

From: Moore, Camlin <CamlinMoore@gov.sc.gov>
To:
Date: 5/11/2016 8:53:10 AM
Subject: SC Front Pages – Wednesday, May 11, 2016

SC Front Pages – Wednesday, May 11, 2016

The Post and Courier

FOUNDED 1803 • WINNER OF THE 2015 PULITZER PRIZE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

POSTANDCOURIER.COM

Charleston, S.C. \$1.00

Hijab not allowed, Citadel decides

Woman, family 'heartbroken,' weighing legal action over military school's decision

BY DEANE KNICH and DEANNA PAN
dknich@postandcourier.com
dpas@postandcourier.com

A Muslim woman who had been accepted at The Citadel and her family are considering taking legal action after the military college Tuesday denied

her request to wear a hijab, said Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for Council on American-Islamic Relations.

The woman, who does not want to speak to the media now, cannot attend the school without religious accommodation, Hooper said.

"They obviously are heartbroken," he said of the family. "It's very disturbing."

PC Poll

Do you agree with The Citadel's decision to deny a cadet's request to wear a hijab? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Lt. Gen. John Rosa, the school's president, said in a statement that the school "has relied upon a highly effective educational model requiring all cadets to adopt a common uniform."

He also said that "uniformity is the cornerstone of this four-year leadership development model. The standardization of cadets in apparel, overall appearance, actions and privileges is essential to the learning goals and objectives of the college."

Lt. Col. Brett Ashworth, vice president of communications and marketing for The Citadel, said the cadet was informed of the decision Tuesday morning.

Hooper said his group, which is based in Washington, D.C., is working with the family now to determine

what kind of legal action to take.

"It's an important civil rights matter," he said. "This is not the end of the issue."

The woman's request set off a social media firestorm last month when news broke that The Citadel was considering an exception to its famously strict dress code.

The Blue Book, a handbook for cadet life at The Citadel, includes two pages of rules on the subject of cadet appearance.

Please see **HJAB**, Page A6

Slow and steady wins sea turtle rescue race

Volunteer's efforts pay off as once-blind loggerhead among 5 released



The South Carolina Aquarium released Quincy, one of five loggerhead sea turtles, on Tuesday from the shores of Isle of Palms.

BY BO PETERSEN
bpeter@postandcourier.com

ISLE OF PALMS — Barb Gobien took a deep breath to calm herself and hoisted Boyley one more time closer to the surf.

She had worked with the loggerhead for months, on her own, trying to get him to see well enough to survive.

Now, when she set him down on the beach, the huge sea turtle just lay there.

PC Online

For a video and more photos, go to postandcourier.com/multimedia

Finally, with a helper, she took him into the surf and set him down. Boyley wagged his flippers and swam. Gobien raised her fists. Rocky style. "I prayed so hard for him," she said wiping back

tears. "I just wanted him out there."

Boyley and four other loggerhead sea turtles returned to the wild Tuesday at the Isle of Palms County Park, each of them uncertain at first before news of what might have been 2,000 whooping onlookers.

It was the largest crowd ever to turn out for a release, said South Carolina Aquarium volunteer Barb Bergwerf.

Please see **TURTLES**, Page A6

Berkeley upholds restroom decision

Capacity crowd vocal, divided; board hears legal advice

BY BRENDA RINDGE
brindge@postandcourier.com

MONCK'S CORNER — The Berkeley County School Board debated but upheld the district's earlier decision to allow transgender students to use the restroom with which they identify.

The board's decision followed a closed session with district lawyer John Reagle. The session was called so Reagle could advise them on Title IX, a 40-year-old federal law that requires gender equity for boys and girls in any educational program that gets federal funding.

Please see **BERKELEY**, Page A4

Family will speak after hearing in Scott case

Decision may come on civil rights charge

BY ANDREW KNAPP
aknapp@postandcourier.com

Hinting at a federal action in Walter Scott's shooting death, his family will address the news media after a court hearing on Wednesday, a representative said.

Prosecutors in the state's criminal case against Michael Slager, the former North Charleston police officer who killed Scott, have said they expected the development of a possible federal charge this month.

While Slager already faces a murder charge in state court, the federal government also has sought an indictment against him in connection with the shooting. A grand jury started hearing the case about a month ago, sources familiar with the probe have told The Post and Courier.

Experts have said the charge likely would come under a civil rights statute that bars public officials from using their authority to deprive people of federal protections.

Please see **SCOTT**, Page A3

Sanders' win in W.V. hardly hurts Clinton

GOP's divisive Trump marches on with W.V., Nebraska

BY LISA LERER and KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, KY. — White House dreams fading, Bernie Sanders added another state to his tally against Hillary Clinton with a win in West Virginia on Tuesday — a victory that will

Palmetto Politics

DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW

do little to slow the former secretary of state's steady march toward the Democratic presidential nomination. Meanwhile, Republican Donald Trump also won there and in Nebraska, a week after he cleared the field of his remaining rivals. They were not victories likely to heal the

party's wounds, as some GOP leaders continue to hold off offering their endorsement of the party's presumptive nominee.

The result in the West Virginia Democratic primary underscored the awkward position Clinton and the party's establishment face as they attempt to turn their focus to the general election. Sanders has won 19 states to Clinton's 23, but she is 94 percent of the way to winning the nomination — just 145 delegates short of the 2,383 required.

