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Changes shift school board power balance

Members weigh overhaul, discuss big issues in daytime committee meetings public rarely attends

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Quietly, the Charleston County School Board has shifted the power balance away from its frequent district and macro-level meetings to important discussions in daytime committee

meetings that are scarcely attended by the general public.

Unlike full board meetings, which are held at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, broadcast on Comcast and posted to YouTube, committee meetings take place at 9 a.m. exclusively during weekday work hours, and recordings

are neither broadcast nor available online. Whereas parents and activists frequently weigh in on district policies and meetings, there rarely show up to speak to committees.

The shift in format comes at two of the board's most vocal and vocal critics, Michael Miller and the late Jim Col-

ins, remain active in their positions as committee chairmen.

The move at hand is a possible move in a Committee at the Whole structure, in which every board member sits on every committee. Strategic Education, Policy and Personnel, Transportation, and Audit and Fi-

nance. The four committees cannot make binding decisions, but they do vote on recommended policies to the full board. The committees have traditionally included three or four board members each.

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Project causes uproar in Radcliffeborough

Law that allows more students in renovated apartments gets scrutiny



Representatives from Radcliffeborough and other neighborhood associations attended a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting Tuesday to ask the board to oppose a developer's request to renovate 61 Vanderhorst St. to house about twice as many people as it does now.

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Residents of the downtown Radcliffeborough neighborhood are angry the city is allowing a developer to renovate an apartment building so it ultimately could

house about twice as many people as it currently does.

A Charleston official said the particular case is the first of its kind to happen, and will get scrutiny.

The 61 Vanderhorst St. currently has 53

large one-bedroom apartments, which are mostly occupied by students, while the rest of the property is mostly historic single-family homes.

The apartment building caught fire in June 2013, and its owners now plan to make it a 10-unit

building with a total of 100 bedrooms.

The building was sold by Vanderhorst Realty LLC, whose registered agent is Edwin Smith Jr. He could not be reached for comment by phone.

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Georgia officer indicted in slaying

Case involving native of Moncks Corner brings murder charge

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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A suburban Atlanta police officer was indicted by a grand jury Thursday on two counts of felony murder, among other charges, in the fatal shooting of Anthony Smith, the naked and unarmed Moncks Corner native who was running at him last year.

Robert Otis was charged with counts of violating both of state and court orders such as aggravated assault and making a false statement.

In Georgia, the grand jury was scheduled to start hearing evidence in the case around 9:30 a.m. Thursday, said DeKalb County's top prosecutor, Robert Jones. The announcement had been indicated as made just before 9:10 p.m.

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Graham blasts Cruz, Trump bids

Says GOP needs votes of women, minorities

BY EMMA DUMAINE
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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham used his first solo public appearance in Capitol Hill in weeks to lay into the 2016 presidential race and to urge both of his former rivals, Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, who are leading the pack in polls in the state.

The South Carolina Republican, who a week ago endorsed former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush for president after backing out of his own White House bid, didn't hold back.

"The only thing I can tell you is the only way we lose this election is to nominate somebody who cannot give the party's voters exactly what they're young women and the children we need to win," Graham said at an impromptu press conference Thursday.

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Inside



A special commemorative magazine celebrating Clemson's football season can be found in home-delivered copies of today's Post and Courier.

Is that the right whale? Software using facial recognition may help save species

Teams aiding the endangered giants seek to quickly identify individuals

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If the right whale spotted off the coast of North Carolina is the same whale that was seen in the Gulf of Mexico, it won't be hard to identify. Chimera, it turns out, has a recognizable face.

Chimera has a patch of white skin on the back near the nose that resembles the outline of the letter 'C'. This patch is different from whale to whale — it's the key to facial recognition software being developed at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-

ministration to identify them. A decade ago, Chris E. Klan was the leader of one of the first research teams to use facial recognition software to identify whales. Today, Klan, 42, is a NOAA fisheries biologist doing the same work out of Woods Hole, Mass.

The software he and a team are putting together could provide real-time identification of individual whales among the nearly 50,000 whales known to exist. That could be an invaluable resource for protecting and



The right whale Chimera was spotted off the coast in early January.



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MISERABLE WEEKEND



UPSTATE STORM

- » Greenville and Pickens County Schools closed today.
- » Winter storm warning is in effect until 7 p.m. Saturday for Greenville, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, Spartanburg, Easley, Clemson and Seneca.
- » Latest forecast calls for 4 to 5 inches of snowfall and nearly a half inch of ice.

