putting body cameras on deputies. Another issue he is concerned with is encroaching gang violence.

He is currently owner and CEO of Seven Oaks Consulting. He is married and has three children. An Air Force veteran, he graduated from Liberty University in 2014.

After making the runoff, Lewis said in a statement, "The majority of Greenville citizens have spoken in a clear voice. They want new leadership in the Sheriff's Office."

"I am honored to be chosen to carry this change banner into the runoff, Lewis said. "I shall not let the sheriff to do me down."



Will Lewis



Steve Loftis

Nettles criticizes SC's laws on guns, ethics

US attorney expresses
frustration as he leaves
office after six years

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COLUMBIA - South Carolina's top federal prosecutor says he increased resources to battle white-collar crime and public corruption when he took office six years ago but lacked one tool available to prosecutors in other states — adequate state laws.

The state especially lacks adequate gun and ethics laws, Bill Nettles, who leaves office today as South Carolina's U.S. attorney, told *The Greenville News*.

Nettles, who boosted prosecution on white-collar crimes and public corruption cases when he took office in 2010, said that in some states, gun laws are so comprehensive that federal prosecutors don't bring gun charges. Not so in South Carolina, he said.

"I shifted resources out of drugs because there are plenty of state drug laws," he said. "But I left resources in guns because we have no gun laws in South Carolina."

The same is true with state ethics laws, he said, something that has frustrated him in looking at corruption.

"Bad governance, sadly, is not always illegal," he said. "I can't prosecute somebody just because they are engaged in bad governance. I just don't understand why they can't pass laws making things illegal."

Nettles made his comments before a gunman wielding an AR-15 rifle killed 49 and injured 53 in an Orlando club.

Meanwhile, state lawmakers return to Columbia today to try and reach compromises on several issues, including two ethics reform bills.

The 54-year-old lawyer came to the

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SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Among Tuesday's winners



Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., S.C. Senate District 31, was first elected in 1980.

54.25%



Kent Williams, S.C. Senate District 30, was first elected in 2004.

79.53%



Stephen J. Wukela, Florence mayor, was first elected in 2008.

67.5%



Mitchell Kirby, Florence County Council District 4, was first elected in 1992.

74.8%

Establishment prevails



S.C. Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. is congratulated by Julia and Mark Buyck on Tuesday evening during his victory party at Florence Country Club.

MICHAEL MORGAN/SCN

S.C. SENATE DISTRICT 31 RESULTS

44 of 44 precincts reporting
*Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. 54.25%
Richard Skipper 40.66%
Dean Fowler 5.09%

*Incumbent
(Leatherman will face no opposition in November.)

Leatherman will return to the Statehouse for a 10th term

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — Florence Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. held off two challengers in Tuesday's primary to claim victory in the state's 31st Senate district for a

tenth straight time.

Leatherman, the 85-year-old Senate president pro tempore and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, won with 54.25 percent of the vote. He will not face Democratic opposition in November, making him a shoo-in for Senate District 31.

Richard Skipper, a former Florence County GOP chairman and local insurance agency owner, finished with 40.66 percent of the vote, while Dean Fowler, Florence County's four term treasurer, held 5.09 percent.

Leatherman hosted a pre-planned victory party at the Flo-

rence Country Club on Tuesday night for supporters and friends. He said Florence County made the right choice, the choice that will get the most results, not a placeholder senator.

"The winner this evening is the

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Florence mayor

Wukela wins in a landslide, prepares for his third term

Incumbent collects 67.5 percent of the votes



Darlington County gets new sheriff

DARLINGTON — Wayne Byrd lost his bid for a third term as Darlington County's sheriff Tuesday in a Democratic primary election.



Byrd

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Feagin defeats two for Council District 3

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Danny Feagin won the Aiken County Council District 3 race Tuesday, according to unofficial results.

"I'm very thankful and I'm very appreciative for all of the support I've received from the voters (and) for all of the encouragement I've received throughout the campaign," Feagin said Tuesday night. "I'm just very thankful for the confidence the public has shown me, and I look forward to working for them."

