**New Coroner’s Office opens in Berkeley County**

By Staff Report

On Monday Feb. 10, county leaders unveiled a new office for the new Coroner’s Office located at 102 Galludle Street in Moncks Corner. County officials said they are excited to offer Coroner’s Office employees and the public an impaired facility with added space and better parking. Most importantly, the new building provides growing families more comfort and privacy.

“We’re in much need, we’re having a lot of community, everybody knows what an explosion is like, and it’s almost nine office as well,” said Berkeley County Coroner George Oliver. “We’re in a more private, personal type service facility now.”

The building was owned by the Berkeley County School District and was renovated by the County’s Facilities & Grounds, for the past 30 years the Coroner’s Office was on the first floor at the Berkeley County Court House.

**County bus driver saves choking student**

By CLEL MCCRRAW

Former bus driver Dorothy Hillyard was honored recently for helping a choking student.

Dorothy Hillyard, known as Miss Dorothy to the children on her bus, said she started driving a school bus after she retired from the technology industry because she always loved working with children. The 2019-20 school year is her first year as a bus driver and she said that the experience has been great, “I love these kids,” Hillyard said. “It’s wonderful group of drivers.”

Wednesday Nov. 25, started like any other day and Hillyard was making her normal rounds. However, she stopped the bus at one particular stop and there was a commotion at the back of the bus and Hillyard said she knew something was wrong. She got off the bus and went to the students and saw that a student was choking and was unable to speak. “She couldn’t talk and told her she was OK and everything was gonna be fine,” Hillyard said. She said that while the situation was frightening she remained calm. She said she saw the student stand up and then she performed the Heimlich maneuver on the student.

“By the grace of God I lived,” Hillyard said. “You know I was gonna die I knew it.” Hillyard said that once the student was okay she then went back to the driver’s seat and went to the next stop.

“Don’t think of it as a life-saving moment,” Hillyard said.

Hillyard said that she had a doctor about how to perform the Heimlich maneuver years before this incident in case she needed it. The district also said that all bus drivers receive CPR training.

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**God’s timing is amazing**

Summervale man saved by strangers at Family YMCA

By JOY RONALD

On a morning in late January, 63-year-old Dave Corless had just finished a water aerobics class at the Summerville Family YMCA. It was his normal routine to attend the class from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., five days a week. But this morning the hurdle, a man who had no history of heart disease, suddenly had a heart attack.

He fell backwards and but momentarily on the floor. Two nurses, Stephanie and Kendell Ware, were also in the locker room and began to perform CPR immediately. Stephanie and Ware both worked as police of-

icers earlier in their careers and when they weren’t expecting to use first responder training that day at around Corless said.

“We started CPR and did that for Please see A8, A9

**Dave Corless, left, is surprised with Valentine’s Day gifts from his family and friends including the two men who saved his life, Deepstep Stephens, top left, and Kendall Ware, top right, on Friday at Trident Medical Center. Corless joined his two fingers to represent the two state basketball championships he won at North Charleston High School in 1959 and 1962.**

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