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Gift a ray of hope for local lighthouse

\$10,000 SeaPak donation to aid effort to restore Morris Island landmark

BY BO PETERSEN
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The stairwell is rusting that leads up the leaning, weatherbeaten icon of the Lowcountry coast. The glass is gone from the beacon light cupola

15 stories high. Salt air and storms tear at the Morris Island Lighthouse. The volunteers trying to save the century-old tower struggle on as if against headwinds, in what has become nearly a two-decade-long effort. They still need at least \$3 million

more of the \$6 million it will take. "We don't feel we have a lot of time," said Al Hitchcock, chairman of Save The Light.

After \$3 million spent to set up a steel sheet piling and pilings underneath, "We feel the lighthouse is not going to fall over, it's not going to fall down. The problem now is the metal is corroding. It's dangerous to climb. We have to have a special ladder to get in."

The effort has helping hands; what

it needs are deeper pockets.

On Monday, SeaPak Shrimp and Seafood Co. will step in by granting the effort \$10,000 in honor of National Lighthouse Day, which was Sunday. And there are plans to light up the old tower at least one more time, on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m., as part of the fundraising effort, with a battery-powered light donated by SCE&G.

Hitchcock keeps after the effort. "We're halfway there," he said.

The Morris Island Lighthouse is

the singular fixture of the Charleston beachfront, the striped tower seeming to float in the inlet between Folly Beach and Morris Island, the barrier island at the southern tip of Charleston Harbor beyond Fort Sumter.

Built in 1876 on an island big enough to hold several buildings, the lighthouse now rises from the inlet breakers at high tide and along a thin strand of sand at low tide.

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Babies take plunge, learn survival skills

Course teaches very young children to swim, float safely



Clint Avery, an instructor with Infant Swimming Resource, works with 11-month-old Michael Baxley in a self-rescue swimming lesson at a residential pool in Hanahan. Michael began lessons as a 6-month-old.

BY MELISSA BOUGHTON
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Eleven-month-old Michael Baxley was plopped in the water face first and immediately began moving his little arms and legs until he made it onto his back, and then just floated. There was water in his face and he was crying, but he was alive.

Kristina Baxley put her son in an Infant Swimming Resource self-rescue class when he was just 6 months old. He cried, kicked a lot and had no sense of how to float or any other water skills Baxley would have hoped for.

"We live on the water, and he's quick," she said. "We wanted to take all steps possible to protect him."

It takes anywhere from four to six weeks to teach children as young as 6 months old a roll and swim technique in the water that allows them to stay afloat and survive in the water while also trying to find a way out. ISR is highly specialized and tailored to students.

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Find a class

For more information about Infant Swimming Resource or to register your child for self-rescue lessons, go to infantswim.com. There is an instructor locator tool on the website with contact information for instructors nearby.

Landfill deal aims to protect 233 acres

Compromise would settle Dorchester suit

BY BO PETERSEN
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The trade would be straight up: Preserve 233 acres of freshwater wetlands and uplands so that 83 acres of "not prime" habitat can be pyled with trash, just that quickly, a two-year standstill over the proposed expansion of the Oakridge Landfill could end.

Waste Management spokesman Russell Hightower called the compromise an environmentally responsible solution to allow the permitting process for the Dorchester County operation to move forward. The acreage, purchased by the company, would be preserved as conservation easements.

The tracts include nearly 200 acres along the Edisto River to be managed by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, and a smaller property to be managed by Audubon South Carolina near upper Four Holes Swamp.

The compromise would settle a dispute over the company's proposal to fill 14 acres of wetlands in the expansion tract that sits along headwater wetlands of a creek draining into Four Holes Swamp. The state issued a permit for the work in 2014. The Coastal Conservation League challenged it. The compromise would settle the lawsuit.

"In the face of major development threats we had to relocate," said Katie Zimmerman, the league's air, water and public health program director. "We think this is going to end up being a benefit to the Dorchester County area."

But residents near the landfill, who long have complained about occasional odors and worry for well water in the area, aren't expected to be pleased. One hanging upon a phone call asking for comment.

County Councilman George Bailey, whose district includes the community around the landfill, said he has not heard from residents about the compromise, but people driving by the landfill do complain about the smell at times and he has stopped in to talk with landfill staff about it.