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- » Laurens Electric Cooperative at 1-800-9-RESTORE

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KEN OSBURN

A wintry mix of weather including sleet, freezing rain, ice and snow are expected to create havoc in the Upstate for the weekend.

Effort to bury power lines has proven costly, slow

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It's been slightly more than a decade now since the December 2005 ice storm crippled the Upstate and accelerated calls for electric power lines to be buried underground.

The vision, at first, was to see to it that another wholesale blackout in the region would become less likely with each passing major winter storm.

Now, another winter system coming through Friday threatens to leave ice in its wake — and it turns out that more power lines remain exposed on

vulnerable residential streets than city leaders had originally hoped for.

The effort to bury power lines in neighborhoods is complicated and expensive, said Ryan Mosier, a spokesman for Duke Energy, the Upstate's chief energy provider.

The program has simply proved too costly, and not all neighborhoods were willing to agree to the large scope of work required — for instance, tearing up gardens and lawns — to bury lines a neighborhood at a time, said Mike Murphy, the city's public works director.

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Upstate faces double trouble from dangerous ice and snow

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The first snowstorm of the year could leave the Upstate glazed in ice as a mix of freezing rain and snow mixes in overnight.

All Greenville County schools and offices are closed Friday. The instructional day will be made up per the school year calendar, the school district said in a release Thursday night.

Schools in Pickens, Spartanburg and Oconee counties are also closed Friday due to a winter storm warning in effect from midnight Thursday to 7

p.m. Saturday. The warning, issued by the National Weather Service in Greer, covers the greater Greenville and Pickens area as well as the cities of Spartanburg, Anderson, Westminster, Clemson, Seneca and Walhalla.

A winter storm warning means significant amounts of snow, sleet and ice are expected or occurring.

In Greenville, a mix of snow and sleet was expected to fall before dawn Friday and continue into Saturday, bringing 4 to 5 inches of snowfall and nearly a half inch of ice, the Weather

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House panel recommends changes to South Carolina's abortion laws

DELIVERY DELAYS

Due to the impending storm, you may see a delay in the deliv-



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Dennis Paulsen leaves federal court this week.

Did SC man fake illness for years to collect VA benefits?

Prosecutors: Dennis Paulsen has been faking extreme multiple sclerosis for years

Defense: Paulsen is a victim of "a woman scorned"

BY JONIX BLOK
Journalist for The State

For years, Dennis Paulsen of Hylchwood played in a Saturday baseball league at Owens Field, pumped iron at a local gym and shot pool at Jiffy's in the Vista. He ran in the Marine Corps Mud Run.

While doing all that, Paulsen, 48, was collecting a combined \$9,400 monthly in tax-free Veterans Administration and Social Security benefits for being severely impaired because of multiple sclerosis, according to government evidence in a federal trial being held this week at the U.S. courthouse in Columbia.

In a closing argument to the jury on Thursday, Paulsen's lawyer, Melvin Bannister, asserted that for years while collecting benefits, Paulsen actually has suffered a doctor-diagnosed case of multiple sclerosis but that it has been in remission. Even so, he has his legs and arms because of the disease, Bannister said.

It is true that Paulsen

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Some sleet, snow likely to fall in Columbia

Brunt of winter storm will be felt in northern SC counties

STAFF REPORTS

The South Carolina Upstate braced Thursday for the first winter storm of the year, with a dangerous mixture of ice and snow forecast for the I-85 corridor.

Winter storm warnings were issued for 15 counties across northern South Carolina, effective until as late as 7 p.m. Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. Up to 4 inches of snow and a half-inch of ice was expected to fall in Greenville, with up to an inch of sleet

and snow forecast for Rock Hill.

"This has the potential to be a significant event," Danny Glan, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said. In the Upstate, the storm might cause widespread power outages, and the roads are going to be almost impassable."

A weather advisory or alert was issued for nearly half of the state's counties. In the Midlands, Newberry, Fairfield and Kershaw counties were under a freezing rain advisory until noon Friday.

No advisories were in effect for Richland and Lexington counties as of Thursday evening. But Rich-

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Shirley Nelson works as a crossing guard at South Kilbourne Elementary School. Nelson loves the children she helps across the three streets that come to a precarious triangle near the school. Here Nelson talks with third-grader Thaddeus Wood.