Unofficial results, with 14 of 14 precincts reporting, show Feagin received 663 votes, or 51.04 percent, Earl Clinton Jr., 361 votes, or 27.79 percent, and Don Turno, 275 votes, or 21.17 percent.

The open council seat is being vacated by retiring County Council member LaWana McKenzie, who served for more than 30 years. The term for McKenzie, a Democrat, expires on Dec. 31.

District 3 covers the western portion of Aiken County to the Savannah River, which includes the Beech Island area. District 3 also covers the area of the Savannah River Site.

As final votes came in, Turno and Clinton, who both wanted at the Aiken

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Primary turnout low



STAFF PHOTO BY MICHAEL SMITH

Aiken County Coroner candidate Thomas Scott, left, receives an embrace from daughter Sheree Scott on Tuesday evening as election returns trickle in.

Ruthven, Blackwell to face off for House 81

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
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The S.C. House District 81 race will be decided in a runoff this month.

Unofficial results show KT Ruthven received 1,356 votes, or 42.57 percent, Bart Blackwell, 847 votes, or 26.59 percent, Jeremy O'Donnell, 360, or 11.30 percent, and Chris Austin, 622, or 19.53 percent.

The runoff will be between the top two candidates, Ruthven and Blackwell. It will be held on June 28.

Aiken County Registration and Elections Office officials said a runoff is required when a candidate fails to receive the required 50 percent of the vote. If no one has that number, there has to be a runoff between the top two candidates.

Ruthven said he was overwhelmed with the support his campaign re-

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Voting turnout low across Aiken County, S.C. in primary. **12A**

ceived and was "thrilled" to have won several of the precincts in the district.

"I appreciate everyone that came out to vote today," he added. "I sincerely hope people will come out and vote again in two weeks."

Like other candidates, Blackwell said turnout was disappointing for the primary.

"I think the goal for the next two weeks is to try to encourage some of those folks that didn't come out today to come to the runoff," Blackwell said, adding his campaign will continue to go out and try to "bring home the victory."

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STAFF PHOTO BY DEBBIE BILES

Lt. Jake Mahoney, of the Aiken Department of Public Safety, gets ready to vote at the H. Odell Weeks Activities Center on Tuesday.

Tim Carlton re-elected as Aiken County Coroner

BY TRIPP GIRARDEAU
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Republican incumbent Tim Carlton emerged as the projected winner after the Tuesday primary in South Carolina, holding his position as Aiken County Coroner for another term.

Carlton ran against Graniteville business-

the Aiken County Sheriff's Office.

As of 10:10 p.m., Carlton held 54 percent of the vote; Adams held 25 percent of the vote and Scott held a little more than 20 percent of the vote with all 84 precincts reporting.

Scott said turnout was fairly low at the polls Tuesday, but he fought the heat anyway and spent the day visiting the different precincts in Aiken County.

"It's been a learning experience and a new experience," Scott said after Carlton became the projected winner. "The never done this before

Jason Goings victorious in Aiken treasurer race

BY THOMAS GARDINER
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Aiken County Treasurer Jason Goings won his re-election campaign with nearly 75 percent of the vote.

Incumbent Goings faced challenger Lee Bodie, a U.S. Army veteran, in the Aiken County Republican primary race for treasurer. Bodie

taxes, state shared revenues, federal funds, court fees and fines, County user fees and other funds collected by County agencies, according to the County website.

In Aiken County, the race for treasurer had the largest margin of victory of the night. Goings amassed more than 5,000 votes, and Bodie earned just more than 2,000.

As results were trickling in Tuesday night, Bodie said, if he lost, he could be proud of running a clean, self-funded campaign.

