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Ex-officer pleads guilty in shooting

No prison term in elderly black driver's death, an S.C. case that put deadly force in spotlight

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A white former North Augusta police officer pleaded guilty Monday to misconduct in office after fatally shooting an elderly black motorist two years ago, a case that raised ques-

tions about deadly force tactics and the public's right to see dashcam videos of police shootings.

A judge sentenced Justin Craven, 27, to three years of probation and 80 hours of community service after he entered the plea in the death of Ernest Satterwhite, 68, the Aiken Standard reported.

In announcing a penalty that includ-



Craven Satterwhite

ed no imprisonment, the judge said the shooting wasn't like other officer-involved killings that have garnered notoriety in recent years, alluding to

Walter Scott's death last year in North Charleston.

Yet family members and their lawyer who had seen the video have said it was just as disturbing. Rep. Joe Neal, D-Hopkins, saw the video months ago and said it shows Craven had no business getting probation.

"The reality is that he murdered that man, in my opinion, and got away with it," said Neal, a black Democrat who has spent decades speaking out against racism in law enforcement and demanding accountability through data and police cameras.

A video released by the State Law

Enforcement Division to The Post and Courier showed Craven following a Chrysler Sebring weaving through traffic and then onto a dirt road. Satterwhite then parked next to his house, and Craven can be seen rushing toward the driver's side of the car, lunging in for a split second and then pulling back to fire.

After the guilty plea, Craven's attorney told The Associated Press his client shouldn't have run up to Satterwhite's car at the end of the 15-minute chase.

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On the alert for Zika

S.C. has no confirmed cases, but mosquito season could change that



Samples of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, responsible for transmitting dengue and Zika, sit in a petri dish at the Fiocruz Institute in Recife, Pernambuco state, Brazil. Zika may keep some foreign tourists from going to the Olympics, and it also poses a risk for young athletes. There is strong evidence the virus is to blame for an increase in birth defects.

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WASHINGTON — South Carolina is one of just nine states that has yet to confirm a case of Zika, despite it being home to both breeds of the mosquito known to carry the virus. **But that could change.** Two of the federal government's top health officials cautioned reporters on Monday that the onset of mosquito season could alter the patterns of where and how the virus, which has been linked to serious birth defects, is spread.

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pc Poll
 Do you think state and local government should take extra steps to prevent a possible Zika outbreak? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Large 1st District field running for 3 GOP delegate jobs

Candidates up sharply from 2012 amid 'the hype'

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Twenty-eight Republicans from the Lowcountry's 1st Congressional District are vying to become one of three delegates to the party's na-

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tional convention in Cleveland this summer. The extra-large field reflects the added importance South Carolina's delegates may play at the national convention, particularly if no presidential hopeful has the 1,237 votes needed to win on the first ballot. The total of 28 candidates is up

sharply from the 16 who sought the positions four years ago. 1st District GOP Chair Jim Davis said.

"It's this cycle," he said. "It's the hype, the media frenzy."

On Saturday, 1st District Republicans will convene at 10 a.m. Saturday in Orange Grove Elementary Charter School to elect three delegates and three alternates.

Davis said he expects all 122 voting delegates to participate.

No new candidates may be added to the ballot beyond those who had filed

by Monday's deadline, he said, but delegates may remove their names from the ballot prior to Saturday's voting.

Later Monday, two of the original 30 candidates — Ray Nash and Marade Sullivan — withdrew their names.

All South Carolina delegates will be bound to vote for Donald Trump on the first ballot in Cleveland, but they may switch to Sen. Ted Cruz, Ohio Gov. John Kasich or other candidates after that.

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Summey, Driggers plan to skip rally

Oppose tactics of group fighting racially biased policing

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More than 2,000 people are expected to fill Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church next Monday to rally against racially biased local police practices.

North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey and Police Chief Eddie Driggers won't be among them.

In the year since Walter Scott was shot and killed by a North Charleston patrolman last April, Summey and Driggers have worked to repair the public's trust in a city Police Department that has long battled accusations of racial profiling, excessive force and harassment.

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Berkeley residents to get road fee refund

Judge gives \$6.5M settlement initial OK

BY BRENDA RINDGE
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Almost 6,000 Berkeley County property owners can expect a refund soon if they paid a fee for building roads in the rapidly growing county.

Circuit Judge R. Markley Dennis Jr. signed an order granting preliminary approval to a \$6.5 million settlement in a lawsuit brought by four residents and three businesses.

The final approval, which would refund property owners about 50 percent of their fee, is expected to come during a June 29 hearing.

"This is a great day for thousands of homeowners and businesses in Berkeley County," said lawyer Ross Appel of McCallough Khan, who represented the plaintiffs with Jay Ward of Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman.

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Hearing spotlights transgender bathroom bill in SC

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When Danielle Driscoll's child came out to her as transgender and began transitioning last year from female to male, they were in the process of moving to Columbia.

"I was really proud of him," said Driscoll, recalling how her 13-year-old son started the school year by writing a note to his new teachers, explaining that he was transitioning and asking if they would call him by his new name and refer to him using male pronouns.

"That took a lot of courage, especially in a brand-new school, and a brand-new place," Driscoll said. "That was kind of the start. It was like, 'OK, we're doing this.'"

Her son plans to take another step by joining other members of the transgender community and their allies by testifying Wednesday morning against a Senate bill that would end transgender men and women using the bathrooms of their choice.

