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HOUSE REPUBLICANS NOMINATE PAUL RYAN TO BE SPEAKER

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## Clear for takeoff

Henry and Homer Montgomery served in World War II, and this week they'll be on the Upstate Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials



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Henry Montgomery saw World War II from the trenches, sometimes literally. He landed on Utah Beach six days after the D-Day invasion, and over the next 11 months, he fought his way from Normandy all the way to Berlin. ¶ Seventy years later, at age 100, Henry can still recount details of foxholes and guard duty and the excruciating bout of rheumatoid arthritis that landed him in hospitals on both sides of the Atlantic. ¶ His brother Homer, 91, experienced the war much differently, working as a military policeman keeping order among troops after the war's end, and accompanying Japanese-American residents of American internment camps who were sent to Japan at the war's end. ¶ "He was on one side of the world, and I was on the other," Homer said. ¶ Now, the brothers will be together to see the monuments and memorials dedicated to the veterans who fought for their country seven decades ago. Thursday morning, the Montgomerys will board an Honor Flight plane in Greenville and travel to Washington, D.C., for a close-up look at places such as the World War II Memorial and the two Jima Memorial.

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Brothers Homer Montgomery, left, 91, and Henry Montgomery, 100, are both World War II veterans. They will be traveling together on the upcoming Upstate Honor Flight.

PHOTOS BY HEIDI HEILBRUNN/STAFF

### FOLLOW THE STORY

Reporter Donna Walker and photographer Heidi Heilbrunn will travel with the Montgomery brothers on Thursday's Honor Flight. Follow the story live at GreenvilleOnline.com.

## SENATE BEGINS HEARINGS ON FLOOD RECOVERY

Report: Individual losses could cost \$18 billion

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COLUMBIA - State agencies may not have financial estimates yet for the damage from massive flooding earlier this month, but senators say they expect the number to be a big one.

"It took decades to pay for (Hurricane) Hugo and I'm afraid that's what we're looking at here," said Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler of Gaffney.

Peeler made his comments Wednesday at the end of a hearing by a special Senate committee looking at the floods and the costs to state agencies. The House Ways and Means Committee will begin its own hearings on the disaster next week.

Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, who created the panel to study the flood's impact, said he believes handling the cost could require use of the state's financial reserves.

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## Family responds, officer remains on leave in Zach Hammond case

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The parents of Zachary Hammond plan a Thursday news conference to further press their claim that the Seneca police officer who in July shot and killed their teenage son during an attempted drug arrest was "an overly aggressive and poorly trained officer who violated every known police protocol."

Meanwhile the officer, Lt. Mark Tiller, remains on administrative leave and will continue in that status until after federal investigations into the case are completed, Chief John Covington told *The Greenville News*.

The Hammond family, which is pursuing a civil case in federal court and hopes for action from the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice, called the news conference for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Main Street plaza in downtown Greenville.

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## Sheriff fires school cop who tossed girl

Richland's Lott says videos led to swift action; civil rights groups praise decision

BY CYNTHIA ROLDAN  
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COLUMBIA — A Richland County school cop was fired Wednesday for violating his boss's policies when he flung a teenage student out of her seat while arresting her for disrupting class.

In South Carolina, it is illegal for a child to interfere with students or teachers. The law extends into those who "act in an obnoxious manner."

But Fields was filmed on Monday flipping the desk of the girl, grabbing her, and tossing her across the room to handcuff her.

Her attorney, state Rep. Todd Rutherford, has said she suffered arm, neck and back injuries from the toss. Though Fields had the right to be there, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said flinging the girl broke the department's policies. He fired Fields on Wednesday for his actions.

"My decision is based on what he did as a deputy sheriff," Lott said. "When he threw her across the room, that's when I made my decision."

Lott, however, said he was told the girl had suffered no injuries, perhaps a rug burn. He also highlighted that the administrator and

the teacher sided with Fields in their statements to sheriff's investigators.

"We must not lose sight that this whole incident was started by this student," Lott said. "Some responsibility falls on her. Now, the

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Video

To watch the video of the incident, go to [postandcourier.com/videos](http://postandcourier.com/videos).