Please see **CAMPAIGN**, Page A6

Inside

LOCAL

HICKS: With backs against wall, school board members show some backbone. **A2**

BUSINESS

Charleston-area home sales rise 3.6 percent in April. **B1**

SPORTS

Clemson overpowers College of Charleston. **C1**



Partly cloudy, High 88, Low 67. Complete 5-day forecast. **B10**

Bridge — B7 Crossword — B8, B6 Obituaries — B4
Business — B1 Editorials — A10 Sports — C1
Classifieds — E1 Food — D1 Sudoku — B7
Comics — B8-9 Movies — B7 Television — B6



Discounted magazines for your health See **A2**

PALMETTO

The livin' is easy on SC crawfish farm

1C

The State

VIDEO ONLINE

Learn how to eat a crawfish

AT THESTATE.COM

WEDNESDAY MAY 11 2016

\$1.00 VOL. 126TH No. 84 STAY CONNECTED THESTATE.COM

FACEBOOK.COM/THESTATENEWS TWITTER.COM/@THESTATE

TODAY: PARTLY CLOUDY HI 59 LO 65 YESTERDAY: HI 80 LO 68 PRECIP. (as of 5 p.m.) TRACE FORECAST, 10C



OPINION

ARIAIL ON DONALD TRUMP

Editorial cartoonist Robert Ariail's view about the GOP and Trump's comments, 2C

• Sanders wins West Virginia primary; Cruz sparks talk of restarting his campaign, 4A

CRITICS: PROGRAM DISCRIMINATES AGAINST POOR

Is Richland County's ankle monitoring legal?

BY JOHN MONK jmonk@thestate.com

A Richland County electronic monitoring program that has allowed judges to let hundreds of criminal defendants out of jail while awaiting trial will come under fire Thursday.

Opponents assert the program's cost - each defendant must pay \$259 per month for a GPS chip-equipped ankle bracelet - discriminates against poor defendants who have to stay in

Program was started in 2014 in response to slaying of Columbia baker Kelly Hunnewell

Issue is not whether ankle monitoring is legal - it is - but whether Richland program has unlawful features

jail because they can't afford to be in the program.

The program, called Electronic Monitoring Program, was started in 2014 in reaction to the 2013 slaying of Kelly Hunnewell, a Columbia baker, who

left four children behind after she was shot to death during a nighttime armed robbery. Two of the three defendants in that case were out on bond but were not being monitored electronically. All three were eventually



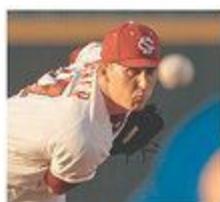
Hunnewell

caught and convicted and given stiff sentences.

Electronic monitoring of defendants has been used in various forms around the nation for years.

In Richland County, supporters say the program, which allows sophisticated electronic tracking of a defendant's movements by a GPS chip in an ankle bracelet, is lawful and, moreover, has led to a drop in defendants committing crimes while

SEE MONITOR, 7A



USC BASEBALL

GAMECOCKS HOLD OFF BLUE HOSE

Destino, Widener provide punch in Gamecocks' win, 1B



TIM DOMINICK, tdominick@thestate.com

CHAPIN, RIVER BLUFF BOYS REACH FINALS

Chapin's Sailor Chasen and Cooper Woodham celebrate their win Tuesday during the Class 3A upper state boys soccer championship. Chapin defeated A.C. Flora 4-1.



JANET BLACKMON MORGAN, blackmonj@thesunnews.com



River Bluff's Evan Dowdy blocks a shot Tuesday against Socastee. River Bluff won 2-0 and advanced to the Class 4A state title match.

The A.C. Flora and River Bluff boys soccer teams advanced to the state championship match in their respective divisions with wins Tuesday. Also playing for state soccer titles this weekend will be the girls teams from Lexington and Chapin.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS COVERAGE, SEE PAGES 1-7R



BUSINESS

BUDWEISER TO BECOME 'AMERICA'

Budweiser said Tuesday it will change its name to "America" until the November general



SPORTS
**KNIGHTS GO
FOR NO. 5**



LIFESTYLE
**Fast, easy
cake for a
busy time**

The Greenville News PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

WEDNESDAY,
MAY 11, 2016
GREENVILLEONLINE.COM

USA TODAY OBAMA'S PLANNED VISIT TO HIROSHIMA REOPENS WAR WOUNDS **PAGE 1B**

GCS may expand 10-point grade scale

Move would make grading uniform for elementary, middle and high schools

NATHANIEL CARY
NCARY@GREENVILLENEWS.COM

Greenville County Schools may move all second through eighth grade students to a 10-point grading scale following the state Board of Education's recent decision to change its uniform grading policy for high school credit courses to a 10-point grading scale.

The state's decision, which will go into

effect in the fall, changes the grading scale for South Carolina high schools from a 7-point scale to a 10-point scale, a move Education Supt. Molly Spearman said would level the playing field for South Carolina students competing for grades-based or athletic college scholarships and for families transferring into South Carolina public schools from out of state.

The state's grading scale changes

wouldn't affect grading scales for elementary schools and most middle school students, but Greenville County Schools wants to create uniformity for all of its students that receive A through F grades, said Greenville County Superintendent Burke Royster.

"Our concern is getting students accustomed in grades 2 through 8 with one set of standards then all of a sudden they go to grade 9 and that standard changes," Royster said.

Currently, all Greenville County students from second grade through twelfth grade are graded on a seven-point scale; A is 93-100; B is 85-92; C is 77-

84; D is 70-76 and F is 61-69.

The new policy would shift the grade scale for all Greenville County second through twelfth grade classes to:

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- D = 60-69
- F = 50-59

All students who receive numerical grades in Greenville County Schools would move to the new scale in the fall for the 2016-2017 school year, according to the proposal. Kindergarten and first

See **GRADING, Page 7A**



A Greenville County sheriff forum is held at Hughes Main Library on Tuesday.