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Critics: Trump has uphill battle in Arizona, Ohio

Say immigration strategy divisive, tough to overcome

BY LAURIE KELLMAN
and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump is trying to shift from a disastrous stretch of his presidential campaign to one focused on policy and party unity. But even as his allies speak of

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Clinton's dealings with Russia marked by successes, failures

Putin brought problems for former secretary of state

BY BRADLEY KLAPPER
and MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As secretary of state, Hillary Clinton backed in a diplomatic "Moscow Spring," seizing on Vladimir Putin's break from the presidency to help seal a nuclear arms-control treaty and secure Rus-

sia's acquiescence to a NATO-led military intervention in Libya. But when Putin returned to the top job, things changed.

Clinton, the Democratic presidential nominee, has vowed to stand up to Putin if elected, drawing on her four years of ups and downs as the public face of President Barack Obama's first-term "reset" with Russia.

Her opponent, Donald Trump, has rung alarm bells in Washington and Europe with his overtures to the authoritarian Russian leader.

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Jails in South Carolina charge varying rates for inmates to telephone their relatives, lawyers and others.

Do phone rates at area jail squeeze inmates' families?

BY CYNTHIA ROLDAN
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Lexington County jail inmates are being charged phone rates to call home that are substantially higher than their counterparts in Richland County — rates a state senator said take advantage of their relatives.

The money collected from inmate calls has added an annual average of about \$290,500 to the budget for operating the jail during the past five years, figures from the county's finance office show.

The company that has the

■ Rates for phone calls out of the Lexington jail vary. But they're higher than neighboring Richland County's Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. A state senator calls them 'exorbitant.'

contract with the Lexington County Detention Center, Securus Technologies, which is one of the nation's largest phone providers for inmates, has been accused of predatory pricing by a human rights organization that focuses on jails and prisons.

Lexington County has one charge for calls made out of state, two pricing tiers for in-state calls and one for local calls. At \$3.95 for the first minute for the most expensive in-

state call, Lexington County's charge is nine times greater than the most expensive charge at Richland County's Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center, according to research done by The State newspaper.

The newspaper's review has found phone calls from the jail are among the costliest in the area. The Lexington jail is one of more than 20 jails in South Carolina that contract with Securus.

Senate Majority Leader Sen. Shane Massey, whose serves on the S.C. Senate's Corrections and Penology committee, called the prices "exorbitant."

"Really, you're not punishing the inmates in this," Massey, R-Edgefield, said Friday.

"You're punishing the inmates' families, because all the money is coming from the outside."

Massey said the jail should be able to recoup the cost of having the phone system. But \$3.95 for the first minute is too high, he said.

Securus charges staggered

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Inmate phone calls contribute to jail budget

A year-by-year tally of how much the Lexington County jail has received from its share of the contract with Securus Technologies.

\$306,001
in 2012

\$276,272
in 2013

\$353,312
in 2014

\$271,212
in 2015

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Source: Budget Comparison Report provided by Lexington County

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Ties to Biden might help or hurt former aide's bid



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Research could lead to space farming

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CLEMSON - When Thomas G. Clemson envisioned an agricultural college on his land in the 1880's, he probably never dreamed that scientists there would one day be developing technology for growing crops in outer space.

But astronauts may be able to enjoy fresh-picked salad on the ride to Mars in the not-so-distant future, thanks to the work of professors and students in Clemson University's mechanical engineering department.

Deep space farming isn't as far-fetched as it may sound, according to Joshua Summers, one of three profes-

sors leading the research with a grant from NASA.

"Technically, we could be there now," with manned missions to Mars, he said. It's politics, not technology, that has kept the astronaut corps confined to earth orbit, he said.

And the technology for growing vegetables in space won't have to be devel-

oped from scratch.

Clemson is working with a company in Boston called Freight Farms that has developed a hydroponic growing system that operates inside 40-foot-long refrigerated shipping containers and is now being used by about 60 restaurants to

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Greenville mansion on National Register

Home built in 1878 is currently being restored

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Preservationists who worked to save the Wilkins House recognized its historic significance. Now, the federal government does, too.

