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## 'Impossible is just the starting point'

Trump, Republicans celebrate long, bumpy road to nomination, bash Clinton



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's children (from left) Donald Trump Jr., Ivanka Trump, Eric Trump and Tiffany Trump celebrate Tuesday during the second day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

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BY JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

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New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was one of the few speakers to energize

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S.C. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster nominates Donald Trump as the Republican candidate for president Tuesday in Cleveland.

## McMaster, S.C. savor big moment in Cleveland

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CLEVELAND — On Tuesday night, the political world learned the name Henry McMaster.

The South Carolina lieutenant governor was personally selected by Donald Trump to address the Republican National Convention, kicking off

Trump's formal nomination as the GOP pick for president.

"They tell me I was the first elected official to endorse Donald Trump," said McMaster, looking out at the crowd of packed delegates from the stage inside Quicken Loans Arena. "It was lonely for a while. But no more."

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## Foes fail to put brakes on bike lane

City Council OKs Ashley bridge plan

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Bicyclists were elated Tuesday when Charleston City Council voted in favor of a plan to convert a lane of the northbound U.S. Highway 17 bridge over the Ashley River to bike and pedestrian use.

The group voted 7-6 in favor of sending a letter to Charleston County Councilman Elliott Summey reaffirming the city's intentions to proceed with the \$2 million conversion of one of the four lanes on the T. Allen Legare Bridge.

Hundreds of people turned out to comment on the bike lane, and the majority of them supported the plan.

Councilman Mike Seekings said that if the city didn't support the plan, "it says we're not ready to join the 20th

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## Sales tax plan gets initial OK

1-526 wouldn't be among the projects going before voters

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Charleston County Council Tuesday gave initial approval to a plan to ask voters on the Nov. 8 ballot for a sales-tax increase that would raise \$2.1 billion for roads, public transportation and green space.

In front of a half full room, the group voted 7-1 to move forward with the plan. It would bring in \$1.4 billion for road projects, \$609.4 million for public transportation and \$123 million for green space.

The vote came after the council removed from the list of potential projects the completion of Interstate 526 across James and Johns islands, the most controversial item included in the draft referendum.

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## Summey says his support for gun ban was mistake

Points to confusion over type of firearms covered in resolution

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Charleston County Council Chairman Elliott Summey, a guns rights advocate who said he owns "a pile of guns," now has said he mistakenly voted in favor of a resolution last week calling for state and federal authorities to outlaw the very type of firearms he owns.

Summey said there was some



Summey

confusion at last Thursday's vote because the resolution, as originally presented in writing, called for laws "banning all assault-style weapons" in South Carolina. Summey said he took that to mean fully automatic machine guns that fire hundreds of rounds, as were depicted in a video shown to council.

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## Mega-donors gave \$300K boost to Haley's Great Day

Adelson, Koch brothers helped her target foes

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COLUMBIA — Conservative mega-fundraisers Sheldon Adelson and the Koch brothers gave Gov. Nikki Haley's political advocacy group a major infusion of cash to help in her bid to remove four Republican state Senate rivals in primaries this spring.

Adelson, a Las Vegas casino mogul who was the top Republican donor of the 2012 presidential campaign, sent \$250,000 to Haley's A Great Day SC three weeks before the June primaries.

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The Koch brothers gave the group \$50,000, according to quarterly Internal Revenue Service filings.

The money represents about one-third of the nearly \$1 million given to A Great Day primarily by out-of-state donors. But the cash did not

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# The State

## 2016 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's children – Donald Trump, Jr., Ivanka Trump, Eric Trump and Tiffany Trump – celebrate on the convention floor Tuesday during the second-day session of the Republican National Convention.

# Trump triumphs

## Republicans officially make billionaire their candidate

BY JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

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"The American people have had enough," S.C. Lt. Gov. McMaster says, nominating Donald Trump for the presidency. 4A

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[theestate.com](http://theestate.com): Video of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker talking about visiting S.C. delegates at the GOP convention

**The State at the convention:** The State's Jamie Self is covering this week's GOP convention. You can follow her on Twitter at @jamiemself or on [theestate.com](http://theestate.com), where she will be making midday updates on what the S.C.

## GOP stars court SC delegates at convention

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### CLEVELAND

The Republican path to the White House requires visits – early and often – to the Palmetto State, where voters are among the first in the nation to pick their presidential candidate.