## Troubling tides

High water 'almost surreal' as it rolls up to Folly's front porches



BRAD NETTLES/STAFF

Most of the sand from the \$30 million renourishment project completed in 2014 has been washed away on the eastern end of Folly Beach. Lowcountry residents were asked to check their docks after Crosby's Fish and Shrimp dock collapsed Wednesday.

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY  
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FOLLY BEACH — The near-record high water of the king tide left its mark on Neil Fris's beachfront property.

"It was banging off the bulkhead," he said.

The surging surf assailed a hole behind timbers that protect his

three-story home. He repaired the damage Wednesday, which he described as minor but important to fix.

"If I don't do something, this is all going to keep washing out," he said.

The extreme morning flood tides that have swamped the Lowcountry this week are expected to continue Thursday, with the

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peak reaching near 8 feet at 9:55 a.m., said meteorologist Bob Bright, National Weather Service, Charleston. Morning tides are expected to persist at that level

through Saturday at least but continue to drop.

Night high tides have fallen closer to 7 feet but still are high enough to flood some areas. Charleston streets tend to flood when the tide reaches 7 feet. Problems can occur for an hour or more on either side of the tide peak.

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## Haley says S.C. did all it could for Century

Berkeley smelter to close if it can't reach agreement with utility

BY DAVID WREN  
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Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday the state has done all it can to keep Century Aluminum from closing its Berkeley County smelter and laying off 600 workers as a contractual impasse between the company and its power provider enters its final weeks.

"The main thing we can't do is choose one business over another or do special favors for anyone," Haley said during a visit to Goose Creek.

Haley and state Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt "pushed as hard as we could" to strike a deal with Century Aluminum, she said, "but we can't go beyond what's fair."

"That's a line we can't cross."

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Haley

## Attorney Bell to lead law school

Charleston college to become nonprofit

BY PAUL BOWERS  
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Attorney Ed Bell will take over as president and part owner of the Charleston School of Law on Thursday and will aim to move the school from a for-profit to a nonprofit model.

Bell founded the Bell Legal Group in 1983 and has offices in Georgetown and Sumter. He said Wednesday that he will continue practicing law and will receive a salary of \$1 per year from the law school.

"In order for me to get paid more, I've got to do something for this school," Bell said.

The Charleston School of Law was founded as a for-profit school in 2003 and received full accreditation from the American Bar Association in 2011. Bell said he does not yet have a timeline for making the school a nonprofit institution, but he said, "The quicker we can do it, the better."

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Bell

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## Bush-Rubio feud flares in GOP debate

Trump, Carson defend ideas while Cruz attacks moderators

BY JULIE PACE  
AND THOMAS SEAUAMONT  
Associated Press

BOULDER, COLO. — Marco Rubio bid forcefully for control of the Republican Party's establishment wing in Wednesday night's third GOP debate, deflecting jabs from Jeb Bush, who

desperately sought to right his foundering campaign. Insurgent outsiders Donald Trump and Ben Carson defended the seriousness of their White House efforts, under-

scoring the two-track fight for the party's presidential nomination. But in an economic policy-focused debate,

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MARK J. TERRELL/AP

Donald Trump (center) makes a point as Marco Rubio (left) and Ben Carson look on during the CNBC Republican presidential debate at the University of Colorado, Wednesday, in Boulder, Colo.



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Check out some of the scariest ways to spend your Halloween in Columbia.



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## SPRING VALLEY INCIDENT

# 'He threw her across room': Lott orders deputy's firing

Deputy Ben Fields insists he did nothing wrong

Richland Sheriff Leon Lott announced his decision after an internal investigation



Fields



Lott

BY AVERY G. WILKS  
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The Richland County deputy fired after an altercation with a Spring Valley student that was caught on video said Wednesday he thinks his

actions were "justified and lawful."

"We believe that Mr. (Ben) Fields' actions were carried out professionally and that he was performing his job duties within the legal threshold," Fields' attorney, Scott J. Hayes, said in a press release.

Hayes said Fields would say no more because of the pending federal investigation but "welcomes the opportunity to address the particulars at the appropriate time."

Senior Deputy Fields was

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Watch video of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sheriff Leon Lott and the girls' attorney, Todd Rutherford

fired Wednesday, two days after the altercation, which was caught on video and posted online.

