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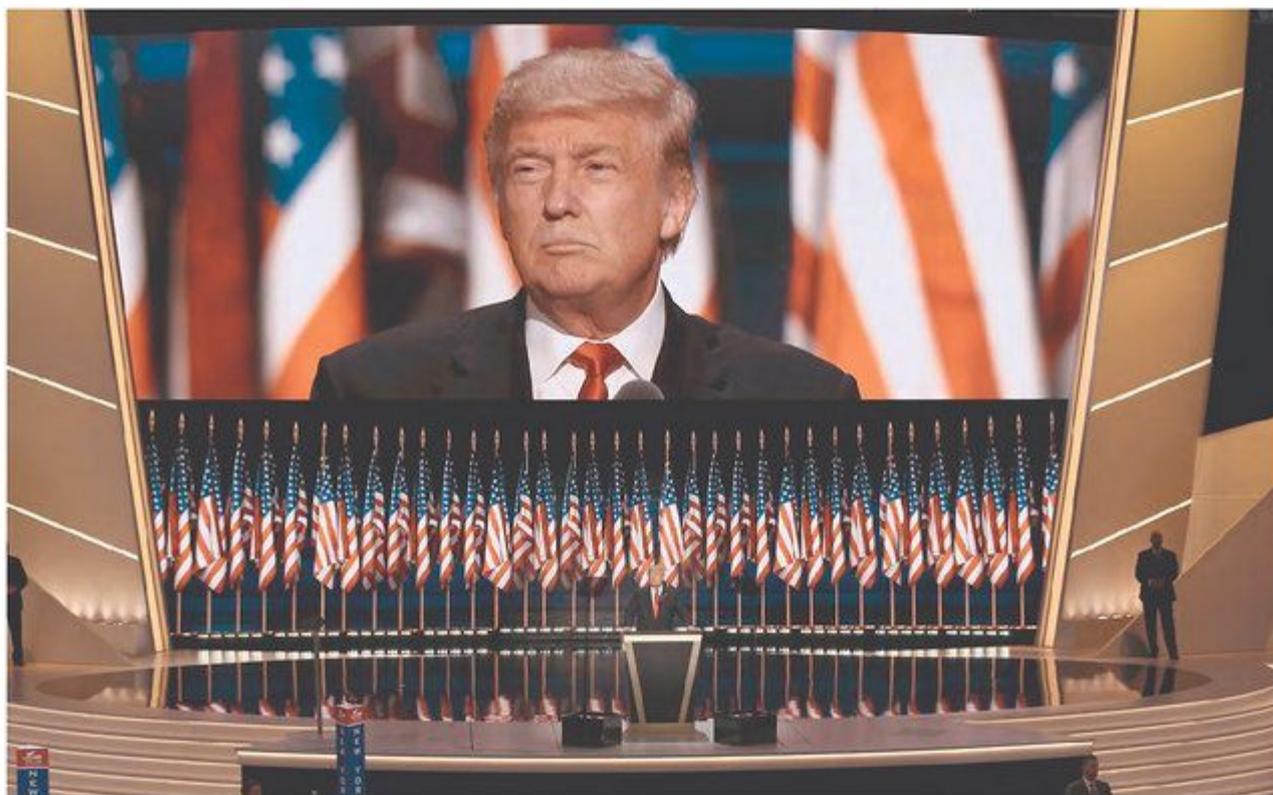
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TRUMP PROMISES SAFETY, PROSPERITY



DAVID SWANSON: THE

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump accepts the party's nomination on the last day of the Republican National Convention Thursday in Cleveland.

Trump slowly winning over SC Republicans

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CLEVELAND

Donald Trump is capturing the hearts — or at least the support — of Palmetto State Republicans at the GOP convention.

Among the converts in Cleveland are Ted Cruz loyalists and other delegates whose favorite candidates exited the race long ago, clearing the path for Trump to win the GOP's presidential nomination.

earlier this week, says the GOP nominee still could earn his support.

Trump's naming of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate was a positive move toward winning over K.C. Lombard, a 63-year-old Johns Island roofing contractor.