And this week's Republican National Convention has provided possible 2020 GOP candidates – from Tom Cotton to Ted Cruz to Scott Walker – with an opportunity to reach out.

A number of GOP stars are courting the S.C. delegation this week: speaking at its breakfasts, hosting thank-you receptions and, more informally, posing for pictures when they pass through South Carolina's board on the sidewalk.

Some clearly are eyeing a bid for a future presidential nomination.

## Inmates charged in killing at prison

Three inmates charged with murder, attempted murder at Lee Correctional

Inmate killed was serving life sentence for murder

Three other inmates also stabbed on Sunday in same dorm

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### BISHOPVILLE

Three state inmates are facing murder charges for their alleged involvement in the killing of a fellow prisoner and attempted murder charges for another's injuries at Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville.

South Carolina Department of Corrections investigators say Terrance Griffin, 29, Quintin Lumpkins, 20, and Michael Wylie Jr., 27, were involved in the June 22 killing of Ae Kingratsaiphon, a 35-year-old inmate who was sentenced in 1999 to life in prison for murder.

The announcement by state officials comes just days after three other inmates were stabbed in a separate incident, which took place on Sunday in the same dorm where Kingratsaiphon was killed. All three were taken to area hospitals for treatment. Two remain in the hospital, agency spokeswoman Stephanie Givens told The State newspaper.

Both stabbing incidents took place at one of the most problematic dorms of the one of the state's most notorious and largest prisons. Lee Correctional is a maximum security facility that is currently housing an estimated 1,300 inmates.

Givens declined to elaborate further on Sunday's stabbings and security and manpower at the facility, citing an ongoing investigation.

"The safety and security of staff and inmates is of the utmost importance," Givens said in a written statement. "Corrections officials are working to address staffing levels to maintain proper security protocols. The incident at Lee on Sunday is currently under investigation and will be reviewed when complete."

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## State child abuse, neglect deaths up

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COLUMBIA - The number of South Carolina children dying from abuse and neglect increased to 28 last year, the state's child welfare agency reported Tuesday.

The State Department of Social Services also says that the number of children served by DSS as a result of an indicated report of abuse or neglect increased to 20,309 in 2015 from 16,794 for 2014. The number of fatalities as a percentage of all children served by the agency remained about constant from 2014 to 2015, DSS reported.

Tuesday's numbers, posted to the agency's website, compare to 22 children who died in 2014, 25 in 2013 and 14 in 2012, according to DSS. The agency, until Thursday, had reported 24 deaths in 2013 but said that number was in error.

"Anyone who has worked in child welfare knows that the hardest part of a caseworker's job is learning of and responding to child fatalities that result from abuse and neglect," DSS Director Susan Alford said in a statement to *The Greenville News*. "It is a dagger to the heart, regardless of whether DSS had prior involvement with that child. Our responsibility is to not only seriously review the circumstances in which fatalities occur, and improve our case practice to provide better safety nets for children at risk, but to also educate the public about the ways in which they can help in the prevention of child fatalities in this state."

According to the state Department of Social Services, the number of complaints of child abuse and neglect received by the agency went from 27,370 in 2012 to 30,950 in 2014 and 40,463 in 2015.

The number of investigations in child abuse and neglect, meanwhile, jumped from 13,218 in 2012 to 16,501 in 2014 and 23,347 last year.

DSS officials have argued that most of the increase is because of a new, centralized reporting system with a includes toll-free numbers that was enacted in some parts of the state last year.

Of the 28 deaths, DSS said in four cases it had indicated reports of abuse or neglect on the family in the last year. In seven cases, the agency said, it had such reports on the family within the past five years. In some cases it had no reports.

"There are cases in which the family was not known to the Department of Social Services through a prior indicated case," DSS said in a footnote to the data. "Some families only become known to the agency because of the child's death,

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Zhe Wang, an automotive engineering graduate student, explains work he does on an engine at the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research on Tuesday.

## McLeer to lead SC Arts Alliance

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For someone who serves as executive director of the leading non-profit arts advocacy group in the state and works out of a performing arts center that has helped revitalize Fountain Inn, George Patrick McLeer's new office really isn't artsy.

"I really probably should have more stuff up and I will eventually," McLeer said as he looked around the white walls of his new work space at the Younits Center for Performing Arts. "We're a pretty mobile office though. It's a one-person show."