Three videos, shot by students, show Fields throwing the student to the ground

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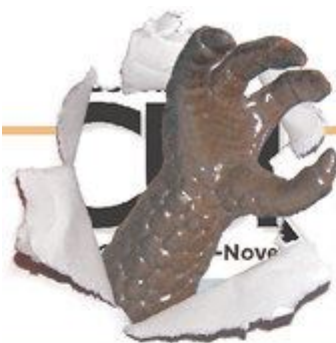
## PICTURE PERFECT



South Carolina women's basketball coach Dawn Staley embraces Jared Emerson after Emerson painted a portrait of her in 15 minutes Wednesday during the Pre-Show party at Colonial Life Arena. See video from the event, which was open to season ticket holders, at [thestate.com](http://thestate.com). For more on the Pre-Show party, see **Page 3B** in the Sports section.







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### 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

# GOP DEBATE: ROUND 3

## Jeb Bush



The former Florida governor was more aggressive as he struggles with sliding poll numbers and a downsized campaign. He interrupted to criticize Trump's tax plan and accused Rubio of failing to do his job as senator. But he was given little time to speak as much as he would have hoped about his two terms as governor. Still, he showed a command of the issues, though it's unclear that it will change the dynamics of the race.

JULIE PACE and THOMAS BEAUMONT • The Associated Press

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## Ben Carson



The former neurosurgeon was vague when pressed on how his tax plan, which calls for everyone to pay a single tax rate, would raise enough to avoid causing monstrous deficits.

Carson's plan is inspired by the biblical concept of tithing, but Carson was unsure at the debate of whether it would be 15 percent or something else, and he wasn't clear on how much it would raise.

## Chris Christie



The New Jersey governor was as assertive in the third debate as he was in the first two. He accused the three Democratic candidates of being "a socialist, an isolationist and a pessimist." Despite the strong rhetoric, Christie had trouble getting his voice heard on such a packed stage, which he needed after polling in single digits and running low on campaign cash.

## Ted Cruz



The Texas senator continued to portray himself as an outsider in Washington, adding a strong criticism of the media to his criticisms of his party. He didn't get many opportunities to engage with rivals on the crowded stage. But the debate did not do anything to hurt his standing, where he sits on the most money of any Republican candidate and comes in the top half of polls behind outsiders Trump and Carson.

## Carly Fiorina



The business executive delivered a solid performance, though she failed to provide the knockout she did in the last debate. She defended her record as CEO of Hewlett-Packard. But it's unclear that her showing will vault her to the top tier. Six weeks ago, she turned in a strong debate performance and saw a spike in both media mentions and the polls, but since then she has faded back into the presidential race background.

## Mike Huckabee



More than any other candidate on stage, Huckabee struggled to be noticed in the debate, except perhaps when he defended Social Security, saying "people paid their money; they expect to have it." He said none of Republican candidates on the debate stage is running for president because of ego. Instead, he said they're making the sacrifice to run so they can get America back on track.

## John Kasich



The Ohio governor blasted both Trump and Carson. "We can not elect someone who doesn't know how to do the job," he said. On his opponents' policy plans, he said, "This stuff is fantasy. Just like getting rid of Medicare and Medicaid. Come on... you scare senior citizens with that. It's not responsible." He made an appeal to communities to take on a bigger

## Rand Paul



The senator from Kentucky came out attacking both parties for driving up the debt, pledging to filibuster the compromise debt-limit bill. "I will stand firm; I will spend every ounce of energy to stop it," he said. He used his closing statement to give a preview of his filibuster against a debt ceiling deal in Congress. Paul says he intends to raise the federal

## Marco Rubio



The senator from Florida was forced to defend his poor attendance in the U.S. Senate as he campaigns for president, but he was clearly prepared and didn't do himself damage. He wasn't able, though, to dive into the brisk policy discussions that helped him in earlier debates. On senior PACs, he said

## Donald Trump



The real estate mogul didn't dominate as he has in previous debates, becoming something of an afterthought as other candidates attacked one another. He defended his plan to lower individual corporate and income taxes, saying it would make the economy take off "like a rocket." Trump called gun-free zones a "catastrophe" and



This photo, posted by Carey Burgess on her Facebook page, shows the skirt she wore that landed her in in-school suspension at Beaufort High School for being too short.

