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## S.C. voters oust Bright, other incumbents

Upstate lawmaker who pushed transgender bathroom limits, Judiciary chairman among losers

**Inside**  
All four favorites win in Charleston Republican runoffs. A5

BY GAVIN JACKSON  
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COLUMBIA — Voters fired a backlash against Statehouse incumbents in runoff elections Tuesday as a string of veteran lawmakers were tossed out of office, including controversial Spartanburg County Republican Sen. Lee Bright, who made gender bathrooms

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and defense of gun rights a cornerstone of his last months in office. Other victims Tuesday included Pick-

ens state Sen. Larry Martin, powerful chairman of the Judiciary Committee, who supported bringing the Confederate flag down last year and also agreed to hold hearings this summer on gun-restrictive legislation.

Also defeated was Sen. Mike Fair, R-Greenville, who departs after 32 years. Please see **RUNOFF**, Page A5



Bright

Fair

Martin

## Terror in Istanbul

Suspected IS suicide attack kills dozens; toll likely to rise



EMMA DUMAIN/POST AND COURIER  
Passengers embrace following their evacuation from Istanbul's Ataturk airport early Wednesday. Suspected Islamic State group extremists struck at the international terminal of the airport, killing dozens of people and wounding many others, Turkish officials said.

BY ZEYNEP BILGINSOY, SUZAN FRASER and DOMINIQUE SOGUEL  
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Three suspected Islamic State group suicide bombers targeted the international terminal of Istanbul's Ataturk Airport Tuesday, killing at least 36 people and

wounding many others, Turkish officials said.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said 36 were dead as well as the three suicide bombers. Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag said 147 were wounded. Another senior government official told The Associated Press the death toll could climb much higher.

The senior official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government protocol, at first said close to 50 people had already died, but later said that the figure was expected to rise to close to 50. Yildirim said three suicide bombers were responsible for the attack and all initial indications suggest the Islamic State group was behind it.

"The findings of our security forces point at the Daesh organization as the perpetrators of this terror attack," Yildirim told reporters at the airport, using the Arabic name for IS. "Even though the indications suggest Daesh, our investigations are continuing."

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## Rate hike request SCE&G's largest yet

Seeks 3.1% increase to fund new reactors

BY DAVID WREN  
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South Carolina Electric & Gas is asking state regulators to approve the largest single rate increase yet under a state law that lets the utility charge customers for construction of two new reactors at the V.C. Summer nuclear plant in Jenkinsville years before they are completed.

The proposed increase, which needs approval from the state's Public Service Commission, would boost residential customers' rates by 3.1 percent, or an average of \$6.44 per bill for those using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month. Commercial customers would see their rates increase by between 3 percent and 3.3 percent, depending on the size of the business, if the new rate structure is approved.

Until now, the biggest annual increase was 2.87 percent in 2013.

SCE&G said in a news release that the rate increase would be offset by lower fuel costs that were passed along to customers earlier this year.

"By passing lower fuel costs from our efforts to ensure a balanced and diversified fuel mix to our customers, residential customers will see lower bills at the end of the year than they were receiving at the beginning of 2016," Steve Byrne, SCE&G's chief operating officer, said in a statement.

If the increase is approved, nearly 19 percent of residential customers

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## Rep. Gowdy on Benghazi inquiry: 'Read this report'

Partisan battles, focus on Clinton intensify

BY EMMA DUMAIN  
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WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy came before the microphones and flashing cameras Tuesday morning with only one request: Read his report.

It was all order from the South Carolina Republican and chairman of the committee tasked with investigating the September 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. The report, representing more than two years of work and public scrutiny and political criticism, is more than 800 pages long. "Read this report," Gowdy implored reporters during a 56-minute

**Inside**

House Benghazi report finds no new evidence of wrongdoing by Hillary Clinton. A8

Capitol Hill press conference. "You can read this report from pillar to post in less time than our fellow Americans were under attack in Benghazi."