McLeer completed the move last week as the South Carolina Arts Alliance office officially shifted from Rock Hill to Fountain Inn. McLeer actually doesn't have a typical office. It's part of a shared space in the box office of the Younits Center.

That's just fine with him. McLeer didn't take over as SCAA's new executive director July 1 for a title or for fancy artwork in a luxurious office. He took it to continue doing what he's done in Mauldin for the past six years but on a statewide level.

The SCAA is a coalition of arts organizations, educators, administrators, artists and other business and community leaders that serve the arts through advocacy and leadership development. The SCAA works throughout the state to encourage civic engagement to advance the arts, to inform public policy and to advocate for public-sector support for the arts and arts education.

"Some of the work that the Arts Alliance does at the state and federal level is making sure that the arts are seen as a tool for community and economic and quality of life," McLeer said.

Having a mobile office is essential for McLeer as he works throughout the state. A goal is to visit all 46 counties over a two-year span.

McLeer has spent the past six years transforming the Mauldin Cultural Center into an arts center that attracts more than 30,000 visitors each year to a variety of events. In ad-

## Tata funds fellowships for Indian students

Clemson officials hope relationship with empire will grow

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Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research has begun benefiting financially from India's Tata business empire — a year and a half after hosting its father figure.

Clemson officials feted Ratan Tata, former chairman of Tata Sons, in February of 2015, presenting him with an honorary doctorate during the South Carolina Automotive Summit at the downtown Hyatt.

They also took him on a tour of ICAR, where

study automotive engineering at ICAR.

Clemson officials hope it's the start of a broader relationship with the Tata empire, which includes the British company that makes Jaguar and Land Rover cars.

Students receiving the fellowships — each worth \$26,500 a year — will be graduates of India's PSG College of Technology, which also grants degrees in automotive engineering. The fellowships will cover tuition, fees, housing, books and other expenses associated with attending ICAR, said Zoran Filipi, chair of the automotive engineering department. Filipi called the fellowships a "golden ticket" for the students, who "would have needed support to

"If you do good work and you have impact, foundations will continue to invest in you."







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### NEWS DIGEST

#### Plans finalized for new west-side hotel

Spartanburg-based Pinnacle Hospitality has finalized designs for a 116-room hotel to be completed in September 2017.

The new Hilton Garden Inn will be located at 805 Spartan Blvd., next to the Hampton Inn & Suites and Summit Pointe Conference Room & Events Center.

"We are delighted to partner with Hilton Worldwide as we begin to break ground on Spartanburg's first Hilton Garden Inn," said Sachin Shanbhag, Pinnacle Hospitality managing director, in a statement. "We believe this exciting, adaptive-use development will serve the greater Spartanburg area and neighboring businesses."

The new hotel will be six stories with over 10,000 square feet of meeting and event space. It will also feature a fitness center, outdoor pool and a full service restaurant and bar.

Another hotel is currently under construction near the site. Pinnacle Hospitality announced in March it had signed an agreement with Marriott International to build a new 105-room Residence Inn at Westgate Center behind WestGate Mall. That project should be completed next spring.

#### Mom charged with drowning infant

COLUMBIA — The family of a woman charged with murder after her 6-week-old son drowned in a pond at a Myrtle Beach outlet mall said she was overwhelmed by the challenges of returning to work as a first-time mom and dealing with an abusive boyfriend. Jameisha Alexander was seen holding her son, King, near the pond Saturday night by someone who called security. By the time officers arrived, Alexander was gone and the baby was in the water, according to her arrest warrant. Paramedics tried CPR but the boy died a short time later. Alexander, 24, was taken into custody two hours later after being involved in a wreck about

#### GOP 2016 CONVENTION

# Trump's their man

Billionaire claims GOP nomination, says 'Go all the way'

By Julie Pace  
The Associated Press

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Trump's campaign hoped the formal nomination would both end the discord surging through the Republican Party and overshadow

the convention's chaotic kick-off, including a plagiarism charge involving Melania Trump's address on opening night.

There were flurries of dissent on the convention floor as states that Trump did not win recorded their votes, but he far outdistanced his primary rivals. His vice presidential pick, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, was also formally nominated.

Trump was put over the top by his home state of New York. Four of his children joined the state's delegation on the convention floor for the historic moment and appeared overwhelmed with emotion.

SEE GOP, A5



Donald Trump flash two thumbs up Monday during the opening day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. On Tuesday, Republicans nominated Trump as their presidential candidate.