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# Post targets dress code

Beaufort student's Facebook post on an alleged dress code violation garners widespread attention.

By REBECCA LURYE  
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A Beaufort High School student's diatribe against an alleged dress code violation reached thousands of people on social media just hours after she said a skirt landed her in in-school suspension.

Carey Burgess, who wrote on Facebook that she is Beaufort High's student body president, said a staff member who saw her walking in the hall Tuesday morning told her that her khaki skirt was "too short" and gave her an in-school suspension.

"Thank you for bringing me to tears in front of my friends and classmates because you do not have the decency to pull me aside and explain the problem. Then again, I did not have the decency to put on real clothes today," Burgess wrote.

By 2 p.m. Wednesday, a day after the photo took to Facebook, Burgess' post had

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## Local athletes named to North-South team

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# DEU ledgers in SLED's hands

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A swath of bank documents covering more than two years detail every deposit and withdrawal from two funds tied to the Greenwood County Drug Enforcement Unit.

But the undercover drug buys and bought information of narcotics investigative work shows up only as cash withdrawn from ATMs, and the ledgers that document how that cash was spent are sealed as evidence by the State Law Enforcement Division, according to county officials.

Two deputies from the drug

enforcement unit — Lt. Brandon Strickland and Staff Sgt. Robbie Byrd — are on leave as SLED and Sheriff Tony Davis investigate financial transactions and allegations of misconduct in office. County attorney Stephen Baggett Jr. said the ledgers were handed to SLED as part of its investigation. Late Wednesday, the Index-

Journal e-mailed SLED a request for the ledgers.

The county did not make copies of the ledgers before they were taken as evidence, Baggett said. He said the ledgers contain sensitive personal information and the identities of confidential

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ROBBIE BYRD



BRANDON STRICKLAND



TONY DAVIS

## BUYOUT

## Future of Rite Aid uncertain

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Representatives from Rite Aid and Walgreens said stores will stay open and continue their normal procedures until the Walgreens buyout deal goes through next year.

The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday night that Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. is buying Rite Aid Corp. for about \$9.4 billion, a deal worth about \$17.2 billion after debt is included. The two companies together boast close to 18,000 stores.

According to a press release from Walgreens, Rite Aid will be bought with cash and become a wholly owned subsidiary of Walgreens.

"Working together, decisions will be made over time regarding the integration of the two companies, ultimately creating a fully harmonized portfolio of stores and infrastructure," the statement said.

Both companies are in the top three pharmaceutical chains in the United States.

Ashley Flower, senior manager of public relations at Rite Aid Corp., said the stores will continue to operate normally until the entire buyout process is finished, including regulatory reviews and customer closing conditions.

"It's business as usual until the transaction is complete, and then future actions will be determined," Flower said.

Phil Caruso, media relations specialist at Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc., said Rite Aid stores will initially continue to operate under the Rite Aid name after the buyout is complete, but it is too early to address the future of specific Rite Aid locations.

"The transaction is expected to close the second half of calendar 2016," Caruso said. "Rite Aid is expected to initially operate under its existing brand name."

Caruso said customers should not see any interruptions at Walgreens or Rite Aid stores. There are two of each of the stores in Greenwood County and none in sur-

# Three arrested in meth lab bust



Two Greenwood County firefighters take the bottle used as a one-pot lab from 216 Lupo Drive, where three people were arrested after a meth lab bust.

## Authorities recover almost 300 grams of material testing positive for meth



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"We went up to the front door and I immediately noticed the odor. The smell of the chemicals was coming out of an open window."

— Bryan Lous, DEU agent

By DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ  
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Three people were arrested Wednesday after agents with the Greenwood County Drug Enforcement Unit busted a meth lab at 216 Lupo Drive, Greenwood.

All three people were charged with trafficking in methamphetamine and possession of ephedrine in an altered state. The three arrested are:

— Harold Stewart Crowder, 39, of 2711 Ridge Road, Hodges.

— William Scott Ouzts, 44, of 713 Sadney Drive.

— Angela Marie Allen Edwards, 45, of 216 Lupo Drive.

