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Cody Mitchell, State House Representative, District 65

2024 Week 11 – School Choice Expansion and Energy Transformation



As we move through another productive week at the State House, I'm eager to share some significant legislative updates that reflect our ongoing efforts to enhance the well-being and prosperity of South Carolinians.

Securing a Sustainable Energy Future for Our Growing State

As we witness unprecedented population growth, the pressing issue of energy sustainability comes to the forefront. I'm gearing up for a pivotal debate on the Ten-Year Energy Transformation Act (H.5118) next week. This bill is our response to the "crisis point" we face with energy supply, aiming to fortify our infrastructure to meet the surging demand.

The focus of H.5118 is multifaceted, aiming to:

Diversify our energy sources, with an emphasis on exploring nuclear energy potential.

Streamline regulatory processes to facilitate the swift development of new energy projects, ensuring our infrastructure can support South Carolina's continued growth.

I'm dedicated to navigating the complexities of this bill to en-

sure a future where our state boasts a robust, self-sufficient energy grid. Your insights are very important for us as we approach this critical decision.

Upcoming Deliberations on DEI Legislation

As the discussion around DEI policies unfolds in our educational institutions, the upcoming debate on H.4289 is crucial. This bill ensures that our colleges and workplaces emphasize merit and individual achievement over mandatory diversity pledges and training. While the intentions behind DEI initiatives—to foster inclusivity and represent diverse backgrounds—are commendable, there is a growing conversation about finding a balance that truly benefits everyone without compromising the principles of fairness and meritocracy. As we prepare to address this legislation, I am focused on promoting an educational environment where equality and opportunity are not just ideals but realities for all, aligned with our highest ac-

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about who did this and why very soon.”

Update March 25, 2024

Ny'Jeri Izay Patterson, age 17, is in jail charged with Murder, Armed Robbery, and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Violent Crime in connection with the shooting death of the victim, who has been identified by Coroner Karla Knight as Stephen Donovan Carter, age 18. Patterson was arrested without incident at his home on Douglas Road, Lancaster, Sunday at about 9:00 p. m. Patterson is charged as

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night.

The investigation is active, and investigators are attempting to determine whether anyone other than Patterson was involved in the incident. Additional arrests and charges are possible.

“Mr. Carter’s family members and others at the scene as we began the investigation provided crucial information that allowed us to identify Patterson as a suspect Friday night,” said Sheriff Barry Faile. “We had assistance from the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the Sixth Circuit Solicitor’s Office throughout the weekend and had enough evidence by Sunday night to take Patterson into custody. If our investigators determine that others were involved in this, we will seek appropriate charges and make additional arrests.”

(All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.)

Anyone with information about this or any other case should call the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office at 803-283-3388 and select Option 4 or submit a tip in one of the following ways: use the link www.p3tips.com/983 or download the P3Tips mobile app available for both Apple and Android devices. Crime tips may be made anonymously.

Fatality

Per Coroner Karla Knight Deese: On March 24, 2024, Lancaster County Deputy Coroner, Joey Edwards responded to a single vehicle collision on Pageland Highway in Lancaster, SC. The collision occurred just before 1900. The single occupant in the vehicle was pronounced deceased on scene and has been identified as 42-year-old Adam Davis of Lancaster, SC. The incident is being investigated by South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Lancaster County Coroner’s Office.

March 31st, 2024

March 31st is recognized as National Prom Day. A day that was created to honor friendship, cherish memories, celebrate history, and enjoy the fun and excitement this milestone event brings. The mission of nationalpromday.org is to create a community that fosters confidence, empowerment, and individuality! They also proudly support Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

Church Event Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Address: 6676 Flat Rock Road, Heath Springs, SC 29058

Event type: “Easter Sunrise Service”

Event Information:

Time: 7:00am