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#### 'HIT-AND-MISS RAIN'

## Drought affecting Upstate farms



Whitney Farr of Circle F Farms checks the animals and fields on his Spartanburg County farm. The lack of rain has reduced his hay yield this year and affected his soybean plantings. PHOTOS BY ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

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#### NOMINATING TRUMP

## McMaster in spotlight for GOP

By Meg Kinnard  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — When South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster announced his early support of Donald Trump, many wondered why the establishment Republican was backing the out-of-the-box candidate. Even some within the longtime GOP fixture's inner circle publicly expressed disappointment of his pick.

With McMaster stepping into the national spotlight Tuesday to give a speech officially submitting Trump as the GOP nominee, however, his wager is apparently beginning to pay off.

In a year with a Republican field that covered just about every angle of a fractured party, many presumed the veteran politician would back an



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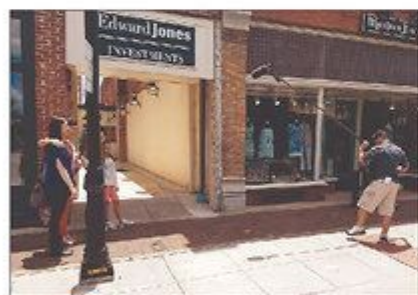
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**G It's Entertainment**

## Production company films second movie in Florence



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G It's Entertainment, a film production company based in Murrells Inlet, films a portion of an upcoming movie Monday on West Evans Street in downtown Florence.

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FLORENCE — Film crews from G It's Entertainment once again took over the streets of Florence and Marion this week while working on an upcoming production called, "An Inherited Life."

The Murrells Inlet-based production company filmed in Florence for another production in the summer of 2015. On Monday, the crew filmed

in various downtown Florence locations, including the Hotel Florence, the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce offices and the After Dark Jazz Café, before moving to Marion on Tuesday.

In the process, the crew completely converted the jazz café into a Southern diner.

"We used a little bit of movie magic and transformed the area," said Brad Tarnowsky, unit production manager for G It's Entertainment.

"An Inherited Life,"

which Tarnowsky calls a "working title," is about an overworked mother of two who gets laid off from her job in Los Angeles and moves to a house in Marion that she inherited from her great aunt, who recently passed away.

The story follows the mother and her daughters as they transition from a Californian lifestyle to a Southern one.

Because G It's Entertainment is based in South Carolina, the production company likes to support local businesses and com-

munities by frequenting those areas, Tarnowsky said.

"Film is such a good way for local business to get noticed," he said. From housing to catering, G It's Entertainment aims to support the local economy while inhabiting an area for up to two weeks.

In fact, Tarnowsky said, the team went into the After Dark Jazz Café the night before filming and ended up inviting people

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**Marlboro County**

## Father and son struck, killed on roadside

From staff reports

BENNETTSVILLE — A father and son were killed Tuesday morning after being struck by a vehicle as they were standing on the shoulder of S.C. 9 East just outside of Bennettsville.

Marlboro County Coroner Tim Brown identified the victims as Billy Lightsinger, 60, and Adam Lightsinger, 24, both of McColl.

Brown said the incident happened at 4:50 a.m. when Billy was trying to help pull Adam's vehicle out of a ditch. Billy was using his 2013 Chevy pickup truck to tow the stuck vehicle.

After the truck pulled the stuck vehicle out on the roadway, the truck remained in the roadway pointing in the wrong direction. According to Cpl. Sonny Collins of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, the truck was facing oncoming traffic with its headlights on.

A 2006 Honda Accord was traveling head-on toward the pickup truck, and because of another oncoming car, the Accord swerved onto the right side of the road in order to avoid a collision, Collins said. That



A project waits to be removed from a 3-D printer plate.

## If you dream it, they will print it

### SiMT Makerspace builds imagination in Florence



Several of the items on display in the Makerspace include a brain and chess pieces, all with the intricate design of pieces built traditionally.

BY MELISSA ROLLINS  
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FLORENCE — The space is what you make it. Or rather, what you make in it.

The building possibilities are numerous in the new Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology (SiMT) Center Makerspace, located in the Gould Business Incubator at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

The Makerspace is a 3-D printing lab that is open to the public to explore and create. Managing director Ashley Dingle said the cost to use the lab is set up similar to the pricing for a gym membership.