Still not convinced, Lombard says he will decide later — maybe in November — whether to vote for Trump.

For other S.C. delegates, the sell has been easier.

Jerry Rovner, 65, of Pawling Island, had voted Trump

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S.C. Democrats rally to kick off their fall campaign, 3A

A look at the S.C. Democrats slated to speak at next week's convention, 3A

Graham slams Trump for suggesting that he might not honor all NATO commitments, 4A

What are South Carolinians at the GOP convention

'Blue-collar billionaire' accepts GOP's nomination for president

BY DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD,
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The Washington Post

CLEVELAND

Donald Trump formally accepted the Republican nomination for president on Thursday night, giving the biggest speech of his short political career — seeking to end a troubled, fractious GOP convention on a high note.

The nominee entered to stirring string music, with the jumbotron displaying only his name — TRUMP — in gold letters.

nation for the presidency of the United States," Trump said. Then he joined the crowd in their chants, "USA! USA!"

Trump's speech cast the U.S. as a chaotic nation, where disorder and crime "threaten our very way of life." He portrayed himself as a man who could end it, almost immediately, without explaining exactly how.

"I have a message for all of you. The crime and violence that today afflicts our nation will soon — and I mean very soon — come to an end," Trump said. After he is inaugurated as president next January, Trump said.



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Commissioners critical of SC Mentor

DDSN chairman vows, 'There will be changes'

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COLUMBIA - The chairman of the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs vowed changes in the wake of a *Greenville News* report on problems involving a company that holds a nearly \$20 million contract to help some of the state's most vulnerable adults.

The South Carolina Commission on

Disabilities and Special Needs met for about 45 minutes behind closed doors Thursday afternoon to discuss the company, SC Mentor, and chairman Bill Dantelson later said he remains concerned about what has happened at Mentor facilities in South Carolina.

"If there is any good that comes out of this horrible thing, it is that we're ramping it up, we're going to be checking on all of this and we're going to be pushing hard," he told the commission. "We're going to find out what we can do to make structural differences."

He said he and other commissioners have lost sleep over what has happened.

"There will be changes," he said. "We don't always agree on everything but we agree on this one subject."

The *News* last month reported that documents, interviews and recordings obtained by the newspaper reveal that Mentor has a troubling record of resident deaths, staff arrests, lawsuits and allegations of abuse and neglect.

Between July 1, 2011, and the end of May 2016, *The News* reported, 10 residents of Mentor-run homes died, according to DDSN.

DDSN has oversight of Mentor and that oversight has been increased, including surprise staff visits of Mentor

facilities, DDSN Director Beverly Buscemi said. Mentor has pulled resources from outside the state to improve their quality assurance, she said. She said one of their weaknesses has been staff training and the company is addressing that.

"We want as a system to ensure that we have the highest quality of care," she said. "And minimize the potential of negative outcomes."

State Inspector General Pat Maley, whose office began an investigation of Mentor in May, will likely make suggestions for improvements to DDSN con-

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TRUMP PLEDGES BETTER DAYS AHEAD



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump acknowledges the crowd after his daughter, Ivanka Trump, introduced him during the evening session on the fourth day of the Republican National Convention on Thursday at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio.

GOP candidate sets bravado aside in convention finale

JULIE PACE AND ROBERT FURLOW ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND - Declaring America in crisis, Donald Trump pledged to cheering Republicans and still-skeptical voters Thursday night that as president he will restore the safety they fear they're losing, strictly curb immigration and save the nation from a Hillary Clinton record of "death, destruction, terrorism and weak-

Move to block health insurer mega-mergers draws praise

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The Obama Administration's move to block health insurance company mega-mergers drew praise from groups representing consumers, physicians and hospitals Thursday.

The Department of Justice announced it will file a suit to stop Anthem's \$48 billion acquisition of Cigna as well as Aetna's \$37 billion acquisition of Humana under antitrust provisions.

Greenville Health System declined comment. And Bon Secours St. Francis Health System could not be reached for comment.