LAUREN PETRACCA/STAFF

Court hears arguments in elementary graduation prayer appeal

NATHANIEL CARY
NCARY@GREENVILLENEWS.COM

A three-judge panel on the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, heard oral arguments Tuesday from the Greenville County School District and the American Humanist Association in an appeal of a case where a federal judge ruled students could continue to pray publicly at an elementary graduation and the district could continue to hold the ceremonies at religious institutions.

In 2013, the AHA filed suit on behalf of a fifth-grade student and her family who attended Mountain View Elementary School in Taylors. The suit asserted that the school district's practices of selecting students to pray at the elementary graduation and choice of holding the ceremony at Turner Chapel at North Greenville University violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

U.S. District Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks ruled last year that the school district could allow students who are selected to speak at graduation to use their own First Amendment right to pray.

The school district says the law supports their prayer practice and use of venues to accommodate crowds for school-wide events.

Mountain View Elementary is holding its fifth grade graduation and awards ceremony at North Greenville University again this year for the fifth time, said Beth Brotherton, school district spokeswoman.

It's the closest location that can accommodate more than 1,000 people because the school has outgrown its own event space, she said.

Arguments Tuesday were presented before Judges Dennis W. Shedd, Allyson K. Duncan and Barbara Milano Keenan.

Each side had roughly 15 minutes to address the court during oral arguments Tuesday, beginning with summary presentation and then answering questions from the judges.

Monica Miller, senior attorney who

Challengers face off at sheriff's race forum

ANNA LEE ZLEE@GREENVILLENEWS.COM

Four ex-deputies sought to distinguish themselves in the race for sheriff while taking jabs at absent incumbent Steve Loftis at a public forum with an audience of more than 100 at the Hughes Main Library on Tuesday night.

Challengers Bruce Cannon, Hobart Lewis, Will Lewis and Sam Manley will face Loftis in the June Republican primary and were each questioned Tuesday night about issues ranging from gangs and domestic violence to diversity and misconduct within the ranks of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

Cannon, who retired from the Sheriff's Office in 2002, said the agency is a

the first to point out Loftis' empty seat. The League of Women Voters was

The former Greenville County deputy who now works as an exterminator said he was wrongfully terminated from his job in 2012 for a policy violation from then Maj. Shea Smith. Smith was later fired from the Sheriff's Office and pleaded guilty to misconduct in office.

Manley said he's seen deputies who have committed "borderline criminal violations" but said they only received a slap on the hand because they were "in the right clique or friends with the right supervisor."

Will Lewis stressed that he would equip deputies with body cameras on "day one" as sheriff, said he would also



Aiken Standard

YOUR LOCAL NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1867

WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2016

AIKENSTANDARD.COM

Vol. 150, No. 132 Aiken, S.C. ★ ★ 75¢

School Board picks new logo



AIKEN COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY LARRY WOOD
lwood@aikenstandard.com

Aiken County's School Board unanimously approved a new logo for the District on Tuesday night at its regular meeting.

The new logo features an open book above the words "Aiken County Public Schools." Inside the book is the flame of knowledge, a traditional education element. "The flame represents movement

and igniting a passion for learning in the hearts of the students of Aiken County," said Board member Jeremy Mace, who led the branding effort.

The logo's primary color is green, a nod to the former logo, which the District used for 30 years, Mace said.

"We needed to honor our heritage," he said. "It also allows us to make economical decisions based on colored themes that we've used before."

Mace called the logo's font "traditional and is also iconic."

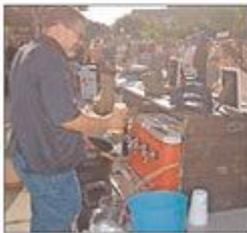
"It's not too modern or too dated," he said. "It will survive for a long time."

Mace said that the District's new mark would be phased in as materials with the former logo are used.

"We're not going to wipe all of the old branding out and have something that costs the County an exorbitant amount of money," Mace said. "But we're going to move as quickly as we

Please see 1060, Page 12A

INSIDE TODAY



Hop to downtown Aiken for evening of beer, BBQ
Living on the Go, 1C



USC Aiken gearing up for PBC tournament
Sports, 1B



South Aiken Baptist seniors take grad walk
Local News, 2A

New leadership coming to The North Augusta Star
Local News, 2A

AREA DEATHS

Jean Heckadon McCormick, Aiken
Russell E. Foster, Aiken
Eloise Weathersbee, Williston
Pamela Lee Vaughn, Charleston
Deaths and Funerals, 6A

WEATHER

Digging into history



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Walter Clifford, left, shakes a screen while Michael Gadd, right, shovels dirt at Langley Pond Park last week. Shelle Newell is in the background. Dr. Chris Moore, outreach coordinator for the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program, was in charge of the team of archaeologists and volunteers who searched for and collected Native American artifacts for research purposes.

Ancient spear points found at Langley site

BY DEDE BILES
dbiles@aikenstandard.com

To the untrained eye, it didn't look like much, but Dr. Chris Moore was excited about the large cluster of rocks embedded in the ground.

"It would be a lot cooler if it was a bunch of spear points, but this is nice," he said.

Thousands of years ago, Native Americans roamed an area that later became Aiken County while gathering wild plants and hunting animals to eat.

Those ancient people were the ones who gathered the rounded

Please see LANGLEY, Page 12A



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. CHRIS MOORE

A team of archaeologists and volunteers led by Dr. Chris Moore, outreach coordinator for the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program, found this Kirk Corner Notched Point from the Early Archaic period at Langley Pond Park last week.

