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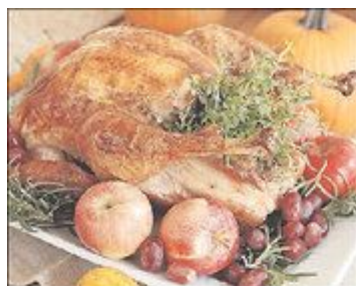
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## 2015 ELECTIONS

# Few head to the polls

Voter turnout 6.21 percent in county, officials say

By Chris Lavender  
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Precincts across Spartanburg County reported low voter turnout in Tuesday's election.

Voter turnout for the election Tuesday was 6.21 percent with 10,120 ballots cast, according to unofficial election results. There are 162,999 registered

voters in Spartanburg County. "We are at about 10,000 votes, which is typical," Henry Laye, Spartanburg County Registrations and Elections director said. "It's still a low turnout."

Sundra Proctor Smith, a poll worker at Beech Springs Intermediate School, said about 2.47 percent of the precinct's registered voters had taken to the

polls Tuesday afternoon.

Smith said the very low turnout, with no voters under the age of 30, was not surprising, but was disappointing. "I hope it isn't the new normal," she said.

Heath Strawn, poll manager at Duncan United Methodist Church, said of nearly 1,200 registered voters in the precinct, only 29 had voted by 1:15 p.m. Tuesday.

At Lyman Town Hall, poll

workers saw a slightly higher turnout. Poll worker Morgan Ring said voters had trickled in steadily all day, with higher numbers after 5 p.m.

"It has been light, but we knew it was going to be light," Ring said. "But, even in off years, you know you'll have bursts in the morning, at lunch and right around dinner time."

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## ELECTION RESULTS

### Spartanburg City Council

#### District 3 (one seat)

Robert Reeder (I) 30%  
✓ Rosalyn H. Myers 70%

### Spartanburg Commissioner of Public Works (one seat)

\* Stephanie Burton 35%  
Cheryl Jeter Jones 11%  
\* Angela Viney 47%  
B.B. Bryson 6%  
\* denotes runoff

### Pacolet Town Council

#### District 2 (one seat)

✓ Willie Crocker Jr. (I) 71%  
Joy Scott 29%

### Duncan referendum

✓ At-large districts 59%  
Single-member districts 41%

### Spartanburg School

#### District 1 (four seats)

Phillip L. Mosley (I) 14%  
✓ Lori Walter 17%  
Jeff Sumner (I) 16%  
✓ Gordon T. Lee (I) 19%  
✓ Travis K. Sloan (I) 17%  
✓ Brenda Rogers 17%

### Spartanburg School

#### District 2 (four seats)

Brian Walker 13%  
✓ Rachel Smith Yelton 17%  
✓ Angie K. Horton (I) 18%  
Gordon Ray (I) 8%  
✓ Sarah R. Simmons (I) 15%  
✓ David Sereque (I) 15%  
Connie D. Banks 14%

### Spartanburg School District 2

#### (Cherokee County seat)

✓ David Garner 99%

### Spartanburg School

#### District 3 (four seats)

Deion Logan 8%  
Joe Long 6%  
\* Holly Moore Jolley (I) 11%  
Stephen Craig Mathis 6%  
Kaye Kesler (I) 10%  
Tammy L. Stephens 6%  
✓ William C. Gossett 14%  
✓ Don Kennedy (I) 13%  
✓ Jodi Hoyle Gilmer (I) 15%  
\* Tiffany Mabry Wells 10%  
\* May require runoff

### Spartanburg School

#### District 4 (four seats)

Gail W. Fowler 9%  
✓ Rick Sloan 14%  
Karyn Page-Davies (I) 8%  
✓ Milton C. Smith (I) 14%  
Bill Brasington (I) 11%  
✓ Gordon Godfrey (I) 17%  
Reggie Casey 9%  
✓ Randy Grant 18%

## SPARTANBURG CITY COUNCIL

# Myers upsets Reeder



Rosalyn Henderson Myers reaches to hug her husband, Kenneth Myers Sr., while celebrating her victory in the Spartanburg City Council District 3 election on Tuesday evening. Amos Jones looks on in the background. JOHN BYRUM/JOHN.BYRUM@SHJ.COM

The political newcomer received more than 500 votes

By Alyssa Mulliger  
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Political newcomer Rosalyn Henderson Myers garnered more than 500 votes and upset multi-term

Myers said with tears in her eyes. "We canvassed every single street in the district, and I think that made the difference."

