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*'All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.'*

EDMUND BURKE

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## Lamar Police Officer charged with DUI

Lamar Police Department Officer Jay Russell has been charged for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) while on duty the night of March 29.

S.C. Highway Patrol troopers responded to a call from the Darlington County Sheriff's Office reporting that Russell seemed impaired. Troopers found Russell in his



patrol car on Windham Street in Lamar and administered a field sobriety test, but Russell refused to take a breathalyzer test. Russell was then arrested and taken to the Darlington County Detention Center where he bonded out.

Lamar Police Chief Jason Chaney told the News and Press that following the incident, Russell was

immediately placed on administrative leave without pay. A disciplinary board meeting with Chief Chaney and members of Lamar Town Council was held the afternoon of April 3 to discuss further action. The disciplinary board, including Chief Chaney, Mayor Randy Reynolds and Mayor Pro Tem Jackie Thomas ruled that Russell be released from the LPD for violation of department policies.

## School Board discusses millage increase, school consolidation

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The Darlington County Board of Education convened a budget work session on March 27 and discussed ways to bridge a potential deficit of nearly half a million dollars, including raising operational millage and consolidating schools.

Ashley Smith, Darlington County School District's chief financial officer, said that state-mandated expenditures have increased by \$2.2 million while revenues have increased by only \$1.8 million, leaving a gap of \$480,000.

"So these requirements are also coming from the same people that gave us the cuts, correct?" asked Board chairman Jamie Morphis. Smith confirmed that was the case.

Board members received a budget worksheet with a number of estimated costs and revenues for the 2017/18 fiscal year. Required increases in expenditures total \$2,286,268, including a 2-percent increase in retirement

for all employees, a possible Duke Energy increase of 14 percent (estimated at \$280,000), a step increase for all teachers to 23 years including retirement (estimated at \$549,019), and the employer share of health and dental (\$280,000).

Revenue increases total only about \$1.8 million, including increases in funding for employee contributions of \$655,674 and \$405,956, estimated increase in property taxes of \$500,000, and an additional \$244,530 in Tier III funding.

Morphis said he was generally opposed to using the District's fund balance for anything but non-recurring expenses. He expressed frustration that even if DCS used the maximum allowable millage — a look-back of three years, yielding a total of 5 mills, or roughly \$1.2 million — they would only have about \$800,000 to work with, which he felt was insufficient to address needs.

BOARD ON 6A

## Coker students create community, networking opportunities through app

By Melissa Rollins  
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Though their stories are very different, Coker College students Cameron Flotow and Dominik Rega have the same desire: to make a difference in the world. This month, they plan to launch a crowdfunding campaign for their app, Brite, to work toward that goal.

Flotow's story began in 2011 when he was diagnosed with Leukemia, just days after his 21st birthday.

"My mom dropped me off at the doctor and they checked my blood and then they wanted to do another check because they thought the first sample was contaminated," Flotow said. "Turns out it wasn't; I had Leukemia. My entire life changed that day. When you go through things like that you realize what things are important and which things aren't."

Flotow said that he had an inkling that something might be wrong but nothing prepared him for the diagnosis.

"I knew that something was wrong because every day I couldn't walk as far and people kept telling me that I looked pale," Flotow said. "I remember putting my arm into a blood pressure cuff because I was worried it might be a heart problem but my pulse was fine. A day later, my whole arm was bruised. How in the world could my whole arm get bruised? I didn't realize it was



Cameron Flotow and Dominik Rega stand near Davidson Hall on the Coker College campus. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

from the cuff until after the fact."

He endured round after round of chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant, spending months in the hospital.

"At the very beginning, I was just dumbfounded," Flotow said. "Two days after my diagnoses, I was getting ready to begin chemotherapy and I was watching on tv that Steve Jobs passed away. He was someone that I looked up to and I was

watching this story and found it really inspiring. Yes, he probably made billions and billions of dollars but that isn't why he did what he did; he did it to help the world. I was looking death in the face and I made a promise to myself that if I survived this I was going to do something. I didn't know what that would be but I wanted to make my life meaningful in some way."

Rega is a freshman foreign exchange student from Czech.

While his family has a successful company back home, he said that it was important for him to find his own way, at least for a little while.

"I come from a family of entrepreneurs so I grew up in that setting," Rega said. "We have our own company back in Czech so I saw my dad and my grandfather, how they were running the company; the company is as old as I am."

STUDENTS ON 3A

## DCSD social workers trying to curb chronic absenteeism

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Many teachers will tell you that there are challenges to overcome in order to reach students educational needs when they have some many other things going on in their lives. Sometimes the struggle is simply getting them to school to begin with.

Sue Ingram, the lead social worker for Darlington County School District, recently shared with the DCSD Board of Education about the effort that social workers are taking in the district to curb chronic absenteeism in elementary schools, a growing problem all across the country.

"A lot of schools think that 95 percent of average

daily attendance is good," Ingram said. "Research has shown that it's not great, that we should be at 97 percent or higher. Currently, Darlington is at 95.38 percent."

Chronic absenteeism, defined in a brief from Attendance Works and the Child & Family Policy Center as missing ten percent or more of the school days in a

given year for any reason, can often be a sign that a student is at a greater risk for not completing school.

Ingram said that the brief, entitled Chronic Absenteeism: A Problem Hidden in Plain Sight, talks about the many issues surrounding students who are frequently absent.

DCSD ON 6A

## Applicants make A-Tax requests

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The Darlington County Accommodations Tax Committee convened its second meeting of 2017 on March 30 to hear funding requests for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

The Accommodations Tax Committee is responsible for dispersing a \$55,000 funding pool to applicants whose venues and events increase local tourism and overnight hotel stays. The accommodations tax pool comes from the state-mandated two-percent tax on hotel and motel stays, which is collected by the state and channeled back to counties and municipalities. These agencies then distribute accommodations tax monies to applicants who can demonstrably increase local tourism.

This year's applicants and their funding requests are as

follows:

- Black Creek Arts Council RenoFest: \$15,000
- Butler Heritage Foundation / Butler Week: \$12,000
- City of Darlington / Williamson Park 5K: \$2,500
- Darlington Chamber of Commerce / Freedom Fest: \$10,000
- Darlington County Cultural Realism Complex / Total Package: \$52,000
- Darlington Downtown Revitalization / Taste of Darlington: \$2,500
- Darlington Downtown Revitalization / Yam Jam: \$5,000
- EdVenture, Inc. / EdVenture Hartsville Satellite: \$5,000
- Florence CVB / Darlington Car Hauler Parade: \$5,000
- Hartsville Community Center Bldg. Comm/Center Theater: \$12,600

A-TAX ON 3A

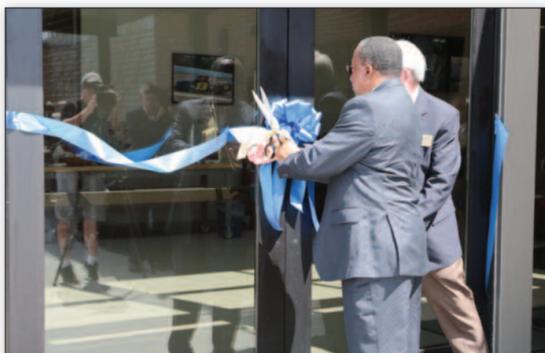
## FDTC opens new Automotive and HVAC center

By Samantha Lyles  
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Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) formally opened its new Automotive and HVAC Technology Center with a March 29 ribbon cutting ceremony.

FDTC president Dr. Ben Dillard welcomed guests, including Darlington Raceway president Kerry Tharp and NASCAR's JTG Daugherty Racing crew chief Trent Owens, and lauded the new \$7.3 million facility as a major step in FDTC's 10-year Academic Master Plan.

"We also have a new multi-storied building planned for the front of the campus which will take the place of two structures that date back to our



A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrated a new HVAC building at Florence-Darlington Technical College. PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES

founding over 50 years ago. It's time for something new," Dillard said.

Automotive and HVAC students are already attending classes in the 37,000 square-foot facility, which is located between Tech's 600 Building and the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology (SiMT).

"What a great day to be at Florence-Darlington Tech, and

what a great day to be in the state of South Carolina. I look around, and what I see is excellence. I know that's what this state is all about, and that's what Darlington Raceway is all about, and that's excellence," said Tharp. "The new facility that is being dedicated today is second to none."

Darlington native Owens said he is a big fan of technical colleges, noting that he



After a ribbon cutting ceremony, tours were given of the new Automotive and HVAC building.

received a Mechanical Engineering Technology degree from Central Piedmont Technical College in Charlotte.

"Some of us just need that balance between classroom and hands-on. To all of you students out there, a lot of the

guys that assemble our racecars and makes sure that nothing falls off, it makes my job a lot easier. I came from similar background and similar training, and I can't imagine a more advanced facility anywhere in the country," said Owens.

Student Cody Lloyd said that all the cutting edge equipment at this new facility means that job prospects for FDTC automotive technology graduates are very strong.

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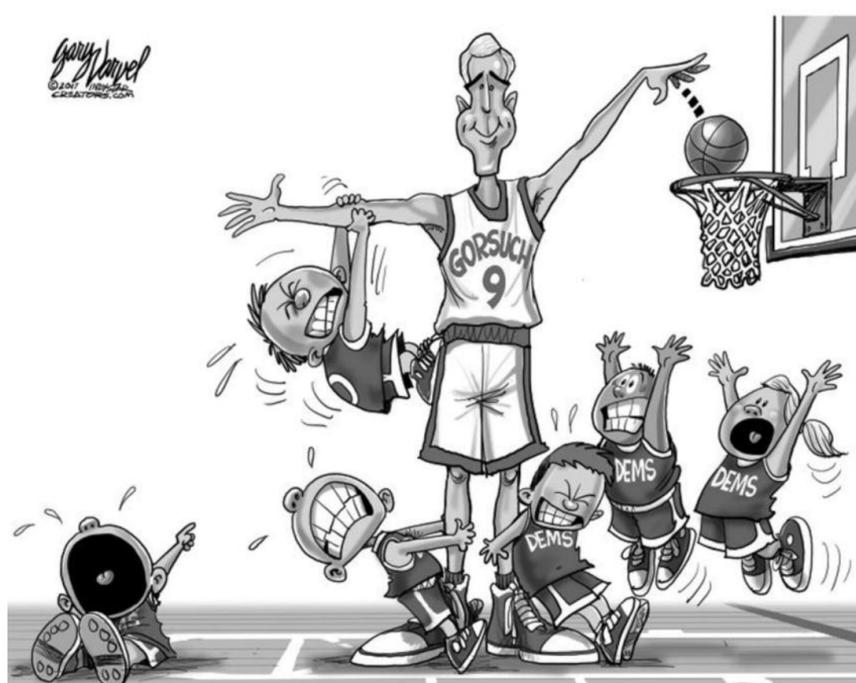
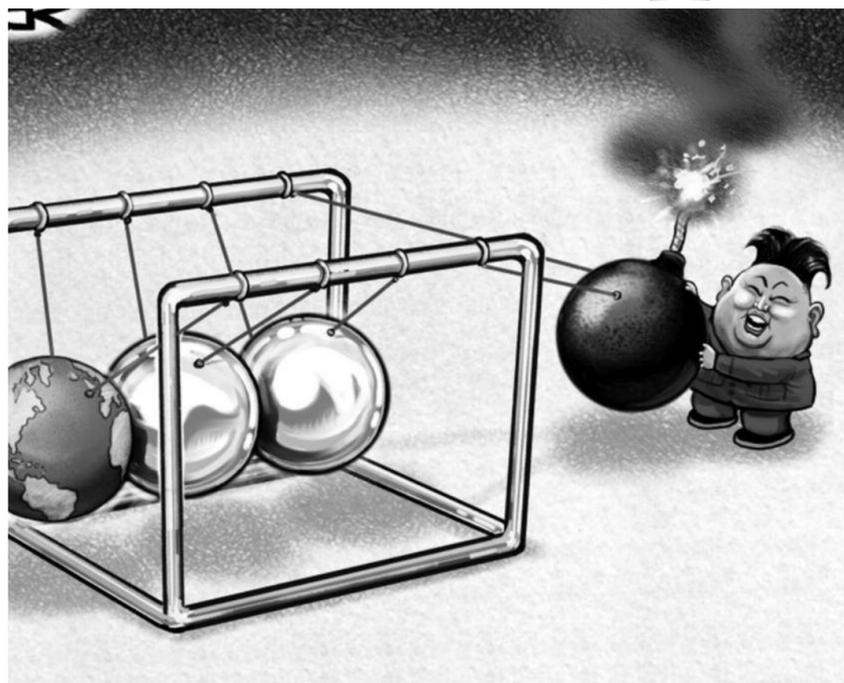
## Word of the Week

perpend: 1 to reflect on carefully : ponder  
2 to be attentive : reflect

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OP-ED

## Tom, the old handyman

By Bill Shepard

I think of the old man often but the memory seems stronger every year about this time. It has been more than four-score years since I actually saw the old man but in my mind's eye I see him clearly.

It is doubtful that there is another person living that has memories of the old man as I do. If so, let he or she sound off; I would like to hear from you! The old man has lived in my memory since I was a small boy and that was a long time ago!