Registration deadline is Saturday for state primary

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
ccleveland@aikenstandard.com

Saturday is the deadline for voters to register for the June 14 state party primaries.

The State Election Commission is

update their information.

The election commission said voters who have moved from one county to another must register in the new county by Saturday to be eligible to vote.

The commission also asks voters to update their information before the

Voters can register or update their registration at their county voter registration and elections office online, at svotes.org, which requires a S.C. Driver's License or DMV ID Card, or by downloading a voter registration form from svotes.org.

can be sent by mail, fax or email and should be postmarked or received by Saturday.

The deadline to return absentee by mail application for the primary is 5 p.m. June 10 and the deadline to vote absentee in person for the primary is

THE HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

Darlington County's News Leader Since 1893

WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2016

WWW.HARTSVILLEMESSENGER.COM

50 CENTS

scnow.com

'Little Shop of Horrors' starts Thursday at Center Theater



The cast of the Hartsville High School spring musical, 'Little Shop of Horrors,' is ready to perform, starting Thursday for a three-night run at the Center Theater. Curtain time is 7 p.m.

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON
aarvidson@hartsvillemessenger.com

Ten Hartsville High School students are anxious to take the stage for the school's annual spring musical on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Center Theater. The curtain rises at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Directed by Matt Nelson, with musical direction by James Beaumier, the students are performing "Little Shop of Horrors."

Tracee Auman is the choreographer and staff advisor.

The action takes place at a struggling flower shop on Skid Row in New York.

Seymour, a nerdy assistant at Mushnik's Flower Shop who happens to like strange flowers, discovers his chance for success and romance with the aid of a giant man-eating plant. The plant demands to be fed, but where will Seymour get the human blood?

Seymour is played by George Chapman, a senior at Hartsville High.

Chapman said he likes this role because he gets to play someone nerdy and sing. He has previously portrayed roles in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "Guys & Dolls," "Into the Wood" and "Grease."

"I have been interested in theater since the sixth grade," Chapman said. "It is almost natural for me."

Chapman will be attending Cliflin University in the fall majoring in music education.

His love interest in the play, Audrey, is portrayed by Elianna Thompson, a 10th-grade student at Hartsville High School.

"I like working with the cast," Chapman said. "They are fun and easy to work with."

She had a role in "At the Bottom of the Lake," in October with the Hartsville Community Players which

See **HORRORS**, Page 3A

Hartsville police arrest suspect in burglaries

From staff reports

On May 5 the Hartsville Police Department made an arrest in connection with a series of burglaries in the Prestwood Drive area of Hartsville.

A homeowner in the 400 block of Home Avenue heard some noises and discovered a person trying to enter the house through a window. The man fled when he discovered the home was occupied, and was apprehended by police close to the scene. The suspect was identified as Chauncey Frazier, of Hartsville. He admitted to conducting a few recent burglaries in the area during questioning, and investigations are continuing.

In order to help you protect your property and that of your neighbors, officers suggest:

"See something, say something": If someone that you don't know is in the neighborhood, officers can check it out, but only if someone calls. If you see anything suspicious, please report it.

Alarms and home cameras: Alarms tend to scare off burglars and gets the police to the scene within minutes, instead of hours later when you get home. Home security cameras are available for less than \$500 and can help identify suspects.

Dogs: If you like dogs, they can help alert you and your neighbors if someone is on your property that doesn't belong.

Leave the TV or radio on so it sounds like someone is home, and leave some lights on at night.

Consider joining or starting a neighborhood crime watch group, and get to know your neighbors.

Keep your windows and doors locked. Don't leave keys outside in spots where a burglar might easily find them.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Members of Hartsville High School Orchestra, under the direction of Rosa Kelly, participated in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday at Centenary United Methodist Church on Sixth Street in Hartsville.

Citizens offer prayers for the community



The congregation at the 65th National Day of Prayer service held on Thursday at Centenary United Methodist Church is stirred up by a joyful song being performed by the Hartsville High School Chorus.

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON
aarvidson@hartsvillemessenger.com

Hartsville participated in the 65th National Day of Prayer on Thursday at Centenary United Methodist Church on Sixth Street. The theme was "Wake Up America."

The event was held at noon with speakers offering prayers for government, funeral service, nonprofits, chamber of commerce, medical profession, education, emergency services, natural resources, and legal services.

Lisa Hawkins is pastor of Centenary, the host church. The event was sponsored by Bridge Builders.

The Rev. Gene Feagin, pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church, was master of ceremonies.

Bryan Crowley, fire marshal with the Hartsville Fire Department prayed for the government to "make the

Members of the Hartsville High School Chorus participated in the 65th National





VIKINGS ROLL INTO STATE TITLE MATCH

SPORTS, B1



PEA SALAD JUST RIGHT FOR SPRING SEASON

FOOD & HEALTH, D1

Herald-Journal

SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Wednesday, May 11, 2016



GoUpstate.com

75¢



GoUpstate



@GoUpstate

TODAY THU FRI



85°/63° 88°/64° 80°/51°

Complete forecast, B6

LOCAL

Threatening calls?

A state lawmaker says she's been besieged with calls and messages from "Southern Heritage and white hate" groups over her vote last year to remove the Confederate flag from the S.C. Statehouse grounds. **C1**

SMC looks to help students succeed

One of the goals of Spartanburg Methodist College President Scott Cochran when he started at the school was to create professional development opportunities for students. Starting in August, SMC will have an entire facility dedicated to helping students develop skills to succeed in the job market. **C1**

STATE



Confederate Memorial Day observed

The Confederate flag no longer flies on South Carolina's Statehouse grounds, but that didn't dampen the spirits of those gathered Tuesday to commemorate the state's first Confederate Memorial Day since its removal. **C3**

NATION/WORLD



Healing old wounds in Japan

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION REPORT

Life-saving equipment fails

Changes planned after emergency gear didn't work during jail suicide

By Daniel J. Gross
daniel.gross@shj.com



Harmon

Emergency equipment at the Spartanburg County jail was put to the test last year when a woman hanged herself in her cell.