But Rick Pollack, CEO of the American Hospital Association, called the action good news for consumers, who would have faced increased costs and fewer choices for coverage.

"Reduced competition in the insurance market threatens to increase the price and availability of coverage for all Americans in virtually every community," he said. "Fewer coverage options for consumers also would undermine the hospital field's goal of keeping communities vital and healthy through continuous innovation. All of the available evidence shows that as insurers get even larger, their willingness to innovate declines. That would be a setback patients simply can't endure."

And the South Carolina Hospital Association shares the concerns that reduced competition in the insurance market threatens to increase the price of coverage while reducing options for consumers.

Consumers Union, meanwhile, applauded the move, saying the deals would give insurers too much control, negatively impacting competition, pricing and consumer choice.

"From the very beginning, we have raised concerns that these deals would create too much market power," the group said in a statement. "We were concerned that these deals couldn't be fixed by simply divesting assets here and there, or by promises that the companies wouldn't take advantage of their new power. We commend the Justice Department for taking action to block what would be a major setback for consumers."

Columbia health care consultant Lynn Bailey said such mergers provide "absolutely no benefit to the consumer."

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SPORTS



Lattimore lands role in upcoming film

Former Byrnes High School and South Carolina star running back Marcus Lattimore will play himself as a pastor in "Faith's Song," a Christian movie set for release this fall and shot at locations throughout the state. **B1**

UPSTATE

Two medical practices announce merger

Two Spartanburg area medical practices on Thursday announced a merger that includes plans for a new ambulatory surgery center at a new 15,280-square-foot facility at North Grove Medical Park. **C1**

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Cruz defiant as irate GOP slams him

A defiant Sen. Ted Cruz declared Thursday he's no "servile puppy dog" as he faced a torrent of GOP criticism over his refusal to endorse Donald Trump on the Republican National Convention stage. **A7**

Trump questions NATO commitments

Alarm and condemnation erupted Thursday from Euro-

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION



Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump speaks during the final day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland on Thursday. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Trump: 'I will win for you'

Nominee takes aim at political class in convention address

By Julie Pace and Robert Furlow
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Declaring America in crisis, Donald Trump pledged to cheering Republicans and still-skeptical voters Thursday night that as president he will restore the safety they fear they're losing, strictly curb immigration and save the nation from Hillary Clinton's record of "death, destruction, terrorism and weakness."

Confidently addressing the finale of his party's less-than-smooth national convention, the billionaire businessman declared the nation's problems too staggering to be fixed within the confines of traditional politics.

"I have joined the political

that cannot defend themselves," Trump said.

The 70-year-old celebrity businessman's acceptance of the Republican nomination caps his improbable takeover of the GOP, a party that plunges into the general election united in opposition to Clinton but still divided over Trump. Underscoring his unorthodox candidacy, Trump doubled down on the hard-line immigration policies that fired up conservatives in the primary but broke with many in his party by promising protections for gays and lesbians.

His address on the closing night of the convention marked his highest-profile opportunity yet to heal Republican divisions and show voters he's prepared for the presidency. Ever the showman, he fed off the energy of the crowd, stepping back to soak in applause and joining the delegates as they chanted, "U-S-A."

As the crowd, fiercely

her up," he waved them off, and instead declared, "Let's defeat her in November." Yet he also accused her of "terrible, terrible crimes" and said her greatest achievement may have been avoiding prison for her use of a private email and personal server as secretary of state.

The more than hour-long speech was strikingly dark for a celebratory event and almost entirely lacking in specific policy details. Trump shouted throughout as he read off a teleprompter, showing few flashes of humor or even a smile.

He accused Clinton, his far more-experienced Democratic rival, of utterly lacking the good judgment to serve in the White House and as the military's commander in chief.

"This is the legacy of Hillary Clinton: death, destruction, terrorism and weakness," he said. "But Hillary Clinton's legacy does not have to be America's legacy."

SAVING AT THE PUMP

Low gas prices boost travel

Price averages \$1.86 per gallon in state

By Daniel J. Gross
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Gas prices have dropped to a 12-year low for the month of July, and local motorists are reaping the benefits.