Tom was the village handyman and every year about this time he could be seen moving about the village, he and his old mule. They were busy ploughing the small garden spots for the village folk. My dad was one of those who hired the old man to plough his garden spot and make it ready for planting.

I was as anxious as dad to have Tom come, for he would allow me to get hold of the plough stock and guide the old mule around as the plough point turned the good earth over. My bare feet would sink into the soft earth; it felt so good!

Old Tom belonged to the Lambert farm that was separated from the village by a small stream of water (ditch). That stream ran the full length of the village and rendezvoused with Swift Creek deep inside the cypress swamp it had created.

The Lambert farm was a small parcel of ground, ten acres or less. How it has escaped being part of the old village no one knew, but there it was, and there it remains until this day. It has changed ownership many times since the times when old Tom lived there and ploughed the fields.

Mrs. Lambert had inherited the small farm and had moved there after her husband died, leaving her with a large family. The youngest boy of the family was my friend, Paul. Before moving to the farm, the family had lived on the village near where I lived, thus our friendship. We would remain friends until his death many years later.

Tom actually lived on the farm; his residence was inside one of the large barns. He slept inside the barn, ate his meals there, it was only home he had for as long as I knew him. I suppose he as happy, just he and his old mule. Where you saw one, you saw the other! When Tom was not working on the farm he could be seen somewhere about the village ploughing or hauling wood from the sawmill for the villagers to burn in their wood burning stoves.

It was a long way from the village (over the creek) to the sawmill. Tom charged fifth cents for the hauling and it would take nearly a full day to make the trip. Tom always walked beside the old mule; I never saw him riding on the wagon, it was loaded or empty. He could be seen holding the bridle on the mule's head and walking by the old mule. They made a pair to watch! The old man would be humbling words as they moved along; maybe he was talking to the old mule, no one else could understand.

I often followed the old man to where he was going and helped him to unload the wood from the wagon. Whether he appreciated my help or not, he never said. After unloading the wood, the owner would pay him his fifty cents and the old man would be on his way. It would be my time then to bargain with the owner over the price for splitting the pine slabs into size for burning in their wood burning stoves. Usually, I would end up with a quarter as the price and a dime extra for stacking it to dry! It would take several afternoons after coming home from school to complete my job but I was glad to do it. Quarters were not easy to come by when I was a boy.

If Tom had a friend other than the old mule, I never knew one. I visited the Lambert farm perhaps more often than any other, and at time, if at the right time of the year, the old man would reach into his pocket and take out a handful of pecans and hand them to me. A large pecan tree grew beside the barn where he lived. I would thank the old man and he would mumble something I could not understand. I would ask about my friend Paul and be on my way. What was the end of the old man, I do not know. The Lambert children grew up and, one by one, they married and left the farm. Mrs. Lambert remarried and left the farm also. Paul, my best friend, joined the army shortly after the beginning of World War II. He married and became a father of three children. The old farm has been abandoned for many years. The narrow road leading from the village to the farm was all grown up over the last time I was there. The ditch separating the farm and the village still murmurs along and the memories I have of the place and the people are as alive as they have ever been. I see them all as I write, old Tom, the mule and the village and farm where it all happened.

See you in the garden next time!

Mr. Shepard is a native of Darlington, S.C., and a current resident of Piedmont, S.C. He is the author of "Mill Town Boy" and "Bruised". He has been sharing his tales of growing up in Darlington for decades, and we are delighted to share them each week.

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## Jumpstart Program Provides Reading Readiness Skills

By Sharman Poplava

Learning to read begins in early childhood and research indicates that the ability to read is critical to a child's success in school. Third grade is a transition period when children should be making the shift from learning to read to reading to learn. Studies show that third grade reading level indicates a child's chances of graduating high school. If children start behind they tend to stay behind.

Early literacy experiences are critical to a child's development.

Darlington County Head Start offers a language and reading curriculum through the Jumpstart, Children First program for children 3-5 years old at the Butler site in Hartsville. The program is in partnership with Coker College, the Darlington County School District, and the TEACH Foundation. In 2015, the TEACH Foundation selected Jumpstart as one of the PULSE education initiatives to help address early childhood literacy. The TEACH Foundation a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization

funded through the Sonoco Foundation.

Jumpstart is a national early education organization that recruits and trains college students to help close the kindergarten readiness gap. The program provides a curriculum to increase reading and vocabulary skills and alphabet comprehension targeting preschool-age children.

Jumpstart's college corps program began in 1993 in Connecticut and has since trained more than 45,000 college students and community volunteers, preparing nearly 100,000 children for kindergarten success. Jumpstart's program is replicated across the country in 14 states and the District of Columbia.

The Jumpstart college corps program offers students a chance to receive high-quality training in early childhood development and education, and gain invaluable hands-on experience in the classroom, all the while giving back to the local community.

Jumpstart is a great opportunity for students who are interested in education, look-

ing for a work-study opportunity, or simply love spending time with children.

"The children I work with are amazing. They love Jumpstart and what we do in the classroom. It's like a game to them but at the same time they're really learning," says Kyle Chrzanowski, Coker College student and Jumpstart corps member.

The curriculum, based on language and literacy skills provides children with a consistent routine, low adult-to-child ratios, and positive, meaningful interactions with adults. The curriculum also provides a balance of child-initiated and adult-guided learning opportunities. All of these factors contribute to the progress a child makes towards lifelong success in school and beyond.

By participating in Jumpstart's program, children can develop the language and literacy skills they need to be ready for school, setting them on a path for lifelong success.

Reading skills must be developed early and over time and reinforced once children enter kindergarten. Taking

time to read to a child is one of the most important steps to prepare your child for kindergarten. Here are some additional tips and resources to help start your child on the path to lifelong learning:

- Tumblebook Library for free e-books through the Darlington County Library System

- Paws to Read with dogs at the Darlington Library branch

- MotherRead/FatherRead program through Darlington County First Steps

- Parents As Teachers (PAT) through Darlington County First Steps

- Reach Out to Read program through local doctors' offices

Every child holds great potential and Jumpstart is one path forward to unlock it.

To learn more about the TEACH Foundation and the Jumpstart, Children First program, visit the Foundation website at <http://www.teach-foundation.org/jumpstart>

Sharman Poplava is the Executive Director of the TEACH Foundation

## The Future of Flipping Hamburgers

By Phil Noble

Last week, I saw the future of flipping hamburgers – and most every other type of fast food. It was at a restaurant called Eatsa at 1626 K Street in Washington, DC.

It was both fascinating and at the same time frightening – for a whole lot of reasons but especially for fast food workers in South Carolina, and everywhere else for that matter.

More on Eatsa but first a little background.

I've been interested in the impact of technology on the restaurant business for a few years now. Because so much of our economy in South Carolina is based on tourism, we have lots of restaurant jobs in our state; there are 7,800 restaurants and bars with 197,000 jobs or 11 percent of our economy.

About two years ago, I happened into a restaurant in Myrtle Beach with a few friends for breakfast at a place called the Eggs Up Grill. We sat down, looked at the menu and when the waitress came to take our orders, she took it all down by tapping on her iPhone, which sent our orders directly to a screen in the kitchen. It was pretty interesting stuff.

Then I found out that the whole thing was linked up to the restaurant's inventory system for eggs, bacon, etc. and ultimately it all linked up with the restaurant's suppliers.

It's all called supply chain management. Though it's not a new thing, the fact that the technology had filtered down to a mom and pop restaurant was surprising to me.

Now, back to Eatsa. When I walked into the restaurant last week, it looked and felt different – kind of weird.

There was a bank of 12 to 15 kiosks with iPads against the right wall, several rows of brightly lit little shelves with glass doors across the back wall, a few tables and chairs on the left and a long stand-up table down the middle. The walls were essentially bare with lots of stainless steel, glass and mirrors. It was spooky quiet with just a little light funky elevator music playing in the background.

There was only one restaurant employee and one girl at a table eating. The restaurant guy was leaning against the long table playing on an iPad that had a connecting earpiece.

That's it, one guy.

A few words with iPad man sent me to the bank of kiosks

on the right wall. I swiped a credit card, scrolled through the menu, made my food and drink selection and hit order. In a flash, my name and a number came up on a blue screen beside the little shelves with the clear glass doors.

I went over to talk to iPad man but before 3 minutes had passed, my food showed up on the shelf behind a now flashing glass door corresponding to my order number. As instructed, I tapped twice on the top right

corner of the glass door, it flipped opened and I retrieved my food.

That's it, quick and easy.

As I sat quietly eating my food, several folks came in, tapped on their cell phones and they immediately got their food from behind a glass door and left. For others, the food was already behind the glass door even before they walked into the restaurant.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks Bill Shepard

'Mill Village Boy' Bill Shepard, thanks for keeping the memories alive. Blessings on thee little man, barefoot boy with cheeks of tan. From my heart I give thee joy. I was once a barefoot boy.

Jenny Howell

## A-Tax

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Hartsville Community Dev. Foundation / Ag+Art Tour: \$1,000  
 Hartsville Community Organization / Frets & Necks Fest: \$12,500  
 Lamar Egg Scramble: \$5,000  
 Pilot Club / Sweet Potato Festival: \$4,000  
 SC African American Heritage Foundation: \$7,875  
 SC Junior Golf Foundation / Players Championship: \$7,500  
 Society Hill Catfish Festival: \$3,000  
 Southeastern Bluegrass Association: \$12,000  
 YMCA: \$5,500

In total, these requests add up to \$179,975, but the total A-tax money available this year only amounts to \$55,000. Applicants who attended the March 30 meeting were allowed to address the committee and make a case for why their event or organization should receive funding.

Alvin Heatley spoke on behalf of Butler Heritage Foundation, explaining that Butler Week draws about 4,000 people to a series of events that includes dinners, dances, tailgates, parades, and basketball games.

"Out of that 4,000, we'll probably have at least 600 who are tourists from 50 or more miles from Hartsville," Heatley said.

Heatley said that attendance is tracked at some controlled events through wristbands, while visual estimates and headcounts are used at more freeform events such as the parade. Heatley said that any A-Tax monies issued will be used for promotion and advertising, adding that they mail out over 2,000 event reminders nationwide every year.

Holly Beaumier, representing the Darlington Car Hauler Parade, noted that A-Tax money would be used to fund marketing through television and newspaper advertising and promo-



Alvin Heatley spoke to the Darlington County Accommodations Tax Committee on behalf of the Butler Heritage Foundation and Butler Week. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

tional staffers added to thousands of Southern 500 ticket mailings. She said event attendance figures from the South Carolina Highway Patrol estimated that about 30,000 people normally attend the events at the Florence Civic Center and the Darlington Public Square, including spectators along the parade route. Beaumier said that they added a race ticket giveaway to gauge tourist attendance last year, and more than half of registrants came from outside the Pee Dee region.

Kim Cranford said the Hartsville Community Center and Center Theater drew about 25,000 visitors last year, with an estimated 12,000 coming from over 50 miles away. Cranford said the theater's new ticketing system gathers more accurate data about ticket buyers, including their home addresses. Also, Cranford said he walked through the crowd at this year's RenoFest and asked random guests where they were from; he

tallied 137 guests visiting from outside that 50 mile radius.

Rob Jordan, representing RenoFest, said the 2017 bluegrass festival was "the biggest one we've ever had...the motel owners and restaurants told us there's no other event that puts people in their establishments like RenoFest has." Attendance estimates hold around 6,000 for this three-day event, which draws musicians and music lovers from across the nation and, sometimes, from around the world. A-Tax funding for RenoFest goes toward advertising in national magazines and music-oriented publications.

Matt Frye said the SC Junior Golf Foundation Players Championship "has grown into one of the biggest junior golf events in South Carolina." Frye said the three-day tournament's annual draw of 600 people includes more than 400 tourists - tracked by event registration - who drive more than 50 miles to attend.

Committee members will consider these and other requests, evaluate supporting documentation regarding tourism impact, and make their funding recommendations, which will then be forwarded to Darlington County Council for final approval.

Officers were also elected at this March 30 meeting. By unanimous consent, the committee re-elected Joey Saleeby and chairman and named David McFarland vice chair. The committee includes members Joyce Wingate, Steve Tinney, Scotty Jeffords, Carol Bishop, and Hannah Stanley. Tinney and Bishop were not in attendance at this meeting.

The Darlington County Accommodations Tax Committee will meet once more to make their funding recommendations. This meeting will take place at 6 p.m. April 4 at the Courthouse Annex, located at 1625 Harry Byrd Hwy in Darlington.

## Students

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Rega said that watching his dad and grandfather he noticed a similar fire in himself.

"I saw how they were interacting with people and how they were building it; I have a little bit of that mentality of wanting to do something by myself," Rega said. "Later on I will probably run the company but I just decided not to inherit it without almost any work; they've done most of the work. I decided to do something on my own, to start it a little bit from scratch. That's why I came to America, to be by myself and kind of grind it out from the beginning."

The young men met in an entrepreneurship class.

"When we met each other in the class, we were pitching our ideas and Cameron pitched his idea for this app and said that he had already been thinking about it for three years," Rega said. "As he was talking about it I saw that he still had the same passion for it and I realized it was really good to do this instead of me coming up with something else. If I came up with something else, it would probably be because of the money and I'm not sure that that is the best approach. If you are going to create something, it needs to be valuable and you need to be passionate about it because there are going to be a lot of setbacks that you will go through."