It failed.

Officers at the detention center found Elizabeth Ashley Harmon hanging from the

top hinge on a plumbing chase just 13 minutes after they last checked on her on June 7, 2015.

Jail staff knew Harmon, 34, had been hospitalized for a suicide attempt just weeks before coming to jail, according to a State Law Enforcement Division report recently obtained by the *Herald-Journal*. Nearly a year after her death, that report

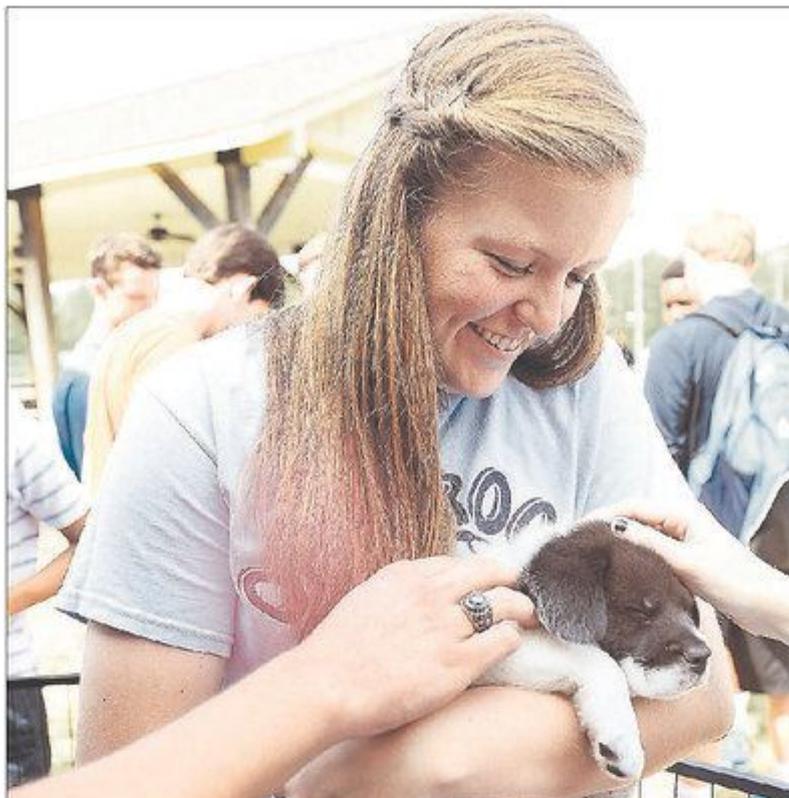
SEE HARMON, A8



The cell where Elizabeth Ashley Harmon committed suicide on June 7, 2015. Harmon used a county-issued shirt to hang herself on the top hinge of a plumbing chase in the holding cell. STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION PHOTO

HUMANE SOCIETY

EXAM WEEK STRESS RELIEF



2016 ELECTION

Sanders' win makes up little ground

By Lisa Lerer and Ken Thomas
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — White House dreams fading, Bernie Sanders added another state to his tally against Hillary Clinton with a win in West Virginia on Tuesday — a victory that will do little to slow the former secretary of state's steady march toward the Democratic presidential nomination.

Meanwhile, Republican Donald Trump also won there and in Nebraska, a week after he cleared the field of his remaining rivals. They were not victories likely to heal the party's wounds, as some GOP leaders continue to hold off offering their endorsement of the party's presumptive nominee.

The result in the West Virginia Democratic primary underscored the awkward position Clinton and the party's establishment face as they attempt to turn their focus to the general election. Sanders has won 19 states to Clinton's 23, but she is 94



PANORAMA

One more chance

Community Concert Band closes out season with spring finale on Sunday c1

Baker asks for teacher salary bump

Millage increase would help retain local talent pool

BY KONSTANTIN VENGEROWSKY
konstantin@theitem.com

Sumter School District Superintendent Frank Baker's request to Sumter County Council for a millage increase

to raise teacher salaries to prevent losing teachers to surrounding districts was met positively at Tuesday night's council meeting.

The millage increase, if approved, will not affect primary homeowners, said Gary Mixon, Sumter County administrator. It will, however, affect rental properties, businesses and industries, he said.

Although council did not make any decisions on the request as it seeks further anal-

ysis on the issue, several members expressed their support for the increase at the meeting.

"I'm hoping that my colleagues would seriously consider the proposal to increase teacher salaries," said Sumter County Council Chairwoman Vivian Fleming-McGhaney. "Now is the time for us to do something."

Baker asked county council

SEE SALARIES, PAGE A4

Council approves first reading of budget

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
adrienne@theitem.com

Sumter County Council approved first reading of its 2016-17 fiscal year budget during its meeting Tuesday evening after holding its second budget workshop.

Tuesday's budget workshop focused on the proposed purchases using a \$2.5 million general obligation bond and

special revenue funds.

The general obligation bond will fund the purchase of 15 vehicles for Sumter County Sheriff's Office, two ambulances for Sumter County Emergency Medical Services, eight vehicles for Sumter County Public Works, equipment for Sumter Fire Department and

SEE BUDGET, PAGE A4

Choice Bus presents students with stark lessons

Educational tool will visit area schools all week

BY JIM HILLEY
jim@theitem.com

Eighth-graders from Ebenezer Middle School squirmed in their seats a little more than usual as they watched presentations on the Choice Bus on Tuesday afternoon at the school near Dalzell.