Gowdy's findings purport to identify systemic failures of the Obama administration to adequately respond to the tragedy on the night of Sept. 11, 2012, when a terrorist siege claimed the lives of four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya. It does not specifically implicate Hillary Clinton, then the secretary of state and now presumptive Democratic presidential nominee. Democrats

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## Wilson: Federal trial for Roof has little relevance

Solicitor pushing for S.C. death penalty trial to come first

BY ANDREW KNAPP  
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In seeking to try Dylann Roof first, Charleston's top state prosecutor argued Tuesday that a federal trial would have little consequence on Roof's fate because of that government's "apparent unwillingness" to execute people.

Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson recently suggested to a judge that the South Carolina trial should be rescheduled before the Nov. 7 federal proceeding. She cited the state's "primary jurisdiction" of Roof because local officers were the first to charge the accused killer of nine black worshipers at Emanuel AME Church.

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FILE PHOTO BY BRAD NETTLES/STAFF

The state proceeding against Dylann Roof is scheduled for Jan. 12, but 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson argued that it should precede the federal case, set for Nov. 7.



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The State



Lexington County solicitor candidate Rick Hubbard, right, gets a hug from Rhonda Patterson during a victory party Tuesday night at Private Property Restaurant in Lexington.

11TH CIRCUIT HAS NEW CHIEF PROSECUTOR

Hubbard triumphs in solicitor showdown

BY TIM FLACH tflach@thestate.com

Rick Hubbard is set to return to the solicitor's office in Lexington County and surrounding areas in January, this time as chief prosecutor.

Hubbard cruised to victory Tuesday in a Republican runoff match that is the only contest for the position.

He defeated University of South Carolina law school faculty member Candice Lively in a showdown that turned testy at the end.

The pair of former assistant prosecutors competed to succeed Donnie Myers, who is retiring at 71 after serving a state record 40 years as 11th Circuit solicitor. No one else is running for the post.

It was the most prominent among six runoff contests decided in Lexington

11th Circuit solicitor

(17 of 137 precincts)

Rick Hubbard: 9,870

Candice Lively: 6,459

County, all among Republicans.

For Hubbard, the win is the culmination of a dream that took root during 22 years as an assistant to Myers.

"A campaign is new to me but I prepared for this like I do for a trial, trying to cover every base," he said. "In the long run, I think people heard my message of experience and paying attention to victims."

Hubbard, who lives in the Gilbert area, ran as ready to take charge immediately as part of a new generation

of county leaders. Sheriff Jay Koon and Coroner Margaret Fisher also recently replaced predecessors in power for four decades.

Hubbard's campaign was propelled from its start by support from law enforcement leaders and in legal circles, later joined by key legislators.

"I ran against a semi-incumbent," Lively told The State late Tuesday. "I couldn't overcome those connections."

Lively, who lives in the Chapin area, ran as much against Myers as Hubbard.

That strategy sought to capitalize on discontent over Myers' arrests for three alcohol-related traffic offenses in the past 11 years.

She call Hubbard "Myers 2.0" as part of her political outsider theme, contending her opponent is partly responsible for a backlog of unsettled

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ELECTIONS 2016

Four in Senate fall in runoffs

Conservative firebrand Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, loses runoff

Longtime senators Larry Martin, R-Pickens, and Mike Fair, R-Greenville, also fall

BY JAMIE SELF jself@thestate.com

S.C. voters pointed four state senators toward the exit Tuesday night - including two longtime lawmakers and state Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, the Senate's most outspoken conservative firebrand.

In one of the night's closest runoffs, Moore attorney Scott Talley narrowly defeated Bright to represent Spartanburg and eastern Greenville County.



Talley

"I feel for my supporters, but, quite frankly, being in the Senate hamstrings you on what you can do," said Bright, known for his filibusters and bucking his own party's leaders. The senator said he plans to get involved in grassroots efforts to ensure the state's next governor is someone voters can trust.

Gov. Nikki Haley endorsed Talley last week, joining efforts by the the S.C. Chamber of Commerce and the Conservation Voters of South Carolina - two powerful lobbying groups - to prevent Bright from winning a third term. Talley's win means the Senate loses its fiercest advocate for right-wing policies

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Will Lewis becomes emotional as he hugs his daughter, Belle, at Mac's Speed Shop after finding out he won the primary election for Greenville County sheriff on Tuesday.