"People can come in here for \$25 a month, \$15 for students, so it is very

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## Effingham lumber companies announce expansions

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EFFINGHAM — Charles Ingram

Lumber Co. is "expanding its operations significantly" with a \$6.5 million project, company officials said, while Willowcreek Lumber is expanding with a \$2.8



A new crane at Charles Ingram Lumber Co. is part of a \$8.3 million





## LOCAL

How Etta Mann's character helped shape the Lowcountry 3A



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## BLUFFTON

## Leaders: No-wake zone, sewer work still on list

Bluffton leaders held a workshop Tuesday to discuss the town's new 2017 fiscal year strategic plan

Plan breaks initiatives into 6 categories: May River, organization, economic growth, fiscal sustainability, quality of life, infrastructure

Many projects left unfinished in fiscal year 2016 included in plan

BY LUCAS HIGH  
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From widening the boat ramp and building a public dock at Oyster Factory Park to launching a new website, the town of Bluffton completed dozens of projects and initiatives last fiscal year.

But as fiscal year 2017 — which began this month after the approval of a new \$36.5-million budget — gets underway in earnest, town lead-

ers have a slew of projects left to finish and many others that have not yet started.

"Lots got done, but there are some things that will transfer into (fiscal year) 2017," town manager Marc Orlando said during a special Bluffton Town Council work session Tuesday evening.

Those projects were broken down into six categories and compiled into a new strategic plan.

Here are some of the high-

lights from the plan:

### MAY RIVER WATERSHED

Bluffton leaders consider the May River to be heart of the town, and initiatives to improve conditions on the river are a high priority every year. Fiscal year 2017 is no different.

The town is in the process of applying to the state for a no-wake zone along a stretch of the river near Old Town. Town leaders say they hope the zone will improve safety as well ec-

ological conditions.

In the coming year, town staff will work on developing a water quality model for the river to help identify new ways to reduce pollution and contamination, Orlando said.

### TOWN ORGANIZATION

One of the most significant items on the town's organization-to-do list for the fiscal year has already been all but decided.

Last year, there was significant support from some Town Council members to explore expanding the governing body from five members to seven.

That proposal withered on the vine last month when town leaders opted not to put a referendum on the ballot that would have allowed voters to decide whether to add council members.

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California delegates cheer during the nomination roll call on Tuesday, the second day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

## GOP CONVENTION

## It's official: GOP makes Trump its candidate

Flurries of dissent make little headway on convention floor

on the convention floor as states that Trump did not win

But Colorado's Kendal Unruh, a leader of the anti-Trump forces, called the convention a "sham" and warned party leaders that their efforts to silence opposition would keep some Republicans on the sidelines in the fall campaign against Clinton.

This week's four-day convention is Trump's highest-profile opportunity to convince voters that he's better suited for the



## SPORTS

### ISLAND GOLFER GETS RIO NOD

Hilton Head Island resident Stephanie Meadow becomes a late addition to the Olympic field and will represent Ireland in the 2016 Games. 1B



## LOCAL

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## Two arrested in double homicide

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — Two people were arrested in connection with a double homicide in Darlington County that claimed the life of a 9-year-old girl and her grandmother.



Cowick, C.



Cowick, K.

Cephas Cowick, 23, and Katherine Baucom Cowick, 25, have been charged with murder in connection with this incident, according to Darlington County Sheriff Wayne Byrd. Both suspects are currently being held at the Darlington County Detention Center.

This incident occurred at 2129 East Bobo Newsome Highway in the Swift Creek community, 8 miles west of Darlington. Deputies responded to the residence just before noon on Sunday where the victims' bodies were found, according to Byrd.

Coroner Todd Hardee released the identities of two victims: Deziyah Davis, 9, and her grandmother Denise Couplin, 52. Hardee ruled their deaths as a double homicide.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) crime scene unit, SLED child fatality unit, Darlington County Coroner's Office and sheriff's office are still investigating the incident.

SCNow.com will update this story with more information as it is made available.

## Fire destroys trailer, family loses everything

From staff reports

HARTSVILLE — Two adults and two children escaped a trailer-house fire Monday around 9:30 a.m. in the 1900 block of Black Creek Road, approximately 9 miles east of Hartsville.

About eight Darlington County firefighters responded with two trucks and a rescue unit as well as county EMS services.

The trailer was a total loss and the fire reportedly started in the back of the trailer, according to one of the residents.

The resident said the family was just about to relocate because of previous electrical incidents prior to Monday's fire. The Red Cross had been notified as the family lost all their belongings.