The mansion, built in 1878, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, according to Ehren Foley, National Register co-coordinator/historical marker coordinator at the S.C. Department of Archives and History.

Its nomination for the list was approved at the state level in April. It was approved at the national level in July, said Foley.

Kyle Campbell, whose company, Preservation South LLC, is in the midst of restoring the mansion, prepared and presented the nomination.

"It's a great honor for the building and really speaks to its significance and the value that the city and the community placed in it when they decided to save it a few years ago," he said.

The mansion was initially built as the residence of wealthy Greenville businessman William T. Wilkins and his wife, Harriet Dawkins Cleveland.

The choice of materials and craftsmanship displayed are evidence of Wilkins' wealth and business connections, the nomination summary said.

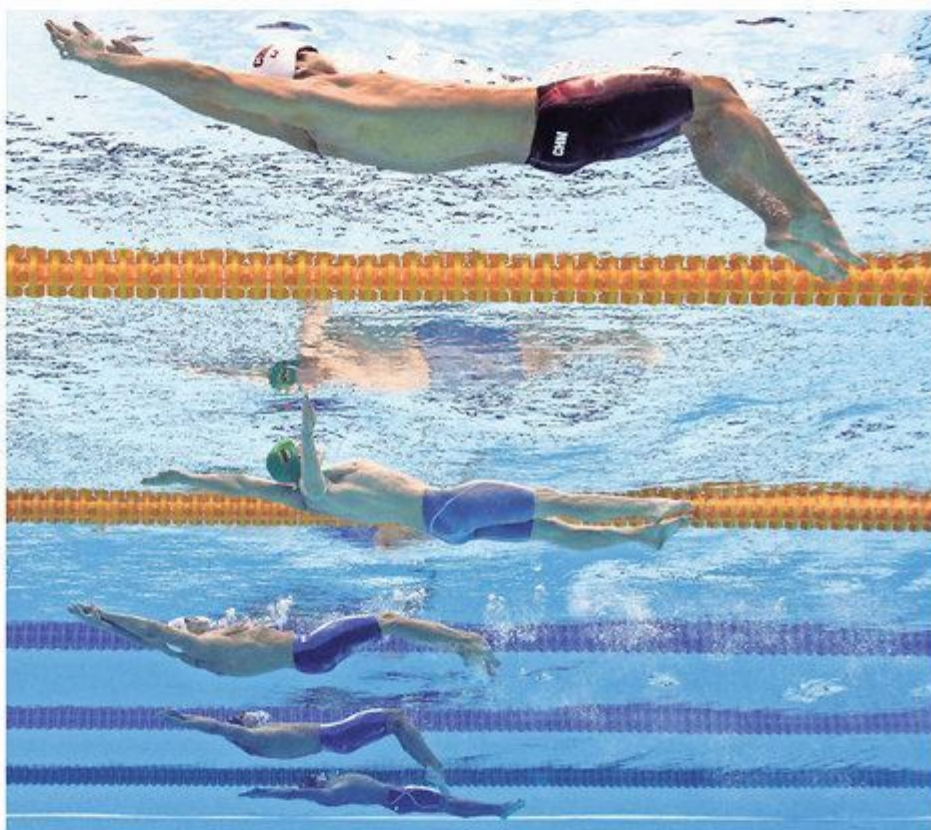
It also said that an 1898 publication had described it as "the finest home of any man in northern South Carolina," due to its materials, expert craftsmanship, and design.

The Italianate-style mansion was constructed by local builder Jacob Cagle, at the end of the Reconstruction era on what was once a 93-acre estate along Augusta Street.

Wilkins, who was born in Spartanburg, died in 1895. His wife, the daughter of a prominent Upstate family with major land holdings in and

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rio



Swimmers compete in the Men's 100-meter backstroke at the Olympic Aquatics Stadium on Sunday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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REGARDS FROM OLYMPIC GAMES

Pole vaulter says opening ceremony was 'spectacular'

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Get more Rio Olympics coverage on Pages 1C and 8C and a complete Olympics schedule on Page 10C.

Former Greenville High standout and Team USA member Sandi Morris updates exclusively for The Greenville News from the 2016 Summer Olympics





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NEWS DIGEST

Sheriff: Teen shoots would-be intruder

HONEA PATH — A South Carolina sheriff says a 15-year-old boy who was housesitting during a funeral has shot a would-be intruder.

Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson tells television station WYFF that the boy was house-sitting for a family who had gone to a funeral on Friday when he saw the man come onto the property from nearby woods.

The sheriff says the boy confronted the man and felt threatened when the suspect reached behind his back for what may have been a weapon. The sheriff says the boy then shot the man in the leg with a .22 caliber pistol. Watson says it's a shame a family can't go to a funeral without worrying about somebody trying to break in.

The sheriff says deputies couldn't find the man despite tracking him into the woods with dogs.

TIP SHEET

TODAY
Spartanburg School District 1 meets at 7 p.m. at the district office, 121 Wheeler St., Campobello.

Spartanburg City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall, 145 W. Broad St., Spartanburg.

Spartanburg County Republican Party precinct reorganization meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Reidville Fire Station, 7450 Reidville Road, Reidville.

TUESDAY
Spartanburg School District 2 meets at 7 p.m. at the district office, 4606 Parris Bridge Road, Boiling Springs.

Spartanburg City Board of Zoning Appeals meets at 5:15 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall, 145 W. Broad St., Spartanburg.

CAMPAIGN 2016

Trump to try to steady ship

GOP nominee aims for bounceback with economic speech

By Laurie Kellman and Jill Colvin
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump is trying to shift from a disastrous stretch of his presidential campaign to one focused on policy and party unity. But

even as his allies speak of lessons the political newcomer has learned, two of his staunchest Republican critics predict he's heading for losses in a pair of battleground states.

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally at Windham High School on Saturday in Windham, N.H.
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Vet-inspired art show to help Upstate Warrior Solution



Robert Chambers, a Marine veteran, has organized an art show called Bullets and Band-aids that will showcase paintings from local artists and represent stories from local veterans. The show will be held 5 to 9 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Hub City Tap House near downtown Spartanburg. ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

By Allison M. Roberts
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For many veterans, talking about their experiences to other people is often difficult because of what they've seen and been through.

Robert Chambers decided to help local veterans find another way to tell their stories.

Chambers, a Marine Corps veteran, and fellow with



COUNTING THE VOTES

Electoral College a mystery to many

By Meg Kinnard
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — It's an institution as old as the nation itself, but the Electoral College remains an enigma to many Americans. The Founding Fathers, apprehensive about the unchecked power of the popular vote, added the extra step to the process of choosing a president.

A look at the ins and outs of the Electoral College and how its role could be even more scrutinized this year:

Who are the electors?

Their names often aren't published on ballots, but voters are technically picking a slate of party electors — not the individual candidate — when they cast their ballots.

Each state has as many members of the Electoral College as its number of U.S. House and Senate members combined. The District of Columbia has three electors, making the national total 538.

Typically each party selects as its electors party leaders, elected officials and activists.



SPORTS Denny Hamlin wins at Watkins Glen. **Page 1B**

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TOP PERFORMER

» **Katie Ledecky:** The freestyle phenom from Bethesda, Maryland, won her first gold medal in Rio, torching the field in the final of the 400 free at Olympic Aquatics Stadium with a stunning time of 3:56.45, winning by nearly five seconds over Britain's Jazz Carlin.

U.S. MEDAL HAUL



TODAY'S MUST WATCH

Men's 100m backstroke
8 p.m. on NBC (live)
» Americans David Plummer and Ryan Murphy have the fastest times in the world this year in the 100-meter backstroke. Plus Katie Ledecky should be in the 200 freestyle semifinals.



Each Monday, the Morning News features a good news story on a person, place or organization in the Pee Dee. If you have a suggestion for someone or something to profile, send it to news@snw.com.



James Jordan has worked as a cast tech supervisor at Pee Dee Orthopaedics for several decades. When children have casts put on by Jordan, parents often give him a photograph in appreciation. Jordan has walls and walls of photos on display in his cast room.

'The cast guy'

James Jordan still going strong after 50-plus years of helping kids heal

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
Morning News
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FLORENCE

Photographs of smiling children plaster the walls of James Jordan's cast room. Some photos show off a child's newly acquired

cast; others bear the child's name in faded ink.