LAUREN PETRACCA/STAFF

**Talley tops Bright with a little help from outside**

DOLPH BELL, RON BARNETT AND AMANDA COYNE  
THE GREENVILLE NEWS

The Conservation Voters of South Carolina said it knocked on 21,000 doors, made 7,500 phone calls, dropped 120,000 pieces of mail and spent more than \$90,000 trying to unseat state Sen. Lee Bright, who scored the lowest of any senator on its legislative scorecard.

Bright was also subjected to a seemingly endless barrage of attack ads on Greenville's two conservative talk radio stations — courtesy of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, whose objections to Bright included his votes against tort reform, road-funding plans and aid to flood-stricken farmers.

It all proved too much Tuesday for the two-term Republican senator, who lost his second primary runoff battle with Spartanburg attorney Scott Talley.

With all precincts in Tuesday night, Talley had captured 299 more votes than Bright to win with 51.5 percent, according to the State Election Commission.

The victory means Talley will almost certainly be District 12's next senator since no one else filed to run in November's general election.

Talley, a former member of the S.C. House, attributed his win to "a lot of hard work and I think just the desire amongst the people in Senate District 12 to give somebody else a chance and see if we can get a seat at the table in Columbia on issues that matter to the Upstate."

Bright said his opponents were "able to define me with enough money, and we did fight back, but it was just an onslaught we could never overcome."

He also said he thinks voters trusted Gov. Nikki Haley more than him and that his campaign saw a shift in the polls after Haley endorsed Talley.

Bright said he doesn't plan to run for office again — at least not for many years.

"I feel like as a family we've sacrificed enough," he said, "and maybe it's somebody else's turn."

Greenville County voters accounted for 41 percent of Tuesday's vote, and 53 percent of them backed Talley.

Earlier this year, Bright created a firestorm by proposing that transgender people be required to use public bathrooms correlating to their genders at birth instead of the genders they currently identify with. His proposal came amid a national controver-

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**Lewis upsets Loftis in runoff for sheriff**

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Will Lewis, fending off longtime Sheriff Steve Loftis in a contentious race, eked out a win in the runoff for Greenville County sheriff.

Lewis, a former sheriff's deputy and owner of a private consulting business, won 50.79 percent of the vote. Loftis won 49.21 percent of the vote, according to unofficial returns.

Loftis had previously faced five candidates in the June 14 primary, but he wasn't able to capture more than 50 percent of the vote, forcing a runoff with Lewis.

"Two weeks ago, everybody thought this was too steep of a hill to climb, that it wasn't even possible," Lewis said at his victory party at Mac's Speed Shop in downtown Greenville Tuesday night.

It was the end to a race that took a nasty turn in the week leading up to the primary as the candidates hurled in-

sults and questioned each other's integrity and ethics.

In a mailer paid for by the Lewis campaign, Sheriff Loftis was accused of tax evasion and drinking on the job at Outman Cigar & Martini Bar. Loftis disputed those claims and, in return, released Lewis' personnel file that included allegations of misconduct and conduct unbecoming a deputy.

When challenged by Lewis to a public debate, Loftis declined, saying he wouldn't give his opponent the forum to spread "filth and lies." He also refused to acknowledge Lewis as a qualified candidate.

"That's a rearview mirror," Lewis said following the runoff.

Lewis said he hopes to put that behind him and "shake Steve Loftis' hand."

Across town at Riverbend Clubhouse, Loftis conceded the race to Lewis shortly after the final results were in.

"It was a very difficult loss," said

Tim Brett, Loftis' campaign manager. Loftis was unavailable to comment Tuesday night, Brett said.

"The Lewis campaign was able to generate a lot of excitement and a big vote ... my hat's off to them. They did a marvelous job, and they won and so the night belongs to Will Lewis."

Runoff results will be certified at noon Thursday.