Flotow said that there is a prototype for Brite but that the Indieogo money will go toward building the actual app.

"What we are trying to do it get the application built," Flotow said. "We have a prototype but we want to hire some graphic designers and some programmers and that is very expensive. One app company that we talked to, AppOcta, told us that they can do everything for Android and IOS for \$20,000."

Flotow said that he knows that figure is a barebones number so their

fundraising goal is quite a bit higher.

We are getting the Indieogo campaign set up to raise \$100,000 because if it costs \$20,000 just to do that, there are tons of other things we are going to have to do," Flotow said. "We have looked at marketing, servers and all that stuff but there are also probably hidden costs that we don't know about, and we can't know about, until we come up against them."

A business model competition for their entrepreneurship class will contribute \$1,000 to their efforts if they win.

The app will work as a social network for the community users are in. Users can put in a location and be connected to everyone within a ten-mile radius.

"Brite is going to put everyone within a ten-mile radius of you in one application," Flotow said. "I feel like this could help out many people, no matter the situation they are in."

There will be several uses for the app, Flotow said, from work to meeting new people in your local community.

"You can make new friends on this app," Flotow said. "We generally use social media to talk to friends we already know; what if it we had a social media that allowed us to create new connections? It will also be a way to network yourself out. One of the things you can post on Brite is sound files. If you are a musician you can post your music on there and get feedback from everyone in your community."

Flotow said that with his app, and his partnership with Rega, he hopes to help others in the way that he was helped.

"A lot of people gave me so much, and did so selflessly," Flotow said. "I just feel like I am made to return that favor."

To find out more about Brite and its mission, visit [www.thebriteapp.com](http://www.thebriteapp.com) and sign up for their newsletter to be notified when the crowdfunding campaign goes live.

## Future

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Welcome to the future of fast food.

After I ate, I ambled over to talk with iPad man again. He was quite happy to talk as he was getting bored. Here's what I learned:

- The restaurant was started in 2015 in (where else) San Francisco. There are three locations in San Francisco, two in New York and two in Washington.

- The whole restaurant runs with just five people, iPad man and four people in the back. (They would not let me look in the back). The whole food preparation process is done by robots.

- The people in the back just sort of watch the robots, wipe up any spilled food, tinker with and calibrate the robots and just sort of be there in case something happens. iPad man says nothing ever does.

- They open early and stay open late. The breakfast meals go for about \$3 and it's hard to spend more than \$8-9 on a whole meal during other

hours. The choices are fairly limited, all the dishes are served in a bowl and the whole menu is vegetarian.

- They are very quick. Some orders come up in under one minutes and never more than three or four. They serve about 350 to 400 people a day with most being carryouts.

- And the food was good - not out of this world great, but good enough. It was good enough that more than half the customers come in once or twice a week. It was mostly fru fru dishes like quinoa - stir-fried, with arugula, parsnips and red curry. Most customers work in the nearby office buildings and are in a hurry to get back to their desk.

- The whole place and the whole experience reminded me of The Jetsons cartoon show of my youth.

- Now the idea of cutting cost, especially labor cost, in the restaurant business is nothing new. Some old timers may remember Horn & Hardart automats in New York; the last one closed in 1991 (younger folks can Google it). And, the ultimate reduction in labor cost is the

vending machine.

- Eatsa is the logical, radical extension of this low labor cost concept - all enabled by robots, digital technology and ubiquitous mobile phones.

- The scary part of all this, particularly for South Carolinians, is what this could mean for fast food workers.

There are about 72,000 fast food workers in our state. On average, they work 24 hours a week and have an annual salary of \$11,000. And, they are not just a bunch of kids earning spending money. About 25 percent are parents with kids and 40 percent are 25 years old or older.

- The average wage is under \$9 an hour. iPad man said he makes between \$12-15 an hour - but there are only 5 employees in Eatsa vs 15 per shift in most fast food restaurants. Pretty compelling math.

- Now, don't get me wrong, every McDonalds and Burger King isn't going to look like an Eatsa any time soon. The whole thing may flop but the trend is clear: more technology and fewer people equal lower cost.

- And, because we in South

Carolina have done such a poor job of educating our workforce - a very large segment of our economy is relegated to low wage jobs. There are even many high school graduates that can't qualify for restaurant jobs. Checking on just one job board, I found openings for 752 restaurant jobs in Columbia, 635 in Charleston and 552 in Myrtle Beach - and yet, there are over 100,000 people unemployed in the state today.

So, like most every other problem we have in this state, it all comes down to improving education so that our children can qualify for real jobs with a real future.

Flipping hamburgers is not, and never will be, how we build a better economy for our people.

We can do better.

*Phil Noble has a technology firm in Charleston, is Co-founder of EnvisionSC and writes a weekly column for the S.C. Press Association. Contact him at [phil@philnoble.com](mailto:phil@philnoble.com) and get his columns at [www.PhilNoble.com](http://www.PhilNoble.com).*

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"You'd think that the job market is saturated, but there's a shortage of people that understand all the new technology and computers that are going into cars now. So people like us get a leg up because in this program we see these electronics and how they work together and interact throughout the cars. That gives us a head start on our

competition," said Lloyd.

HVAC instructor John Cunningham said graduates of his program find job placement almost immediately upon graduation, with many heating and cooling companies lining up to inquire about potential hires even before they finish their degrees.

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Proceeds and donations will benefit 15 year-old cancer patient, Taleisha Sam, a smart and sweet Hartsville High School student.



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1 Timothy 2:5-6

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**Danny M. Ingram, Sr.**

Danny M. Ingram, Sr., age 66, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2017 in Annapolis, Maryland. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Thursday, March 30th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Born November 5, 1950, Danny was the son of the late James Ingram and Thelma Carnes Ingram. He was a graduate of St. John's High School in 1971, and then worked as a butcher for IGA in Timmonsville. Danny was associated with the Methodist faith.

Surviving are his daughters, Nikki (Richard) Sprague, Rebecca Parnell, both of Florence, and Sara (James) Presnell of Darlington; his son, Danny (Alice) Ingram, Jr. of Hartsville; his grandchildren, Bobby, Caroline, Janie, Richard, Jr., Levi, Chase, Tristen, Kinley; a special cousin, Mike (Lorie) Sullivan of Florence. He was preceded in death by his brother, James Ingram, Jr.

A guestbook is available online at [www.belkfuneralhome.com](http://www.belkfuneralhome.com).

**Dianne Logan**

Judy Dianne Logan, age 60, affectionately known as "Giggy or Girlie" died Monday, March 27th at her residence. A memorial service was held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 30 at the chapel of Belk Funeral Home.

Born in Darlington on May 25, 1956, she is the daughter of the late Donald Eugene Logan and the late Nettie Craft Logan. She worked in manufacturing for LEGGS in Darlington until her disability, and also worked as a bartender for many years.

She is survived by her daughters, Michelle (Joe) Smith and Donna Rollings (Kevin Allen Lee) and her

grandchildren: Kimberly, James, Jayden, Adrian and Kalob. Also surviving is her sister-in-law Missy (Donny) Powell, her special friend, Charles Layton and dear family friends: Laura Street, Spring Rogers, Stacey Amerson and Jamie Watson.

She was preceded in death by her husband Glen Parrott, and brothers; Franklin and Richard Logan.

A guestbook is available online at [www.belkfuneralhome.com](http://www.belkfuneralhome.com).

**John Robert Heath**

John Robert Heath, 68, of Darlington died on Sunday, March 26, 2017.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of Kistler Hardee Funeral Home. Burial followed in Odom Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home and other times at home of his daughter, Johnette Campos, 548 Potato House Road, Darlington.

John was born in Darlington, South Carolina. He was the son of the late, Robert Ander Heath and Christine Lloyd Munn. John enjoyed riding his motorcycle and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed spending time with his family.

Surviving are his children, Randal Lee "Bo Cat" Freeman (Amy), Sandra Renee "Sal Cat" Jenkins (Marshall McCutchen), Elizabeth "Bef E. Boo" Heath, Johnette Heath "Jonnetta" Campos (Timbi) and Robert "Bird Head" Heath; his grandchildren, Randy, Logan, Seth, Cassidy, Kelsey, Flor, Caden, Armando, Tatiana, Anton and Jaton; 3 great grandchildren; his sisters, Sarah Brown and Ethel "Bug" Pelt; the mother of his children, Cynthia "Old Woman" Heath; and special

nieces and nephews that he took care of and thought of as his own on both sides of the family.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at [www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com](http://www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com).

**Roger Dale Cox**

Roger Dale Cox, 67, husband of Louella Hinkle Cox, died Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in McLeod Hospice House.

Mr. Cox was born August 30, 1949, in Kingstree, a son of the late Theron C. Cox and Ora Lee Tanner Cox. He received a Bachelor of Arts & Political Science, Cum Laude from Newberry College, a Master of Education in Secondary Administration from Winthrop College and a Master of Divinity in Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dale taught school for Lancaster City Schools, North Myrtle Beach Christian School, School District of Greenville County and Williamsburg County School, he was also a previous headmaster at Andrews Christian School. He was the Pastor of several churches in Georgia, Texas and Virginia and was an Associate Pastor at Bethea Baptist Church until 2010. He was also licensed and pastored in the Wesleyan Church. During his time at Bethea he served as activities director and choir director for Bethea Singers. Dale was a member of Bethea Baptist Church and was a member of the South Carolina Baptist Singing Churchmen.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Louella, are: his son, Jonathan Conrad Cox, of Darlington; brother, Bryan L. (Elizabeth) Cox, of Murrell's Inlet; sister-in-law, Bette Cox, of Florence, and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Mr. Cox was preceded in death by a brother, Tim Cox and a special nephew, T.C. Cox.

Funeral services were 2 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2017, in the chapel at Williamsburg Funeral Home, with burial in Bethesda Cemetery, Cades. The family received friends from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Friday before the service at Williamsburg Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to any charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.WilliamsburgFuneralHome.com](http://www.WilliamsburgFuneralHome.com).

**Joe Byrd**

Joe L. Byrd, age 78, died Tuesday, March 28th in a local hospital. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 1st in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Darlington Memory Gardens. The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Friday evening at the funeral home.

Born in Darlington on February 6, 1939, Joe is the son of the late Robert L. "R.L." Byrd and the late Madge Martin Byrd. Mr. Byrd worked as an electrician for NUCOR for over 25 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and especially watching his great-grandson play ball. Mr. Byrd was a Mason, a Shriner and past member of Temple Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Larry Byrd of Darlington, two grandchildren, Maggie Wheeler and Daniel Byrd, a great-grandson, Michael Wheeler, a sister, Nell Gable, a brother, Douglas Martin (Martha) Byrd, Sr., all of Darlington, a special friend, Pinky Jordan and a special niece, Susie Williams.

He was preceded in death by his wife Vivian B. Byrd, brothers Frank, Fred and George Byrd; and his sisters, Gussie Moore and Kathryn Ward.

A guestbook is available online at [www.belkfuneralhome.com](http://www.belkfuneralhome.com).

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**Simulcast**

Lakeview Baptist Church, 201 Lakeview Boulevard in Hartsville, will host a simulcast event Saturday, April 8 with Bible teacher and best-selling author, Priscilla Shirer. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the simulcast will run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. with lunch provided. Tickets are \$20 online at [priscillashirersimulcast.eventbrite.com](http://priscillashirersimulcast.eventbrite.com) or by calling Lakeview at 843-332-8427.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Mont Clare Baptist Church, located at 1632 Mont Clare Rd. in Darlington, is holding an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 843-393-4016.

**Holy Week Services**

Center Baptist Church will hold three nights of Holy Week Service at the church, located at 3420 Sally Hill Road, Timmonsville, SC; services begin at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Speakers are Wednesday April 12: Minister Evelyn Coe; Thursday April 13: Minister Queen Coe and Friday April 14: Minister Edward Wilson. For more information, call 843-393-0421.

**Natl. Day of Prayer**

The 66th National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday May 4, 2017 at

noon. The event will be held at Darlington Presbyterian Church, located at 311 Pearl Street in Darlington. The theme this year is "For Your Names' Sake. Hear Us...Forgive Us...Heal Us!" Taken from Daniel 9:19.

**Bible Study**

Bible study at Mt.Zion Tabernacle Believers Church 426 W. Broad St. Darlington, on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Bible study led by Rev.Larry Scipio. Contact Deacon Z.Frierson at 843-992-3158 or church 843-992-8125. Come join us.

**St. Catherine's Episcopal Church**

3123 W. Palmetto St., Florence. Worship Time: 11 a.m. (4th Sunday 8:30 a.m.) Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Phone: 843-601-3672

Facebook: St.Catherine's EC Vicar: The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson

**Lawson Grove Baptist Church**

3585 Lawson Grove Rd, Hartsville. Sunday-- Church School at 9:45a.m. and Worship Service at 10:45a.m. Wednesday-- Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible study 7p.m.

Streaming Available at [lawsongrovebaptistchurch.com](http://lawsongrovebaptistchurch.com)

**Black Creek Baptist Church**

Black Creek Baptist Church, located 139 Mont Clare Road, Dovesville, announces their hours: Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11a.m. Worship Services and 6 p.m. Evening Worship.