Each photograph represents the story of a child who needed a cast or a boot and appreciated Jordan's services.

For more than 50 years, Jordan has been "the cast guy" at Pee Dee Ortho-

paedics, putting on casts and boots for patients with broken bones. And despite decades of employment and thousands of patients, Jordan remembers most of the children from the photos and can detail what brought each into his room.

"Oh man ... I think everybody in Florence knows

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'Funniest Man in America' returns to Florence

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — Comedian James Gregory will make his return to Florence on Friday for a family-friendly night of fun at the Florence Little Theatre.

While Gregory was raised in Georgia and references many childhood memories, including covered-dish suppers, road trips to Stuckey's and the healthy aspects of fried foods, he does not consider his jokes to be Southern.

"It's more like humor from the heartland," he said, laughing. "Believe it or not, I have never

IF YOU GO

» **WHAT:** James Gregory comedy show
» **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Friday
» **WHERE:** Florence Little Theatre
» **TICKETS:** \$27 to \$42 and can be purchased at florencelittletheatre.org or by calling 843-662-3731 or visiting the FLT box office.

same show I would do in Birmingham, Alabama."

Gregory grew up watching stand-up comedy on programs such as Jack Benny, Milton Berle and the "Ed Sullivan Show." He later was encouraged to test his own jokes at open-mic nights in Atlanta.

Now the comedian, who has been dubbed the "Funniest Man in America," is a regularly

Making of a monument



Artist Dan Garrison of Brown Memorials checks the strapping as Jerry Harrell prepares to lift the stone that will be etched and become part of a monolith the company is preparing to honor those who served in the U.S. Army.

It starts with a huge piece of granite

BY MATTHEW ROBERTSON
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FLORENCE — The U.S. Army monument set to be unveiled this year at a Veterans' Day event at the Florence Veterans Park, made a big step forward last week when the stone that will be the edifice's centerpiece was lifted into place so the etching can start.

Brown Memorials' workers lifted the stone early Thursday morning, rotated it from a vertical to horizontal position and moved it into a climate-controlled chamber, where artist Dan Garrison can etch murals that depict the history of the U.S. Army from World War I through Afghanistan.

The stone sits on a riser specifically constructed to support the stone in a room designed to keep the artist dry and cool as he works on the project.

MORE ONLINE

» On snw.com, watch a video of the final rotation of the stone as two people and a crane work to rotate the stone from the horizontal to the vertical.

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POW medals to be presented to Pee Dee pair

From staff reports

FLORENCE — A new monument and two prisoners of war will be recognized at 10 a.m.

ceived an honorable discharge. The two POWs are Private Paul B. Rung of Florence and Commander Alfred Agnew of Mullins.

being shot down in 1972 in Vietnam. Agnew gained notoriety when he became known as the last POW of the Vietnam War to be released on

years ago by the Florence-area chapter.

The National Chair of Honor Program supports POW/MIAs by reminding Americans of the

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S.C. ETHICS COMMISSION

Winthrop nepotism debacle parallels Moss controversy

■ Five months before calling Beaufort County School District Superintendent Jeff Moss to appear before an ethics panel, commissioners closed the book on nepotism allegations against another educator accused of hiring a spouse.

BY REBECCA LURVE
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A top education leader initiates changes that lead to a new position and ultimately the hiring of a spouse. Public outcry ensues. The leader tries to defend the move by saying it's OK because the spouse reports to someone else. The spouse is forced out of the job, conflicting stories emerge, the involvement of a board chairman is called into question, and the S.C. Ethics Commission finds probable cause to call a hearing on potential violations of using an office for financial gain.

The narrative will sound familiar to those who have followed the nepotism controversy that has dogged Beaufort County School District Superintendent Jeff Moss since his wife was hired to a director-level position last September. But the narrative doesn't fit just Moss. A strikingly similar nepotism controversy happened at Winthrop University in Rock Hill in 2014. And it did not end well for Winthrop President Jamie Comstock Williamson.

While there are distinct differences in what happened here and at Winthrop — most notably the response by each organization's governing board — the parallels in the two cases could be instructive when looking ahead to Moss' ethics hearing, scheduled for Aug. 17, and how the parties involved try to repair their image.