South Carolina's gas prices are now the lowest in the country as a result of increased fuel supply and declining crude oil costs, according to AAA Carolinas. The state's average price for a gallon of gas was \$1.86 as of Thursday.

Average prices are about 55 cents less than they were a year ago.

Gas prices are expected to remain low for the remainder of the summer.

According to AAA, more families are traveling and taking road trips this summer due to cheaper gas.

Some motorists said they're just glad to be saving money at the pump.

"I don't travel that much in my car, so it doesn't make too much of a difference, but I noticed (prices are) low and have been happy about it," said Carol Falkingham outside the Spinx gas station on South Pine Street in Spartanburg.

Unleaded was at \$1.75 per gallon at the station Thursday afternoon.

Danny Ray was filling up his pickup truck and said he had noticed a significant drop in prices.

"I keep up with oil every day," he said. "Economically, yeah, sure. It cut my expenditures down to the point where I can buy more equipment for my business. That's the reason we've got an economic boom, because of fuel. It's a direct correlation."



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McCall Farms to invest \$23 million

Four-year plan to create hundreds of new jobs



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McCall Farms is expected to invest \$23 million by 2020.

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — McCall Farms is expected to invest \$23 million to increase production and create hundreds of new jobs by 2020.

Although officials with McCall Farms were not available for comment on Thursday, Florence County Administrator K.G. "Rusty" Smith Jr. said the expansion will create about

Other Florence County Council Business

The council:

- Approved a memorandum of understanding of mutual aid between the Florence County Detention Center and the Beaufort County Detention Center.
- Approved second reading of an agree-

- ment to allocate \$500,000 for lighting at the Johnsonville Athletic Complex.
- Awarded a construction contract for \$819,483 to Ace Construction of Florence for the New South Lynchess Fire Department project.

150 jobs over the next four years. "They're an outstanding corporate citizen and have always provided job growth and economic enhancement

throughout the county," Smith said. Smith said his understanding of See **MCCALL**, Page 3A

Brown leaves mark on downtown Florence

Beloved friend, father remembered for many accomplishments

BY JESSICA IMBIMBO
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FLORENCE — Joseph Eugene Brown Jr. died Thursday morning after his car hit a utility pole in the 2200 block of South Irby Street.

Brown was 62 and was well known in Florence, where he owned the old post office building at 201 W. Evans St. The building represents one of the first federal pres-

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ences in the Pee Dee. Brown, affectionately known as "Gene," had owned the building since 1989 and spent years revitalizing it. Today, the building houses multiple law firms, Brown's personal office and a portion of the solicitor's office.

The crash happened about 1 a.m. Thursday. Police said Brown appeared to have lost control of his vehicle and slid sideways into the utility pole. He was taken to a hospital, where he died. The accident is under

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Florence School District One

Board thanks Moore for years of service

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — Thursday night, the Florence School District One Board of Trustees said goodbye to one of its own when Pat Gibson-Hye Moore ended her 11-year tenure on the

Camp RAE's Got Talent inspires hundreds



PHOTOS BY JOSHUA LLOYD/MORNING NEWS

Camp RAE campers open the night at the 4th Annual "Camp RAE's Got Talent."



ABOVE: Camper at the 4th annual "Camp RAE's Got Talent" whip up some desserts for the judges.

RIGHT: Camp RAE participant LeShon Jackson (left), last year's under 18 winner, reacts after a standing ovation

Fourth annual event proves raising funds can be a lot of fun

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — It's undeniable — Camp RAE has enormous talent.

The annual summer program for nonmobile special-needs children held its fourth annual talent competition and fundraiser on Thursday evening, drawing hundreds for an evening of singing, dancing and gameshow-style skits.

Meagan Johnson, a Camp RAE organizer and the event's emcee, said the talent show is more than a run-of-the-mill fundraiser.