"I put everything I had — as much



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District 5 (Republican)**
✓ Ray Craig 22%
✓ Mick Mulvaney (I) 78%

S.C. Senate District 5 (Republican)
✓ Tom Corbin (I) 51.52%
John B. White Jr. 48.48%

S.C. Senate District 12 (Republican)
✓ Lee Bright (I) 37.69%*
✓ Scott Talley 26.56%*
Lisa C. Scott 12.80%
David McCraw 22.95%
*runoff

S.C. Senate District 14 (Republican)
✓ Harvey Peeler (I) 82.88%
Charles K. Price Jr. 17.12%

S.C. House District 31 (Republican)
✓ Michael A. Fowler 58.87%
Richard J. Gosnell 41.13%

S.C. House District 37 (Republican)
Donna C. Hicks (I) 34.44%
✓ Steven Long 65.56%

S.C. House District 38 (Republican)
Douglas Brannon (I) 42.34%
✓ Roy Josiah Magnuson 57.66%

S.C. House District 42 (Republican)
Mark Cathcart 38.58%
✓ Tommy Mann 61.42%

**Spartanburg County Coroner
(Republican)**
✓ Rusty Clevenger (I) 86.02%
Scott Ramsey 13.98%

**Spartanburg County Council Dis-
trict 3 (Republican)**
✓ H. David Britt (I) 71.03%
Stephen Mathis 28.97%

**Spartanburg County Council Dis-
trict 4 (Republican)**
Jane Hall (I) 43.91%
✓ Whitney L. Farr 56.09%

**Union County Council District 2
(Democratic)**
✓ Ralph Tucker (I) 50.42%
John Glenn 31.78%
James R. Rice 17.80%

**Union County Council District 3
(Democratic)**
✓ Tommy E. Ford (I) 72.27%
Howard Wahoo Gibson 27.73%

**Union County Council District 5
(Democratic)**
Randall Hanvey (I) 36.22%
✓ Tommie L. Hill 63.78%

**Cherokee County Council District 3
(Republican)**

SC SENATE DISTRICT 12

Bright to face Talley in runoff

By Chris Lavender
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State Sen. Lee Bright of Roebuck will again face former state House Rep. Scott Talley in a runoff after failing to capture a majority of the vote Tuesday.

Bright received 3,681 votes, or 38 percent, in the District 12 Republican primary. Talley came in second, with 2,594 votes, or 27 percent. Greer businessman David McCraw and Duncan Mayor Lisa Scott received 2,241 and 1,250 votes, respectively. A runoff election will be held June 28.

Bright greeted supporters gathered at the Super Clock



Talley



Bright

restaurant on Reidville Road after the final Republican primary results were in.

Bright said he believed third party attacks, including those launched against him by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, had taken a toll on his campaign. Voters will now have another chance to examine his record against Talley's, Bright said.

Bright said Talley represents big government and that he is the only conservative left in the state Senate District 12 race.

"We have beaten Talley in a runoff before," Bright said. He and Talley were in a runoff for the District 12 seat in 2008.

Bright also said he believed McCraw's strong showing in the campaign contributed to the runoff.

Talley's campaign consultant Mark Knoop said Bright's failure to receive a majority of the vote shows the incumbent remains vulnerable. Talley's supporters are galvanized by the results and will work even harder on the campaign, Knoop said.

Talley has been practicing law in Spartanburg since 2002. A graduate of Wofford College, Talley was elected in 2000 to represent House District 34 and served until 2008. During his time in the legislature, Talley was chairman of the Election and General Law Subcommittee and the Judiciary Committee.

Talley said he was ready for the runoff challenge against Bright.

"Our goal from day one was to make it to a runoff and we have done that," Talley said. "District 12 is ready for a change other than Lee Bright."

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INCUMBENT HOLDS ON

Corbin defeats White



John White hugs some of his grandchildren while awaiting election results Tuesday night. JOHN BYRUM/JOHN.BYRUM@SHJ.COM

Just over 300 determine winner in SC Senate District 5 race

By Bob Montgomery
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the Republican primary.

With all 31 precincts in Greenville and Spartanburg counties reporting, Corbin

people out there that listened to the message that we care," said White, conceding to Corbin at the Davenport in

reached Tuesday night.