Williamson, fired president of Winthrop University in Rock Hill, admitted in November to violating state nepotism laws two years earlier by hiring her husband to a part-time, \$30,000-a-year job. Larry Williamson had served nine months as senior counsel for strategic initiatives, a post created specifically for him and one that reported directly to his wife's executive assistant.



Jamie Comstock Williamson

Jeff Moss

Comparing the Winthrop and Moss cases

A look at how cases involving Jamie Williamson, ex-president of Winthrop University, and Jeff Moss, superintendent of the Beaufort County School District, compare:

- **SITUATION:** Jamie Williamson hired her husband, Larry Williamson, to a newly created, part-time, temporary position in September 2013. Jeff Moss hired his wife, Darlene Moss, to a newly restructured, full-time position in September 2015.
- **POSITION:** Larry Williamson was named strategic counsel for strategic initiatives and earned a \$30,000 salary. Darlene Moss was named director of innovation and was set to earn a nearly \$90,000 salary.
- **ORIGIN OF THE JOB:** Jamie Williamson suggested the university create a position to formalize her husband's volunteer work as a Winthrop representative. Jeff Moss asked a staff member to restructure the job of academic improvement officer, which was vacant, into a new innovation role and said he did not know his wife would apply.
- **SEARCH:** Larry Williamson was the only person to apply for the strategic counsel job, which was not advertised. Darlene Moss was one of 33 applicants for the director of innovation job, which was advertised online.
- **CHAIN OF COMMAND:** Larry Williamson and Darlene Moss both reported to a staff member who directly reported to their spouses: Williamson to the president's executive assistant and Moss to the superintendent's chief instructional officer.
- **BOARD RESPONSE:** The Winthrop Board of Trustees fired Jamie Williamson. The majority of the Beaufort school board stood behind Jeff Moss.
- **EMPLOYEE RESPONSE:** Both Larry Williamson and Darlene Moss left their jobs following public scrutiny. Larry Williamson returned the full \$27,000 he earned over nine months. Darlene Moss resigned from her job after one week and kept the \$1,739.35 she earned.
- **COMPLAINT:** Ethics commission director Herb Hayden filed a complaint against Jamie Williamson after her firing. Two citizens filed complaints against Jeff Moss just days after Darlene Moss began work Sept. 14.
- **ETHICS VIOLATIONS:** Jamie Williamson and Jeff Moss were both accused of using their official office to obtain an economic interest for a family member and of participating in a governmental decision in which an immediate family member had an economic interest. Williamson was additionally charged with causing the employment of a family member to a position that she managed.
- **DISPOSITION:** Jamie Williamson signed a consent order admitting to nepotism violations the day before her scheduled hearing. Jeff Moss has denied any wrongdoing ahead of his ethics hearing, scheduled for Aug. 17.

ANALYSIS

Will Trump energize the Latino vote?

■ There are 27.3 million eligible Hispanic voters, but they often stay home on Election Day. This year, however, Trump's anti-immigration rhetoric has made it personal for some.

BY SERGIO BUSTOS
AND NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS

It's a paradox in American politics: Many Hispanic families have an immense personal stake in what happens on Election Day, but despite numbers that should mean political power, Hispanics often can't vote, aren't registered to vote, or sit it out.

Enter Donald Trump, and the question that could make or break the election in key states. By inflaming the anti-immigrant sentiments of white, working-class men, has the Republican nominee jolted awake another group — 27.3 million eligible Hispanic voters?

"A lot of times you hear this rap about how politics doesn't affect their life," says Yvanna Canelas, political director of Las Vegas' largely immigrant Culinary Union. "But that changes when it's personal, and there's nothing more personal than Donald Trump talking about deporting 11 million immigrants."

Hispanics now represent the nation's largest ethnic community with some 55 million people. More than one-third of them are U.S.-born, and the others immigrants who are citizens, legal residents or here illegally. Most trace their familial roots to Mexico, one of Trump's favorite targets.

A cornerstone of Trump's platform is building a wall along the Southwest border — and forcing Mexico to pay for it by threatening to cut off remittances those living in the U.S. send to relatives. He questioned the impartiality of an Indiana-born federal judge hearing a lawsuit against him because of the judge's Mexican ancestry. He's complained Mexico has sent "rapists" and "criminals" illegally to the U.S.