Wednesday: 6:30 Adult Bible Study; Youth Bible Study, Children (Children In Action) 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

**Covenant Baptist Church**

Covenant Baptist Church, located at 628 Pocket Road, announces their hours: Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11a.m. Spoken Word Service. Wednesday: 6 p.m. Bible Study. Need a ride to church? Call 843-393-7872.

**Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries**

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington announces their hours

1st/3rd Sunday Pastoral Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Church Services 11:00 Elder M. Frierson 2nd/4th Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 by Deacon Z. Frierson Service at 11:00 a.m. Min.Gerald Green. The community is invited to attend. Come expecting to hear the anointed Word. Contact Deacon.Z.Frierson 843-229-3158

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## The presence of faith within community

By Dr. William Holland

The idea of faith within any community usually leads to thoughts about various types of churches and this can definitely be a part of it, however, if we step back and observe the larger picture we notice that faith is more of an overall spiritual presence than just the local assemblies themselves. We realize there is a huge difference between being religious and spiritual and this has everything to do with how we connect with God and society. The Christian evangelical emphasis is based on the great commission which involves allowing the light of Christ to shine as we associate with those who are watching. Though many have yet to embrace their spiritual mission, the needs are great and there is no shortage of opportunities to become involved. For the follower of Christ, we are given the responsibility to develop a genuine lifestyle of sensitivity and there is no greater environment to become a walking, breathing lighthouse of love and concern than in our local community.

One definition of community according to Merriam Webster is: "a feeling of fellowship with others as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals." This allows us to develop lifelong connections with neighbors, co-workers, friends, church members and businesses that can evolve into lasting relationships. Especially within the smaller communities, this concept can be preserved by caring parents and concerned individuals that are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and become actively involved so that future generations can continue to enjoy a sense of belonging.

In the 1830's the young French nobleman, Alexis de Tocqueville traveled throughout the United States carefully observing its people and institutions. When explaining the success of America's democratic republic to his countrymen, he commented at length about the critical role played by America's religious devotion. He observed that spirituality was essential to forming this nation's political convictions

and I can see why. Those who genuinely walk with God are called to be a spiritual witness and testimony everywhere they go as well as being a practical asset providing stability, trust and integrity. With the stress of social correctness, we need the sincerity of sound spiritual wisdom along with moral demonstrations of God's character now more than ever.

In 2006 and 2007, Robert Putham of Harvard and David Campbell of Notre Dame also surveyed a large and representative sample of Americans about the role of faith in their lives. One of the unique contributions of their research discovered that behaviors, attitudes and beliefs of those who are considered people of faith are more likely to give their time and financial support to both religious and non-religious causes. Since the foundation of love begins with God and family, we can agree the vision of community is to allow the character and compassion of Jesus to overflow into good works unto all people. This type of faith is not about denominations or a particular religious dogma, but is centered on an enthusiasm to cooperate with others in order to live in peace. When people are committed to following God's directives they will not be able to ignore the needs of those around them. Community faith is about individuals who feel an accountability to step out beyond the walls of the organized church and interact with the world that surrounds the church. Christians were never called to be spectators - they are equipped and empowered to be participants! Social religion talks about the cross while the true disciple of Jesus is identified with what it means. In fact, all people within God's Kingdom should be excited for the challenge to openly live what they believe and be included within society as an optimistic ingredient of faith, love and hope.

Dr. Holland lives in Central Kentucky with his wife Cheryl, where he is a Christian author and community outreach chaplain. Request a free copy of his new CD at: [billyhollandministries.com](http://billyhollandministries.com).

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You will be able to provide a detailed description of your missing pet, as well as attach a photo. Upon registering your lost pet, an e-mail alert will be sent to the Darlington Shelter's e-mail address. This will allow the Shelter staff to recognize your lost pet should it arrive at the facility.

## Area Happenings

### Weekly Events

#### Centennial Farmers Market

This market features fresh, organic gourmet foods, free-range eggs and homegrown, healthy foods including homemade breads and sweet treats and as always, live music and entertainment! Every Thursday from 4 – 7 p.m. Location: Corner of 5th St. and Carolina Ave. in Hartsville.

#### Darlington Elks Lodge

Tuesdays: Swing/Shag dance lessons, "New" line dance lessons from 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays: Karaoke from 8-10 p.m. Thursdays: Bingo at 7:30 p.m.

Darlington Elks Lodge is located at 836 Timmonsville Hwy. For more info: 843-393-1451

#### Paws to Read

Paws to Read is a literacy program where emerging and reluctant readers can create positive emotional connections with reading. Therapy Dogs International with their trainers come for one-on-one reading sessions on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm. and 3 p.m. respectively at the Darlington Library Branch.

#### Story Time

Darlington: Thursdays at 10 a.m. Info: 398-4940 ext. 305. Hartsville: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Info: 332-5115 ext. 7. Society Hill: Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Info: 378-0026 Lamar: Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Info: 326-5524

#### Library Youth Programs:

Darlington Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Lamar Family Movie Day: Tuesdays 4:00 p.m.; Youth Program: Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

#### Crochet & Knit Clubs

Lamar: each Monday at 4:30 p.m. 326-5524 Society Hill: each Friday from 2-4 pm 378-0026 Darlington: 2nd Friday of the month 10 a.m. - noon 398-4940

Hartsville: "The Stitchers" group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays and 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5 pm.

#### Pee Dee SCORE

Pee Dee SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) offers Free confidential counseling to America's small business, serving Darlington, Florence and surrounding areas. Existing and start-up businesses can schedule an appointment by calling the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce at 843-332-6401.

#### Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

Meetings for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) are held at the Church of God on 620

North Main Street in Darlington. Meetings will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting of big book and traditions studies weekly at 8 p.m. Monday nights at Trinity UMC on Pearl Street. Use Orange Street entrance. Info: 843-395-6897.

AA meets at at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street: 12 noon and 6 p.m. Monday/Wednesday; 12 noon and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; and 8pm Sunday.

#### Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon is a fellowship of adult relatives and friends of alcoholics for mutual support. Visitors are welcome. Childcare is not available. Al-Anon meetings:

Thursdays at 8p.m at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street. Info: 843-992-2981.

#### Yoga for Beginners

Yoga will be held at the Darlington Library the 1st and 3rd Saturday each month from 12:30-2 p.m.

#### Book Club

The Darlington Library Book Club meets the 3rd Saturday of each month 12pm-1 p.m. Stop by the library to pick up each month's selection.

#### Apr. 5 - 11

#### Open House

Pee Dee Gardens will hold an open house from 2 – 5 p.m. April 5. The senior living community is located at 3117 W. Palmetto St. in Florence. For more information, call 843-667-6699.

#### Adult Basketball Registration

Darlington Recreation Department will hold registration for adult basketball through April 7. The cost is \$350 per team. Teams must have their own jerseys. Register at Harmon Baldwin

Center, 300 Sanders St. For more information, call Don Blakney at 843-393-9005 or 843-398-4030. No late registration.

#### BBQ Dinner Fundraiser

Fundraiser for the Society Hill Lions Club April 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Catered by Schoolhouse BBQ. Advance purchase required and tickets must be presented at the door. Tickets are available at Funderburk Insurance, Palmetto Furniture, Carolina Bank and from Lions Club members. Delivery is available for 10 plates or more. For more information, call 843-378-4251.

#### Simulcast

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#### Health Clinic

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 210 and Care South Carolina is sponsoring a free health screening clinic for the public April 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at King-Wingate American Legion Post, 147 Sparks Street in Darlington.

#### Apr. 12 -18

#### American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, April 13 at the Post on Harry

Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

#### Taste of Darlington

DDRA hosts the Taste of Darlington on Thursday April 13 from 7 – 9 p.m. at Darlington Raceway. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 in advance.

#### Easter Bunny Breakfast

Palmetto Grocery and Grill, 2192 Ebenezer Road in Florence, will hold a breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$15 a person. The event includes an Easter egg scavenger hunt.

#### Ball for a Cause Charity Event

The 2017 Ball for a Cause Charity Event will be held April 15. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. The event, hosted by Garrison "Spiff G" Williams, will take place from 1 – 4 p.m. at A.W. Stanley Gym, 100 Magnolia Street in Darlington. There will be a dunk contest, 3-point contest and competitions and prizes for kids. All the proceeds go to the Darlington Recreation Department.

#### Apr. 26 - May 2

#### Walk with the Docs

Hosted by the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County April 29 at Davidson Hall at Coker College. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. and the event features games, inflatables, music and food. The three mile walk begins at 10 a.m. Funds raised from the walk go toward supporting the Free Medical Clinic. For more information, call 843-332-0422 or 843-398-0060.

#### DDRA Spring Concert Series

Enjoy local, live music from Radio Vibe and area restaurants' eats from 7 – 10 p.m on Liberty Lane on Pearl St. in Downtown Darlington on Saturday, April 29

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, May 1, 2017 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or [jbishop@dar-cosc.com](mailto:jbishop@dar-cosc.com).

#### May 3 - 9

#### Market on Darlington Square

First Saturday of the month May through October (no

July) from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Visit with the community, listen to local music, and enjoy a variety of vendors and food Saturday, May 6.

#### May 10 - 16

#### American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, May 12 at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

#### Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, May 16 the third Thursday of every other month at 9 a.m. unless noted differently at the Darlington Library or at the conference room at City Hall and as needed or requested by City Council.

#### May 17 - 23

#### DDRA Spring Concert Series

Enjoy local, live music and area restaurants' eats from 7 – 10 p.m on Liberty Lane on Pearl St. in Downtown Darlington on Friday, May 19

#### Darlington County Ambulance Commission

The Darlington County Ambulance Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 23 at 6 p.m. at the EMS/EPA Building Courthouse Annex, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway. For questions, contact: 843-398-4450.

#### May 31 - June 6

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, June 5, 2017 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or [jbishop@dar-cosc.com](mailto:jbishop@dar-cosc.com).

#### Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting on June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

#### Market on Darlington Square

First Saturday of the month May through October (no July) from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Visit with the community, listen to local music, and enjoy a variety of vendors and food Saturday, June 4.

#### June 7 - 13

#### DDRA Spring Concert Series

Enjoy local, live music and area restaurants' eats from 7 – 10 p.m on Liberty Lane on Pearl St. in Downtown Darlington on Friday, June 9

#### American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, June 9 at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

#### June 28 - July 4

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, July 3, 2017 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or [jbishop@dar-cosc.com](mailto:jbishop@dar-cosc.com).

#### July 12 - 18

#### American Legion

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#### Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, July 18 the third Thursday of every other month at 9 a.m. unless noted differently at the Darlington Library or at the conference room at City Hall and as needed or requested by City Council.

#### July 19 -25

#### DDRA Spring Concert Series

Enjoy local, live music and area restaurants' eats from 7 – 10 p.m on Liberty Lane on Pearl St. in Downtown Darlington on Friday, July 21

#### Darlington County Ambulance Commission

The Darlington County Ambulance Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 25 at 6 p.m. at the EMS/EPA Building Courthouse Annex, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway. For questions, contact: 843-398-4450.

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## Finalists in Startup Hartsville competition announced

Startsville, the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics Foundation's Innovation Center, is pleased to announce the finalists in the Startup Hartsville Competition, an initiative that offers funds and other incentives to help local entrepreneurs establish businesses in downtown Hartsville.

The grand prize winner(s) will be announced at the competition's closing ceremony, Monday, April 10. The event will be held beginning at 6 p.m., at the Black Creek Arts Center, 116 W College Ave, Hartsville, SC 29550.

- The 2017 Finalists are:
- Mary Benjamin of Mary's Bridal, an expansion of a local bridal boutique
  - Ashlynnne Charlton of 1000 Lives Gaming, a collectible card and comic book shop
  - Ashli Smart of Girls University, an all-girls, after-school leadership and enrichment academy

ment academy

- Nikki Belville of Wild Child, a children's boutique

"We are excited to support these entrepreneurs as their businesses enter this next stage of our competition. Each of them could bring something unique to our city and its downtown business district," said Kathryn de Ridder-Vignone, Director of Startsville.

Businesses eligible for the competition were startups, franchises, expansions, or relocations of existing businesses from other communities.

Startsville, with support from the City of Hartsville, offers an incentive package of \$12,000 to each winning entrepreneur who will open a store in downtown Hartsville.

For more information about this year's competition visit the Startsville website or contact Kathryn de Ridder-Vignone, Director of Startsville, at [director@startsville.com](mailto:director@startsville.com).



Members of the Darlington County Board of Education held a budget work session on March 27. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

## Board

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Bob Dameron of Compass Municipal Advisors LLC advised the Board to use the full millage increase allowed under the look-back provision, noting that DCSD has not increased operational millage since 2009.

The Board also discussed athletic and band director supplements of \$65,000, increases for high school and middle school security and transportation of \$76,716, athletic salary increases of \$40,000, and an increase to District arts programs of \$20,000.

An increase in salary scale for cafeteria workers would cost an estimated \$75,656, bumping cafeteria staff and two maintenance workers to \$10 per hour. Board members Thelma Dawson and Warren Jeffords voiced support for this increase. Morphis suggested paying this expense from the District's fund balance. Dameron noted that the raises could be paid from the food service fund, and benefits paid from the general fund.