"We started this not only as a way to raise funds but we also wanted a way for the community to come

see how special and talented our kids are," Johnson said. "They have these wonderful talents, and even though they

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Visit www.SCNOW.com for more photos and a videos from the 4th Annual Camp RAE's Got Talent

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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Trump takes stage to accept nomination

Trump's team hopes to close convention on a more traditional note

Speech marks candidate's highest profile opportunity to unite fractured GOP

BY JULIE PACE
AND ROBERT FURLOW
Associated Press

CLEVELAND

In an appeal to anxious voters, Donald Trump pledged Thursday night that "safety will be restored" if he is elected president, using his Republican convention address to denounce Democrat Hillary Clinton as part of a political class causing the nation's troubles.

"As long as we are led by politicians who will not put 'America First,' then we can be assured that other nations will not treat America with respect," Trump said, according to excerpts released ahead of his address.

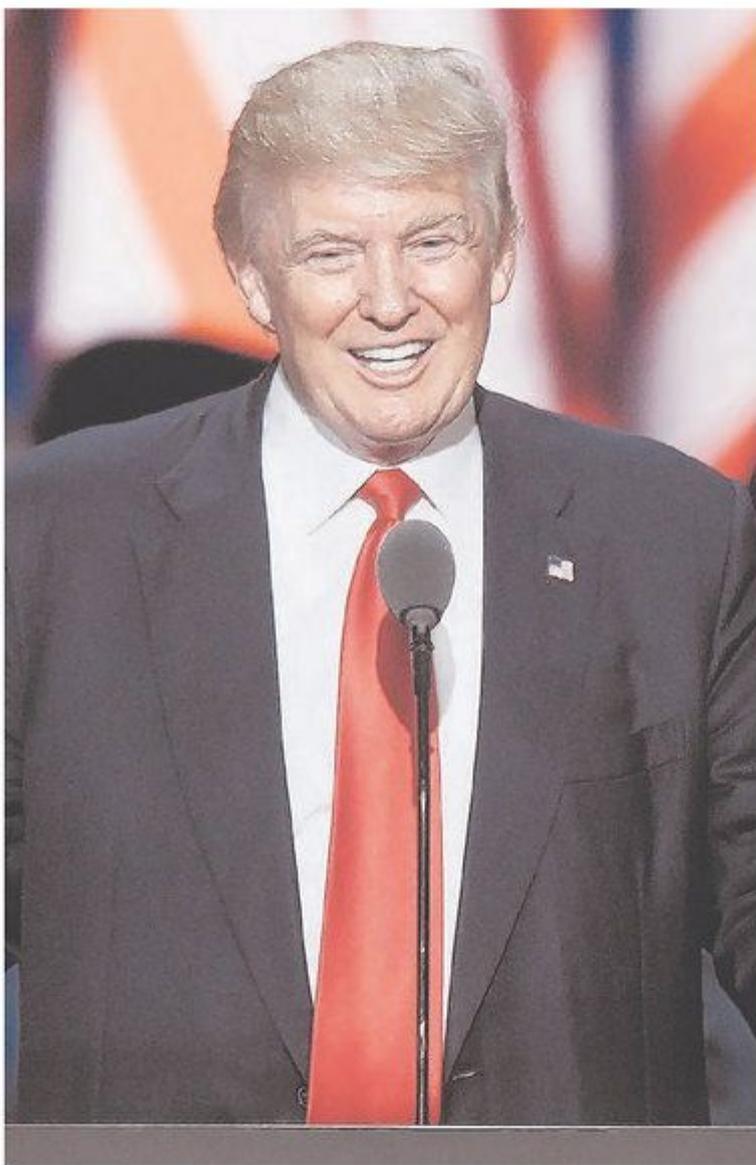
Trump's speech on the closing night of the Republican convention marks his highest-profile opportunity to unite his fractured Republican Party and quiet Americans' concerns about his preparedness for the White House.

Trump is promising "profound relief" and simplified taxes for the middle class, an end to excessive regulation, and infrastructure projects that will create millions of jobs, according to the excerpts.

Trump took the stage in Cleveland facing a daunting array of challenges. His nominating event has been consumed by a plagiarism charge, unusually harsh criticism of Clinton, and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's dramatic refusal to endorse the GOP nominee from the convention stage.