After the hearing, more than a dozen transgender organizations are planning to participate in a rally outside the State House, organized by the Trans Student Alliance at the University of South Carolina.

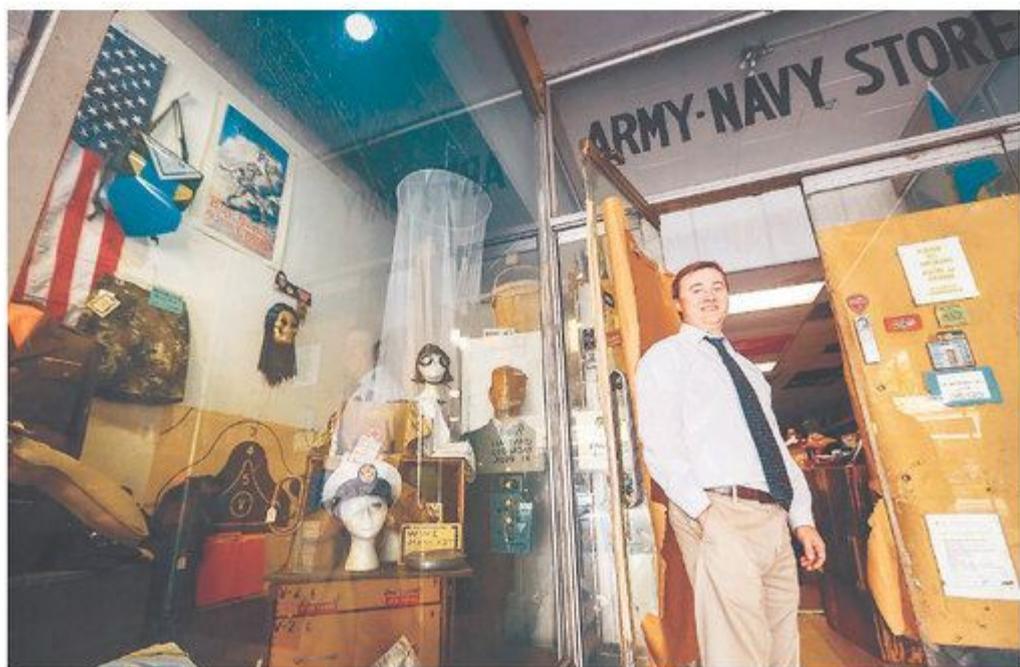
The bill sponsored by state Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, has mobilized the state's transgender community already energized by a similar law passed in North Carolina last month.

Bright's bill is "such a bigger issue than what rest-

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DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA

Plan sees bowling alley as Main event



Greg Middleton and his dad, Scott, have plans for a six-lane bowling alley along with a bar and restaurant and pool tables.

Ambitious project would be located in ex-Army Navy Store building

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Boutique bowling, anyone - on Main Street downtown?

A Columbia developer says yes. The principal owners of the buildings that house Michael's Cafe & Catering and Agape Physicians Care in the 1600 block of Main Street have plans for a six-lane bowling alley and entertainment center in the former Army Navy Store building across the street, developer Greg Middleton said Monday.

The Army Navy Store, which closed Saturday, occupied the two-story, 13,000-square-foot property at 1619 and 1621 Main St. The building also formerly included Salina's Cafe, which closed last year.

Scott Middleton, Greg's father, is CEO of Agape Senior, which operated 13 senior care facilities across the state until they were sold recently.

The proposed layout of the bowling alley is

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MARSHALLS REOPENS

Marshalls has reopened at Rosewood Crossing



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Bryant says transgender bill will advance

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COLUMBIA - A controversial bill by Sen. Lee Bright that mimics a North Carolina law addressing transgender use of public bathrooms will advance past Wednesday's subcommittee hearing regardless of what the two senators hearing the bill say about it.

Sen. Kevin Bryant, an Anderson Republican and chairman of the Senate

General Committee, told *The Greenville News* that the purpose of Wednesday's hearing is to take public testimony on the bill but he plans to place the bill on the agenda of his committee's next meeting even if the subcommittee fails to approve it. Bryant also is a co-sponsor of the bill.

His comments came as two Senate Democrats attacked the legislation as "embarrassing" and a Greenville Republican and co-sponsor of the bill said he

does not think it will pass the Senate this year if Democrats on the committee file an objection to the bill.

The bill would bar transgender people from using public bathrooms, changing rooms and locker rooms that do not correspond with their biological sex and prevent local governments from passing legislation allowing such use.

On the Senate floor, Bright, a Spartanburg County Republican, said that the bill was in part meant to show support for

North Carolina lawmakers who passed a similar bill in an emergency session.

Democrats have criticized Bright's bill and two who are members of Bryant's committee did so again Monday.

"This is just another example of the misplaced priorities when you have a South Carolina government controlled by the extreme right wing," said Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Camden attorney.

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OFFICER BEATEN, HELD HOSTAGE

SLED investigating
incident at Perry prison

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An officer was beaten and taken hostage Monday at Perry Correctional Institution, touching off a five-hour ordeal in which law enforcement officers flooded the facility to regain control of a dorm.

The officer's injuries were not life-threatening, according to Bryan Stirling, director of the S.C. Department of Corrections.

The situation started about noon at a dorm in the prison located in Pelzer in southern Greenville County, Stirling said. Authorities regained control of the dorm about 5 p.m., he said. The incident was contained inside the dorm and the public was never at risk, authorities said.