Hiring an Early Childhood director would cost about \$130,000, including health and fringe benefits, and the Board asked Smith to investigate how much of that could be covered

by SC Department of Education Title 1 funding.

Morphis raised the idea of school consolidation, since some schools in the District have classes that are running light (with a ratio of one teacher to about fifteen students). However, Ingram noted that some schools are running heavy, saying that the District has 32 classes with over 30 students. Hartsville High School principal Charlie Burry confirmed that he currently has at least ten classes with more than thirty students.

Board members discussed the possibility of consolidating three Hartsville schools into a planned new elementary school, one of three new schools to be built using proceeds from the \$60 million bond referendum approved last November.

Ingram also suggested holding off on a block scheduling conversion for the current budget year, citing that many District principals said they would need for at least one year's prep time to ready for this conversion. Block scheduling conversion would require hiring either 10 teachers at a cost of \$764,500 or 12 teachers at a cost of \$917,500.

The Darlington County Board of Education's next regular meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 6 p.m.

## DCSD

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"The article goes on to say that regardless of a child's socio-economic level, if they are missing ten percent of school that is an early indicator to us that we need to get in there and we need to start working a whole lot earlier with our younger students and parents," Ingram said.

Knowing that absences are a red flag, Ingram said that the social workers in Darlington County Schools are working to catch students before it becomes an issue.

"This year we have done some attendance interventions with a few of our 4K parents and they were a little appalled that we would call them because their child is only 4-years-old and in 4K and we were calling for an attendance intervention plan," Ingram said. "Yes, we are. And we are continuing to tell the social workers to bring in those 4-year-olds and those 5-year-olds."

Interventions are one way DCSD is trying to curb absences, making sure that parents understand the impact that missing school can have

on their child years down the road.

"It is important that we get this early because by the time that they are in middle school and they've missed 10, 20, 30 days of school a year, their rate of dropping out of school increases and they aren't ready for high school," Ingram said. "Then the high schools are struggling to hold on to them. We know if they miss ten days, whether excused or unexcused, they are in jeopardy of not getting credit in that school year."

With research showing that having 97 percent average daily attendance rate is what districts and schools should shoot for, Ingram said that that is exactly what DCSD is doing.

"We are going to strive for that 97 percent because it is important that these children are in school every single day, even in 4K," Ingram said. "I think sometimes parents think 4K is daycare but it's not; it's school. We want to be proactive. I am going to get the social workers to work at little harder at the beginning of the school year to get letters out to parents and send them the data. They need to know why it's important for them to get their children to school every day."

## Historical Commission welcomes new assistant director

By Samantha Lyles  
Staff Writer  
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Visitors to the Darlington County Historical Commission are being greeted by a new face as newly hired Max Everhart joins the team as assistant director.

A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Everhart holds degrees in English and Creative Writing from UNC Greensboro and University of Alabama at Birmingham. He taught English for ten years at Northeastern Technical College, Coker College, and Jefferson State Community College prior to joining the Commission. During graduate school in Alabama, Everhart also worked at the renowned Hoover Public Library.

In addition to helping patrons and balancing accounts, Everhart will employ his writing skills to inform the public about new discoveries, acquisitions, events, and exhibits through the Historical Commission's website, social media, and newsletter. Everhart says he grew up with a love of history, mostly



Max Everhart has joined the Darlington County Historical Commission as assistant director PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

imparted by his father, an avid student and reader of history. "I've always loved history. If I was to go back to school, I'd probably be a history major," says Everhart. "After my dad got out of Vietnam, he used the G.I. Bill to get two degrees in history, and then got a PhD at the University of Wisconsin...so I grew up with thousands of history books in my house."

During his first month at

the Historical Commission, Everhart says director Brian Gandy has kept him busy learning the archives, meeting patrons and helping them find family histories and land records. He says he's already finding it easy to get lost in the endless stores of engrossing information housed in the Commission.

"If you can't find something interesting here by just opening up a random drawer,

there's probably something wrong with you," says Everhart. "I have a writing background, so I'm always interested in personal stories...I always look for the personal side of history, so that's fascinating to me."

Gandy says Everhart's presence at the Commission will free him up to spend more energy on one of his primary goals: getting out in the community and gathering more donations of historical records, artifacts, and images to preserve in the archives.

"Last month, we had a ninety-five percent increase in patron traffic. As our patron traffic increases, so does our need for quality help – somebody who's able to make decisions about donations right off the bat as far as what we take or don't take, and who can help patrons find the records they need," says Gandy.

The Darlington County Historical Commission is located at 204 Hewitt Street in Darlington. They are open weekdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call (843) 398-4710.

## Pee Dee Coalition starts campaign to engage men

In recognition of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault (PDC) is launching an appeal to men to support sexual assault prevention efforts across the region. In the 100 Man Campaign, PDC asks leaders across the region to each donate \$100, or more, for sexual assault prevention services.

According to PDC Board President, Irby Wilson, "Every \$100 donation received between April 1st and June 30th adds a name to the roster of bold leaders who commit to stand against sexual violence by neither participating in it nor tolerating it by others; to speak up to stop language and actions that demean or blame victims, and to model positive behavior every day in every

place."

Based on the Sexual Assault Awareness Month national theme of "Engaging New Voices," Wilson is among the men already volunteering with PDC who are hosting men's roundtable discussions that outline what constitutes sexual violence, explores ways to respond in cases of sexual harassment or suspected child sexual abuse and explains steps men can take as active bystanders when sexually inappropriate conversations or behaviors are witnessed.

Over its 30-year history, the Pee Dee Coalition, supported in part by the United Way, has been providing round-the-clock victim assistance and expanding prevention services. In addition to the 24-hour crisis line, individual counseling,

medical, legal and criminal justice advocacy offered to victims, PDC offers:

R.O.A.R. (Reducing Our Assault Risk) a forum for engaging today's youth and young adults in healthy conversations about sex and sexual violence; R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) training for women in self-defense against various types of assault by utilizing easy, effective and proven techniques; Talking About Touching provides personal body safety education for preschool, daycare, primary, and elementary school students in which children increase their ability to say "no", get away from unsafe situations and to identify safe adults; and Stewards of Children, developed by Darkness to Light, to educate

adults about the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse and empower them to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly when they suspect a child is being harmed.

Even though, according to the US Department of Justice, the rate of sexual assault has fallen 63 percent since 1993, it remains a major public health issue affecting one in six women and one in 33 men. Today's statistics indicate that every 98 seconds someone in the United States is sexually assaulted and every eight minutes that someone is a child.

To join the 100 Man Campaign, email PDC at [100men@peedeecoalition.org](mailto:100men@peedeecoalition.org) or visit [www.peedeecoalition.org](http://www.peedeecoalition.org). For more information call Barbara Steadman at 843-669-4694.



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# Darlington and Lamar put together great week of baseball

By Drake Horton  
Contributing Writer

## Darlington Falcons

It was a productive week of baseball for the Darlington Falcons, winning two out of the three games it played.

More importantly those two wins were the Falcons first region wins of the year, defeating the Crestwood Knights 10-4 on Tuesday, March 28th in Sumter and 7-3 at home on Thursday.

"Thankfully our kids were able to get two conference

wins and stay on pace with Hartsville and Lugoff-Elgin," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said. "We need to continue to improve and be ready to travel to Lakewood Wednesday."

Falcons starting pitcher Drake Adams pitched great in Darlington's first game against Crestwood and Anthony Hopkins, coming off of an injury suffered before the season, made his first start of the season on Thursday, picking up the win.

"Anthony Hopkins had an excellent start on Thursday,"

Gearhart said. "He pitched five strong innings coming off an injury."

An area of concern for Darlington, according to Gearhart, still resides on the offensive side, especially when it comes to converting with runners in scoring position.

"We need to do a better job of providing run support with runners in scoring position," Gearhart said.

Darlington dropped a non-conference game this past Wednesday against the Wilson Tigers 7-6 on the road and

while this week may not have been the Falcons best overall, Gearhart likes what his team is doing and hopes they can build off the momentum of this past week.

"We certainly didn't play our best baseball this week," Gearhart said. "I am hoping the best is yet to come."

The Falcons overall record is 8-6 overall, 2-2 in the region.

## Lamar Silver Foxes

The Silver Foxes kept to their winning ways this past

week, going 3-0, defeating McBee 13-3 at home, on Tuesday, March 28th, East Clarendon 17-2 on Wednesday and Great Falls 10-0 on Friday.

"We did what we pride ourselves on, which is throw strikes and play defense," Lamar head coach Adam Windham said. "We had a great week at the plate. We hit a lot balls hard that found some holes."

The win against McBee avenged a 9-7 lost back on March 10th and puts the Silver Foxes right back in contention

for the region championship.

With the clean sweep of the three games this past week, especially the big win against McBee that can bring big implications when it comes to the playoffs, the Silver Foxes are playing with a strong level of confidence.

"We are," Windham said, mentioning that his team is playing with confidence. "Hopefully we can keep it going and continue to get better as the playoffs approach."

Lamar's overall record improves to 13-3 overall, 4-2 in the region.

Members of Pee Dee United Elks Lodge 1679 and Excelsior Temple 790 pictured with Mrs. Lindsey Byrd of the Darlington Soup Kitchen. The Exalted Ruler of Pee Dee United Elks Lodge 1679 is Brother David Mills. The Daughter Ruler of Excelsior Temple 790 is Daughter Christy Williamson. "We are working together as Brothers and Sisters in making a difference in our community, state, country and world. Our Order is built on Benevolence and Brotherly and Sisterly Love. Also Doing Good in the Neighborhood," said Past Exalted Ruler Brother Kevin N. Brown.



## COKER ATHLETICS

Here is a recap of what happened in the past week in Coker athletics.

### Baseball

Coker baseball fell in its series finale with Anderson in a hard fought 4-3 game on Sunday (Apr. 2).

Anderson struck in the top of the first, before padding their lead to 2-0 in the top of the third. Coker responded in the bottom of the third with an RBI single from AJ Strnad that scored Clint Allen. The bats were silent until the sixth when the Trojans scraped across another run in their half of the inning. Bryson Conner got the inning started with a one-out single, before stealing second and advancing to third on a throwing error by the Anderson catcher. Anderson was able to record the second out and leave Conner at third, before the junior would score on a wild pitch. Tanner Crosby was able to keep the inning alive with a double to left center, but unfortunately he was stranded there.

Neither team plated a run in the seventh, and Griffin Hollifield was able to hold down the Anderson bats in the top of the eighth. After Anderson's starter was lifted for a reliever, Conner got the rally going with a leadoff walk. Jon Koski then chopped a ball to the right side of the infield and Conner advanced to second on the out at first. That gave Crosby another chance for a clutch hit. The sophomore grinded out a tough at-bat before lashing a single to right field to send Conner around to score and tie the game at three apiece.

Anderson was able to plate a two-out run in the ninth off

of Hollifield (2-1), and Coker went down quietly in the ninth. The Trojans took the decisive game three and the series two games to one.

Strnad shined offensively in the effort, going 3-5 with a double. Crosby also went 2-4 with a double on the day, while Darius Coldiron and Conner each added one hit. Will Sutton got the start and the no-decision for the Navy and Gold, going 5.1 strong innings. The southpaw gave up three earned runs on eight hits while walking one and striking out two. Hollifield fired 3.2 relief innings allowing one earned run on five hits while recording one strikeout.

### Softball

The Coker softball team improved to 31-11 overall and 7-3 in the SAC after sweeping Catawba and splitting their series with Tusculum. The Cobra women's lacrosse team also picked up a pair of wins. They defeated Catawba to move to 4-1 in SAC play, and they had an impressive 9-8 double-OT win over Belmont Abbey to move to 9-3 overall. They will welcome Carson-Newman to town on April 8 for another SAC doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. The Cobras will honor their seniors during Saturday's games and they will be wearing special pink uniforms in honor of breast cancer awareness.

### Tennis

The Coker women's tennis team fell to Lincoln Memorial 8-1 on Sunday (Apr. 2).

Jennifer Ruetten earned a 6-4, 6-3 win at No. 1 singles in the effort. Coker men's tennis fell to visiting Lincoln Memorial 7-2 on Sunday (Apr. 2) in South Atlantic Conference action. The tandem of Felix Schweyer and Simon Bergbom earned an 8-5 win at No. 1 doubles, while Mark Watt picked up a 6-0, 6-2 win at No. 1 singles.

The Cobras travel to Mars Hill on Tuesday (Apr. 4) for a South Atlantic Conference battle. First serve is set for 1:00 p.m.

### Lacrosse

The Coker College men's lacrosse team (3-7, 1-4 SAC) lost a South Atlantic Conference matchup against Mars Hill (3-5, 1-4 SAC) by a score of 15-11 on Sunday (Apr. 2) afternoon. The Cobras trailed just 10-8 heading into the fourth quarter, and closed the gap to 10-9 with 14:09 remaining. However, Mars Hill responded with four unanswered goals to seal the victory.

The Cobras fell behind 1-0 early, but responded with three straight goals from Denton Wilks, Patrick Timothee, and Garrett Kilgore to grab a 3-1 lead. The Cobras and Lions traded goals for the next quarter before Mars Hill used a 4-0 run to stretch their lead to 9-5.