White, 65, of Landrum, is a partner in the law firm Harrison, White, Smith

Spartanburg attorney John

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Council says yes to public dollars for private beach

Town Council approves budget including controversial \$300,000 for beach renourishment program in Hilton Head Plantation

Mayor David Bennett opposes plan because it benefits private beach behind gates

Expenditure could mean delays for future stormwater projects

BY TERESA MOSS
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Hilton Head Town Council unanimously approved a new annual budget Tuesday, including providing \$300,000 to help restore a private beach.

Mayor David Bennett said after the vote he continues to disagree with the town helping to pay for a planned renourishment project which would dump new sand on Pine Island Beach

in Hilton Head Plantation to lessen the affects of erosion. The section of beach is open to Hilton Head Plantation residents and members of the public who boat to it.

"It's a private beach that isn't available to tourists and all of our citizens," Bennett said Monday.

But supporters, including Town Council member Bill Harkins, have said the erosion puts the town's stormwater system at risk, so it's appropriate for the town to give money

toward the renourishment project. Harkins has previously served on a committee of the Hilton Head Plantation property owners' association.

A second and final vote by Town Council is needed before the budget goes into effect July 1. It's expected June 21.

Town Manager Steve Riley said the \$300,000 will come from the town's Storm Utility Fund, which pays for the maintenance of the town's stormwater system.

Hilton Head residents are charged a fee on their annual property tax bills to pay for the fund. The amount charged is based on the amount of impervious surface, such as roofs and concrete, found on each property.

A surplus in the fund will cover the \$100,000 payment

Hilton Head Plantation is expected to receive July 1, if the budget receives its final approval, Riley said. Another \$100,000 would be received next year and the last \$100,000 the following.

Riley said it is possible that other stormwater system projects could be delayed in future years to pay for the renourishment although he was unable to give specifics Tuesday.

About 30,000 to 40,000 cubic yards of sand will be used to renourish the beach during the three-year project, said Peter Kristian, Hilton Head Plantation's general manager. The beach is located in the Dolphin Head recreation area.

"We are delighted with the

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Incumbent 14th circuit solicitor Duffie Stone thanks his supporters during his election party on Tuesday at The Lodge on Hilton Head Island.

14TH CIRCUIT ELECTION

Stone re-elected to solicitor's post

Across 5 counties, Stone garners 69 percent of the votes

Angela McCall-Tanner, Stone's only challenger, receives 31 percent of the votes

No Democratic challenger in November's general election

tion, as no Democratic candidate challenges him in the November general election.

Stone celebrated at The Lodge restaurant on Hilton Head Island, where he awaited election results with family, friends and supporters.

More results inside



Sanford

• Incumbent Republican Sen. Mark Sanford turns back a challenge from state Rep. Jenny Horne of Summerville in the Republican primary, 3A



• Bluffton businessman Mike Covert narrowly defeats incumbent Beaufort County Councilwoman

ORLANDO MASSACRE

FBI looking at whether gunman was gay

Mateen's motives grow murkier as some claim he was leading a secret life

Other theories include mental illness, hatred of gays and anger at US bombings in Afghanistan

BY JAY REEVES AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, FLA.

The murky picture of Orlando gunman Omar Mateen grew more complex Tuesday with word that the FBI is investigating whether he had been a regular at the gay dance club he attacked and had been leading a secret life as a gay man.

As victims described the bloody horror of the massacre during a riveting hospital news conference, investigators continued to gather information on the 29-year-old American-born Muslim — and took a close look at his wife, too — for clues to the attack that left 49 victims dead.

An official who was briefed on the progress of the case but insisted on anonymity to discuss a continuing investigation said authorities believe Mateen's wife knew about the plot ahead of time, but they are reluctant to charge her on that basis alone.

A number of possible explanations and motives for the blood-



Mateen

shed attack that left 49 victims dead.

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LOCAL RACES LEAD TO RUNOFFS



Resident Catherine DiBenedetto, left, prepares to vote Tuesday at Greenwood's Northwest Volunteer Fire Department as poll worker Julie Cooner assists.

Greenwood's Davis and Kelly face off for Republican sheriff nomination

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Democratic Primary

■ See results of Democratic primary on 4A.