The State Law Enforcement Division assisted the Department of Corrections in regaining control of the dorm, which houses about 180 inmates, Stirling said.

Stirling said he was not aware of any resistance offered by inmates, and that he did not know how many officers responded to the scene.

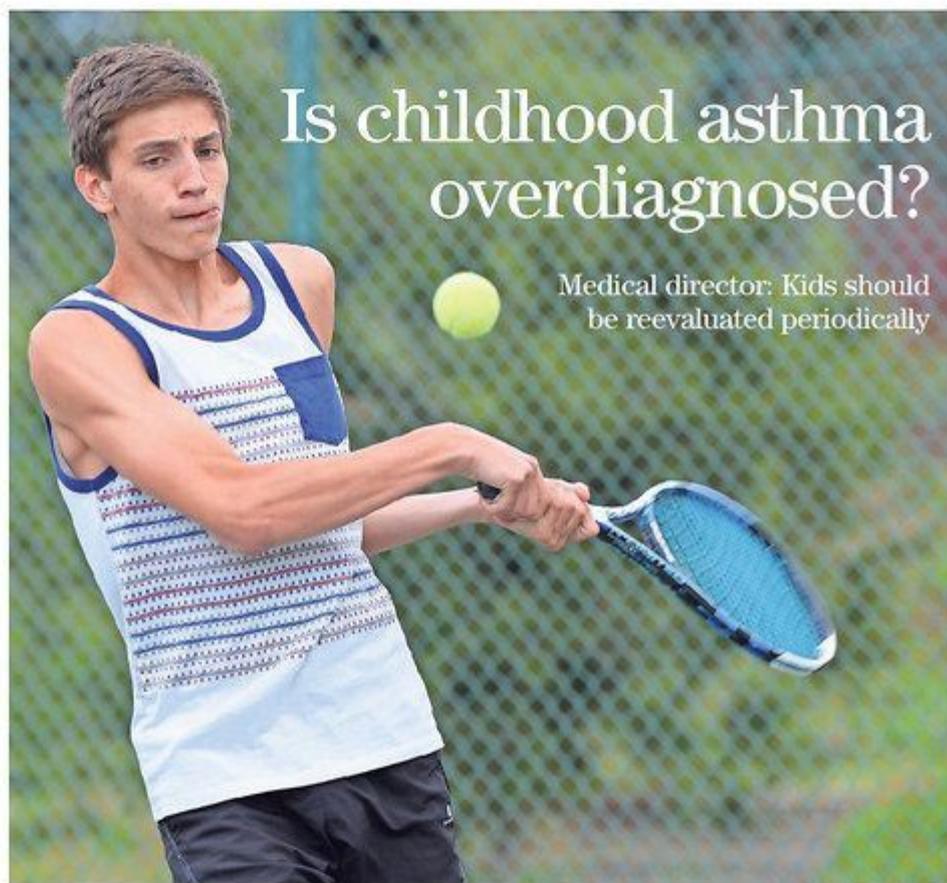
"I would like to thank local law enforcement," Stirling said. "I'd like to thank our partners at SLED. I would like to thank local EMS for being here, and I'd like to thank the dedicated men and women at the South Carolina Department of Corrections for showing up and making sure that the public was safe in this incident."

Sen. Karl Allen, who serves on the state Corrections and Penology committee, said the committee works to ensure the facility is safe for employees and inmates. He and Stirling said an incident of this nature is rare in South Carolina. Allen said the length of time needed to resolve the situation was not concerning because safety was paramount.

"When you have a situation to occur of this type, there must be a calculated response by the Department of Corrections," Allen said.

SLED is continuing to investigate the incident but provided no comment.

Allen, standing outside of the prison, told multiple media outlets that the officers were attacked. The Department



Is childhood asthma overdiagnosed?

Medical director: Kids should
be reevaluated periodically

Baptiste Lemaire takes a tennis lesson at the Riverside Tennis Club in Greer Thursday. Baptiste's tennis was jeopardized when he was misdiagnosed with asthma.

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When cross-country runner Baptiste Lemaire developed a problem breathing, his doctor ordered some tests and concluded he had asthma.

The teenager, who attends the French Bilingual School in Greenville, was given an asthma inhaler, which he used for eight or nine months. But it didn't do any good.

Baptiste was convinced he didn't have the lung disease. And it turns out he was right.

Instead, the 16-year-old has a condition of his vocal cords that occasionally interfered with his breathing.

"It was a good relief to know that for sure," his mom, Nathalie Lemaire, told *The Greenville News*.

sodes of difficulty breathing that sometimes require hospitalization. And in severe cases, it can be fatal.

More than 311,000 adults and 102,000 children in South Carolina had asthma in 2013, according to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Asthma is the leading cause of disability and chronic disease in children, and of children's hospitalization, DHEC reports. And treating asthma in the hospital cost more than \$110 million in 2013, according to the agency.

But the journal authors say that a diagnosis of asthma has been trivialized, with inhalers given out too freely. They add that asthma's "hallmark" - wheezing - is used imprecisely and that more objective evidence is needed before a diagnosis is made.

"You can die
from asthma,
you cannot die
from vocal cord

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Ex-cop pleads in fatal shooting

Dashcam video released, former N.A. officer gets probation

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EDGEFIELD — Former North Augusta police officer Justin Craven pleaded guilty Monday to official misconduct in office from his role in the February 2014 shooting death of a 68-year-old Edgefield County resident.