The Choice Bus is a touring educational tool that presents in stark contrast the choice students face between staying in school and getting an education or making bad choices and ending up in jail or prison.

The front half of the bus looks much like an ordinary school bus. The students sit and watch a video which emphasizes the difference in expected income for different levels of education and introduces the students to several inmates in the Alabama prison system who talk about how their bad choices put them there.

One female inmate, who went to prison when she was only a little older than the middle school kids on the bus, said staying in school is the most important decision the children may make in their life.

"I should have stuck to my books," she said.

Another inmate recounted how he had thrown away all of his dreams by making one bad decision.

After the video, the monitor is swung to the side and a curtain is drawn back so



KEITH GEDAMKE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Ebenezer Middle School students learn about how the decisions they make could land them a good job or in jail on the Choice Bus on Tuesday afternoon. The bus is divided into a seating area and an authentic 8-by-8-foot jail cell to teach the children about where they could end up if they don't continue in school.

the kids get can see a typical prison cell, complete with bars, hard metal bunk beds and a multipurpose urinal.

Anthony Williams facilitated during the video and asked students about their experience after the student toured the cell.

"Make good choices and you are giving yourself a future," Williams said. "The choice belongs to you."

The eighth-grade students

who had seen the presentation seem to take away the intended lessons.

SEE CHOICES, PAGE A8



Praying for our sworn protectors

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

forcement officers, their families and good Samaritans, stating that

INDEX-JOURNAL

VOL. 98, NO. 57

indexjournal.com

2 SECTIONS, 20 PAGES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

DAILY 75¢, SUNDAY \$1.50

Voters choose 3 for 2 boards

Cobb, Werts lead Dist. 52 election

By **ARIEL GILREATH**
agilreath@indexjournal.com

Unofficial results for the Greenwood County School District 52 Board of Trustees election show incumbent chairman Paul Cobb and Rickey Werts with the most votes.

Six candidates were vying for two seats on the board, and the unofficial results on Greenwood County's website

show Werts in the lead with 198 votes with Cobb close behind with 192 votes.

The election was close with Kevin Campbell in third place at 185 votes.

There were a total of 518 ballots cast in Tuesday's election.

Cobb, 54, works at Ascend Performance Materials and See **ELECTION**, page 4A



PAUL COBB



RICKEY WERTS



SHANON CALVERT

A numbers game

■ Results from the two school board elections, 4A

Calvert top vote-getter in District 51

By **ARIEL GILREATH**
agilreath@indexjournal.com

Four candidates vied for one seat on the Greenwood County School District 51 board of trustees, with Shanon Calvert claiming the most votes during Tuesday's election.

The unofficial results show there were 230 ballots cast in the election, and Calvert had 126 votes with Matthew Murphy in second place at 54 votes.

Calvert is taking Teresa Holland's seat on the board. Holland has served since 2013 and did not seek re-election.

Calvert, 43, has lived in Ware Shoals his entire life and works as an insurance agent with Farm Bureau in Abbeville. He said he wants to learn how everything operates within the school district initially.

See **CALVERT**, page 4A

■ JOHN DE LA HOWE

Parks discusses agency at meeting

By **ARIEL GILREATH**
agilreath@indexjournal.com

MCCORMICK — State Rep. Anne Parks addressed John de la Howe's future Tuesday at a McCormick County Democratic Party meeting.

Parks, D-Greenwood, told the crowd at the McCormick Library she has already expressed to members of the state House of Representatives the need to pass the Senate proviso regarding de la Howe.



ANNE PARKS

The House approved a proviso in March that would place de la Howe's budget under a line-item in the Department of Juvenile Justice's budget, as well as suspend the agency's board of trustees for the fiscal year. The proviso also says DJJ would contract out a nonprofit organization to run the program.

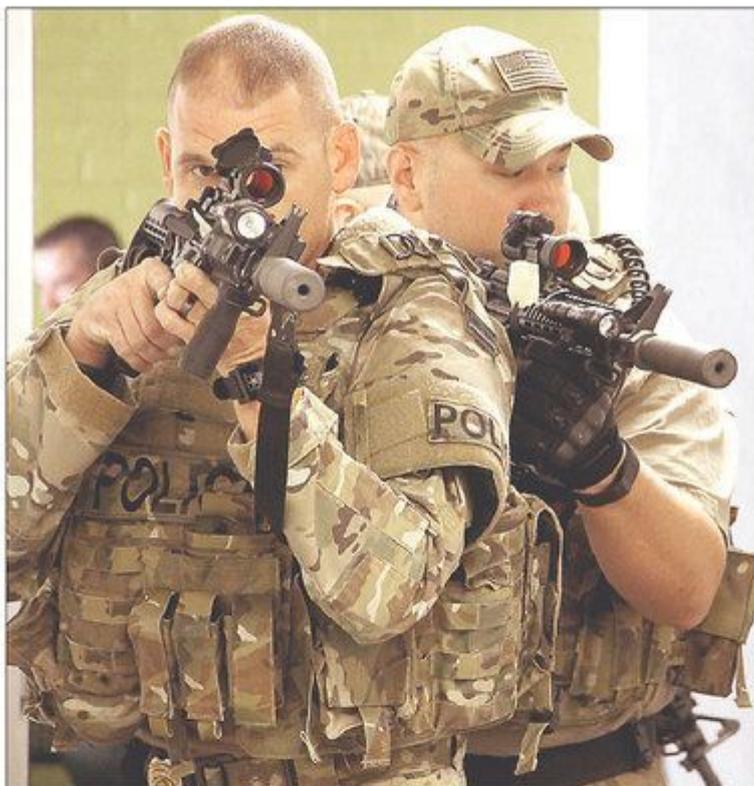
Parks voted in favor of the proviso along with the rest of the House members.