The winner of the runoff will likely become the county's top lawman as no other candidate has filed to run in November.

In the primary, Lewis finished with 18.19 percent, or 6,216 votes. Loftis earned 41 percent, or 13,769 votes.

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**GOP view: US failed to protect Americans in Benghazi**

MARY TROYAN  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - House Republicans concluded a two-year investigation into

ous congressional inquiries, and it is expected to be used by Republicans to question Hillary Clinton's leadership just as the fall presidential campaign heats up.

the region, according to the report.

The report also sheds new light on previous conclusions that the military was unable to respond quickly enough to perform a rescue. The Republicans

Republicans highlighted a two-hour teleconference a few hours after the attacks began as a turning point in the U.S.

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### UPSTATE



#### Pacolet recycling

The town of Pacolet is about four months into a pilot recycling program that allows residents to dump their recyclables into blue containers that are collected each week. **C1**



#### BBQ is back

Barbecue is coming back to South Pine Street in Spartanburg. Little Pigs BBQ will open a new location at 840 S. Pine St., the space Bull Haws BBQ left vacant when it closed last year. **C1**

#### Smoothie King to open

Smoothie King and its menu of drinks for healthy-minded people on the go will open its first Spartanburg store on Thursday. **C3**

### NATION/WORLD

#### Court shifts

Justice Antonin Scalia's sudden death transformed the Supreme Court's term, shifted power to its liberal wing and started a transition that will be greatly affected by who wins the presidency. **A3**

### BENHAZI CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION

# Report: No 'smoking gun'

By Matthew Daly  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans on Tuesday concluded their \$7 million, two-year investigation into the deadly attacks in Benghazi, Libya, with fresh accusations of lethal mistakes by the Obama administration but no "smoking gun" pointing to wrongdoing by Hillary Clinton, then secretary of state and now the Democrats' presumptive presidential nominee.

After the long investigation, filled with partisan sniping by panel members, none of the new revelations highlighted by the House Benghazi committee in its 800-page report

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During a news conference Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington, House Benghazi Committee Chairman Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., center, joined by Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, left, and Rep. Mike Pompeo, R-Kan., discusses the release of his final report on the 2012 attacks on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, where a violent mob killed four Americans, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### STATE SENATE DISTRICT 12 RUNOFF



Former state House Rep. Scott Talley thanks supporters after defeating incumbent state Sen. Lee Bright in the Senate District 12 runoff. **ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM**

# Talley unseats Bright

By Chris Lavender  
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Former state Rep. Scott Talley defeated incumbent state Sen. Lee Bright Tuesday night in the S.C. Senate District 12



Bright

reporting in Spartanburg and Greenville counties, Talley had 4,861 votes, or 52 percent, to Bright's 4,562

jubilant supporters after the votes were in, Talley thanked all those who had knocked on doors, donated money and backed him in his effort to defeat Bright. He recalled his runoff with Bright eight years ago,

"Number one, I think things needed to go a different direction for Senate District 12. And number two, I wanted to beat Lee Bright," Talley said of his reasons for returning to politics. "It was a hard-fought



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- » **GAME 3:** 8 p.m. today
- » **TV:** ESPN

BY JAKE CROUSE  
Morning News  
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FLORENCE — The walls of Buffalo Wild Wings on David McLeod Boulevard feature Clemson bar lights, University of South Carolina memorabilia and even a University of Ala-

bama sign. Lacking is any mention of the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers.

But groups of Pee Dee residents came out to the restaurant to watch Coastal Carolina defeat Arizona 5-4 in the second game of the College World Series best-of-three championship series. Although

only a few wore teal, all were cheering for the Chanticleers.

Few had kept an eye on Coastal Carolina's program before the team's regional and super-regional wins. Kirk Lee of Darlington said he had

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Coastal Carolina pitcher Bobby Holmes reacts Tuesday to the final out against Arizona in Game 2 of the NCAA Men's College World Series finals baseball game in Omaha, Neb.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## 246 Army Band to perform Thursday

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN  
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FLORENCE — The 246 Army Band will provide some pre-July 4 patriotic cheer 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the BB&T Amphitheater.