## Reason to celebrate



PHOTOS BY ARDIE ARVIDSON/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

Youth delegates to this year's All-America City demonstration in Denver, Colorado, shower the stage at Friday's winning celebration in downtown Hartsville with confetti. On stage are delegates from the first time the city won All-America City status 20 years ago.

## Hartsville celebrates All-America City status with street party

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Hartsvillians celebrate in the streets their All-America City status on Friday night.

In celebration of the city of Hartsville's All-America City recognition, a downtown Block Party was held Friday evening with free hot dogs and drinks and T-shirts to the first 100 residents.

Hundreds showed up to help celebrate the city's All-America status. There were balloons, confetti, music and dancing in the street.

The Hartsville Fire Department and the Hartsville Police Department were represented. The fire department handed out roughly 1,500 hot dogs during the night.

In addition to live performances, there were games for children and adults, a photo booth and other family activities.

Information booths lined the street and All-America City T-shirts were available for purchase.

On Monday after the event, Mary Catherine Farrell with the city of Hartsville and one of those instrumental in putting together the All-America City application, presentation and the celebratory event, said "This award celebrates our youth and the people and organizations who work so tirelessly to sup-









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## 4th Fridays goes country

Darrell Harwood and band rescheduled from 2015 c1

# City OKs zoning for new water offices

Utility will relocate to corner of South Harvin, East Bartlette streets

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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During its meeting Tuesday, Sumter City Council approved final reading to rezone the majority of a downtown block to central business district in

order to construct new offices for the city water department.

The 3.26 acres of the city block rezoned from general commercial and light industrial-warehouse to central business district are encompassed by East Bartlette Street, East Oakland Avenue, South Harvin Street and South Main Street.

During a previous interview, Sumter Downtown Development Manager Howie Owens said the water department will move into its new building

that will be at the corner of South Harvin and East Bartlette streets between October and December of 2017.



OWENS

He said the project will be paid for with the city utility funding because it is a utility department project.

As of late June, a cost for the project had not been determined.

Owens said the former offices at

Sumter Opera House will be used by venue performers as dressing room space after the new water department building is built.

He said the city also anticipates adding more developments to the block once the utility building is complete.

Later, council held an executive session to discuss a construction contract regarding the City of Sumter Public Services building, a lease agreement

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# \$1.5 million of damage to structure, contents

Sumter Casket owners may stay in business despite losses

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Fire investigators worked until about 3 p.m. on Tuesday putting out hot spots at Sumter Casket Co., 209 Magnolia St., where about \$1.5 million worth of structure and contents were lost during a large fire Monday.

On Monday, firefighters arrived at the scene shortly after 12:45 p.m. to see two of the buildings at the location in flames, one completely engulfed.

According to Sumter Fire Department Division Chief Brian Christmas, a portion of one of the buildings was left standing. The undamaged part of the building is estimated at \$100,000, and the estimated amount of contents saved is \$50,000, he said.

Christmas said the business' offices were destroyed in the flames, but part of the warehouse on site was undamaged. The portion of the building left standing is about 125 feet by 50 feet



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Seen from the Lafayette Drive bridge, Sumter Casket Co. is devastated after Monday's fire.

wide, he said. "I think they are going to try to create some office space there for the time

being and try to get the business up and going again," he said. Estimated damage is

about \$750,000 for the structures and \$750,000 for the contents, Christmas reported. The business was in-

sured, he said. Michael James, owner of

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## Local GOP delegate having a great time

BY JIM HILLEY

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Reports of discord at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, were not accurate said Sumter County Republican Party chairwoman Sherry Smith, who is attending the convention as a delegate from South Carolina Congressional District 5.

"The 'dustup' people were talking about last night on the rules has been overblown," she said.

She said she was on the convention floor as petitions to force a roll-call vote on the rules package were circulated, appar-

*"The Republican National Committee and our South Carolina GOP has really planned out great events for our delegation, so we have been very busy."*

SHERY SMITH

## Trump nominated

CLEVELAND (AP) — United for a night, Republicans nominated Donald Trump on Tuesday as their presidential standard bearer, capping the billionaire businessman's stunning takeover of the GOP and propelling him into a November faceoff with Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump's campaign hoped the formal nomination would both end the discord

tanced his primary rivals. Trump was put over the top by his home state of New York. Four of his children joined the state's delegation on the convention floor for the historic moment and appeared overwhelmed with emotion.