For Columbia crossing guard, the workday begins with hugs

BY SARAH ELLIS
Editor for The State

Shirley Nelson is wiping noses, rolling up pants and giving out

hugs before the morning bell rings at South Kilbourne Elementary School.

She's the first face some students see when they arrive at school each

morning, the first one to tell them "hello" and wish them a good day, the first to ask if they've done their homework and to make sure they have a pencil with them.

VIDEO
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Nelson, a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who's old enough to not reveal her age, describes herself as a "middle-aged beener" of a crossing guard. She patrols the sidewalks and streets outside the elementary school, nestled in a quiet residential neigh-

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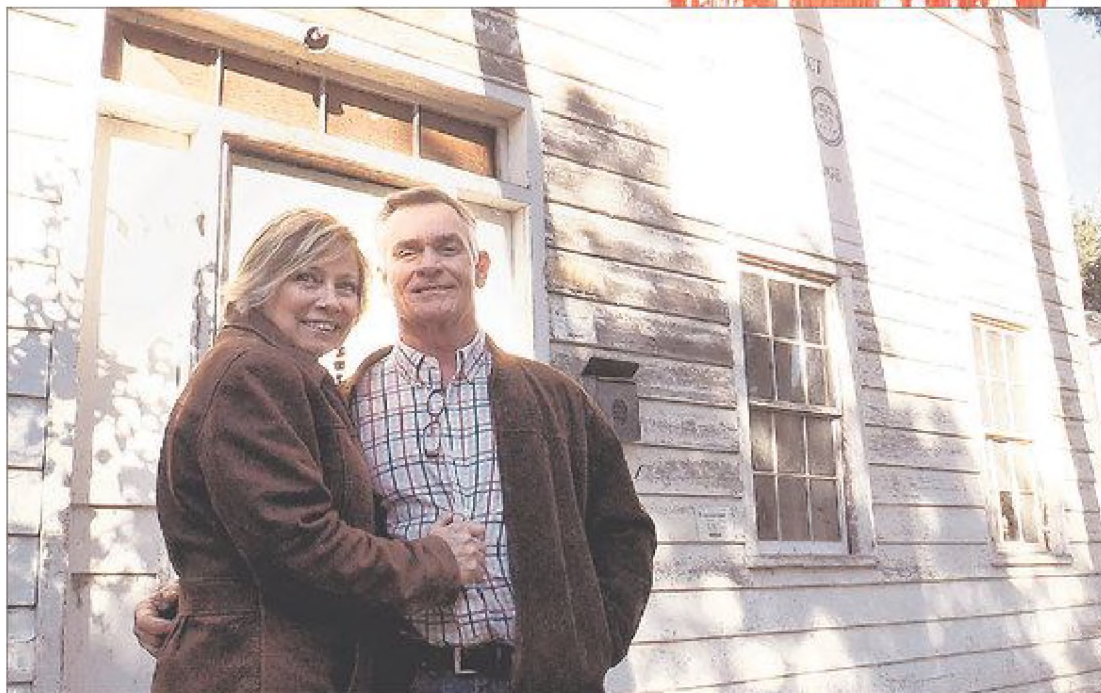
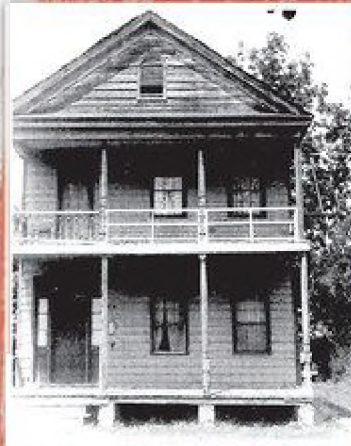
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Couple buys Beaufort's historic Frogmore Lodge, plans to make it a single-family home



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Top photo courtesy of Historic Beaufort Foundation

ABOVE: Jenny and Glenn Evans are the new owners of the historic Frogmore Lodge at 1407 Duke St. in Beaufort. **TOP:** The Frogmore Lodge is shown in 1968 when it was last used as a residence. The Historic Beaufort Foundation recently sold the house for \$65,000, proceeds from which will be placed into the revolving fund that can be used for their next purchase.

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Glenn and Jenny Evans sometimes feel the suspicious glances as they roll slowly along the streets around Beaufort in their white sport-utility vehicle.