Investigators watched the house, which was under investigation for about a week and a half. DEU agent Bryan Lous said, and Wednesday he and another agent went to the house to talk with the residents. He said they had acquired search warrants for the

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## HALLOWEEN

## GCSO: Look out for sex offenders

By MARY KATE MCGOWAN  
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As children dressed as vampires, cartoon characters or their favorite pop star will swarm the streets in search of candy this Halloween weekend, the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office will be out in full force.

Master Deputy Jeff Graham, Greenwood County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registry coordinator, said the Sheriff's Office advises sex offenders not to participate in any Halloween festivities such as giving out candy or turning their porch light on.

There are about 140 registered sex offenders in Greenwood County.

Graham said deputies will be randomly stationed throughout the county, especially at community events, the state park and other Halloween hot spots.

The Sheriff's Office monitors sex offenders year-round through random home checks and other forms of verification, and Graham said the deputies get to know the sex offenders through the random verifications. Graham said the Sheriff's Office will keep an eye on neighborhoods where sex offenders live.

"They know who the sex offenders are," Graham said. "They know where they live, and they know their faces."

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## Tips for a safe Halloween from the Sheriff's Office:

- Be aware of sex offenders in your area.
- Never let children trick-or-treat alone.
- Only trick-or-treat if houses are well lit.







## HORROR FILMS GET FRESH JOLT OF FEAR

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## ROYALS GO UP 2-0 IN WORLD SERIES

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CAMPAIGN 2016 GOP DEBATE

## Two-sided debate

Insurgents vs mainstream:  
Debate highlights GOP's 2 tracks

By Julie Pace  
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The Associated Press

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"Marco, when you signed up for this, this was a 6-year term and you should be showing

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### SPORTS



### Butler goes the distance for Wofford

For the first time in his college football career, Wofford quarterback Brad Butler finished what he started, although there were bumps and bruises, literally, along the way. Butler, a third-year sophomore from Rome, Ga., got his third start and stayed in for the duration Saturday against Chattanooga. **B1**

### UPSTATE

### Task force probes 'planned hit'

An Orangeburg County shooting in which four people were killed and a small child critically injured last summer was "a planned hit" and a task force of local, state and federal investigators has been formed to solve the case, Sheriff Leroy Ravenell said Wednesday. **C1**

### Groundbreaking for new hotel slated

Spartanburg-based OTO Development announced Wednesday it will host a groundbreaking for the AC Hotel by Marriott in downtown Spartanburg at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9. **C3**

### BUSINESS

### TYGER RIVER CORRECTIONS FACILITY

## IN THE WRONG HANDS

Prison system  
combats cellphones  
behind bars

By Daniel J. Gross  
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Cellphones are dangerous weapons in the hands of inmates behind bars.

They can harass their victims, threaten witnesses, carry out attacks through accomplices and request contraband, according to corrections officials.

Officials said inmates with cellphones is a growing problem they deal with every day. S.C. Department of Corrections Director Bryan Stirling said changes have been made to crack down on inmates with cellphones.

"These cellphones are a commodity," Stirling said. "It's a very dangerous weapon in the hands of an inmate in a facility."

At the Broad River Correctional Institution in Columbia where the prison system's food services are warehoused, prison gates are now staffed 24 hours a day to prevent contraband from being smuggled in with food. Video cameras were installed in visitation rooms since some inmates were receiving contraband



Corrections Officer Sgt. Kristen Prenkern holds up some of the cell phones confiscated from inmates at the Tyger River Corrections facility in Enoree. Prisoner contraband is a constant problem, officials say, with cell phones in particular becoming a problem. JOHN BYRUM/JOHN.BYRUM@SHJ.COM

from visitors. All visitors also are now getting pat downs when coming on site, something that wasn't done before, Stirling said.

Another effort involves a link on the department's website that allows anyone to anonymously report an inmate with a cellphone or any type of contraband.

"We can't do it alone," Stirling said.

Corrections officials say some of their efforts are being hampered because of federal regulations. The Communications Act prohibits state prisons from using cell jammers as a safety concern in the event someone inside needs to call 911.

Instead of making prison grounds a no-service zone, corrections officials are considering a system that would

manage and allow for some cellphone use.

