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Goose Creek NAACP celebrates Black History Month

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The Goose Creek Branch of the NAACP celebrated black culture for this month with performances, guest speakers, and an unrolling of the 45th stamp in the Black Heritage series. Members, family and friends gathered at Arrington Middle School of the Arts to showcase talents, show recognition, and give thanks to deserving figures and entities in the community and school.

"The program will enlighten people, let them know we are here, and give them a little bit of history," said Denise Davis, Director of the Goose Creek Chapter of the NAACP. The theme for the year's Black History month was, "African Americans and the Vote." This year marked the 150th anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S Constitution (1870) which gave black men the right to vote following the Civil War. It marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment—the culmination of the women's suffrage movement. Pastor Tory Lidgeridge from Greater Reformed Episcopal Church was the keynote speaker. He spoke on the importance of voting and sanctifying the region’s votes, something that NAACP fought for. Student from Arrington Middle School of the Arts sang and performed a dance that incorporated body songs and cheered the students' individual talents.

Prior to closing remarks, the 45th stamp in the Black Heritage series was presented. It features Goose Creek’s legendary journalist who died at the age of 61 after fighting cancer. Still was a PWR newsreader, author, and America’s Peabody Award-winning radio host.

Goose Creek Police Officer Robert Wysocki speaks at a news conference, which featured comments from local and state law enforcement.

"Caught in the Creek"

Suspected predators charged in police sting

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It was a sting organized by the Goose Creek Police Department with the help of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. Twenty-eight people were swept up in the operation that took five months to plan and five days to carry out. It was dubbed "Caught in the Creek."

The result of the operation brought some unexpected child predators out of the darkness and shined some light on how often they lurk and how prevalent they are.

Some of those charged are employees of child-sharing services, local manufacturers, chain stores, post offices and one person arrested was a U.S. military employee. During the operation investigators seized progressive measures to get the sub- jects to think they were contacting young teenagers; these are off-brand polo shirts, "stolen." "These six men traveled to a specific location for the sole purpose of having sex with an under-age client," said Chief J.F. Rosee from the Goose Creek Police Department. "The age of the victim they thought they were going to have sex with was either 15 or 14 years old. These men were very speciﬁc in communicating via the internet with what they wanted and expected."

At a press conference on Feb. 20 at the Goose Creek Police Depart ment, Rosee said there is still more in the investigation and there will be more arrests to come but go on in information on some of the outcomes.

Matthew Degan of Ridgeville, was charged with attempted CS, solicitation and exploitation.

Austin Dunez of Summerville, is charged with solicitation.

Sports: Goose Creek boys survive OT scare against Sumter A7

Special Olympics stars

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Charleston County School District’s Special Olympics Unified Basketball Tournament took place Feb. 1 at Caney Creek High School. More than 100 athletes and 30 unified pairs participated. Competing were:

- Caney Creek High School Unified Team
- Caney Creek Super Cohorts vs. Hanahan Hookers
- Caney Creek Unified 2
- Caney Creek Unified 3
- Caney Creek Unified 4
- Caney Creek Unified 5

Jace Noel plays in the BCSI Special Olympics Basketball Tournament on Friday at Caney Creek High School.

Dylan Allen eyes the basket during the tournament.

Jamaal Davis and Conrad Cawkins during the Special Olympics tournament.

Catherine Bresawting takes a shot Friday at Caney Creek High School.

Jonathan High Dunkers’ Deion Furbee (34) and Hanahan Hookers’ Hannah Hardwick (31) battle for possession.

Hanahan High Dunkers’ Dalton Furbee (14) and Jay Metts (33).

Lowcountry added 3,100 apartments in 2019

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According to a report from Multifamily News, that’s more than the 6,000 added in 2018, but there’s an equal number of units from that year expected to be finished this year and even more in the weeks. The report states "the gain in the report at the start of February about the 7,000 units underway in the metro area by the end of last year was expected to be more than six times the rate of gain in the prior year." According to the report.

On a percentage basis of overall stock, Charleston came in second behind Asheville in new development year-to-date across the Southeast. The Lowcountry’s 3,192 new units last year represented 4.8 percent of the overall apartment offerings. Asheville completed those projects with 944 units for 8.3 percent of the city’s total rental stock.

The report points to the Charleston region’s recent post-cargo traffic valuations, two new strong development industries such as Boeing, Car., Mercedes-Benz and Volvo Cars building Jetliners and automobile vehicles as reasons the population is growing. Charleston, Ralph-Durham and Atlanta rounded out the top five areas across the Southeast with the largest percentage increase in newly opened units last year. Each opened more units in projects in Charleston and Asheville, but the Holy City and the South Carolina mountain city completed more on a percentage basis of the total units on the ground.

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The Goose Creek branch of the NAACP honors participants in a presentation at Arrington Middle School.

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