The Senate proviso would keep de la Howe's administration and board of trustees, but focus on providing care to youth aging out of the foster system. It would also keep the Wilderness Program.

"I am not trying to close down John de la Howe," Parks said. "I have done, and I am still doing, everything that I can to keep John de la Howe open. I know what the school means to this community."

A number of de la Howe staff attended the meeting, and Cheryl Evans, media specialist at the school, told the audience she had students ask about their future because of what they've heard about de la Howe.

PREPARING FOR THE WORST



DARRAN DOMINGUEZ | INDEX-JOURNAL

SWAT units came in to secure a Piedmont Technical College classroom building Tuesday morning during an active shooter training scenario.

Piedmont Technical College hosts active shooter training

■ GREENWOOD

Look for signs

Crawley running for County Council in eco-friendly way

By **KATIE PEARSON**
kpearson@indexjournal.com

That Craig Crawley is running for the District 6 Greenwood County Council seat might be hard to tell — he's posted no campaign signs.

That is by design. The 24-year-old first-time candidate has decided against posting signs along roadways like other candidates in an effort to be more eco-friendly than other campaigns.



CRAIG CRAWLEY

"These signs cost a fair amount of money and are most likely going straight to the landfill after the election," he said.

An analyst at Eaton Corporation, he believes Greenwood County could use this type of mentality to "tackle our county's problems without spending lots of money."

He's challenging Councilman Robbie Templeton in the June 14 Republican primary. No Democrat filed to run for the seat.

Crawley said he hopes to bring "fresh ideas and great leadership qualities" to County Council.

"Being a younger candidate, I have a different thinking style," he said.

Crawley anticipates two major areas of focus for the County Council during



A unique interactive outdoor family festival to allow children to climb on, explore and discover their favorite big trucks and vehicles!

Saturday, May 14th • Darlington Raceway
10:00-3:00 PM • Tickets: \$5 (Children under 2 are free)

Sponsored by the Junior League of Florence & Darlington Raceway

Morning News

WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2016

TODAY'S WEATHER

A 1-storm in spots this afternoon. High 90, low 66. DETAILS 2A

WWW.SCIOW.COM

The Voice of the Pee Dee

75 cents



JOE PERRY/MORNING NEWS

A crew from Palmetto Concrete breaks ground Tuesday morning at Florence Regional Airport on a new 40,000-gallon fuel farm as part of planned upgrades and renovations for the new fixed-base operator.

Ground broken for fuel farm at airport

BY JOE PERRY
Morning News
jperry@florencenews.com

FLORENCE — Ground has been broken for a new fuel farm at Florence Regional Airport as fixed-base operator Precision Air looks to make its imprint with renovations and construction.

As the fixed-base operator, or FBO, Precision Air is in charge of ground han-

dling, maintenance and fueling operations as part of a 15-year contract with the Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority that began in March. Precision Air is also reconfiguring the setup at the general aviation component — not to be confused with the main terminal used by the general public for commercial flights to Charlotte — as the current FBO building will soon transition to a

maintenance, repair and overhaul facility. A currently dormant 2,000-square-foot building that was formerly leased to Pee Dee Action will undergo a total transformation to become the main entry point and customer service area for private aircraft operations.

"We're progressing," said Todd Gibson, FBO manager. "We're excited for the changes."

Central to those changes are the new 40,000-gallon fuel farm that will include self-serve pumps for after-hours service of smaller planes. Electrical conduits were put in place last week and ground was broken Tuesday morning with the goal of pouring concrete Thursday morning, weather permitting. Gibson said it will take about

See AIRPORT, Page 3A

Bring Back Big Give

Charity event loses energy

Technical glitch slows momentum, reduces donations

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY
Morning News
smccray@florencenews.com

FLORENCE — Donations were steady Tuesday during Bring Back Big Give, but coordinator Libby Wiersma said momentum was lost.

"We definitely lost momentum," Wiersma said during Tuesday's fundraiser. "(Donations have) been pretty steady but not nearly what we saw last week with Big Give when it was in operation."

In 10 hours last Tuesday, more than \$36,000 was raised during Big Give Pee Dee for the 46 participating nonprofit organizations. But a glitch put a halt on donations after 10 hours for the many community foundations using the server KIMBIA.

"Millions and millions of dollars have been lost due to this glitch," Wiersma said. "We've done our best to salvage what we could with this event."

Wiersma said she thinks Big Give was well on the way to raising more than \$100,000 before donations stopped.

Bring Back Big Give, organized by



DEBORAH SWEARINGEN/MORNING NEWS

Uschi Jeffcoat, executive director of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance, smiles as she accepts the Frank Crow Award.

2016 Arts Awards honorees announced

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
Morning News
dswearingen@florencenews.com

FLORENCE — Tuesday evening was a celebration of the arts as the 2016 Arts Awards recipients were announced. Hosted by Florence Regional Arts Alliance, the event hon-

ored five influential artists in the area, and three students were awarded scholarships.

The recipients are nominated by the community and selected by the Arts Alliance board.

The Betty Ann Darby scholarships are merit scholarships awarded predominately on

the basis of demonstrated talent, passion for the arts and intention to pursue a career in an arts discipline or in arts education.