Craven, now 27 and a father to a 4-month-old child, waived his right to a jury trial and instead pleaded guilty in the Edgefield County Courthouse to the mis-

VIDEO

See the dashcam video from the 2014 incident at aikenstandard.com

demeanor charge. He faced one year in prison with a fine of up to \$1,000, in addition to a felony charge of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

Instead, Judge Frank Auldy sentenced Craven on the misdemeanor charge to three years probation with 80

hours of public service.

"We couldn't have asked for a better outcome, as far as the sentence is concerned," Craven's attorney Jack Swerling said to reporters. "We got probation, no house arrest, and he's pretty much free to go and live his life the way he wants. He's got a young family, he's got a job, and, but for this incident in his life, he's unblemished."

Craven was charged by S.C. State Law Enforcement

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Craven

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STAFF PHOTO BY DAN BROWN

Council member Gail Diggs welcomes Brandon Upson to the citizens review board. Pictured are Upson's daughters Cozette and Sophie, and his wife Monica.

Citizens review board formed

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Aiken's City Council unanimously approved an emergency resolution to create a citizens review board to investigate complaints against the Aiken Department of Public Safety during its Monday meeting.

Council member Gail Diggs read the resolution into the record, which was approved by a unanimous vote. Because it was an emergency resolution, according to City Attorney Gary Smith, under new state statutes, a 1/3 majority vote, or five of seven council votes was necessary to approve the resolution.

"Under our new state statute, Council would have to vote to approve this resolution's addition to the agenda by a 1/3 vote, by at least five of you," Smith said. "Designating this as an emergency vote would clarify this is something that requires Council's immediate attention."

Council member Dick Dewar questioned whether this was something that needed to be addressed during

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AREA DEATHS

Bradley Harrison Ray, Columbia
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Marcus Turner, Aiken
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Allen Franklin Ford Sr., Warrerville
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Couple shown support

Community leaders talk lawsuit, police

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An attorney for Aiken County residents Elijah Pontoon and Lakeya Hicks said Monday night his clients have been in a very difficult and tough situation following a 2014 traffic stop in Aiken, where they say they were unlawfully searched.

"They feel like they were violated here in Aiken on the side of the road in broad daylight and they feel like not only were they violated then, but they were violated for the 17 months or so that this issue has been known without appropriate action being taken," attorney Chris Wilson said during a town hall meeting held at the Smith-Hazel Recreation Center.

Wilson, of Bamberg, is representing the couple along with Robert Phillips, of Rock Hill.

The town hall — sponsored by the Concerned Ministers Fellowship of Aiken, the NAACP of Aiken County, Black Lives Matter and the African American Leadership Council — was held to discuss law enforcement issues with the community following the couple's

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STAFF PHOTO BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND

Lakeya Hicks, center, looks up at Elijah Pontoon, left, as their attorney Chris Wilson, right, of Bamberg, addresses community members a town hall meeting at the Smith-Hazel Recreation Center in Aiken. Pontoon and Hicks are suing in federal court the Aiken Department of Public Safety, its Chief Charles Barranco, four Aiken police officers and the City of Aiken over what they said was an unconstitutional search by police in 2014.

City Council debates, approves 7 percent sewer rate increase

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Aiken City Council approved a sewer rate increase for city customers that will result in an additional \$1.28 to monthly water and sewer bills during its Monday meeting.

Council approved the 7 percent increase, a rate hike the City said it is passing along from Aiken County to help cover the pending \$50 million renovation of the county's Hope Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The rate increase will appear on city customers' May water and sewer bills.

"We certainly weigh how anything affects our citizens," said Aiken Mayor Rick Osborn. "We try to run as efficiently as we can. We try to minimize what the overall affect is on our citizens."

Osborn said the increase is the result of the operating cost to upgrade the Horse Creek Pollution Control Facility.

"We had conversations with the county administrator, and it's not a matter of improving efficiency or doing

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NCAA's bowl game ruling impacts SC

The NCAA is prohibiting the creation of new college football bowl games for the next three years. Charleston and Myrtle Beach were among the cities in the process of trying to gain approval for new bowls. **B1**

NATION & WORLD



Dueling rallies held over LGBT rights

Hundreds rallied Monday to defend a North Carolina law limiting protections for lesbians, gays and transgender people, using cheers and a booming public address system to drown out a smaller counter-protest across the street. **A3**

UPSTATE

Slowing down traffic

Spartanburg City Council on Monday approved changes to the city's traffic calming program. **C1**

SC officer indicted

A white South Carolina police officer who was charged with a felony for shooting and killing a black driver at the end of a chase took a plea deal Monday and was sentenced to three years of probation. **C1**

McCraw opposes 'bathroom bill'

Greer businessman David McCraw believes proposed legislation that would ban transgender people from using

CAMPAIGN 2016: AP-GFK POLL

Clinton has edge over Trump

By Julie Pace and Emily Swanson
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an early general election warning for Donald Trump, Americans say they trust Democrat Hillary Clinton over the Republican businessman on a range of issues, including immigration, health care and nominating Supreme Court justices.