But the couple is just learning the area and acting on a bit of an obsession — finding properties to restore.

The St. Helena Island residents, who recently moved from Sumter and started Paradise Point Construction, didn't hesitate when the historic Frogmore Lodge went on the market.

A deal was done within three days. The Evanses closed on the Duke Street home Wednesday, with plans to restore the former Frogmore Masonic Lodge and boarding house as a single-family home.

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ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Airport sees decline in fliers

Commercial passengers dropped 42 percent last year

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The total number of commercial passengers flying in and out of Hilton Head Island Airport declined more than 42 percent last year, according to new statistics released this week.

Although the airport's passengers have declined steadily since the economic downturn, the steep slide in 2015 is the biggest single-year drop in more than a decade.

The decrease is due to new limits last year on the number of flights available to and from Hilton Head as its sole carrier, U.S. Airways, merged with American Airlines, said airports director Jon Rembold.

"With the merger and changes in their fleet, there's just fewer aircraft available for these areas," Rembold said. "Unfortunately, that's the best I have."

Over the busy summer tourist season in years past, U.S. Airways would increase to about a half-dozen daily flights to and from the airport, regularly serving more than 11,000 passengers each month, Rembold and the data show.

As effects of the merger crept across U.S. Airways' flight schedules last year, however, planes were redirected to other routes, and Hilton Head Island secured only four or five daily flights throughout the summer, he said.

American Airlines also dumped the island's popular weekly route to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in Washington, D.C., because the company didn't continue U.S. Airways' gate agreement there, Rembold said.

In combination with bad weather and less-than-ideal flight paths

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Shumate named state finalist for national honor



From staff reports

Kourtney Shumate, the co-ordinating teacher at Carolina Elementary School, is a state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The award is the highest recognition a kindergarten through 12th-grade mathematics or science teacher can receive.

Shumate moves on to the national consideration process, where she could be one of two presidential awardees from South Carolina.

"What a remarkable accomplishment by Kourtney Shumate in being honored as a state finalist for the Presidential Awards for

Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching," said Dr. Eddie Ingram, Darlington County School District superintendent. "This district is extremely fortunate to have one of the best science teachers in the country working here and preparing our students with a 21st century education."

Presidential awardees receive a certificate signed by the president of the United States, a trip to Washington, D.C. and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. Each state chooses up to five science teachers and five mathematics teachers every year as PAEMST state finalists. Two presidential awardees are then chosen from each state, ita-

ditionally a math teacher and a science teacher. This year, South Carolina selected four finalists in each discipline.

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to be selected along with the other educators from around the state," Shumate said. "It is truly humbling. I want to thank everybody who has had a hand in my growth as an educator. One thing I've reflected on is just how much I've developed as a teacher within Darlington County School District. Without all of these amazing educators around me, I would not be where I am."

Shumate traveled to Columbia on Jan. 13 for a S.C.

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COURTESY PHOTO: SOUTHCAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Kourtney Shumate (second from left) is a state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics in Science Teaching. She attended a state luncheon on Jan. 13 along with other state finalists.

City of Hartsville

Applications open for Business Builder grant

From staff reports

Entrepreneurs who want to transform their ideas into established businesses face many challenges when turning their dreams into reality, not the least of which is financing.

For those business builders who are facing difficulty obtaining traditional funding in creating or expanding

an enterprise inside the city of Hartsville, a new program will soon provide an opportunity for them to follow their dreams, including a chance to apply for up to \$10,000 in low-interest loans.

WANT TO GO?

WHAT: City of Hartsville Business Builder Program information meetings (attendance at one is mandatory for program applicants)

WHERE: Butler Heritage Campus Auditorium, 1103 S. Sixth St., Hartsville, S.C.

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, 10 a.m. morning session, 6 p.m. evening session

will offer startups a chance at obtaining their seed financing through an education, certification and application process. The opportunities will begin on Monday, Jan. 25, with information sessions taking place at the Butler Heritage Center Auditorium, located at 1103 S. Sixth St. in Hartsville. Sessions will take place at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and participation in one of these is mandatory for those who are interested in applying for the program. Those who attend should come prepared for a brief interview to pitch their business idea.

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Coker hosts service day



COURTESY PHOTO: COKER COLLEGE

Coker students at work on a project during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and Remembrance.