Greenwood Sheriff Tony Davis and retired S.C. Highway Patrol Trooper Dennis Kelly will face each other in a runoff for the Republican nomination.

Davis, the incumbent seeking a third term in office, took 38.7 percent of the votes, while Kelly took 33.7 percent. Kittles, a former captain with the sheriff's office who resigned to run, took 27.6 percent.

"I've been sheriff now for seven and a half years," Davis said. "If the people think I've done a

good enough job — they'll come out to support me."

Cinching 2,632 votes to Kelly's 2,287 and Kittles' 1,878, Davis said he will keep working hard to earn the nomination at the runoff election June 28.

"I like my chances," Kelly said. "I hope I can pick up the votes from Mr. Kittles."

Kittles said Kelly could prove to be a strong contender against Davis, if voters want to see changes in the sheriff's office. If not, he said Davis will likely become the nominee. He said he doesn't see this as a failure, but as an opportunity to start a new stage of his life by retiring from law enforcement.

"I've done my 30 years," he said. "I

Copeland, Woodhurst square off in clerk's race

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In a three-way race for Greenwood County's Clerk of Court, Chastity Copeland is heading to a runoff with Republican incumbent Angie Woodhurst, according to unofficial results from Tuesday's election.

With all 48 precincts reporting, Copeland earned 42.1 percent of the vote — 2,146 votes — to Woodhurst's 33.1 percent, or 1,688. A third candidate, Freda Sartin, received 24.7 percent of the vote, or 1,238.

The runoff takes place June 28.

Copeland, who worked in the office from 1999 through 2013 and ran on a platform of greater financial accountability and improved customer service, said Tuesday's results showed that voters are ready for a change.

"I think people are starting to realize how important the clerk's office is and what it is they actually do, so it's a

good thing to bring to people's attention," she said. "People should know how much of a role it does play."

Copeland ran against Woodhurst four years ago and lost. She left the clerk's office in May 2013.

Woodhurst declined to comment Tuesday night. Despite repeated attempts, she has not commented to the Index-Journal since November.

This year, the race for an administrative position that normally stays out of

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TONY DAVIS



DENNIS KELLY



CHASTITY COPELAND



ANGIE WOODHURST

GREENWOOD COUNCIL

Lane unseats Fisher

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THEO LANE

Political newcomer Theo Lane is headed to a seat on the Greenwood County Council, according to unofficial results, after he defeated incumbent Republican Bob Fisher in Tuesday's primary, capping off an aggressive, months-long campaign.

Lane, a community liaison with Duke Energy and board member of Greenwood Partnership Alliance, swept into office by a wide margin, beating Fisher in District 7 by 227 votes, 629 to 402, or 61 to

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Greenwood County Councilman Templeton coasts to fresh four-year term in seat

By ADAM BENSON
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Long-serving Greenwood County Council member Robbie Templeton appears poised for another term, easily fending off a challenge by fellow Republican Craig Crawley on Tuesday, according to unofficial results.

Templeton, 53, was first elected in 1994. He beat Crawley 956 to 292.

"I'm honored the voters continue to have faith in me and the job I've done over the years. I couldn't be more excited, and I'm just honored the voters felt as strongly as they did."

Since his first term, Templeton has played a role in a number of local developments. He

now holds Lowe's, Kohl's and Premiere Cinemas. He also led the initiative to transform the old public library into the Greenwood County Veterans Center. Since 2007, County Council has seen \$500 million in capital investment and 2,500 jobs brought into Greenwood.

Among more recent accomplishments, Templeton said he helped get the property tax reduced by a net of 0.5 mills, appointed a committee to recommend a new plan for the animal shelter, brought the landfill out of debt and approved Calverton Farm's \$110 million



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"I've got four generations here, I've raised my family here," Templeton said. "We've just got so much going for us, and there are so many big things on the horizon. This is my way of giving back to the community that means so much to me."

Crawley said he was pleased with the campaign he ran, and hopes to stay active in the community.

"I am disappointed in the results, but I enjoyed meeting everyone and I do hope to get involved in some way," he said. "One of



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