Overseas U.S. allies as well as

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump talks during a walk-through on the last day of the Republican National Convention on Thursday in Cleveland.

ANALYSIS

Ted Cruz gambles and goes own way

Texas senator's decision not to endorse Donald Trump met with boos

Cruz supporters and foes agree that his speech was a risky move

BY WILLIAM DOUGLAS
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CLEVELAND

Sen. Ted Cruz's controversial speech to the Republican National Convention on Wednesday night was vintage Cruz — a calculated, high-risk gamble that could either wound his political career or give him a platform for a 2020 or 2024 White House run.

The junior senator from Texas stood by his speech and decision not to endorse

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, a move that produced boos and alienated many conventioners, including some

members of the Texas delegation, who both cheered him and challenged him at a breakfast Thursday. Cruz responded: "I'm going to defend your right even to insult me."

Even Cruz's most ardent supporters seemed perplexed by his remarks. At the very least, he appears to have splintered his own base. Most delegates either professed their outrage for his refusal to support Trump or pivoted to party devotion.

"If anyone thinks I was eager to come to this convention and give a speech ... supporting a great many of the policies, positions laid out by Donald Trump ... despite the fact that neither he nor his campaign has ever taken back a word they said about my family, I promise you I



Cruz

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Local entrepreneurs get a leg up with business program

Business Builders graduates along with their support mentor and instructors were on hand for their graduation ceremony held last weekend. Shown in front are (from left) Brian Forte, Bradley Carr, Tiffany Bishop, Carolyn Hannah, Chonique Deviner and Tyinda L. Smith; in the back row are, Christopher Shirley, Curtis Lee, Jermy Ellison, Richard Puffer, Danny Johnson Jr. and Joshua R. Edwards. Robbie Johnson and Ms. Langley were not present, but participated in the program.



KENT MAHONEY/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

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The inaugural Business Builders Class of 2016 has received 15 weeks of business training and is ready to hit the streets running with its newfound knowledge.

Eight students, representing new and existing business starts in Hartsville, received weekly training modules and help from mentors in order to clear away hurdles and barriers, such as funding issues

among others, in hopes of business ownership.

The course was funded locally, according to Mary Catherine Ferrell, assistant to the Hartsville city Manager.

"Using CommunityWorks as a resource, we developed the concept and presented a request for funding to the Beyerly Foundation," she told a group of about 40 people who attended a ceremony held last weekend.

"And they believed in the idea, and funded two

rounds of the Business Builders Program," she said. "They took a risk in supporting this concept, but when you hear from our entrepreneurs ... I think we will all agree that their investment is paying off."

The students were paired with a local businesspeople who shared insights and their personal knowledge as mentors.

Hartsville City Manager Natalie Zeigler had the

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Hartsville bests SF Blue for state crown

BY JOE L. HUGHES II
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SOCASTEE — Age is nothing but a number, particularly when it comes to the game of baseball.

For the past several days, much was said about Hartsville Post 53's youth, a team consisting largely of rising eighth- and ninth-graders. But in that same span the subject changed, those attending the state Junior American Legion Baseball tournament swiftly learning this team was darn good.

Already forced to complete a game postponed due to weather the previous night, Hartsville would go on to play two more Wednesday — winning them all — en route to claiming the state Junior American Legion Baseball title.

"It feels amazing, my kids have been amazing ... playing in the heat, playing in everything else, this team just doesn't say die," said Hartsville Post 53 manager Wade Hawkins. "This team has dug out of seven- and nine-run deficits this season. I didn't expect anything less than the best from this group, I'm so proud of them."

After surviving a late flurry by South Florence Blue to claim a 4-2 victory to advance to the championship game Post 53 would need a win over host Socastee, the only team to defeat it in the tournament.

Hartsville would get its revenge, using a five-run fifth inning to blow open what largely was close game, winning it 11-5.

According to Socastee manager Curtis Hudson, it was a matter of his team simply running out of gas.