Students honor MLK with community outreach, remembrance

From staff reports



Coker College's Center for Engaged Learning, Athletics Department and others across campus worked together to organize a community-wide day of service on Monday, Jan. 18 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This marks the fifth year that Coker has organized a day of community service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"Coker students and staff have an opportunity to make a positive difference by giving back to our community in a day of service," said Darlene Small, assistant dean and director of the Center for Engaged Learning.

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CCTC will offer free tuition



Central Carolina Technical College President Tim Hardee announces tuition plan.

Variety of partners pick up \$250K tab

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Central Carolina Technical College will offer free tuition to qualifying college students from the four counties of Charleston, Sumter, Lee and Kershaw starting with the high

school graduating class of 2016.

"The program will be the first of its kind in the state," said Tim Hardee, the college's president, at a press conference Thursday.

"This is the first time in South Carolina that students will have access to tuition-free college education," Hardee said. "In addition to benefiting students and their parents, this scholarship opportunity will also serve as an economic development tool, which will attract new industry as well as

benefit our existing businesses and industry."

The scholarship initiative, called Central Carolina Scholars, will provide the first two years free to all qualifying students from the four counties it serves, Hardee said. The program is the result of a partnership between the college, all public and private high schools in all of the counties as well as local county and

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USC Sumter celebrates 50 years



University of South Carolina Sumter students gather for a group shot with the university's new fire ant sculpture, named "Blaze," during the unveiling ceremony Thursday. The sculpture was built by students in Central Carolina Technical College's welding program.

College, originally a Clemson branch, kicks off anniversary with unveiling of Fire Ant statue

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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University of South Carolina Sumter began its 50-year anniversary celebrations for the year on Thursday with the unveiling of a permanent statue of its mascot in front of the Science Building.

The event began with a brief

history of the college and plans for its future provided by Dean Michael Sonntag.

USC Sumter has spent 50 years developing great minds who have gone on to impact their chosen field, the nation and the world, he said.

The first day of class at the campus was held in August

1866 after it was originally constructed to be a Clemson University campus. Seven years later, the school's colors changed from orange and purple to maroon and black when the school became a USC-system campus, he said.

Sonntag said the college strives to meet today's growing demand for employees to have

college degrees, which was not the case when the school first opened.

"It is time once again to think like founders," he said to the crowd.

The first dean had the ability to lead the college into the unknown, and Sonntag said he is willing to do the same as the school expands its academic

and sporting opportunities.

After Sonntag's speech, the statue of the USC Sumter's mascot, Blaze the fire ant, was unveiled.

The statue, made of small pieces of metal that have been welded together, was created through a partnership with

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Storm to skirt Sumter but safety still a concern

Winter storm blows in. Will we get anything?

Find out inside. 2A

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'ROLE MODEL' INDUCTED



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Hubert Joseph "Joe" Chandler, center, kisses his wife Thursday night after learning he is this year's Greenwood County Hall of Fame inductee during the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce's 102nd annual meeting.

Chandler joins Greenwood County Hall of Fame

By COLIN RIDDLE
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Chandler Construction President Joe Chandler's long list of community involvement might best display his reach in the county he grew up in.

Chandler was inducted Thursday into the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame during its annual meeting.

"Greenwood has given me the opportunity to live a grand life," Chandler said. "I appreciate my father and mother for providing me with the environment to do what I wanted to do and that's be an advocate for Greenwood."

A Ninety-Six native, Chandler has been



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involved in countless organizations in the county and has extended his influence throughout the state and even as far as Mississippi.

"He is a role model of giving back to the community," said Nell Regional Healthcare Board of Trustees Chairman Len Bornemann.

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Chandler speaks Thursday night during the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce's 102nd annual meeting.

O'Dell honored with Chamber Legacy Award

By COLIN RIDDLE
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The late state Sen. Billy O'Dell will be remembered as a true statesman — a title cemented with an honor he received posthumously Thursday.

O'Dell, who represented portions of Greenwood, Abbeville and Anderson counties for 27 years in the state Senate, received the Legacy Award from the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce during its annual meeting.

O'Dell's son Chip and his daughter-in-law Angela accepted the award in memory of O'Dell.

"This award means so much to my family, because I know he loved serving the community; he loved serving this state and that was his passion," Chip O'Dell said.