Now some Republicans worry Trump is creating more people like John Herrera, 38, who signed up to vote in June in Las Vegas.

"I've never really voted until now, only because of Trump being against Hispanic people," he said. "I didn't think my vote would count before, but now I want to make a difference."

Republicans blame a 1994 ballot measure targeting illegal immigrants in California for

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How we got here: A look back

tions that spawned public outrage and distrust of both Moss and the school board that al-

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Do you know when to stop?

Law enforcement reminds residents of school bus laws

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The first day of school in Aiken County is one week away and the South Carolina Highway Patrol is reminding residents to drive safe and be mindful of school buses as the roadways become more crowded.

Lance Cpl. Judd Jones with Highway Patrol said it's important to remind residents about the laws when it comes to stopping for school buses that are picking up or dropping off students.

"When the first day of school comes along, traffic will increase and school buses will be out," Jones said. "People need to be patient and take some extra time to pay attention to bus stops, especially watching out for those young children who are riding the bus for the first time and still trying to learn the ropes."

Exactly what should drivers do when approaching a stopped bus with its red lights flashing?

State law says the driver must stop, from either direction, before reaching the bus if a bus stops on a two-lane road with its lights flashing and stop sign extended. A driver would not have to stop for a stopped school bus if traveling in the opposite direction of the bus on a multilane roadway, but a driver driving behind the bus must stop.

"Basically, what it boils down to, if it's a two-lane road, for example South Boundary Avenue, vehicles approaching and following must stop when the red lights are activated," said Lt. Jake Mahoney, with the Aiken Department of Public Safety. "On a multilane roadway, whether it's a highway or a private road, if they meet it head-on, they don't have to stop, but if they are behind the school bus, they have to stop."

Mahoney added drivers must stop behind a stopped bus regardless if there's a median of any sort on a multilane highway.

State law forbids bus drivers from dropping children off if they have to cross a multilane highway.

"Parents also need to remind their children of how to cross the road by looking both ways before they cross a street," Jones said. "It's also a good idea to walk your children to the bus stop if it is their first time, to make sure they know how to safely wait for the bus and safely get on the bus."

Highway Patrol has an enforcement

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Teacher fills gap between science classroom and future



STAFF PHOTO BY THOMAS GARDNER

Middle school teacher Tammy Lord blows bubbles that are created with different materials to demonstrate chemical technology. The bubbles can be caught by hand and are much harder to pop than regular soap and water bubbles.

Tammy Lord gets students engaged, excited to learn

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NEW ELLENTON — A local middle school teacher signed on as a summer intern after last school year to help create a focused, localized science program to open a pathway between classroom lessons and students' future careers.

Tammy Lord said the "Science in Our Corner of the World" program aims to integrate research, technology and applications from entities in the Aiken area and create kits to help teachers get more hands on lessons into the classrooms.

"I'm a teacher. That's who I am. My job is to prepare students to become contributing members of society. Unfortunately, the middle school mind set can't always see past tomorrow," she said. "I'm trying to get them to look into their future and see that what's going on in the science classroom really is being used by employers in our community — places they could end up working."

Lord signed on to the internship with the Applied Research Center, a multi-project research and development organization in New Ellenton, located in close proximity to the Savannah River Site. At the end



STAFF PHOTO BY THOMAS GARDNER

Middle school teacher Tammy Lord demonstrates a lesson in fiber structures with melted candy at the Applied Research Center.

of last year, she said the ARC sent local schools a letter seeking a summer intern. Their goal was to get better resources and technology into middle school classrooms

in order to boost interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or

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WEATHER



Public defender costs rising in North Augusta

City is reconsidering what offenses constitute jail time to curb problem

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NORTH AUGUSTA — With public defender costs on the rise, North Augusta leaders are looking into managing expenses by re-evaluating which offenses warrant criminal trials.

At a study session Monday, North Augusta leaders said the City has

its \$22,000 annual budget for public defenders.

"We're on pace to exceed that," said North Augusta City Administrator Todd Glover.