For the Florence show, there will be a jazz combo, jazz big band, pop band, augmented ceremonial band and a Dixieland group that will be performing popular and patriotic music for the crowd.

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### IF YOU GO

- » **WHAT:** 246 Army Band concert
- » **WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday
- » **WHERE:** BB&T Amphitheater, which sits to the left of the FMU Performing Arts Center when facing the venue
- » **ADMISSION:** Free

## Meetings to help farmers apply for aid

BY JOE PERRY  
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FLORENCE — Farmers from the Pee Dee will soon have the chance to apply for S.C. Farm Aid.

In late May, the legislature voted to override Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of a \$40 million aid package.

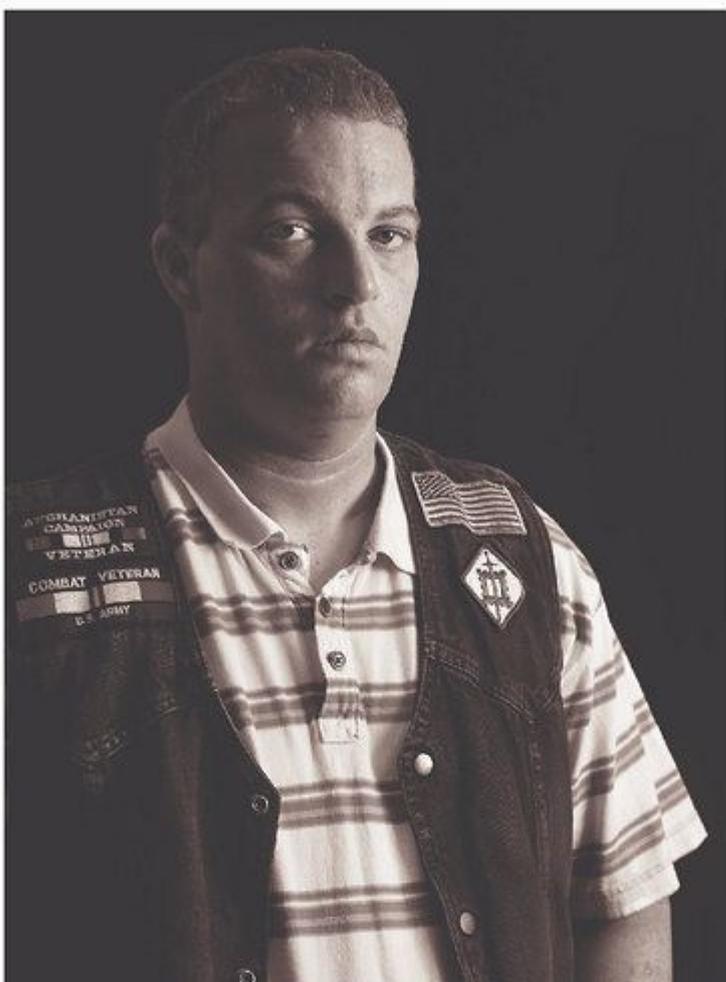
Beginning Friday, the state Department of Agriculture will take applica-

## THE INVISIBLE WAR

A series on veterans fighting PTSD

# William 'Jake' Stevens

Afghanistan, 2005-06, 2006-08



"When you're in the military and you're deployed, you got two things: You got a brotherhood that is just almost unbreakable, and you got an adrenaline rush, 'cause once ... hits the fan, you know the man next to you, the man left and the man right, those are the only things that matter. When you're over there, it's all day long, all night long. There's no time to stop, and when you come home, it's hard to slow down to civilian lifestyle. Honestly, I wasn't expecting to make it back. I'm an infantryman. Average lifespan of an infantryman once you get into a firefight is three seconds. Anybody that tells you they ain't scared is full of ... I was scared, but it was what I decided to do."





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Rocky Gannon was honored by the Boy Scouts of America Pee Dee Area Council with the 2016 Distinguished Citizen Award. He is pictured with his wife, Roberta.