Myers was joined by family members, supporters and

"It feels wonderful. We've put in so much hard work," Myers said with tears in her eyes. "We canvassed every

## COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

# Viney, Burton headed to runoff

Voters will return to polls in 2 weeks

By Alyssa Mulliger  
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Spartanburg voters will return to the polls in two weeks after no single candidate won a simple majority in the race for an open commissioner of public works seat Tuesday.

Angela Viney, director and development director of Upstate Forever's Spartanburg office, received 1,140 votes, or nearly 47 percent of the total votes, with 97 percent of precincts reporting, according to unofficial results.

Stephanie Burton, an attorney at Gibbs Burton, LLC, gathered 860 votes, just over 35 percent of the total vote.

Viney and Burton surpassed candidates Cheryl J. Jones and B.B. Bryson who received 273 votes and 142 votes, respectively.

To win the commissioner seat, a candidate needs one vote past the 50-percent mark. Spartanburg Registration and Elections





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## County Council

### Council votes to waive permit fees for flood damage repairs

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DARLINGTON — Darlington County Council approved a measure temporarily waiving building permit fees for repairs associated with damages resulting from the recent floods.

Currently, to build in uninco-

porated areas applicants must pay building permit fees and floodplain development permit fees if located in a flood zone.

Council approved a resolution waiving the fees on a temporary, case-by-case basis. The county administrator will review requests for waivers.

Council's action came after a

homeowner whose house was damaged in the flooding requested the waiver.

In other business, council heard a presentation from Pastor William Stephens about a program his organization is offering called U Pass it On. Stephens said the program is designed to provide job skills to

job seekers who may not have an alternative means of acquiring job skills.

Stephens asked for council's support for the program.

Members also heard from Anita Dantzler of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission about the possible formation of a community relations council

for the county sponsored by the commission. Dantzler said the commission is seeking to establish a community relations council in each of the state's 46 counties. She asked council to begin considering potential appointees for a council of 11 members from within the county.

## Darlington County

### Five people charged in connection drug bust

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — Darlington County officials have released the names of five people arrested in connection to a Thursday bust that resulted in the seizure of weapons, drugs, televisions, computers and cash.

Darlington County Sheriff J. Wayne Byrd said the following people were booked:

Christina Thomas, 37, of Backswamp Road in Lynchburg, was charged with trafficking heroin, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, possession with the intent to distribute cocaine base and possession of controlled schedule II narcotics.

Frank Toney, 29, of Backswamp Road in Lynchburg, was charged with trafficking heroin, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, possession with the intent to distribute cocaine base and possession of controlled schedule II narcotics.

Morris Luke Nance, 23, of Red Top Road in Lynchburg, was charged with trafficking heroin, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, possession with the intent to distribute cocaine base and possession of controlled schedule II narcotics.

Malee Raheem Toney, 17, of Trinity Road in Lynchburg, was charged with trafficking heroin, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, possession with the intent to distribute cocaine base and possession of controlled schedule II narcotics.

Roosevelt Evans, 29, of Hwy 15 in Myrtle Beach, was charged with trafficking heroin, distribution of cocaine, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, possession with the intent to distribute cocaine base, possession of controlled schedule II narcotics and simple possession of marijuana.

Quantis McFadden is currently being housed in the Sumter-Lee Detention Center on unrelated

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## Treats on the Streets



PHOTOS BY ARDE APUDON/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

Elaine and Carson Byrd of Hartsville join their grandchildren for an afternoon of fun at Treats on the Streets in downtown Hartsville. Their little action heroes are Austin Yarborough, Cameron Rogers and Dylan Rogers. For more photos from Treats on the Streets see Page 1B.



