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### **The Post and Courier of Charleston on ethics reform in the state**

**T**he odds against meaningful ethics reform in our state, like the odds against the Gamecocks winning a South-eastern Conference football championship, have long been daunting.

Yes, in June Gov. Nikki Haley signed two ethics reform bills passed by the General Assembly. But those measures, while advancing needed changes on a couple of fronts, still fell short of the full-accountability goal line.

Maybe the Legislature will gain more ethics ground next year.

However, its focus should be on something more substantial than nitpicking USC's practice of giving governors use of season football tickets and Williams-Brice Stadium executive suites at the Gamecocks' home games.

The State Ethics Commission ruled last September the governor could use the tickets and suite for any purpose, providing the "priority" was state-related. Then on July 20, the commission revised that decision.

As we reported the next day, Ethics Commission attorney Michael Burchstead explained the update: "Rather than saying 'using the tickets for state-related purposes is a priority,' the opinion states these tickets need to be used for state-related purposes, period."

However, commission member Frank Grimball, who had asked for the review of last year's opinion, found the change insufficient. He wanted the rule to restrict use of the tickets to "economic development."

Chaney Adams, a spokeswoman for the governor, said Wednesday that as in previous gubernatorial administrations, Haley has strictly used the suite "for state-related purposes, including economic development and business recruitment, because there's no better way to showcase the great things going on in our state."

Haley, a Clemson graduate, also has a Death Valley suite, provided by that university's board members and others, for the Tigers' home games.

And as long as those tickets and suites for either school's games aren't being sold to benefit Haley or anybody else, this gubernatorial perk hardly seems excessive or corrupting.

Instead, it seems like a home-field advantage for the state's top elected official in the big game of bringing more business investment — and good jobs — to South Carolina.

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# Nisbet pleads to breach of peace

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Former Dorchester County coroner Chris Nisbet pleaded guilty Tuesday to breach of peace, according to the county court website. Nisbet was charged with misconduct in office in September, after a SLED investigation.

He was ordered to pay a fine of \$332.50. See **NISBET, Page 4A**

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tion, and indicted by a grand jury Oct. 1, the same day Gov. Nikki Haley removed him from office. National Action Network had asked Haley to remove him.

Nisbet was accused of pulling a gun on his unarmed black neighbor Leroy Fulton in August and using racial slurs during a 911 call. Nisbet said in a police report that he watched Fulton put a gun to a repo man's head at Fulton's home, then Nisbet chased Fulton in his county vehicle to an area in front of Doty Park. Nisbet pulled the gun on Fulton after he said he saw Fulton holding an object, later identified as a cell phone, according to police. Fulton told officers he never had a gun, and officers never located one.

Magistrate Katrina Patton served as interim coroner until Haley appointed Deputy Coroner Alice Durr as head of the office until the November election. Nisbet has already resigned from office.



**Nisbet**





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## Haley Defends Gold Star Parents

Gov. Nikki Haley has come to the defense of Khizr and Ghazala Khan, Muslim immigrants whose son was killed fighting for the U.S. in the Middle East. The Khans have been heavily criticized by GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump and his supporters following their speech at the Democratic National Convention. "As a member of a military family, and the governor of a proud military state that has been recognized as the most patriotic, my heart and my unending thanks go out to the Khan family for their enormous sacrifice for our country," Haley said. "As far as I'm concerned, they have the standing to say whatever they want in the political process and should not face criticism for it."

— *Chris Trainor*

Title: **Changes to SC Deer Hunting Coming in 2017**  
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# Changes to SC Deer Hunting Coming in 2017

The 2017 deer hunting season in South Carolina will see changes to deer hunting across the state due to legislation signed into law this past legislative term by Governor Nikki Haley. In fact, State Rep. Bill Hixon, Chairman of the House's Wildlife Subcommittee and co-sponsor of the bill Gov. Haley signed into law, referred to it in a recent interview with The Advertiser as a "piece of massive deer legislation." One of the biggest changes coming is that, starting in 2017, all deer harvested must be tagged. Another big change will be seen is harvest limits on bucks which will, for the first time, be the same across the state.