Rylee Marsh brought the Cobras back, scoring three goals in the third quarter to close the margin to 10-8.

The fourth quarter opened with an unassisted goal from Garrett Kilgore to cut the score to 10-9, but Mars Hill responded with four straight goals to push their lead to 14-9 with

7:48 remaining. The Cobras made a late push with Ryan Marsh's fourth goal, and another goal from Patrick Timothee, but it wouldn't be enough to make up the deficit.

Vinny Magro and Rylee Marsh led the way for the Cobras. Magro had five assists on the afternoon, while Marsh

scored a career-high four goals.

The Cobras will be back in action on Sunday, April 9th when they face off against Tusculum at 2pm at the Coker Athletic Field.

The Cobra women's lacrosse team will take on Tusculum in a SAC game Saturday April 8, at 2 p.m.

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Early drop-off @ 6:30am  
\$15 per week

**WHEN:** June 5-August 18 from 7am-6pm.

### SPRING BREAK CAMP

Darlington YMCA Spring Break Camp Program enhances a camper's self confidence and leadership skills through an emphasis on good sportsmanship, teamwork and safety. Come join us for the best spring break ever! Fieldtrips, character development, learning, and so much more. Available for all school aged children. Register today!

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Early drop-off @ 6:30am  
\$15 per week

**WHEN:** April 17-21 from 7am-6pm.

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Member weekly rate \$70  
Potential member weekly rate \$90  
Drop-In Rate (up to 2 days)  
\$30 per day  
\$5 weekly discount for second child in same family  
Early drop-off @ 6:30am  
\$15 per week

**WHEN:** June 5-August 18 from 7am-6pm.

# Darlington Raceway to sponsor Coastal Carolina baseball game April 8



Two of South Carolina's premier sports traditions are partnering together for a fun day at the ballpark for its fans on Saturday, April 8.

Darlington Raceway, the iconic NASCAR track, will sponsor the Coastal Carolina University baseball game against Louisiana-Lafayette at Springs Brooks Stadium in Conway, SC. Coastal Carolina is the defending NCAA College World Series champions.

The game, slated for a 2 p.m. start on April 8, will feature in-game promotions, race ticket giveaways and much more. The Darlington Raceway pace car will also be on display at the stadium that day.

"We're pleased to sponsor a Coastal Carolina baseball game this season," said track president Kerry Tharp said. "Coastal Carolina's baseball team had a magical run to the College World Series title last

year. Their championship brought a great deal of pride to our state and we're excited to build a strong partnership with them this year."

Following their College World Series championship in 2016, CCU head baseball coach Gary Gilmore was honored during Bojangles' Southern 500 pre-race ceremonies. Members of the team were also honored during the track's NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 race last September.

College students attending the game are encouraged to visit the track's information booth to learn about its college ticket program, which is an affordable way for students to enjoy the Bojangles' Southern 500 with a fun tailgating atmosphere.

Tickets for the CCU game against Louisiana-Lafayette are available by visiting [www.GoCCUSports.com](http://www.GoCCUSports.com).

Darlington Raceway's award-winning throwback campaign is now The Official Throwback Weekend of NASCAR featuring the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500® on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017. The NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017. Tickets are on sale now by calling 866-459-7223 or visiting [DarlingtonRaceway.com](http://DarlingtonRaceway.com).

You can keep up with all of the latest news from Darlington Raceway at [DarlingtonRaceway.com](http://DarlingtonRaceway.com), on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway](https://www.facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway) and on Twitter at [Twitter.com/TooToughToTame](https://twitter.com/TooToughToTame). Fans are encouraged to post their Bojangles' Southern 500 stories and memories at #TraditionContinues, #BojanglesSo500 and #SportClips200.

## ArborOne Farm Credit pays over \$2 million in patronage dividends

Spring is coming up green in more ways than one for Pee Dee area farmers, many of whom will find a welcomed envelope in their mailboxes this week. ArborOne Farm Credit, the region's leading agricultural lender, is mailing \$2.1 million in patronage refund checks to its customer-owners.

ArborOne Farm Credit is structured as a cooperative, meaning its customer-owners literally "own the bank" and run the organization by electing its Board of Directors. By law, profits made by cooperatives must either be returned to member-owners or reinvested in the company at the end of each fiscal year.

Since 1988, ArborOne Farm Credit has paid over \$93 million in cash patronage refunds, which represent a portion of Arbor One's net earnings to eligible customer-owners. Each eligible customer's cash-back refund is based on the interest paid during the calendar year—so the more business a customer has with ArborOne, the larger

their patronage check.

"Despite the downturn in the ag economy and the curveballs that Mother Nature has thrown us over the past two years, ArborOne Farm Credit remains financially strong. We are pleased to return a portion of our profits to our customer-owners for the 28th straight year," said Kathy S. Heustess, President and CEO of ArborOne Farm Credit. "Day in and day out, our customers amaze us with their continued resiliency as they strive to feed and clothe our nation and the world. Together, we are Farmer Strong," she added.

The ArborOne Board of Directors approves each year's cash-back distribution in December and considers a number of factors in its decision, including the cooperative's financial performance for the year. This year, the patronage declared represents approximately 35 percent of the interest earned on loans during 2016.

Patronage refunds are just one of the many benefits offered by ArborOne Farm

Credit, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016.

"It sure is nice to get a check in the mail, especially at this time of year," said Andy Rodgers, an ArborOne Farm Credit customer and row crop farmer from Scranton in lower Florence County. "In the spring, we are usually putting all of our money in to our crops, so this is the perfect time for a check to come," Rodgers added.

ArborOne is a proud member of the national Farm Credit System and serves the following counties: Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, and Williamsburg. Since 1916, Farm Credit has provided a reliable and consistent source of credit for farm families and rural communities. ArborOne finances farm operations, equipment, land, and also makes rural home loans. The cooperative also offers crop and life insurance to its members.

For more information, please visit [www.arborone.com](http://www.arborone.com) or find them on Facebook.

## DHS Alumni holding annual Mother's Day Walk

The DHS Alumni 2nd annual Mother's Day Walk will take place Saturday May 13, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person

or \$15 per couple (mother/daughter, granddaughter, etc.). Tickets for spectators are \$5. For more information, contact Krystal

Graham at 843-496-6783 or Amanda Richardson 843-639-9315. The walk will take place at the DHS football stadium, 525 Spring St. in Darlington.

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## Lamar Egg Scramble

The 2017 Lamar Egg Scramble Jamboree welcomed tens of thousands of visitors over the beautiful April 1 weekend, with guests enjoying yummy food from dozens of vendors, midway-style games, carnival rides, and live music on multiple stages.



## Why Christians celebrate Palm Sunday

By Pastor Brian Sherwood

The meaning behind the Christian celebration of both Christmas and Easter is commonly known. Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ while Easter celebrates His resurrection from the dead. What is less commonly understood is the significance of Palm Sunday. So, what is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday is the Sunday prior to Easter. It commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem as recorded in all four Gospel accounts (Mark 1:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19). Jesus enters Jerusalem on the Sunday before He was to be crucified, riding on a small donkey that had never been ridden before. This fulfilled a prophecy from the Old Testament in Zephaniah 9:9 which predicted this entire

event. As He comes into the city, the crowd enthusiastically receives Him by removing their outer garment robes and laying them down in the path Jesus entered upon. Along with their robes, the crowd also cuts off leaves from surrounding palm trees and spread these branches down beside their coats. The crowd follows a traditional custom in Eastern culture when a significant guest such as a monarch or king was welcomed into a community as he walked onto garments or leaves laid before him so he would not have to walk on the ground. Jesus comes riding into town on these palm leaves and thus we commemorate "Palm Sunday."

What makes this occurrence so significant is the symbolism found in this public demonstration recognizing that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, God's chosen ser-

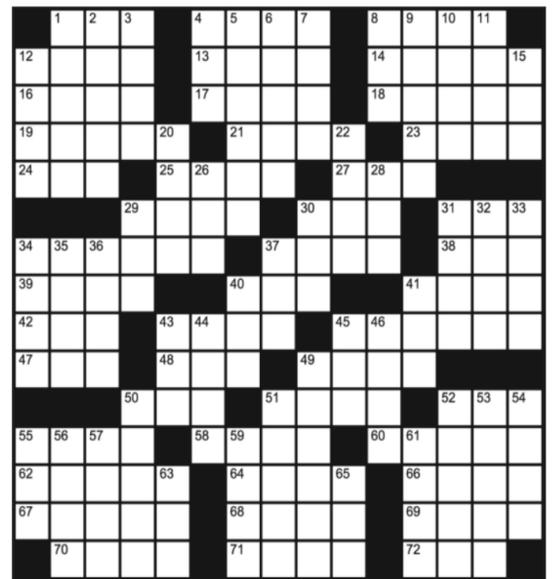
vant who would save His people from their sins. Most people believe that Palm Sunday was originally celebrated around the fourth or fifth century. While many Christian denominations give recognition to Palm Sunday the week before Easter, there is no doubt Easter is the primary celebration. The question is, "should Palm Sunday be given emphasis and recognition by followers of Jesus Christ?" Not only is the answer to that question, "yes," but Palm Sunday teaches every Christian several truths about Jesus and our relationship with Him.

Palm Sunday reminds each believer that Jesus deserves our enthusiasm to serve Him and live for Him with the same passion and fervor the Jerusalem crowd welcomed Him with. Palm Sunday also teaches us to give

Jesus our best in all our worship of Him. Just as the people laid their own coats down before Him, how much should we be willing to give of ourselves and our possessions in worship of Him? Finally, Palm Sunday prompts us to praise Him for who He is, what He has done, and what He continues to do for us. As the crowd shouts, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," we are reminded of the many reasons to praise Him in our own lives no matter what the circumstances or difficulties we live through. Palm Sunday not only prepares us for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, it calls us to live for Him with passion every moment of every hour. Hosanna in the highest!

*Pastor Brian Sherwood is the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Darlington.*

### CROSSWORD



#### Across

1. Blue
4. Change states, in a way
8. Camping gear
12. "Buona \_\_\_\_" (Italian greeting)
13. Assortment
14. Met expectations?
16. Not straight
17. Beach shades
18. Romance, e.g.
19. Car dealer's offering
21. Makeup, e.g.
23. Copper
24. "Don't give up!"
25. Lying, maybe
27. "Dig in!"
29. Born's partner
30. Carry on
31. "Chicago" lyricist
34. Structure devoted to something holy
37. Exclusive
38. Compete
39. Booty
40. A.I.
41. Bundle
42. Matterhorn, e.g.
43. Bed board
45. Wastes times
47. \_\_\_ Dee River
48. Best seller
49. Actor's goal
50. Come together

51. Cracker spread
52. Not just "a"
55. "Unimaginable as \_\_\_ in Heav'n": Milton
58. Boris Godunov, for one
60. In-box contents
62. Roswell crash victim, supposedly
64. Above
66. Misfortunes
67. Beat
68. Fries, maybe
69. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
70. Convene
71. \_\_\_ bean
72. "\_\_\_ calls?"

20. Make, as money
22. Be a snitch
26. Drone, e.g.
28. Affirmative vote
29. It's boring
30. Ale holder
31. Axis of \_\_\_
32. Tab
33. Flower fanciers
34. High-five, e.g.
35. Burrow
36. Catch, in a way
37. Boozehound
40. Dracula, at times
41. Congratulations, of a sort
43. "Ain't \_\_\_ Sweet"
44. Bounce
45. Convened
46. Certain surgeon's "patient"
49. Make fun of
50. "Silly" birds
51. Place for a bar-becue
52. Claw
53. Ravines, etc.
54. "... or \_\_\_!"
55. Accident
56. Astringent
57. Game piece
59. Back talk
61. Actress Sorvino
63. After expenses
65. \_\_\_ green



Book Club Members left to right: Caitlin Pearson, Amber Pearson, Jerome Goodson, Prudence Manship and Sharon Manship  
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## Book Club takes off at Cain Elementary

March Madness was not only for basketball but for reading too at J. L. Cain Elementary. On March 30th, parents, grandparents and students continued their afterschool study of good literature for fun and enjoy-

ment. Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, an African tale by author John Steptoe, enlightened the group to a deeper awareness of different beliefs and cultures in past times. The group also discussed the interactions and conflicts

between families and human behavior.

MotherRead/FatherRead is an activity provided by Darlington County First Steps. Cain Elementary parents attended six weekly meetings in order to learn helpful read-

ing and math strategies using books such as Leo the Late Bloomer and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Mrs. Jerline Lowery facilitated the sessions. The contact person for Cain's Book Club is Joyce Wingate.



## Downtown Block Party featuring Backfire to rock out East College Avenue

Main Street Hartsville is gearing up for 2017's kick-off event, a free Downtown Block Party on Thursday, April 6th, featuring live music by the band Backfire, and sponsored by Sonoco. According to their bio, "Backfire plays everything from 60's standards, to pop country, to alternative and modern rock (and anything in between)!"

"This year, we have been awaiting the completion of the paving of East College, because we knew the next step would be to enjoy concerts under the new College Avenue archway

and string lights. The newly paved area is an excellent place to hold events and I believe it a good step toward a brighter future in the City of Hartsville," said Coker College student, John Thomas Peagler.