Lots of costumed characters, including The Hatter and the Queen of Hearts, participated in Main Street's Treats on the Streets on Thursday afternoon.

### Intervention School JROTC competition team excelling

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) at Darlington County









# SPORTS

## CLEMSON TAKES TOP SPOT IN 1ST CFP RANKINGS

The Tigers were No. 1 in the first College Football Playoff poll released on Tuesday. However, don't expect coach Dabo Swinney and Clemson to be planning a big celebration anytime soon. 1B

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## Winners look to future



Mary Jeffcoat and Mike Chestnut take a final look at the vote tally projections showing them as winners of two of the three Myrtle Beach City Council seats. Myrtle Beach elected three new council members from a group of eight candidates. The winners were Mary Jeffcoat, Mike Chestnut and Phil Render.

Incumbents Philip Render and Michael Chestnut reclaim their seats on Myrtle Beach City Council

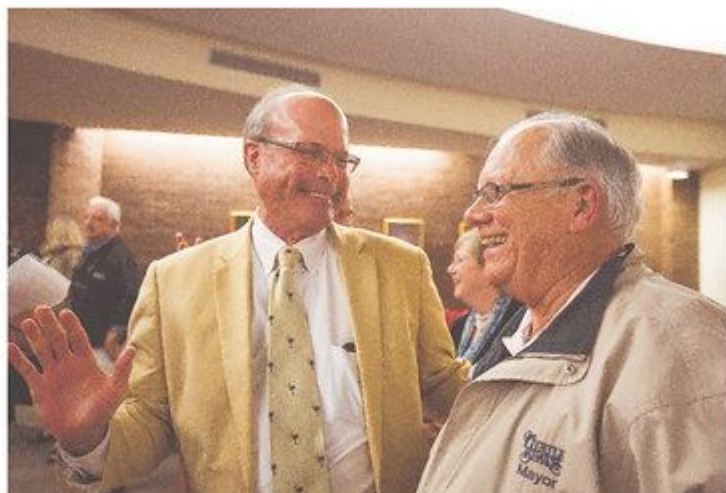
Former councilwoman Mary Jeffcoat claims third and final open seat

Results unofficial until all votes are canvassed Thursday

BY EMILY WEAVER  
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Cheers erupted inside the Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center Tuesday night as two incumbents and one former council member learned they had won the three open seats on the Myrtle Beach City Council. With all 13 polling sites reporting by 8 p.m., incumbents Philip Render and Mike Chestnut were reelected and Mary Jeffcoat won the third seat.

Render and Chestnut tied for the highest percentage of votes in the council race, each taking 21 percent of the total 8,851 votes cast in Tuesday's election. Jeffcoat took 17 percent, beating out contenders Jackie Vereen with 15 percent, Mark McBride with 8 percent, John Krajc with 7



Phil Render jokes with Myrtle Beach Mayor John Rhodes after winning the election for one of three City Council seats.

percent. Results remain unofficial until votes are canvassed at 10 a.m. Thursday.

The races are nonpartisan and the terms are four years.

The day started early for candidates Krajc, Render and Sarver, who came to the popular Jetport II polling site at 800

ers for turning out.

Chestnut and Jeffcoat watched the numbers come in on a large projection screen inside council chambers. Render walked in after his victory was already posted, learning the results as he stepped in the room to people ready to congrat-

other four productive years. We have a very supportive mayor and city council," Render said. "Good things happen when you have a team with no singular agenda."

A dentist and dean at Horry-Georgetown Technical College, 61-year-old Render has served



# LOCAL

## AN UPSET FOR CONWAY MAYOR

Barbara Blain-Bellamy, a lawyer who has served two terms on city council, bested incumbent Alys Lawson as mayor. 3A



# LOCAL

## POLICE SEARCH FOR BABY IN CREEK

A search was ongoing in Socastee Tuesday for a 5-month-old who was reportedly tossed into an area creek. The mother was kept in police custody as the search was in effect. 3A



# SPORTS

## CAROLINA: NFC'S LAST UNBEATEN TEAM

Late Monday, Carolina hung on to beat Indianapolis in overtime to become, at 7-0, the last unbeaten team in the NFC. However, a stiff test awaits against







# Morning News

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## City of Darlington

# Hines, Stone set to face off for mayor

## Four vie for council seats

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DARLINGTON — Voters in Darlington went to the polls Tuesday to determine three new city council members and a mayor, but preliminary race results proved too close to decide.