## Man of the hour

### Rocky Gannon receives Distinguished Citizen Award

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY  
B1 Media

FLORENCE — Colonel Rocky Gannon was the man of the hour at Thursday's Distinguished Citizen Award banquet.

Nearly 150 people attended the reception and ceremony hosted by the Boy Scouts of America Pee Dee Area Council to celebrate Gannon's integrity, kindness and service to others. He was honored with the Distinguished Citizen Award, something that is given to people who have been unselfish in their service to others on an individual and community basis.

Gannon was a pilot in the Army Air Corps and served in the military for 37 years. Fifteen of those years were overseas. He flew missions in World War II, Korea, Belgian Congo and Vietnam and received several military awards and medals.

Gannon, a man known for telling stories about his military experience, was highly deserving of the honor, according to many of the people who attended the ceremony.

Gannon's son, Mike Gannon, said that at 91, his dad doesn't have many hobbies other than helping other people and organizations.

"So, he makes every single day count. And those days that he makes count, at this point in his life, are for other people, not himself," Mike Gannon said. "I think that says a lot about him as a person. I think it says a lot about my mother and how she has basically supported his dreams, his ambitions. She got hers. She got to have a stable family life, have children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren. I think the whole family is proud of him tonight."

Quinetta Buterbaugh, president of the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, said the

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## Butler Heritage Week full of activities

BY JIM FAILE  
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Butler Heritage Week is well underway in Hartsville.

The weeklong celebration officially started Monday and will continue until July 3. The first major event for the week, the Taste of Butler, took place Tuesday night with several hundred in attendance.

The week is intended to commemorate and celebrate the history and legacy of the former Butler High School in Hartsville.

Today, a Bible study will take place at 6 p.m. at the Butler auditorium on the campus of the former Butler High School. Contact the Rev. Chris Frazier for more information at 843-453-1939.

Thursday the annual Butler Heritage Week banquet at the Butler gym at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Hines Funeral Home and Grant's Barber Shop. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, contact Alvin T. Heatley at 843-332-4522.

On Friday, the T.B. Thomas golf tournament will take place at the Hartsville Country Club, 116 Golf Course Road, Hartsville. Format will be a four-person scramble. Cost is \$55 per person. You can download an application at [www.butlerheritagefoundation.org](http://www.butlerheritagefoundation.org). Contact Alvin T. Heatley for more information at 843-332-4522.

Also on Friday, the annual Heritage Dance will be held at the Butler gym from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person and covers food and beverages.

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## STUDENTS PERFORM AT ARTSUMMER



PHOTOS BY ARDE ARNDSON/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

Students who participated in the vocal music portion of the Darlington County School District's ArtSummer showcased what they learned during the finale on Thursday at Hartsville Middle School. They sang songs by the Beatles, Michael Jackson, Duke Ellington and others.



ABOVE: The ArtSummer Dance Company performs its opening number to 'I'm in Love With a Monster.' LEFT: Violin students showed off what they learned during the finale on Thursday night.

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## INCUMBENTS OUSTED



PHOTOS BY DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ / INDEX-JOURNAL

**ABOVE:** Poll workers at the Drummond Center check voters' information before escorting them to the polls for Tuesday's primary runoff. **BELOW:** A voter casts his ballot in Tuesday's primary runoff at The Drummond Center.

### Challengers beat sheriff, clerk of court in Republican runoff

By **DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ** and **ADAM BENSON**  
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In the same year that saw anti-establishment candidate Donald Trump triumph over traditional candidates to become the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, Greenwood County has had its incumbent sheriff and clerk of court ousted in Tuesday's Republican primary runoff.

According to the unofficial election returns, about 1 in 7

Greenwood County voters weighed in on the two races, handing Chastity Copeland a victory over Clerk of Court Angie Woodhurst with a nearly 2-1 vote margin.

Retired state trooper Dennis Kelly earned 59 percent of the vote, defeating Sheriff Tony Davis.