The issue arose as North Augusta is set to renew a six-month contract with Aiken County to provide public defender services in North Augusta municipal court.

night's Council meeting. Municipal public defenders are part of the City's general fund.

According to the contract, public defenders are paid \$400 per municipal defendant represented. Terms of the agreement renewal apply retroactively to July 1 and continue through Dec. 31, Council documents show.

The contract is necessary in order to comply with provisions recently established in state law.

A proviso placed in the 2015 state budget said public defenders can

Council documents state.

North Augusta Mayor Lark Jones said it's not fair that North Augusta taxpayers essentially must pay for public defenders twice — once through Aiken County taxes and again through City taxes.

"We're having to fund something we're already paying tax dollars for. You're funding the public defender through your county tax dollars," Jones said.

Glover said municipalities must provide public defenders to

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Trump to try to steady campaign with economic speech

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WASHINGTON — Donald Trump is trying to shift from a disastrous stretch of his presidential campaign to one focused on policy and party unity. But even as his allies speak of lessons the political newcomer has learned, two of his staunchest Republican critics warn that he could be heading for losses in a pair of battleground states.

Trump is set to deliver an economic speech today to the prestigious Detroit Economic Club in his effort to step past his spats over the past 10 days with the Muslim-American parents of a slain Army captain and the leaders of a Republican Party he has promised to unite.

"Mr. Trump on Monday will lay out a vision that's a growth economic plan" that will focus on cutting taxes, cutting regulation, energy development and boosting middle-class wages, campaign chairman Paul Manafort said in remarks broadcast Sunday on Fox Business. "When we do that, we're comfortable that we can get the agenda and the narrative of the campaign back on where it belongs, which is comparing the tepid economy under Obama and Clinton, versus the kind of growth economy that Mr. Trump wants to build."

What came before Monday's speech, Manafort suggested, doesn't count in the race to Election Day on Nov. 8. "It's a three-month campaign," he said.

Trump may have done irreversible damage in two critical states, Arizona and Ohio, with an approach to immigration reform that some say is divisive, two fellow Republicans say. Trump wants to build a wall between the United States and Mexico and now says he wants to suspend immigration from "terror countries" — though he has yet to say what those are.

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LIVING THE MISSION



ABOVE: Gray Stallworth continues the tradition of retring the United States Flag around Flag Day in 2013 as Assistant Scoutmaster with scouts from Troop 911. BELOW: From left are former YMCA Director Bill Sandel, Guest Speaker Jane Robelot and CEO of YMCA Gray Stallworth enjoy the annual Community Prayer Breakfast in 2011 at the Greenwood YMCA.



"Gray embodies and demonstrates the same characteristics of the most well-known leaders in the YMCA's history— George Williams, founder of the YMCA, and John R. Mott, long-serving leader of the YMCA and Nobel Peace Prize recipient in 1946. Gray enjoys surprising the kids by dressing as George Williams and telling the story of how the YMCA was founded by Sir George, knighted in 1894 by Queen Victoria. The kids eat it up and I cannot think of another thing that Gray would rather do than tell the incredible story of how and why Sir George founded the Y in 1844."

— JOHNATHAN BASS
director of development at the Greenwood YMCA

Gray Stallworth to retire from YMCA

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After 36 years with the YMCA — 12 of those as CEO of the Greenwood location — Gray Stallworth has announced that he will soon be retiring from the position. According to Johnathan Bass, director of development at the Greenwood YMCA, 59-year-old Stallworth prefaced the news of his retirement with a story from scripture.

"Gray is a lucky guy," Bass said. "He knows and understands his purpose on Earth. People spend their entire life with the desire to obtain what Gray has — faith and purpose."

Stallworth started his career with the YMCA in high school, working as a coach and referee. He became a summer camp counselor while in college.

His first position as CEO was at the Henderson County YMCA in North Carolina, where he served for 14 years. He followed that with a 3-year term as CEO at Cannon Memorial YMCA in Kannapolis, North Carolina before settling in to his 12-year stint in Greenwood.

Stallworth spoke very fondly of his time serving the Greenwood community through the YMCA. He said they have

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See video about Stallworth at indexjournal.com

Morris Chapel leader preaches from past trials

By ADAM BENSON

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