### Mayor

City Councilwoman



Hines



Stone

Gloria Hines had 448 votes and former Darlington County Councilman Jim Stone had 421 votes — since neither had enough

to call a true majority, another round of voting is set for Nov. 17.

Councilman James "Jimmy" Cooper III placed third with 365 votes and businessman William Jackson placed last with 315 votes.

Both Hines and Stone said they would be campaigning hard through the next two weeks.

"I'll start working again in the morning," Hines said. "I feel great about the results and I want to thank

God first and foremost. There are a lot of things we have to do in Darlington and we're going to do them by working together. I'm thankful to the people of Darlington."

"I'll be getting back to work Wednesday and see if we can change the outcome a little more next go-round," Stone said. "I congratulate Mrs. Hines on her victory today, but we'll see if we can't turn that around in the future. The people of Darlington see

that I'm a capable leader and I thank the ones who voted for me."

### City Council

A field of 12 candidates, the largest ever for a municipal election in Darlington, was narrowed down to four Tuesday night.

Hoyt Campbell, director of the Darlington County Election and Registration Commission, said that since none of the candidates got a majority the top four will be on the Nov.

17 run-off ballot also.

John Milling held 620 votes, Diane Sigmon took 532 votes, Carolyn Bruce had 516 votes and Bryant Gardner had 485 votes.

Campbell said candidate Shelia Baccus placed fifth with 480 votes — less than one percent away from the closest candidate, meaning a mandatory recount is necessary for those two candidates.

The recount will happen Thursday, Campbell said.

## Timmons ville elects council, school board members

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY  
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FLORENCE — The Timmons ville Town Council will have two new members following Tuesday's election.

Three seats were open for the council, and the majority of the votes were in favor of William James Jr., Walter Washington and Cheryl Qualls. According to unofficial results, James, who was running for re-election, received a total of 168 votes, Washington received 144 votes and Qualls received 127 votes.

Timmons ville Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Harrison ran for re-election but fell short with 83 votes. There were a total of four write-in votes.

Qualls, who received 24.14 percent of the votes in the Timmons ville Town Council election, said she has been living in the town for a little over a year.

"The one thing about me, Timmons ville is where I chose to make home because we have such wonderful people," Qualls said.

The people of the town are what made her and her family move to Timmons ville, and Qualls said they are soliciting other family members to come also.

Winning a seat on council is exciting, Qualls said.

"(I'm) excited and ready to move Timmons ville to the prime spot it deserves to be in," she said.

Washington, who received 27.38 percent of the votes in Tuesday's election, said his main goal is to transform the way the younger generation thinks.

A total of 526 votes were cast for Timmons ville Town Council.

Three trustee seats were also open for Florence School District Four. Winners were Derrick Echols, Dock L. Smith and Deidra R. Thomas. Echols received



## "MORNING WALK IN THE PEE DEE"

Friends and fans of Donna Goodman gathered Tuesday night at the Florence County Museum for a book signing of Goodman's "Morning Walk in the Pee Dee." The book is a collection of wildflower photographs Goodman took during morning walks with her Jack Russell terrier, Ellie. Goodman, a former art professor at Francis Marion University, said she has been photographing wildflowers for about eight years. All proceeds from her book sales are being donated to the Florence County Museum to help fund natural science programming.

Donna Goodman signs a copy of her book, "Morning Walk in the Pee Dee," at the Florence County Museum on Tuesday.

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## Fill-the-boots drive to help fight muscular dystrophy

MDA fundraising coordinator Amanda DuPre announces the start of this year's fill-the-boots drive.

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Morning News  
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FLORENCE — Firefighters from four Florence

year, involves firefighters throughout the community soliciting donations with the goal of filling the firefighters' boots.

"These guys are out

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