The department has put out a request for proposals to inquire about the funding and resources needed to manage the system. It's being reviewed but not a guaranteed solution since the system is costly, said Stephanie Givens, the department's

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## Costs of flooding still being calculated

BY CASSIE COPE  
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COLUMBIA — State senators could tap into state savings to pay for damage and costs associated with this month's historic flooding, the Senate's leader said Wednesday.

Borrowing or using state surplus money also could be on the table, said Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence.

How much the state will have to pay still is unknown.

### FLOOD RESPONSE FACTS

- » 209 lives saved during the flood by S.C. National Guard troops
- » 55,360 sandbags filled by S.C. inmates
- » 282,236 miles put on military vehicles
- » 5,669 total tetanus vaccinations administered as of Monday

Sources: S.C. National Guard, Law Enforcement Division, departments of Health and Environmental Control, and Corrections

Nearly a month after floods hit South Carolina, state agencies

still are calculating the costs associated with the storm, agency leaders told senators Wednesday.

The flood affected schools, agriculture, tourism, local governments and water and sewer service, said Senate Minority Leader Nikki Setzler, D-Lexington.

Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler, R-Cherokee, agreed.

"It took decades to pay for Hugo," Peeler said of the hurricane that hit South Carolina in 1989. He added paying for the flood also could take years.

Flood relief will have to compete with other budget pri-

orities in the legislative session that starts in January, including spending more on rural, low-income schools to address a state Supreme Court ruling and repairing the state's crumbling roads.

State agencies told senators Wednesday that responding to the flooding cost them extra money.

The S.C. National Guard, for example, spent money to call up more than 4,100 personnel, supported by the N.C. National Guard, to assist with flood-response operations.

The Guard reported its troops

saved 209 lives. Twenty-eight people were rescued by helicopter aquatic-rescue teams and 11 by boats. The remaining 170 were rescued by the Guard's high-water vehicles.

Among the Guard's added expenses were mileage costs and fuel for vehicles and aircraft, said Col. Brad Owens, director of joint staff for the Guard.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency should pick up to 75 percent of the Guard's flood-related expenses, said S.C. Emergency Management director Kim Stenson.

## Florence After Five closes its season Friday

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FLORENCE — Florence After Five wraps up its 2015 season Friday with a concert by The Rick Strickland Band.

Typical to past months, the band is primarily a beach music band but

### IF YOU GO

- » **WHAT:** Florence After Five
- » **WHEN:** 5:30 p.m. Friday
- » **WHERE:** 100 block of South Dargan Street in downtown Florence
- » **ADMISSION:** Admission is free. Food and drinks will be for sale.

also plays everything from current hits to oldies to appeal to all ages, Florence downtown development manager Ray Reich said.

He said he's been incredibly pleased with the way this year's Florence After Five season turned out. The weather cooperated, Reich said,

and the crowds were up.

"We continue to have to expand the distance on the street that the festival encompasses because of that," he said. "That's a good problem to have."

Reich also said that downtown restaurants and businesses have been pleased with the extra business that Florence After Five brings.

"During and after, people flow into the restaurants and businesses and support them," he said. "That's the primary goal, as well as giving them a party once a month in the downtown area."

Many of the details are the same as for previous months, including free admission, food and drink vendors and a 2½-hour set from the band.

But for the last Florence After Five event of the year, there will be some

## Try-a-career



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South Florence High School student Leah Ishmell uses a stethoscope Wednesday on classmate Fantasha Lynch. Ishmell and Lynch were among 600 students at the SiMT to explore different career options, including nursing.



## Pee Dee students see career fields up close

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FLORENCE — Approximately 600 students from the Pee Dee visited the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology Center on Wednesday morning for Florence-Darlington Technical College's Career Exploration Day.

Maggie Gause, director of K-12 Relations for FDTC, said the program was a first for the college







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### 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

# GOP DEBATE: ROUND 3

## Jeb Bush



The former Florida governor was more aggressive as he struggles with sliding poll numbers and a downsized campaign. He interrupted to criticize Trump's tax plan and accused Rubio of failing to do his job as senator. But he was given little time to speak as much as he would have hoped about his two terms as governor. Still, he showed a command of the issues, though it's unclear that it will change the dynamics of the race.