The award was created to honor Greenwood residents who have made significant contributions to the community, recognizing their life and their vast economic or civic contributions that have impacted and enhanced Greenwood's quality of life.

"I think if I had to sum my father up, it would be a man of integrity," Chip O'Dell said. "His handshake was his word, and he always ended with our family with anyone he came about, to stand tall. And what that means to us is do the right thing, honor your word and that's what we're teaching our children."

A Ware Shoals native and Greenwood resident, O'Dell graduated from The Citadel in 1960 and was CEO of the O'Dell Corp., a mop, broom and dust mop manufacturing company started by his father after returning from service in World War II.

O'Dell entered the state Senate in 1989 and served on several powerful committees, including finance and labor, commerce, industry and the General Committee, which serves as a catch-all for special projects, such as the panel investigating the Department of Social Services during the past two years.

"Sen. O'Dell was a true statesman, exhibiting kindness and civility," said David Tompkins, immediate past chairman of the Chandler board.

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Florence County

Council approves \$1.1 million addition

Alligator Road widening project to include realignment

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — The Florence County Council on Thursday unanimously approved a \$1.1 million

realignment of John Paul Jones Road, which is considered a component of the Alligator Road widening project.

John Paul Jones Road will be realigned to directly connect with U.S. 32

just across from the South Florence High School entrance. The project, funded through the first penny sales tax, will create a new intersection and add traffic lights.

Several council mem-

bers said this adjustment is one of the most needed road projects in the county to alleviate that area's traffic congestion, especially during the school year.

"That intersection has been needed for quite

some time," said Councilman Willard Dorriety. "South Florence desperately needs it, and if you're ever over that way in the afternoon, you'll see how it gets blocked up every morning and afternoon."

"As someone who lives with this congestion on a daily basis, I can attest to

the need of this intersection," said Councilman Alfred Bradley.

Specifies on when the realignment project will start were not made clear, but the Alligator Road project is expected to begin in the coming months, and

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New bus routes rolled out this week

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FLORENCE — Long-awaited, expanded bus service began this week and will connect smaller Pee Dee communities on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Chuck MacNeil delivered the news to board members of the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority on Thursday evening during its monthly meeting. MacNeil is executive director of the authority.

"A lot of work went into rolling this out this week," he said, and the new routes are being made possible with funding from Genesis Health Care. "We'll continue to do everything we can to make sure the service is everything we need and we'll adjust accordingly."

MacNeil said he's happy and relieved that the long-awaited new routes are in place.

"It's a milestone for the Pee Dee RTA," he said.

On Mondays from 8 to 8:25 a.m., residents of Lamar can hop aboard a bus and head to Timmonsville and then Darlington. That route will loop back three more times throughout the day and finish from 4:50 to 5:10 p.m. in Lamar.

Fares are \$1 within one city and \$3 for all other trips. Genesis patients with IDs ride free to and from Pee Dee Health Care and pharmacy. People 65 and over, those with disabilities, veterans with ID and Medicare cardholders ride for half fare. Children under 42 inches tall ride free, while children above 42 inches ride for regular fare.

Thursdays will see residents of Conway and getting on the bus from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. with access to Senanton, Lake City and Ocala. That route con-



Frederick Mullins (left) and Jason Kirby watch Thursday afternoon as John Davis' 10-ton dump truck takes on 1,000 gallons of brine at the S.C. Department of Transportation facility on East Palmetto Street. Davis was bound for S.C. 327 toward Dillon County.

Pee Dee expected to get glaze of ice

From staff reports

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Florence and Marion counties have now been included in the area forecast to receive at least a glaze of ice as part of the winter storm forecast

to move through the Pee Dee area Thursday night into this morning, according to the National Weather Service.

A weather service bulletin included a map that placed Darlington, Marlboro and Dillon counties under a winter-

storm warning while Florence and Marion were placed under a freezing rain advisory.

A number of schools in the Florence area have announced delays in today's schedule.

The forecast calls for Dar-

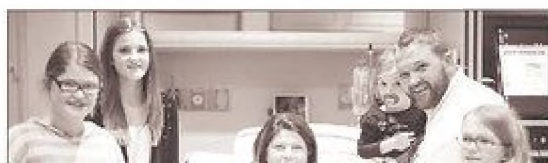
lington, Florence, Marlboro, Dillon and inland Perry counties to see at least a glaze of ice from the storm, according to the bulletin.

Extreme northwestern

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