Even when asked which of the two candidates would be best

at "making American great" — the central promise of Trump's campaign — Americans are slightly more likely to side with Clinton, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

The survey does reveal some potential trouble spots for Clinton. Trump is nearly even with



Trump



Clinton

her on whom Americans trust to handle the economy, which voters consistently rank as one of the top issues facing the country. Clinton is

trusted more on the economy by 38 percent of Americans, while 35 percent side with Trump.

And despite Americans' overall preference for Clinton on a host of

issues, just 20 percent say she represents their own views very well on matters they care about, while 23 percent say somewhat well.

But as with most issues addressed in the AP-GfK poll, the numbers for Trump are even worse: Just 15 percent of Americans say he represents their views very well and 14 percent say somewhat well.

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HONORING FLIGHT OFFICER DEWEY L. GOSSETT

'Peace in their heart'



Dewey Gossett, a World War II soldier whose remains were recently identified 72 years after his death, was laid to rest with full military honors at Fort Prince Memorial Gardens in Wellford on Monday. Capt. Tim Watts, casualty assistance officer with Fort Jackson's 165th Brigade, puts his hand on the casket following the service.

PHOTOS BY TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM

72 years later, lost WWII soldier laid to rest in Wellford

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Before dozens of family members and veterans, an American hero was laid to rest Monday afternoon.

The remains of U.S. Army Air Forces Flight Offi-



SEEING SPARTANBURG IN A NEW LIGHT

Artist unveils designs

Lights for neighborhood art installations to be turned on Oct. 4

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Illuminated smokestacks, colorful suspended mobiles and floating light islands are a few of the special installations coming to 10 city neighborhoods as part of the Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light initiative.

Spartanburg and three other cities were selected out of 230 applicants nationwide to receive up to \$1 million to develop light installations for the temporary art project supported by the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge.

Over the past few months, Ohio-based artist Erwin Redl has worked with community members and neighborhood associations in Andrews Farm, Beaumont Village, Converse Heights, downtown Spartanburg, Forest Park, Hampton Heights, Highland, Maxwell Hills/

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Dennis is unopposed in election for sheriff

Webb misses filing deadline; no write-in candidates so far

BY JIM HILLEY
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The Sumter County Democratic Party could not certify private investigator Benny Webb as a candidate for Sumter County sheriff because Webb failed to file an affidavit with the party before the end of the filing deadline, which was noon March 30, South Carolina Election Commission Director of Information and Training Chris Whitmire said.



DENNIS



WEBB

Webb sent a letter to Sumter Democratic Party Chairman Allen Bailey on April 6 detailing his efforts to submit his paperwork to Bailey after filing at the Sumter County Voter Registration Office at 11:51 a.m. March 30. The deadline for filing was at noon.

Webb said that at 1:15 p.m. March 30, he attempted to find Bailey at his business but Bailey

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Sanders fans say voices of voters can bring change

BY AMANDA FINNEY
Special to The Sumter Item

Editor's note: Amanda Finney is working on a master's in journalism at Syracuse University and is writing a series on some of the contenders for next week's New York primary from New York.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — One might expect to see college students at a "Syracuse for Sanders" march held Saturday, April 9, in downtown Syracuse, yet the supporters who attended this "political revolution" were in fact young parents with their even younger children.

Hundreds of U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders supporters hailing from across the state chanted their message, "Wall Street had their turn; now it's time to feel the Bern."

Mother of twin 5-year-old girls Shelly Canavan drove an hour from Binghamton for her first Bernie Sanders rally to ensure the average citizen's voice is heard.

"I grew up from a poor family, and I feel like a lot of people who grow up in poverty

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A Sunday visit to Old McCaskill's Farm



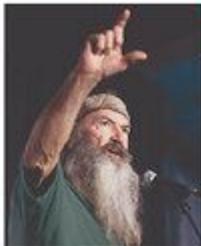
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Cole and Lily Truesdale from Camden visit a pen of rabbits on Sunday at Old McCaskill's Farm. The day was Sheep Shearing Day and served as an open house of the farm in Rembert. Visitors saw border collie herding demonstrations, blacksmithing, a grits mill, gun dogs, a canning cellar, myriad farm animals on display and more. The band Lonesome Road entertained the crowd throughout the day.



Above left, a chicken cuddles up to a group of ducklings in the sunshine on Old McCaskill's Farm on Sunday afternoon during the event. Chicks and ducklings were offered for sale at the farm.

Above right, farm visitors watch a herding demonstration with border collies on Sunday afternoon.



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City of Florence

Next up: 'Project Tulip'

\$13 million service industry will bring 60 jobs downtown

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FLORENCE — The city of Florence confirmed an agreement at its regular council meeting Monday that will bring a \$13 million investment with 60 new jobs to the southeast corner of Evans and Dargan streets in downtown Florence.

The project has been code-named "Project Tu-

lip" and will be announced by the developers in several weeks.

The city will provide approximately \$2.2 million in incentives for infrastructure redevelopment to facilitate the service industry project. The city also will provide the East Evans Street land tract to the developers.

Florence Mayor Stephen J. Wukela said the public's

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TRIBUTE TO ED ROBINSON



The seat of longtime Florence City Councilman Ed Robinson sits vacant and draped in black at the first council meeting since his unexpected death last month.

FLORENCE

The seat formerly held by the late Ed Robinson was draped in black Monday as the Florence City Council paid tribute to the councilman who died last month. **Story, Page 3A.**

Florence businessman, pastor running for mayor

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FLORENCE — Tony McElveen, a small business owner and local pastor, announced Monday that he'll

"We're spending hundreds of millions of dollars downtown for redevelopment that really only benefits a few," he said.