This year's honorees were Kathleen Covington, Gillian Skipper and Molly Watkins.

The Business and Arts Partnership Award was given to

Florence County. The Lake City Concert Series won this year's Outstanding Arts Organization Award. Erick J. Figueras received the Greg Fry Arts Educator Award, and Kelly Jokisch was given the John W. Baker Distinguished

See ARTS, Page 3A

Florence

City looks to crack down on for-profit donation boxes

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
Morning News
jlloyd@florencenews.com



FLORENCE — "Recycle Old Clothes & Shoes Here."

Florence city leaders say

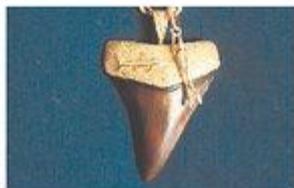
boxes — just three of those boxes are for local nonprofit organizations.

A chief concern among city leaders is that donations being dropped in these boxes are going to "for profit" operations

ly understand there are organizations here who utilize these facilities for the greater good, but by and large we have no idea where these donations are going. They are becoming a real eyesore and we have

LOCAL

Diving for shark's teeth, artifacts a pastime fraught with danger 3A



NATION

Trump racks up more delegates in West Virginia, Nebraska 7A



WEDNESDAY MAY 11 2016

75¢ VOLUME 46, No. 132 STAY CONNECTED ISLANDPACKET.COM

FACEBOOK.COM/ISLANDPACKET TWITTER.COM/ISLANDPACKET



HILTON HEAD ISLAND BLUFFTON



Partly cloudy 80°/69° See 2A

THE ISLAND PACKET

HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Officials wary of hike in sheriff's budget

Sheriff's Office requested funds from Hilton Head Island for undercover officers

Town officials balk at \$700K budget increase, want to wait for study

One council member speaks in favor of hiring 2 officers in meantime

BY REBECCA LURVE rlurve@islandpacket.com

The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office is unlikely to receive enough money for a new undercover unit to patrol Hilton Head Island, as it requested at Town Council's first fiscal year 2017 budget workshop on Tuesday night.

The department sought four new plainclothes deputies who would have driven unmarked patrol cars, as well as one new investigator and \$58,000 worth of new radar equipment, requests that would have increased the Sheriff's Office's budget to about \$3.94 million next year, up from about \$3.23 million in FY 2016, including stipends for officers to live on the island.

Town Council balked at the \$700,000 request, which comes ahead of an independent performance review of the town's contract with the Sheriff's Office. After Mayor David Bennett and several council members asking for justification of the expenses, they ultimately agreed to place a portion of the funds in reserves until after experts finish analyzing the Sheriff's Office's performance over the last year.

The town directed staff to see if the Sheriff's Office has money in its current budget for the radar equipment and to place about \$289,000 in reserves for next year, enough to hire two new officers. About 45 percent of that money came from the department's own proposed savings for FY 2017.

"We've asked for a study of the Sheriff's Office's performance," Bennett said. "Let's get that study and make decisions based on that."

At least one council member

TEEN KILLED IN HIT-AND-RUN

Bluffton man was first on weekend crash scene



Grace Sulak, right, is pictured with Emma Dewey at a track meet.

"PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME I WAS THERE FOR A REASON. WHAT'S THE COINCIDENCE OF ME BEING THERE FROM WOODBRIDGE, THEM BEING MY NEIGHBORS AND ALSO KNOWING ALL THREE OF THEM?"

Brian Watkins

Crash victims were aided by a neighbor from Bluffton

Brian Watkins came on the scene of Saturday's I-26 wreck moments after it happened

First responder praises efforts of pair of JROTC cadets

BY JOSH MIFELMAN jmifelman@islandpacket.com

When Brian Watkins lifted the airbag, he could see the driver was severely injured.

The dashboard was "up on her lap and above her body," pinning her in the wreckage. But she was able to talk.

Barely.

Watkins assured her that somebody had called EMS. He then asked Andrea Dewey to remain as calm as possible and stay still.

Last Saturday, Watkins, the father of a son, a Gulf War veteran medically retired from the Army and a volunteer with Bluffton High School's JROTC,

was on I-26 in Calhoun County on his way home to Bluffton with a van full of cadets after a visit to the Carowinds theme park.

Minutes earlier, the Nissan Rogue Andrea Dewey was driving with two passengers — her daughter Emma, and Emma's close friend Grace Sulak, both 14 — had been hit by a pickup truck. The Rogue left the road and struck a tree.

"She has a white vehicle barreling down on her, she looks over her shoulder to see if it's clear to go to the right lane," Watkins said on Tuesday. "Before she could even turn half way — judging from

VIDEO

How did the Highway Patrol decide what type truck was involved? Watch a video at islandpacket.com.

MORE INSIDE

Today's memorial service moved to Bluffton High's gym, 7A

the way) her head was positioned and the airbag and the damage to her face — that's when she got struck from the rear end."

SEE SCENE, 7A

Mother in hit-and-run reportedly remembers everything

BY CAELIN TURNER cturner@islandpacket.com

A family friend of Andrea and Emma Dewey said Tuesday that Andrea is awake and remembers everything about the crash that claimed the life of her daughter's best friend Saturday as they drove home from a Columbia

well to treatment at the Palmetto Health Richland Trauma Center in Columbia.

Baez said Emma Dewey has been placed in a medically induced coma to help her heal.

"The doctor said everything she has is fixable, but it's going to take time," Baez said. "They are expecting to bring her out of the coma by the end of the



Camlin Moore

Cell: [803-206-8236](tel:803-206-8236)

Office: [803-734-8044](tel:803-734-8044)