Voters seemed poised to oust incumbents across South Carolina, with state Sens. Mike Fair, Larry Martin, Creighton Coleman and

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**TONY DAVIS**



**DENNIS KELLY**



### ■ McCORMICK

### Councilman Henry Banks beats primary challenger

By **ADAM BENSON**  
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Incumbent Henry Banks beat primary challenger Donald Moss 158 votes to 143 in Tuesday's Democratic runoff for McCormick County Council's District 1 seat, according to unofficial vote tallies.

Banks, who has been on the council for 16 years, came out of a June 14 primary with a 9-vote lead over Moss, 157 to 148. A third Democrat, Bernard Moss, got 37 votes.

"First of all, I want to congratulate my opponent for a very strong campaign, then I want to thank my family, friends and the community for helping me, and I hope this race didn't divide the Democrats in our district, because we need to stick together and move forward," he said.

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**HENRY BANKS**



**DONALD MOSS**

### ■ 11th CIRCUIT

### Hubbard takes Solicitor's office Republican nomination

By **DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ**  
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Rick Hubbard took the Republican nomination for the 11th Circuit solicitor position, with 60.4 percent of the votes to Candice Lively's 39.6 percent, according to unofficial results. Of the 16,329 total votes cast, Hubbard took 9,870 of them.



**RICK HUBBARD**

## Communication is key to EMS award for cardiac care

By **DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ**  
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It doesn't have to be a sharp chest pain — it could be jaw, back or neck pain, or no pain at all. Nausea, fatigue

to Greenwood EMS. "That has to happen within 90 minutes."

Open communication between the hospital and EMS personnel is critical in getting patients necessary treatment to them, said Schaefer-Lynn, EMS





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## State Democratic Party orders new election

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Residents of Chesterfield County experienced democracy at its core last week when two candidates for Chesterfield County Council protested the results of the June 14 primary election.

Once dust from the protest hearings settled, one council election remains undecided, while Ralph Watson's election in District 7 was confirmed. Eligible voters in Cheraw Precincts 1 and 2 will be asked to return to the polls later this summer to deter-

mine a winner in the District 9 race.

In letters sent to the Chesterfield County Democratic Party following the June 14 primary, candidate Mark Ingram of District 9 and candidate Stephanie Cockrell of District 7 asked that certain votes be discounted because people who didn't live in those respective districts were nonetheless allowed to vote.



Ingram

The protests were filed with the county Democratic party because both candidates are Democrats, and each political party is responsible for its own primary elections.

The executive committee of the Chesterfield County Democratic Party was required by law to hold a hearing for each candidate the Thursday after the protests



Cockrell

were filed, so the hearings were conducted last Thursday in the multi-purpose room of the Chesterfield County Courthouse.

Retired magistrate and county party chair Sarah Lisenby conducted the hearings, which followed the rules of circuit court.

Committee members present were Amy Brown of Courthouse precinct, sitting in for Jim Barber; Paul Brewer of Center Grove/Winstow; Rich Branson of Cash, sitting in for Wilbert Burns; Debra Adams of Cheraw 2; Tom Martin of

Cheraw 1; Loretta McNeil of Grants Mill; Sylvester Merriam of Brooks Mill; and Leanna Evans of Shiloh.

The county Democratic executive committee is comprised of precinct chairs, who are elected by the voters who attend the party's precinct meeting.

Also at the hearing were Kevin Thurman, director of Chesterfield County Voter Registration and Elections office, and Chesterfield County attorney Heath Ruffner.

In the first hearing, Cheraw attorney Miller Ingram represented Mark Ingram, and Flo-

rence attorney Steve Wukela represented Rhett Butler.

Ingram's protest stated that 39 voters in Cheraw 1 and Cheraw 2 precincts were allowed to vote in the election for Chesterfield County Council District 9, although they didn't live in the district. The protest requested that votes from those two precincts be discounted, and the winner be declared based upon the votes from the other five precincts, which had no problems.

This would mean that in-

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## Fire displaces families in Pageland

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Flames engulfed a Pageland apartment Thursday, killing a family pet and displacing 15 people. The two-story apartment caught fire Thursday morning, and around 9:30 a.m. firefighters were able to get the flames under control.