Singer-songwriter Rachel Freeman, 15, performs along with two of her band members from Ebenezer Baptist Church on Monday night at the House of Hope's annual fundraiser, An Evening of Hope.

An Evening of Hope

Event sheds light on Courtney Graham's legacy

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FLORENCE — Allie Tanner told a crowd Monday evening that after her sister, Courtney McGinnis Graham, died unexpectedly last June, her parents wanted to see her work continue. Tanner spoke at An Evening of Hope, the House of Hope's major fundraiser.

Graham was a founder of Shelter and Nutrition of All Children (SNAC) which provides emer-

gency help to hungry and homeless children in Florence School District One in the form of funds and vouchers to restaurants and hotels. After Graham's death, her family wanted to see her legacy continue in a way that could help SNAC families.

"On Aug. 1 of this year, the Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Shelter is slated to open its doors and provide short-term housing for men, women

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Lights, camera, redesign



Gracelyn O'harra Elmendorf (left) and Liz Mellette Andrews (right) chat with Nicki Huggins Monday morning during a break in the filming of an episode about O'harra Millette Interiors, an interior design studio slated to open in May.

Renovation expert films episode with downtown design duo

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Nicki Huggins (middle, in pink) gives direction to a camera crew and flooring installers Monday morning while Liz Mellette Andrews (in blue) and Gracelyn O'harra Elmendorf (right) listen to Huggins' ideas for their new business, O'harra Mellette Interiors, undergoes a transformation on North Dargan Street.

FLORENCE — A soon-to-open design studio on North Dargan Street is getting a huge boost with free flooring and a web episode featuring a renovation expert you might have seen on HGTV.

"I just have to pinch myself," Liz Mellette Andrews said late Monday morning after she and business partner Gracelyn O'harra Elmendorf took a break from filming all morning. "I wish I could win a floor," joked Nicki Huggins, lead designer for the nationally syndicated show, "Fix It & Finish It," which promises and delivers renovations in a day.

O'harra Mellette Interiors' new location was

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From left, Gracelyn O'harra Elmendorf, Nicki Huggins, Michelle Corley, Liz Mellette Andrews and Amy McEachin



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SC officer gets probation in shooting

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COLUMBIA — A South Carolina police officer who was charged with a felony for shooting and killing a driver at the end of a chase took a plea deal Monday and was sentenced to three years of probation.

Justin Craven, 27, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor misconduct in office, multiple media outlets reported. A prosecutor wanted the North Augusta police officer charged with voluntary manslaughter, which carries up to 30 years in prison, but a grand jury refused to indict Craven. He was later

charged with a different felony.

Craven's plea comes amid a nationwide debate over the use of force and how white police officers treat black people, fueled by high-profile incidents including the fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Freddie Gray's death after he was injured in a Baltimore police van.

The death of 68-year-old Ernest Satterwhite was captured on video

from Craven's dashboard camera. The Associated Press requested the footage nearly two years ago and eventually sued the State Law Enforcement Division, which refused to release the video until after Craven's plea Monday.

The footage shows Craven run to Satterwhite's car after the man stops at his home and stick a gun and both arms into the driver's open window. A black arm is seen pushing

back on the gun, and Craven pulls the weapon out of the window and fires several shots.

Craven feared for his life because Satterwhite was trying to grab his gun, Craven's lawyer Jack Swerling said after the plea hearing.

"His mistake in judgment was approaching the car and getting too close. He had to make a split-second decision instead of like now, when everyone gets all the time they want to analyze it," Swerling said.

Police experts recommend officers don't charge into an unknown situation but instead stay behind cover in case a suspect is armed. No weapon

was found in Satterwhite's car. Others who have seen the video think Satterwhite might have been stunned that the officer pointed his gun at his head and just was swooping his arm in surprise.

"What he did was murder this man, and the judicial system just let him get away with it," said state Rep. Joe Neal, a black Democrat from Hopkins who saw the video and has spent decades speaking out against racism in law enforcement and demanding accountability through data and police cameras.

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JUSTIN CRAVEN



ERNEST SATTERWHITE

Remembering James



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Loving words, written in chalk outside The Mill House, memorialize the life of James Grubb, lead bartender and brewmaster who died Thursday.

Grubb family shares stories of son, brother

By DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ
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When Bobby Dean and Barbara Grubb were working with Harley Funeral Home staff on the obituary for their son, James Grubb, Bobby asked that a correction be made to the text.

Originally, the obituary read that he "was" their son. He asked they change it to say that he "is" their son.

"He is an 'is' and always will be," he said. "He is our son, and to his friends he is a friend."

James, 28, of Ninety Six died Thursday in a one-car wreck on Old Laurens Road. In the days after his death, his parents, five sisters and two brothers have spent time reminiscing, sharing stories and memories and hosting friends at his parents' home. After meeting so many of James' friends, his father, Bobby, said he was stunned at the number of people affected by his

son.