"Congratulations, Dad, we love you," declared Donald Trump Jr.

Some delegates empha-





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## Manager fired over anti-Trump comments

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A manager was fired from El Guerrero, a Mexican restaurant in Saluda, after she posted disparaging words on Facebook about diners who supported Donald Trump.

"Say what you want to," Jessica Sorcia wrote in a June 13 post. "Just know that when you walk in, I will smile, I will greet you, but most definitely I am thinking of ALLLLLLL the evil (expletive) you post about my people. Yeah I run this place, no you can't get me fired, and yes I make money out the (expletive). And deep

down inside I hope you get diarrhea when you leave."

Monica Ramirez, a manager at the restaurant, said Tuesday afternoon that Sorcia, who started as a manager at the end of April, was fired earlier this month.

"We have nothing to do with her comments," Ramirez said. "We had to let her go because we care about our customers."

Calling her post "a joke," Sorcia said via Facebook message that "the post got to eyes that were never meant to read it."

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El Guerrero in Saluda has a decent lunch crowd Tuesday afternoon despite a Facebook post that previously sparked concern among customers.

## SPREADING SOME JOY

Connie Maxwell shares love with law enforcement

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The patter of feet, giggles and chatter filled the activities center Tuesday at Connie Maxwell Children's Home, as children talked to more than a dozen local law enforcement officers.

The children at Connie Maxwell were excited to show their appreciation for the police officers and sheriff's deputies who were invited over. They gave the officers bags of candies and sweets, along with hand-written thank-you notes. While some officers knelt so children could show them magic tricks or their favorite trading cards, some younger children jumped up so officers could carry them. It was hard to find a face without a smile on it.

"With all that's going on across the country, some of the kids started thinking about how the officers must feel about it," said Michael Gambrell, director of enrichment at Connie Maxwell. "They wanted to show their thanks."

As men and women in uniform walked into the room, they were swarmed by children eager to ask them questions and tell them stories. Greenwood Police Capt. Mitchell McAllister held young Nyiesha in one arm while she posed for pictures from Connie Maxwell staff.

"This is encouraging," McAllister said, "because these kids are our future. If we continue to do right by our kids, we'll continue to build a better future for them."

After some time, Miller Murphy, director of communications, led Connie Maxwell's children and staff along with the officers in prayer. His invocation reminded all of the officers who put their lives at risk when they leave their families to go to work in the mornings.

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**ABOVE:** Greenwood police Capt. Mitch McAllister and Nyiesha, a resident at Connie Maxwell Children's Home, pose for a picture Monday at an event to celebrate and show appreciation for local law enforcement. **BOTTOM:** Greenwood Police officer Ed Suddeth hands a deck of cards back to a child Monday at Connie Maxwell Children's Home, after showing him a magic trick.



### SALES TAX

County Council endorses Greenwood initiative

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With one vote left before it can officially appear on November's ballot, a proposed penny sales tax to raise \$72 million for capital projects across Greenwood County got a major endorsement on Tuesday night.

In its first public comments on the matter, the County Council was unanimous in its support not only for implementing a 1 percentage point increase on the sales tax, but also for giving voters a chance to decide its fate.

"I couldn't be more in favor of this," Councilman Robbie Templeton said. "It is absolutely the best way to get capital projects done."

The council will hold a special meeting on July 26 for a third and final reading on the ordinance, which clears the way for its inclusion on the ballot.

If approved, the proposal would add 1 percent to the local sales tax for up to eight years to cover capital improvement ventures in Greenwood, Hodges, Ninety Six, Troy and Ware Shoals.

Among the 27 projects to make the cut is \$6.09 million for the construction of a manufacturing center on the campus of Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, \$14.2 million for a fire service master plan that calls for building a public safety training facility, \$8.4 million for continued development of the North Greenwood Industrial Park and \$11.9 million for the widening of Highway 246 from its intersection at Highway 221 to Emerald Road.

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## Pokemon stop: Self Regional bans popular game on campus





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## A.O. Smith earns major safety award

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Staff Reporter

About half of the 450 employees of the A.O. Smith commercial water heater plant were on hand for last Wednesday's presentation of the Lloyd B. Smith President's Safety Award for 2015 to the facility located in the McBee industrial corridor on U.S. 1.

As a result of a year in which they launched nine new safety initiatives, the employees of the McBee plant were rewarded for their efforts by earning the award named after a former chief executive officer of the company, which is based in Milwaukee, Wis.