JULIE PACE and THOMAS BEAUMONT • The Associated Press

Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio fought for control of the Republican's establishment wing in Wednesday night's third GOP debate, as insurgent outsiders Donald Trump and Ben Carson defended the seriousness of their White House bids, underscoring the volatile two-track fight for the party's presidential nomination.

But in an economic policy-focused debate, Trump and

Carson at times faded to the background during the two-hour contest.

Bush, once seen as the top Republican contender, entered the debate desperately in need of a strong performance to right his sluggish campaign and soothe his supporters' anxiety.

He quickly targeted Rubio for his spotty voting record on

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## Ben Carson



The former neurosurgeon was vague when pressed on how his tax plan, which calls for everyone to pay a single tax rate, would raise enough to avoid causing monstrous deficits.

Carson's plan is inspired by the biblical concept of tithing, but Carson was unsure at the debate of whether it would be 15 percent or something else, and he wasn't clear on how much it would raise.

## Chris Christie



The New Jersey governor was as assertive in the third debate as he was in the first two. He accused the three Democratic candidates of being "a socialist, an isolationist and a pessimist." Despite the strong rhetoric, Christie had trouble getting his voice heard on such a packed stage, which he needed after polling in single digits and running low on campaign cash.

## Ted Cruz



The Texas senator continued to portray himself as an outsider in Washington, adding a strong criticism of the media to his criticisms of his party. He didn't get many opportunities to engage with rivals on the crowded stage. But the debate did not do anything to hurt his standing, where he sits on the most money of any Republican candidate, comes in the top half of polls behind outsiders Trump and Carson.

## Carly Fiorina



The business executive delivered a solid performance, though she failed to provide the knockout she did in the last debate. She defended her record as CEO of Hewlett-Packard. But it's unclear that her showing will vault her to the top tier. Six weeks ago, she turned in a strong debate performance and saw a spike in both media mentions and the polls, but since then she has faded back into the presidential race background.

## Mike Huckabee



More than any other candidate on stage, Huckabee struggled to be noticed in the debate, except perhaps when he defended Social Security, saying "people paid their money; they expect to have it." He said none of Republican candidates on the debate stage is running for president because of ego. Instead, he says they're making the sacrifice to run so they can get America back on track.

## John Kasich



The Ohio governor blasted both Trump and Carson. "We can't elect someone who doesn't know how to do the job," he said. On his opponents' policy plans, he said "This stuff is fantasy. Just like getting rid of Medicare and Medicaid. Come on... you scare senior citizens with that. It's not responsible." He made an appeal to communities to take on a

## Rand Paul



The senator from Kentucky came out attacking both parties for driving up the debt, pledging to filibuster the compromise debt-limit bill. "I will stand firm, I will spend every ounce of energy to stop it," he said. He used his closing statement to give a preview of his filibuster against a debt ceiling deal in Congress. Paul says he intends to raise the federal

## Marco Rubio



The senator from Florida was forced to defend his poor attendance in the U.S. Senate as he campaigns for president, but he was clearly prepared and didn't do himself damage. He wasn't able, though, to dive into the brisk policy discussions that helped him in earlier debates. On super PACs, he said

## Donald Trump



The real estate mogul didn't dominate as he has in previous debates, becoming something of an afterthought as other candidates attacked one another. He defended his plan to lower individual corporate and income taxes, saying it would make the economy take off "like a rocket." Trump called gun-free



This photo, posted by Carey Burgess on her Facebook page, shows the skirt she wore that landed her in in-school suspension at Beaufort High School for being too short.

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# Post targets dress code

Beaufort student's Facebook post on an alleged dress code violation garners widespread attention.

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A Beaufort High School student's diatribe against an alleged dress code violation reached thousands of people on social media just hours after she said a skirt landed her in in-school suspension.

Carey Burgess, who wrote on Facebook that she is Beaufort High's student body president, said a staff member who saw her walking in the hall Tuesday morning told her that her khaki skirt was "too short" and gave her an in-school suspension.

"Thank you for bringing me to tears in front of my friends and classmates because you do not have the decency to pull me aside and explain the problem. Then again, I did not have the decency to put on real clothes today," Burgess wrote.

By 2 p.m. Wednesday, a day after she took to Facebook, Burgess' post, go to 11A.

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For the full text of Cary Burgess' Facebook post, go to 11A.

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