The property is an older home that had been converted into apartments at the intersection of Blakeney and Sycamore streets. Over 40 firefighters from High Point, Pageland and Sandhill were on the scene to help.

First responders were on standby to assist with the residents and even monitored the firefighters due to the extreme heat and massive flames they were battling. Residents were taken to the fire stations to stay cool while crews called in the Red Cross to help them.

The Red Cross Disaster Action Team from Monroe is as-



Chesterfield County Sheriff Jay Brooks/Special to The Link

A fire in Pageland resulted in 15 people being displaced and the death of a family pet.

sisting the families with several needs, including housing, clothing, food and monetary allowances.

The majority of the damage

occurred on the second floor of the building. A few of the upstairs units suffered damage, and the roof of the property is now completely gone.

Officials believe the fire originated in a kitchen upstairs. The actual cause is being investigated, but officials don't suspect suspicious activity.

## Negotiated sentence raises more questions

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Last week's coverage of a negotiated plea agreement held in Darlington County that involved a former National Guard recruiter from Chesterfield County left readers with questions concerning the handling of the case.



Burch

Deputy Solicitor Kenard Remond explained the victim and his family were very involved during the entire process and agreed to terms of the agreement in hopes of getting the ordeal behind them as quickly as possible. The hearing was held in Darlington County as opposed to Chesterfield for the same reason. It was the ear-

liest term of court available. "Unfortunately, issues do arise in some cases that have to be taken into consideration to determine what the outcome of a jury trial could be, and this is why the resolution of cases is sometimes negotiated," said Remond. "It was an emotional burden that wore on the victim."

Judge Paul Burch presided over the general court session June 20 and confirmed the victim understood his right to a jury trial prior to accepting the plea agreement. Judges can only accept or reject negotiated sentences once they're agreed upon by the prosecution and defense. Judges are not allowed to modify the negotiated sentences.

"Laying aside all emotions, my understanding is that the victim is asking for all this to be over with in order to proceed with life; is

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The Miss Pageland Scholarship organization has signed up to tackle trash in Chesterfield County.

## Glamorously tackling trash in Chesterfield County

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Since The Link announced its campaign to tackle trash at the beginning of the year, more people have become involved in cleaning up the county, and less trash is being dumped on the roadways, ac-

ordinator Dick Griffith. "We've picked up two new groups since the beginning of the year, and three other groups will probably come on board," said Griffith.

Last week Timothy Griffin of the Miss Pageland Scholarship Organization announced on Facebook the

## Funeral home changes ownership

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A new legacy begins Friday when Brent and Brooke Taylor take over Miller-Rivers-Caulder Funeral Home from Phillip and Yettevive Caulder in Chesterfield.

"We're blessed with the ministry Phillip and Yettevive have developed here," Brent said. "We will continue the legacy of tradition and trust they've established because this is a ministry and a calling."

The Caulders bought the funeral home in 1988, although Phillip began working for Tom Miller and Don Rivers when he was 14 years old, putting up tents and helping with flowers.

"When they asked my daddy if I could work for them, he said I might as well because I was going to be ei-



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From Left to Right: Phillip Caulder, Yettevive Caulder, Brooke Taylor, and Brent Taylor.

chuckled. "I've ended up being both."

Caulder graduated with honors from Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service in 1976 and served as class

Pee Dee Funeral Directors Association and president of the S.C. Association of Funeral Directors, as well as held numerous other positions in the funeral service

modeled the funeral home, adding the chapel, which doubled the size of the building.

"We've heard many people say how much they appreciate the chapel because it's hard for them to go back to the church where their loved one's funeral was held," observed Phillip.

Phillip and Yettevive are both licensed funeral directors. In the early days, Yettevive worked right alongside Phillip, doing everything but embalming. After they had children, she continued to do everything but visitations. She still does most of the hair and makeup for their clients.

"What has meant the most to us is being able to help families through the most difficult time of their lives, and hopefully, make it a little easier to bear and plan for their service," reflected Phillip.

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