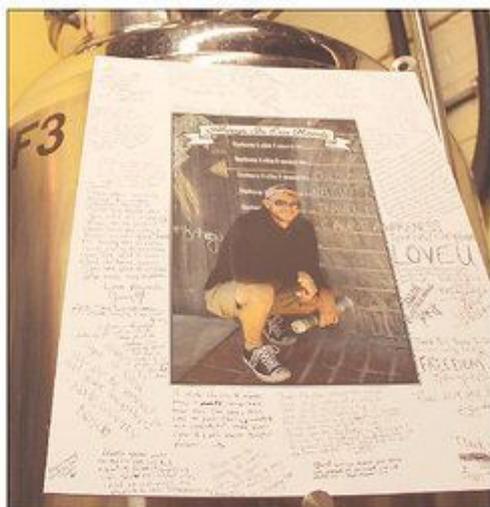
"Gosh, I didn't know I had so many kids," he said, with a smile.

The friends James made through his work at The Mill House meant the world to him, Barbara said, and he talked about his friends often. In recent days, the family heard more from his friends about him.

"As a parent, when you see how much people love your children — it makes you so happy," she said. "He loved people. That's something we taught all of our kids."

There were many things James loved. His parents spoke of his love for reading and poetry; and that he was so enamored by words he would go on dictionary websites and search for new words to learn and share with his family. They talked about his love of nature, of the camping trips he took with friends and the photos he enjoyed taking of nature — which were used in his memorial slideshow at the service on

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At The Mill House, staff signed posters honoring the life and impact of James Grubb.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Two more off Abbeville County ballots

By MATTHEW HENSLEY
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In Abbeville County, another candidate has dropped out of this year's County Council races while a coroner challenger was not certified for the primary.

Steve Maxwell, who was seeking the District 4 council seat as a Republican, has withdrawn from the race.

Maxwell said he "was reluctant to run to begin with" and only filed to run on March 29 because no one had filed to run as a Republican to challenge councilman Billy Norris, an Abbeville Democrat.

"I wanted to see opposition to all incumbents," he said.

The following day — the last day of filing — Harold Prince filed to run as a Republican.

Maxwell is stepping aside so Prince can "focus on the general election," he said, adding that the current members of Council are "too fond of raising taxes."

He said in 2015, Council raised millage, raised the landfill fee and started charging a convenience center fee for those living within Abbeville city — "for those paying," he said, "that's a triple tax increase" — and now a proposed Capital Projects Sales Tax might be on the November ballot.

"We can't afford a tax increase this year," he said.

Another candidate for Abbeville County Council — Sann Lomax, a Democrat from Abbeville seeking the District 3 seat — withdrew last week.

Murray not certified

Cassius I. Murray, a Calhoun Falls man who had filed to run as a Democrat for Abbeville County coroner, was not certified to run for that office, according to SCVotes.org. Murray lists his occupation



STEVE MAXWELL

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Furyk opens Heritage with boom and splash



Defending champion Jim Furyk drives a ceremonial shot into Calibogue Sound at the 18th hole of Harbour Town Golf Links in Sea Pines.



LINKS TO THE FUTURE OF GOLF

Honorary RBC Heritage chairman Charlie Rountree III has a rare perspective on the game's past, present and future. **3A**



HIGHLIGHTS IN SPORTS, 1B

Bryson DeChambeau to make his pro debut. Also, a Special Olympics golfer aims to go low in pro-am.

Opening ceremony of RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing held Monday morning

Furyk, last year's champ, not participating due to wrist injury

He's predicting Sneedecker, McDowell or Kuchar to win 2016 tournament

BY LUCAS HIGH
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Jim Furyk, last year's RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing champion, teed up his ball, took a couple of practice swings, then got the tournament underway with a shot into Calibogue Sound.

It's as close as he'll come to a competitive swing at Harbour Town Golf Links this season — Furyk is nursing a wrist injury and won't defend his title.

Nonetheless, the opening ceremony for the tournament's 48th installment was excuse

enough to return to Hilton Head Island.

Furyk's shot, accompanied by the boom of a nearby cannon, was the culmination of Monday morning's opening ceremonies for South Carolina's only annual PGA Tour golf tournament.

"The ground shook (from the cannon blast) right after I made impact," he said. "I jumped — it was quite loud."

Draped in a tartan jacket, Furyk was joined on the 18th fairway for Monday's opening ceremonies by a host of dignitaries including Heritage Classic

AT A GLANCE

When: Through April 17
Where: Harbour Town Golf Links, Sea Pines, Hilton Head Island
Course: 7,101 yards, par 71
2015 champion: Jim Furyk
Tickets: Available for purchase at the RBC Heritage ticket office in the Harbour Town parking lot or the Hilton Head-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce offices. Will call also has been relocated alongside the ticket office at Harbour Town. Children 15 and under are admitted free every day when accompanied by a ticketed adult. Active military, their dependents and Wounded Warriors also may attend the tournament free.

Parking: Free general parking is located at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn on the north end of Hilton Head Island. No general parking is located inside Sea Pines Resort. For patrons living or staying on the south end, a new shuttle service is available from Coligny Circle to a drop-off near the Gregg Russell Play-ground at Harbour Town. Both shuttle services will run continuously from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE TODAY
Practice rounds, all day

RBC Heritage contestants are invited to play at their discretion, and no advance starting times are available. A pairings board is located near the first tee and is updated as players begin their rounds.

Coca-Cola Youth Putting Contest, 3 p.m.

Children 15 and under are invited to the putting green behind the Harbour Town clubhouse. The first 200 kids to participate get a souvenir, and every child who sinks a putt will receive an additional prize.