In 2017, when resident hunters purchase a hunting license they will be given 8 date specific antler-less (doe) tags and 3 unrestricted buck tags. The doe tags received will only be good for the date listed on them and will not carry over to other dates. The date on those tags will coincide with the antler-less days assigned in each of the 4 game zones. In Game Zone 1, there will be 3 doe days. In Game Zones 2-4, there will be 8 assigned doe days. Therefore, if a tag is not used on its assigned date, hunters can just throw it away as it will no longer be any good. However, resident hunters will have the option to purchase 2 additional buck tags and 4 additional doe tags. These tags will be available for \$5 each. With the additional tags available for separate purchase, however, the buck tags will have restrictions; bucks harvested with these tags must have 4 points on one antler or a minimum of a 12 inch inside spread. Additionally, whereas doe tags provided with licenses are date-specific, those available for additional purchase are not.

In addition to the new tagging system, there will be a new statewide harvest limit. Only 5 bucks may be harvested a year across the state. Daily limits will be set at 2 bucks and 2 does a day. Also, due to the restrictions previously outlined with the additional buck tags available for purchase, two of the total five bucks allowed a year will have restrictions placed on them.

As for non-resident hunters, they will be charged \$50 for their first buck tag. Those hunters will be allowed to purchase up to 3 more buck tags at \$20 each. However, two of those four must be restricted tags that carry the aforementioned harvested buck restrictions. Non-resident hunters will be allowed to purchase up to 4 antler-less (doe) tags at \$10 each.

In response to how these new changes will be enforced, Rep. Hixon warned to expect a higher presence of game wardens at all processors. "When you pull up there, it better be tagged," Hixon cautioned, adding, "They are going to be checking." Of the new changes, Hixon also said, "It'll be interesting to see how it works." He said that after implementation, "We'll see what changes need to be done, if any." Hixon assured, "If it doesn't work, we'll change it."

*Tiffani Ireland*

Title: **The new county auditor**

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**The new county auditor.** Jim Coleman, center, takes the oath of office July 26 as the new Auditor for Laurens County, with his wife Nancy standing by. The oath was administered by County Attorney Sandy Cruickshanks. A former chairman of Laurens County Council, Coleman won the Republican primary June 14 for the Auditor position vacated by the retirement of Sally Lancaster. Coleman has no opposition in the November General Election, and was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley to immediately fill the vacant position. - Photo by Vic MacDonald

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# RCES to offer after school tutoring

*Sarah Sandifer  
Reporter*

Richard Carroll Elementary School Principal Stacey Walter announced that RCES will offer an after school tutoring program for the fifth and sixth grade students this upcoming school year. In her report, Walter stated that "after conversing with Innersole (through Dawn Staley of USC) and Governor Hayley's Original Six Foundation, we will offer after school tutoring beginning September 6th". This program will run Monday-Thursday from 2:45-5:00pm. Students will focus on homework and the program will target areas of weakness in reading and math. Each semester, students will take a field trip, one to a USC football game, the other to a USC basketball game. RCES is one of four schools in the state that was chosen for this partnership, with the hope of expanding the program to other grade levels each year.

RCES also had approximately 100 students to participate in the summer reading and math programs. The students experienced hands on investigative science activities and field trips.

On Monday August 1st, Bamberg Ehrhardt Middle School hosted a mentoring program led by Stephen McMillan and Antonio Moody. The program was designed for

kids from 4th-8th grade, to be big brothers for the kids in the community. School supplies were given to the kids who attended. Dr. Glover also reported that seventh grade orientation will be August 9th from 6-7:30pm

Bamberg- Ehrhardt High School Principal, Randy Maxwell stated that he was very pleased with the success of the attendance and credit recovery classes that were offered this summer. He reported that 76 students attended and completed attendance recovery and received credit for 2nd semester courses. 9 Students completed credit recovery and received credit for 2nd semester courses, while 5 students completed initial credit courses in the summer school program. Maxwell noted that Junior and Senior registration is August 3rd beginning at 8:30 for Juniors and 1:00 pm for Seniors. Sophomore registration is August 4th, and Freshmen Orientation will be Wednesday August 10th beginning at 5:30pm. Maxwell also reported that the varsity football team participated in the Cam Newton Foundation 7 on 7 competition in Charlotte NC and Rock Hill SC, July 14-16th. He also reported that Coach Corey Crosby, BE defensive and strength coach, was able to work with the USC football team as an interim coach in strength and conditioning over the summer.