"This was the fourth, fifth straight day for us," he said. "Not making any excuses, but we just ran out of gas. That along with making too many mistakes hurt us in the end against

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Ready for center stage



PHOTOS BY ARDIE ARVIDSON/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

Disney's 'Mulan Jr.' is filled with singing and dancing as it is performed by participants in the summer theater camp at Coker College. The culmination of their two-week camp is the production tonight at Watson Theater. The musical is open to the public. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Coker theater campers perform 'Mulan Jr.' tonight at Watson Theater

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON
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Mulan, Taylor Beck, and her father, Christopher Moore, rehearse for the Coker College Theater Summer Camp production of 'Mulan Jr.'

With a cast of more than 75, the Coker College Summer Theater Camp participants will perform "Mulan Jr." tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Watson Theater at the Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Performing Arts Center on the Coker College campus. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students/children/senior adults and are available at the door.

The production is the culmination of two weeks of theater camp for students ages 13 and up. Coker offered two summer theater camps this year. The first was for ages 6 to 12 and was held in June. They performed Disney's "Sleeping Beauty KIDS."

"This summer camp experience has provided us with an opportunity to allow our campers to explore people who have succeeded against

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Greenwood law enforcement on alert

Threats made online against officers, judges

Local police emphasize safety

By **DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ**
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Judges, solicitors, police and even children were named as targets in threats made by two men on Facebook last week. "Rs I want judges governors solicitors and 12 dead," read one message between the men. Another message said, "Judges kidnapped they gon have to bring SLED in this."

Screenshots of the conversation were sent by email to all city police officers,

advising them to keep the threats in mind when they respond to calls involving the two men — which the email named. The Greenwood County Sheriff's Office soon followed suit, with an email warning officers that the threats had "some fairly specific talk about violence towards LE (law enforcement) and our families."

John Long, officer in charge of professional standards with the sheriff's office, said once they caught wind of the threats, officers immediately started investigating. Until officers can prove otherwise, he said

they treat threats as legitimate.

"Every threat is serious," he said, "but behind the scenes we have to process it. You can't publicly react to every threat — we don't want to cause false alarm in the public."

While checking to see if either of the men had a criminal history, one of them was found to have warrants for his arrest. He was arrested and jailed, which Long said neutralized part of the threat. The

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By **DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ**
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After killers ambushed officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge, law enforcement agencies across the country have taken steps to ensure their officers' safety — and Greenwood is no exception. The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday that officers in New York,

Wisconsin, Michigan and other states have arrested people for posting threats online against law enforcement. While the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office hasn't made any arrests because of threats, its staff is enforcing policies to keep officers safe.

Shift supervisors have

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THE DONALD'S PARTY



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican Presidential Candidate Donald J. Trump, smiles as he takes the stage Thursday during the final day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

Trump pledges better times for US in convention finale

By **JULIE PACE**
and **ROBERT FURLOW**

Associated Press

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too staggering to be fixed within the confines of traditional politics. A political novice, he completed the greatest step yet in his improbable rise, accepting

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Local delegates to GOP convention upset at Cruz non-endorsement

By **ADAM BENSON**
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Count the state's 3rd Congressional District delegates to the Republican National Convention as among the thousands of GOP faithful upset at Sen. Ted Cruz's decision not to endorse Donald Trump during his Wednesday night speech.

"That was political suicide," said JoAnn Burroughs, a Republican delegate who

lives in Ninety Six. "I was very disappointed in him. I thought he was campaigning for next time, and he shot himself in the foot."

During his nationally televised prime-time speech from the convention in Cleveland, Cruz broke away from political tradition when he refused to endorse Trump as the Republican presidential nominee.

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U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-South Carolina, sits with Ninety Six's JoAnn Burroughs, one of 50 state delegates to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

Greenwood Metropolitan District farm facing uncertain future

By **ADAM BENSON**
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ceeds from sale of the land to the federal government.

"No matter what, that property is basically tied up from now to eternity."

missioner Michael Monaghan said on Wednesday, when officials presented the concept. "Do we have a list of all similar utilities like us that have

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