Also joining in the festivities and intermission fun will be Sonoco Young Professionals and Hartsville Young Professionals. "The event is always family-friendly, and celebrates the local businesses which set Hartsville apart," states Suzy Moyd, Executive Director of Main Street Hartsville, "If you haven't been

downtown in a while, come early and visit all of our fabulous new boutiques and restaurants."

The event on Thursday, April 6th is from 6 to 9 p.m. on the portion of East College Avenue between Fourth Street and Fifth Street, with both public parking lots being accessible from the Fourth Street side. The Downtown Block Parties on College Avenue not only feature music and dancing, but also a community coming together with sidewalk sales, kids activities, and food and drink vendors.

Other concerts slated for this Spring are: Thursday, April 13th, The Tim Clark Band, sponsored by Hartsville Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Fiat; and Thursday, April 27th, The Paul Grimshaw Band, sponsored by SPC Credit Union. All concerts will happen on East College Avenue this Spring.

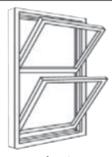
For more information about economic development, programs and events coming to downtown, or to be a vendor at this event, contact Main Street Hartsville at 843.383.3015 or info@mainstreethartsville.org.

### WORD SEARCH



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## Students named to Fall 2016 Dean's List at USC Upstate

SPARTANBURG—Local students have been named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List at the University of South Carolina Upstate. To be eligible for the Dean's List, freshmen students must earn a 3.25 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours.

The local students on the list are:

- Kathryn Braddock of Hartsville
- Jonai Crawford of

Florence  
 • Emily Halbert of Florence  
 • Jeremy Ramlal of Florence  
 • Chelsea Whack of Florence  
 About USC Upstate  
 USC Upstate offers more than 40 bachelor's degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, business administration, nursing, and teacher education, and master's degrees in education, informatics, and nursing. Among the fastest-growing universi-

ties in South Carolina, USC Upstate is a diverse and dynamic community of 6,000 students from across the Upstate, 36 states, and 15 countries. As a leading metropolitan universities in the Southeast, USC Upstate has its main campus in Spartanburg, two locations in Greenville, and a growing number of programs online. The USC Upstate Spartans, which fields 17 varsity sports, compete on the NCAA Division I level as a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference.

## Investigators make arrest in Lamar shooting

Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators have arrested Roderrick Deshawn McFadden, age 29, of Lamar. McFadden is charged with discharging a firearm into a dwelling, which is a felony and carries a penalty, upon conviction, of up to ten years imprisonment.

Investigators allege that on March 11 McFadden fired a weapon into an apartment at Cambridge Apartments located in the Lamar area of Darlington County after an argument. McFadden turned himself in to investigators on March 23.

## Patrol deputies arrest burglary suspect

On March 26 at about 3 p.m. Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies were checking

property on E. Home Ave. in the Hartsville area of Darlington County. While checking property, one Deputy observed the back door to a residence that was recently burglarized to be open. Patrol Deputies made entry and discovered five people inside the residence without permission. The suspects fled the residence and the Patrol Deputies were able to arrest one suspect.

Sanquan Rondell Pringle, age 18, of Hartsville was arrested and charged with burglary, second degree, a felony, which is punishable, upon conviction, of up to 10 years imprisonment. Pringle has been released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

This case remains under investigation. If you have any information you are asked contact Darlington County

Sheriff's Investigators at 843-398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or text tip number

274637 (CRIMES). You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

# BOOKINGS REPORT

DARLINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER MARCH 27 THROUGH APRIL 3, 2017  
 INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

*Editor's note: The booking report represents a list of persons arrested given to the media from the Darlington County Detention Center under the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.*

*All people are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Please be advised there are many people with similar names.*

*If listed here erroneously, please contact the detention center, which will send us any corrections. If a person is found not guilty in a court of law, that person may have that printed here as well by providing court documents to us to that effect.*

• Phillip Wayne Heath, 56, of 568 Stanley Court, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Travis E Kirkland, 54, of 208 Plaza Rd, Lamar, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)

• Daniel Armand Meehan, 39, of 305 Millbrook Dr, Florence, Petty Larceny <\$2000; DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense

• Shane Alexander Broome, 39, of 1161 Sunset Dr, Latta, Involuntary Manslaughter; Reckless Homicide by Operation of Boat

• Jason Ricardo Cotton, 33, of 70 Nicole Ln, Georgetown, CSC With Minor 3rd Lews Act Victim <16 Actor>14

• James Frank Jones, 65, of 945 N College St, Charlotte NC, Sentenced by General Session Court

• Brian Oneal Knox, 32, of 517 Coleman Crt, Marion, Safekeeping

• Octavus Fuqwan McDowell, 28, of 917 McKeithans St, Lydia, General Sessions Bench Warrant; Probation Violation

• James Franklin Polson, 62, of 1924 Lot 2 Indian Branch Rd, Darlington, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)

- ### CHARGES
- ABHAN:** Assault and battery, high and aggravated nature
  - DUAC:** Driving under unlawful alcohol concentration
  - DUI:** Driving under the influence
  - DUS:** Driving under suspension
  - CDV:** Criminal domestic violence
  - CDVHAN:** Criminal domestic violence, high and aggravated nature
  - PDC:** Public disorderly conduct
  - PWID:** Possession with intent to distribute
  - SPOM:** Simple possession of marijuana

• Ashley Lesha Richardson, 26, of 203 Brockington Rd, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Speeding >15 but <25 MPH Over the Speed Limit; Driving Under Suspension; Giving False Information

• Jerry Terrell Sanders, 46, of 318 Bell Ave, Hartsville, Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken; Violation of City Ordinance; Shoplifting <\$2000

• Trevor Lee Smith, 20, of 1003 Drew Drive, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• William Alphonso Thompson, 47, of 857 Ladys Ln, Darlington, DUI Per Se DUAC >.08 <10 1st Offense

• Tristan Brand Walters, 19, of 1018 Woodman Drive, Darlington, General Sessions Bench Warrant

• Cheryl Marie Windham, 37, of 750 Davis St, Lamar, Entering Premises After Warning; Shoplifting <\$2000

• Amy Ann Chaplin, 21, 2681 Indian Branch Rd,

Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Traffic/Unlawful U-Turn; Shoplifting <\$2000; Poss Controlled Sub in Sch I to V 2nd or More

• Kiera Shawntell Dolford, 28, of 213 Belvin St, Darlington, DUS (DUI) 1st Offense

• James Thomas Hall, 31, of 153 Jesse Andrew Rd, Patrick, Violation of City Ordinance; Violation of City Ordinance; Trespassing

• Brian Keith Johnson, 35, of 2542 Whippoorwill Rd, Effingham, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Christopher Allen Pittman, 25, of 225 Timberlake Ct, Salisbury NC, Violation of City Ordinance

• Minnie Fay Rogers, 23, of 329 Arabian Street, Darlington, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; RSG Value \$2000 or Less

• Michael Nelson Small Jr., 36, of 428 Rio Dr, Darlington, Sentenced by General Session Court

• Cedric Maurice Washington, 42, of 4589 Running Brook Rd, Darlington, Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Sex Offender Registry Violation 3rd and Sub; Pedestrian Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs

• Stevie Jermaine Washington, 28, of 414 North Main St, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 2nd; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Sched I B C LSD/Sched II 1st; Poss Firearm by Convicted Violent Felon; RSG Value \$2000 or Less

• Brenda Ann Wingate, 49, of 3402 Gee Money Drive, Hartsville, Giving False Information; Public Disorderly

Conduct; Fail to Pay; Fail to Pay  
 • Patricia Bethea, 60, of 2038 Tomahawk Road, Lamar, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Tashanda Labelle Brown, 40, of 2242 Liberty Hill Rd, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School

• Tracy Marie Dixon, 29, of 1217 Cartawba St, Hartsville, Animals/Ill Treatment of Animals 1st Offense

• Jeremy Darnell Jacobs, 25, of 315 Kelly St, Hartsville, Manuf Distrib Etc Ice/Crank/Crack Cocaine 2nd; Fail to Appear Simple Poss Marijuana/Hash

• Angie Lynn Little, 31, of 1248 North Hwy 15, Bishopville, Sentenced by General Session Court

• Robbie Lee Lyde, 58, of 111 Jordan St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Rhonda Gunter Parnell, 55, of 2333 E Bobo Newsome Highway, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st

• Timothy Steven Presley, 46, of 7615 Applewood Ln, Charlotte NC, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Speeding >15 but <25 MPH Over the Speed Limit

• Alonzo Scipio Rhodes, 49, of 407 Commacht St, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Kimberly Joyce Walters, 43, of 2414 Sampit Rd, Hartsville, Safekeeping

• Michelle NMN Williams, 37, of 1808 Syracuse Community Rd, Darlington, Assault and Battery 2nd Degree

• Toni Oliver Andrews, 60, of 501 Johnson St, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Joseph Owen Elmore, 37, of 745 Kingston Drive, Darlington, Public Drunk

• Mark Anthony Fox, 47, of 560 Catus Lane, Hartsville, Weekender

• Anthony Daniel Goodson, 40, of 112 Pepper Dr, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 2nd Off;

Driving Under Suspension  
 • Fredrick Antonio Green, 17, of 1010 South Main St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

• John David Hudson, 64, of 111 Jacobs St, McCall, Safekeeping

• Janette Joines, 41, of 1882 Evan Mill Rd, Jefferson, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Nerissa Marshall, 38, of 105 Gibson Cr, Bennettsville, Driving Under Suspension; Speeding >15 but <25 MPH Over the Speed Limit

• Dwayne Mortel McFarland, 38, of 472 Commanchee Rd, Hartsville, Non Support; Non Support

• Carl Wellington Newsome V, 22, of 415 Woodland Drive, Hartsville, Stalking

• Jerry Allen Russell, 50, of 25 Coronet Dr, Columbia, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken

• Nataija Sha-Lee Smith, 17, of 2339 Sequoia Dr, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Pamela Joyce Tadlock, 23, of 1212 Old Millpond Rd, Darlington, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Aaron Rashaan Williams, 25, of 2721 W Cummins Road, Effingham, Weekender - Serving Time

• Camani Arshante Williams, 24, of 704 W Bobo Newsome Hwy, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Fail to Appear DUI

• Donte Laquinn Williams, 26, of 100 Springfield Cir Apt 7B, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Child Passenger Restraint Violation

• Carlos Doctori Bright, 43, of 474 Bethel School Rd, Clover, Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Speeding >10 but <15 MPH Over the Speed Limit

• Starter Duke James Byrd, 20, of 1272 Clyde School Road, McBee, Weekender

• Duane Scott Foreman, 28,

of 116 Jackson St, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; General Sessions Bench Warrant

• Devon Sharnell McCoy, 23, of 812 W Lynches River Road, Lamar, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Manuf Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st

• Willie Gee Pooler, 48, of 208 Patience, Darlington, Weekender

• Jose Antonio Santana, 43, of 1100 S Mayfair Ter Apt D8, Florence, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Reginald Eugene Bailey, 33, of 708 Larkfield Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Hermonia Lashay Coe, 32, of 302 Borough St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Lonnie Dubose, 65, of 150 Sallie Street, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine; Driving Under Suspension

• Angelo Lee Holloman, 43, of 129 Hough Rd, Bishopville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine

• Delia Shandrica Johnson, 27, of 2205 Sunnyfields Dr, Hartsville, Weekender

• Clifton Lee Sansbury, 52, of 1327 Mount Sinai Dr, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Alexander Hezekiah Williams, 38, of 449 Salem Rd, Bennettsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Bennie Wilson Jr., 57, of 2058 Stony Brook Dr, Hartsville, Pedestrian Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs; Drinking Alcohol in Public Conveyance Unlawful

• Akeem Montreal Witherspoon, 26, of 315 Brewer Ave, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; DUS (DUI) 1st Offense

• John Robert Mosier, 69, of 1920 Red Hill Church Rd, Cassatt, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine

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All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: William M Timberlake Date of Death: 3/3/2017 Case Number: 2017ES1600137 Personal Representative: Patricia T Montgomery Address: 1884 Hall Point Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29466 (36p3 leave in thru 4-5-17)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Docket No. 16-DR-16-851 Breezi Parker, Plaintiff, vs. John Allen Parker, Defendant TO: DEFENDANT, JOHN ALLEN PARKER: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscriber at her office, 129 South Coit Street, P. O. Box 2260, Florence, South Carolina 29503 within thirty (30) days after the service thereof, exclusive of the date of such service; if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default shall be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the final hearing in this matter is scheduled for May 30, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Floor of the Darlington County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Darlington, SC. YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Complaint in this matter was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on November 21, 2016. Michele Dahl Sturkie

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**LUCAS, WARR & WHITE**

Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Attorneys for Plaintiff 2917 W. Palmetto Street Florence, South Carolina 29501 (843) 665-8187 **NOTICE OF LIS PENDENS STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS** CASE NUMBER: 2016-CP-16-0109

Evelyn Rebecca Woodham, Plaintiff,

VS Godley Auction Company, Inc., Godley Auction Company, Inc. of South Carolina, Estate of Johnny C. Godley, Frankie H. Godley a/k/a Frank H. Godley, Robert O. Collins, First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Inc., South Carolina Department of Revenue, South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, United States of America, through its agency the Internal Revenue Service, General Electric Capital Corporation and ArborOne, ACA f/k/a Pee Dee Farm Credit, ACA, Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled action has been commenced by the Plaintiff against the above-named Defendants for foreclosure of the Note, together with the Mortgages securing the same, executed by Godley Auction Company, Inc. and Godley Auction Company, Inc. of South Carolina in favor of the Plaintiff, the said Note being dated June 28, 2010 and said Mortgages being recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Mortgage Book 1060 at Pages 1677 and 1682 and Mortgage Book 1061 at Pages 582 and 587. The premises covered by said Mortgages are described as follows: Darlington County Tax Parcel Nos.:

166-00-02-001; 165-14-01-026; 165-14-01-009; 165-14-01-008; 166-00-02-054; 165-14-01-028; 165-13-01-030; 165-13-01-031. LUCAS, WARR & WHITE Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Attorney for the Plaintiff 2917 West Palmetto Street Florence, South Carolina 29501 (843) 665-8187 (843) 665-8305 FAX Email: genewarr@yahoo.com Florence, South Carolina 2017.