The President's Award is given annually to the A. O. Smith facility that achieves the best overall performance in workplace safety. A total of 23 facilities worldwide were evaluated based on statistical

measures, as well as evidence of having a comprehensive, sustainable workplace safety program.

Accepting the award on behalf of all employees were the McBee Safety Team composed of B.J. Frotten, Kim Green, Wayne Mixon, Dawn Sanders, Marc Smith, Tim Wallace, Timmy Wallace, Lori Washington, Robert Watkins and Brent Wilkerson.

This is the fourth time the McBee plant has received the Lloyd B. Smith President's Safety Award in the 62-year history of the program. It is the only current A. O. Smith facility to have earned the recognition on four separate occasions, having also received the award in 1982, 1992 and 2006.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ajita G. Rajendra presented the award to the



A.O. Smith recently earned the Lloyd B. Smith President's Safety award for 2015.

Contributed

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Above, participants practice their skills at the football camp held last Saturday.

Ashley Hatcher/Staff Photographer

## Pros give back to kids

JOAN YATES  
Staff Reporter

Three former Cheraw High School football players who've worked their way into the National Football League returned home last weekend to give back to the community.

Arizona Cardinals wide receiver

Jaron Brown, Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive end Cliff Matthews and Denver Broncos strength and conditioning coach Dennis Love partnered with Pathfinders United to host a camp at Cheraw High's Micklejohn Field on Saturday.

"This was definitely a community effort," said

Pathfinder's United president John Melton. "We appreciate everyone's support, and especially the support of Jaron, Dennis and Cliff, who took time out of their schedules to come out and give back to all these kids."

More than 300 participants

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## Death threats due to 'love'

JOAN YATES  
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A Jefferson man was arrested after police say he assaulted a woman from Polkton, N.C., with a knife, threatening to kill her if she left him.

An arrest warrant issued in Anson County, N.C., said Frankie Stover, 50, was arrested for "striking the victim with his hand on her chest, attempting to stab her with a

The victim filed a domestic violence report in which she said the fight started when Stover was ready to go to bed, but she wasn't ready to go.

According to the warrant, Stover held a butcher knife and a steak knife to the victim, saying, "I love you so much I'll kill you if you leave me," while trying to smother her.

Stover also "tore up" two phones so the victim couldn't call the police, according to

bruises from the attack.

Stover was charged with assault on a female, assault with a deadly weapon, communicating threats, interfering with emergency communications and false imprisonment, all misdemeanors.

He was booked into the Anson County jail with no bond and barred from contact with his alleged victim, visiting her residence, school or work and banned from having

## Guns confiscated in arrest

JOAN YATES  
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Two Pageland men were arrested Friday and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

According to Pageland Police Chief Craig Greenlee, James Nicholson and Cameron McKinney, both of 932 East McGregor St., Pageland, came to the atten-

tion of the police when a concerned citizen showed police officers multiple pictures of three individuals holding guns in a careless manner on social media.

Greenlee said the citizen was concerned for the welfare of those who would be at the Watermelon Festival, especially in light of events that have been happening lately in other places.

"Further investigation showed one of those in the pictures was a juvenile," said Greenlee. "The other two were adults, James Nicholson and Cameron McKinney."

The police department was able to obtain an arrest warrant based upon the pictures, as well as the fact stolen guns had previously been in the home.

"The two men were arrested, and 40 weapons were recovered at the house," said Greenlee. "They had pistols,



McKinney



Nicholson

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## County Council courting \$45 million economic development

ROBERT MONNIE  
Staff Reporter

Based on the recommendation of Chesterfield County Economic Development Director Kim Burch at last week's meeting, Chesterfield County Council unanimously approved the first reading of an economic incentive package to entice a private firm that has two parts to set up shop in the western county.

Dubbed Project Leaf I and Project Leaf II, this private sector \$45 million investment is expected to create 40 new jobs.

The first incentive established a fee payment to the county in lieu of taxes, the provision of revenue credits and other related matters, while the other measure would add land in the



Robert Monnie/Staff Photographer

County Council approved the first reading of an economic incentive package last Tuesday.

in the joint industrial park with Kershaw County. These incentives have become standard procedures by state and local governments to help convince private businesses,

Nestle Water, to locate to those government entities.

In the past 13 months, which includes Titan Stainless, Sun Recycling and the



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