Family Movie on the Lawn, 4:30 p.m.

"The Peanuts Movie" will be shown on the Heritage Lawn's video board, between Harbour Town's 17th and 18th holes.

For the full schedule, go to 8A.



MORE ON THE RBC HERITAGE

Parking guide and info on what you can bring, **8A**. Video, photos, stories and more: islandpacket.com/heritage

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Chesterfield County Animal Services seized various animals, including these chickens and turkeys, during an investigation in Pageland. The animals were found living in squalid conditions. *Contributed*

Animals rescued from filthy conditions in Pageland

KAROLYN TREDEAU
Staff Reporter

The owner of dozens of animals, Keith Jones of 1003 Lighthouse Church Road in Pageland, is facing six counts of animal neglect, five counts of abandonment and three rabies charges.

On April 3, Chesterfield County Animal Services seized nine chickens, 15 birds, five turkeys, a guinea hen, four calves and two dogs.

The investigation began when the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Department re-

ceived a report about someone living on the property at 421 Dove Field Lane in Pageland without the owner's permission. Deputy Jordan Seidhom went to the location and called CCAS after seeing the condition of the animals and the filth they were living in.

CCAS Director Jim McGonigal was shocked by the sight.

"It's disgusting, totally filthy and disgusting," said McGonigal. "This is one of the top 10 worst cases of neglect I've ever seen."

The animals were living in wire cages that were far too

small. Some of the turkeys' snoods had fallen off, and the guinea's horn was worn away, according to Carolina Waterfowl Rescue Director Jennifer Gordon.

The birds had feather loss, sores on their feet and missing toes, an indication they were not let out of the cages. Some birds were caked with feces and mud, and one turkey was missing a foot.

Two young mastiff-type dogs were found living in a kennel and had mange, eye discharge and infected skin sores.

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Contributed

Nestle celebrates with community

ROBERT MONNIE
Staff Photographer

Several years of planning, followed by a year of construction, three months of employee training and test runs, in addition to seven weeks of production, culminated in the ribbon-cutting last Thursday and a grand opening Saturday of the Nestlé Waters bottling plant.

Nearly 1,000 people enjoyed the festivities at the grand opening of the facility, which is located one-half mile southeast of McBee on S.C. Highway 151.

This free family-friendly event included tours of the new facility, a barbecue and hotdog lunch, face-painting and ice cream, in addition to prize drawings.



Lance Tully/Special to The Link
Nestlé Waters' Technical Manager Ron Meuleman explains the blowmolding process used to make bottles at the facility.

Four score guests from the local area, including state, county and municipal officeholders, in addition to leaders

from public education, the private sector and the media were on hand at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Nestlé Wa-

ters North America President and Chief Executive Tim Brown, who has been with the company for 30 years, flew in from Connecticut and mingled with the guests for a couple of hours.

Since late February, the plant, which is operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, has been shipping bottled water to wholesale distribution centers throughout the Carolinas and neighboring states.

Fifty-nine full-time employees were hired, which is about 30 percent more than the projected 45 jobs in the initial planning. According to plant manager Tom Strowe, a little over half, or 33, of these employees reside in Chester-

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Moore found guilty of attempted murder

DIANNE DRIGGERS
Staff Reporter

Gary Moore of 609 East Blvd. in Chesterfield was found guilty of attempted murder in Chesterfield

County General Sessions court last week. Assistant Solicitor Mary Thomas Johnson-Lee prosecuted the case for the state.

On July 14, 2015, Charles Wallace went to McCormick's Grocery in Jefferson to get some lunch. While

there, the defendant, Gary Moore, who is 34 years old and a father of four children, entered the premises.

Wallace, who is 57 years old, testified that as soon as Moore came into the store, Moore was "running his mouth to me."

The two men had blood with each other spanning a 15-month period, starting at Moore's fiancée's mother's house, where Wallace used to reside.

Wallace had gone there to pick up his belongings, only to get in a shouting match with Moore, who threatened him with a big stick. Wallace



Moore

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Rivers sentenced for La Tienda shooting

JOAN YATES
Editor - The Link

A man arrested for shooting a clerk during an armed robbery in Page-



land was sentenced in General Sessions court last week.

Nineteen-year-old Devonte Rivers received a 16-year sentence to run concurrently on charges of armed robbery and attempted murder.

According to a Pageland Police Department report,

Conbraco \$10.9 million expansion moving forward

ROBERT MONNIE
Staff Reporter

Chesterfield County Council unanimously approved an ordinance at last Wednesday's meeting that authorized a property tax incentive and infrastructure improvement package to aid Conbraco in its expansion of its distribution center in Pageland. This economic development is

and \$10.9 million of investment within five years, bringing the total employment of Conbraco's Pageland facilities to about 300 jobs.

The tax incentive would establish a fee payment to the county in lieu of property taxes, the provision of revenue credits and other related matters in the joint industrial park with Lancaster County. These incentives have be-

to help convince private businesses, including Titan Stainless and Nestlé Water, to locate to those government entities.

In addition to its distribution center, Conbraco, a privately-held company that was founded in 1928, operates a foundry and plant in Pageland that manufactures brass valves and fittings under the Apollo trademark.

product to 118 total projects worldwide in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

In other financial business, council also unanimously approved the perfunctory first readings of the 2016-17 budgets for the four rural fire departments and the 2016-17 general fund budget for operation of the county govern-

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