**NOTICE OF APPLYING FOR TITLE**

To all persons claiming an interest in: 1988-DURACRAFT 12'6"-DUR496418888-ALUMINUM 1989- MERCURY-15HP-0B387588, Jeffrey Jernigan will apply to SCDNR at (803)734-3858. Upon thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/outboard motor has not been reported stolen. SCDNR shall issue clear title. Case No: 20160727950545 (37p3 leave in thru 4-12-17)

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that For Way Stop LLC, DBA Country Corner intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of Beer and Wine at 2500 Cashua Ferry Rd., Darlington, SC 29532. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than April 14, 2017. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

(1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;

(2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied;

(3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);

(4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,

(5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, Attn: ABL, PO Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110; or faxed to: (803) 896-0111; (37p3 leave in thru 4-12-17)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF DARLINGTON DOCKET NO. 2016CP1600611 Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff, v. Virginia M. Roberts, individually, Virginia M. Roberts, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Wallace Roberts; Stevie Roberts; Ronnie Roberts; Lisa Grant; Archie Roberts; Dorothy Godbold; South Carolina Department of Revenue; Any Heirs-At-Law or Devises of Wallace Roberts, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; Christine P. Henigan; Betty P. Gregg; Shirley P. Williams; Sarah P. Galloway; Defendant(s). (013263-07775) LIS PENDENS Deficiency Judgment Waived NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Wallace Roberts to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated March 28, 2007, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk Of Court for Darlington County on April 4, 2007, in Mortgage Book 1048 at Page 712. The premises covered and affected by the said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, described as follows: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land containing One (1) acre as shown on that certain survey prepared for Virginia C. and Wallace Roberts by J.E. Tucker, Jr., RLS, dated November 16, 2006 and recorded in Book at Page Darlington County records. Reference is had to said plat for a more complete and accurate description. This being the same subject property conveyed to Wallace Roberts from Christine P. Henigan and Betty P. Gregg and Shirley P. Williams and Sarah P. Galloway by deed dated December 18, 2006 and recorded on January 2, 2007 in Deed Book 1046 at Page 8695 in the Office of Register Deeds for Darlington County; subsequently, Wallace Roberts died March 13, 2013 intestate, leaving the subject property to his heirs or devisees, namely, Virginia M. Roberts, Stevie Roberts, Ronnie Roberts, Lisa Grant, Archie Roberts, and Dorothy Godbold, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Darlington County, in Case No. 2013-ES-16-00231 This also includes a

mobile/manufactured home: 2007 Cavalier VIN#: BL07GA0214193AB Property Address: 3050 Lide Springs Road Darlington, SC 29540-8344 TMS# 212-00-01-041 MH 212-00-01-041.003 Columbia, South Carolina August 31, 2016 NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on September 2, 2016. Columbia, South Carolina 03/13/2017 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention. To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC, Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC represents the Plaintiff in this action. Our law firm does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice. You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date you are served with this Notice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, THE FORECLOSURE ACTION MAY PROCEED. Columbia, South Carolina 3/13/2017 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF DARLINGTON DOCKET NO. 2016CP1600611 Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff, v. Virginia M. Roberts, individually, Virginia M. Roberts, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Wallace Roberts; Stevie Roberts; Ronnie Roberts; Lisa Grant; Archie Roberts; Dorothy Godbold; South Carolina Department of Revenue; Any Heirs-At-Law or Devises of Wallace Roberts, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; Christine P. Henigan; Betty P. Gregg; Shirley P. Williams; Sarah P. Galloway; Defendant(s). (013263-07775) ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI Deficiency Judgment Waived It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the Motion for the appointment of Warren R. Herndon, Jras Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability, it is ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRPC, Warren R. Herndon, Jr, is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendant(s), unless the said Defendant(s), or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians Ad Litem for the said Defendant(s), and it is FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall forthwith be served upon the said Defendant(s) .by publication thereof in the News and Press, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above entitled action. Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF Robert P. Davis (SC Bar #74030), Robert.Davis@rtt-law.com Andrew W. Montgomery (SC Bar #79893), Andrew.Montgomery@rtt-law.com John J. Hearn (SC Bar #6635), John.Hearn@rtt-law.com Kevin T. Brown (SC Bar #064236), Kevin.Brown@rtt-law.com Jason D. Wyman (SC Bar #100271), Jason.Wyman@rtt-law.com John P. Fetner (SC Bar #77460), John.Fetner@rtt-law.com Clark Dawson (SC Bar #101714), Clark.Dawson@rtt-law.com 100 Executive Center Drive, Suite 201 Post Office Box 100200(29202) Columbia, SC 29210 (803) 744-4444



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**2410 Lide Springs Road**—3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2296 SF, 16+ AC—**\$469,900**  
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**1038 Nandina St (Hartsville)**—4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,990 sq ft — **\$76,500**  
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**LAND AND LOTS**

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**3600 Winlark Drive**—2 acres—**\$25,000**

**3053 Marcus Drive (Hartsville)**—1.98 acre lot. Lot has a home on it that has burned. Sold "AS IS" Priced at **\$21,500**  
**Lot K Jeffords Mill**— .69 acres cleared — **\$12,000**  
**Redwood Drive**—Nice lot located off of McIver Road. .92 acres—**\$13,500.00**

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**2244 Harry Byrd Hwy** - Commercial bld. 11,684 sq ft metal building. Sits on 4+ acres of land. 6 ft fence around perimeter of property. Currently used as an office, warehouse & Restaurant/ lounge. Plenty of office area. 5 restrooms. Lots of potential uses. Conveniently located 4 miles from Darlington Raceway. Close to Hartsville and I-20. Owner will finance with a \$150,000 down payment. Call today to see this property. Priced at **\$750,000 REDUCED - Motivated seller, bring all offers**

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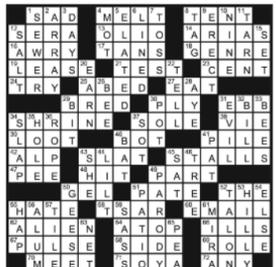
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**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT** (Non-Jury) Foreclosure IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON C/A #: 2017-CP-16-0122 RECA LIMITED PARTNER-SHIP, Plaintiff,

**LEGAL NOTICES**  
vs. PATRICIA HIGH-SMITH, Defendant. TO THE DEFENDANT PATRICIA HIGH-SMITH: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint upon the subscribers, at their office, 1703 Laurel Street (29201),

Post Office Box 11682, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint in the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on February 9, 2017. GRIMSLEY LAW FIRM, LLC P. O. Box 11682 Columbia, South Carolina 29211 (803) 233-1177 By: Benjamin E. Grimsley Attorney for the Plaintiff March 16, 2017 (38c3 leave in thru 4-19-17)

# Spring Fling a hit at Darlington Raceway

By Melissa Rollins  
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The sun was bright and so were the colored eggs as dozens of kids scrambled across the Darlington Raceway fields Saturday morning. The kids were taking part in the first Spring Fling, hosted by the track and sponsored by Genesis Healthcare.

Before the egg hunting festivities, a 5K was held with runners of all ages participating.

Raceway President Kerry Tharp was among the early morning runners and was also on hand to watch the kids hunt for their plastic prizes. Tharp said that he was happy to be able to host the event.

"Darlington Raceway is an iconic racetrack in our sport and we are all about community," Tharp said. "We want the community to feel like this is their racetrack."

Holding special events outside of the Bojangles Southern 500 opens their doors to a whole new group of people, Tharp said, and might even inspire some new race fans.

"Having events like the one today is important to use because it involves the community and it lets a lot of people in here who have likely never been on our property before,"

Tharp said. "We have a wonderful facility here and it shouldn't just be used four or five times a year."

The weather was perfect for the event and Tharp was thrilled with the turnout.

"This is a good start for us; starting everything off in the Springtime," Tharp said. "We had beautiful weather for this. Genesis Healthcare was the main sponsor for this and I think it shows that this community has a lot of pride, not only in Darlington Raceway but in each other. We hope to continue this for a long, long time."

After the egg hunts, separated into three age groups so that younger children has a shot at the eggs just as much as the older kids, there was a free hot-dog lunch and lemonade, a warm weather favorite. Shaved ice rounded out the meal.

Tharp said that he hopes people continue to support the Raceway and all of the events they will be hosting in the coming months.

**Upcoming events:**

- Palmetto Goodwill Yard Sale – April 22
- Freedom Fest—July 1
- Speed and Feed BBQ and Car Show –Oct. 28
- Bojangles Southern 500 Sept 1-3



## Who is it Darlington County?

The photo from last week was of a statue in Darlington Memory Gardens near the Darlington Dragway. The readers with correct guesses were Frances Cox, Bill Segars, Brooke Gardner, Kimberly Gardner and Hoyt Campbell.

Today you will find a person from Darlington County's history. Here are a few clues:

- This person had the habit of talking about himself in the third person.
- He died in Orlando, FL, on December 7, 1962 and is buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Hartsville.

Do you know who this person is? Please let us know by sending your guesses to: editor@newsandpress.net or call 843-393-3811. Good luck!



## FMU hosts project-based learning expo

Educators and administrators are invited to the first Project-Based Learning Expo to be held on Thursday, April 27 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Francis Marion Performing Arts Center lobby in downtown Florence, SC. At this event, teachers from our area will showcase the projects that they have been developing and/or implementing this school year. Teachers and administrators will have the chance to browse the

projects, which will be presented "gallery style," talk to experienced project-based learning instructors, ask questions about using PBL in the classroom, and share their ideas and strategies with others. We will also have light refreshments available. There is no cost to attend.

If you plan to attend, please complete the short Eventbrite form at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/cen-](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cen-ter-of-excellence-for-college-and-career-readiness-project-based-learning-expo-tickets-33120054976)

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We are looking for teachers or teams of teachers who have designed and/or implemented project-based learning projects in their classrooms. If you are interested in talking about your project at the expo, please complete this short survey:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBLexpo](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBLexpo)

## April Teach Feature winners chosen

The Darlington County School District's Teacher Forum "Teacher Feature" winners for April have been announced. The program recognizes one teacher from each school to honor excellence in education.

Teacher Feature is coordinated by the district's Teacher Forum, which is comprised of each school's "Teacher of the Year". The purpose of the Teacher Forum is to foster professional growth and teacher leadership.

The Teacher Feature program is sponsored by Segars Realty. Honorees receive free meals at local restaurants and recognition in their schools.

- Honorees are:
- Richmond McKelvey, Brockington Elementary Magnet School
  - Kinsey Johnson, Brunson-Dargan Elementary
  - Tirrell Eagleton, Cain Elementary

- Elizabeth Quinn, Carolina Elementary
- Pam Smith, Darlington County Institute of Technology
- Evan O'Neal, Darlington High School
- Penelope Bright, Darlington Middle School
- TJ Anderson, Hartsville High School
- Teri Griggs, Hartsville Middle School
- Kenyatta Peterson, Lamar Elementary School
- Alan Poole, Lamar High School
- Rembert (Bert) Cook, Mayo High School
- Miriam Norwood, North Hartsville Elementary
- Catherine Brown, Pate Elementary
- Cindy Glanville, Rosenwald Elementary and Middle School
- Jada Gore, Southside Early Childhood Center
- Melanie Carpenter, Spaulding Elementary

- Lamonte Curry, Spaulding Middle School
- Nicole Weeks, St. John's Elementary
- Jennifer Woods, Thornwell School for the Arts
- Kandys Binns, Washington Street Elementary
- Rebecca Yarborough, West Hartsville Elementary

## "Spring Blitz" to keep alcohol away from minors

COLUMBIA, S.C. – South Carolina's eighth annual "Out of Their Hands" Spring Blitz will begin April 1. Strict enforcement, coupled with a strong media message, will run until April 30. Coordinated by the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), the state's Alcohol Enforcement Teams (AETs) and their enforcement and education partners will engage

community residents, businesses, and others to deny alcohol access to youth who are under 21.

AET enforcement and education strategies will be posted on the campaign website at [SCOutOfTheirHands.org](http://SCOutOfTheirHands.org), and information will be available on the campaign's Facebook page. The statewide effort involves 16 AETs that cover South Carolina's 46 counties.



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