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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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County may raise vehicle and property fees

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Darlington County vehicle and property owners may be paying a bit more in fees next year if County Council approves a plan proposed in an April 4 work session.

County administrator Charles Stewart explained that since EMS Ambulance Service fees annually yield five percent above the total prior fiscal year's budget, state law requires the county to establish a separate Emergency Services fund, segregated from the general fund.

The new fund would include EMS, 911 Central Communications, and Emergency Preparedness.

This fund would also allow the county to assess new fees – such as the proposed vehicle and residential EMS fee increases – in order to meet the county's funding needs. With the current proposed budget, Stewart said the county would either need to transfer just over \$1.4 million from the general fund to cover expenses, or establish fee increases of \$15 per vehicle and \$20 per residence, which would yield the same amount.

The new revenues are needed to

cover expenses on the horizon, such as a mandatory two-percent state retirement contribution increase (\$265,000), three new guards at the Detention Center (bringing the county closer to PREA compliance at a cost of \$100,000), a new IT position (\$40,000), and a 2.5 percent raise for all employees (\$323,000).

Stewart observed that this 2.5 percent increase would provide back a portion of take home wages that employees have lost since 2012 through mandatory retirement contribution increases and health care costs. He called it a LOLA (Loss of

Living Adjustment) rather than a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment), which the county hasn't provided in five years.

Those increased retirement contributions place a burden on both the employees and the county, Stewart said, pointing out that retirement contributions will require an additional \$3.5 million from 2018 to 2023.

With a shrinking county population, even a maximum allowable CPI increase of 1.26 percent will only yield about \$260,000 in new property tax revenues, so Darlington

County has to find another way to pay these rising costs. Hence, the increased EMS fees, which would be set at \$45 per vehicle and \$80 per residence.

Stewart stressed to Council that the county must also stop raiding the fund balance to make up for annual revenue/expense shortfalls, and should focus on stabilizing this 'rainy day' fund. Stewart said that if the county stops dipping into the fund balance, it could return to the healthy levels of 2011/12 within four years.

FEES ON 3A



Darlington County Council vice chair Le Flowers (right) reads Resolution 675, renaming the county jail in honor of retired Sheriff Glenn Campbell, seen here with his family and Sheriff Tony Chavis.

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

Detention Center renamed to honor Campbell

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Darlington County Council has taken steps to recognize the career and legacy of a local legend by renaming the county jail after retired Sheriff Glenn Campbell.

Council unanimously approved Resolution 675, a measure which will rename the Darlington County Detention Center as the W.

Glenn Campbell Detention Center.

Campbell served 14 years with the South Carolina Highway Patrol, and was elected Darlington County Sheriff in 1984. He took office January 1, 1985 and held the post continuously for the next 24 years – longer than any other sheriff in county history dating back to 1784.

Vice chair Le Flowers read the resolution at Council's

April 3 regular meeting, accompanied by Sheriff Campbell and his family, and current Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis.

"W. Glenn Campbell has demonstrated loyalty, compassion, professionalism, and dedication to the citizens of Darlington County," Flowers read.

Following passage of the resolution, members of Council shared words of appre-

ciation for Campbell.

"Sheriff, I'd like to thank you for just being a gentleman. You were a fine sheriff and you represented the county well. For as long as I've known you, you've always conducted yourself in a diplomatic way and I appreciate it because you certainly set a legacy and a standard for those that follow you," said Council member Lewis Brown.

CAMPBELL ON 3A

Some Darlington residents to get new address

By Melissa Rollins
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Some residents of Darlington will be getting a new address, according to Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer Alex Gainey, who spoke to Darlington City Council during the Tuesday April 4 meeting about the need to re-address homes on Bacote St.

"What happened is there was a lady who was trying to buy a piece of land and Ms. Helen at the courthouse realized we had an issue on Bacote St.," Gainey said. "She called me and we talked about it; we knew we had to do something about it because the numbers were jumbled up."

Gainey said that his primary concern is making sure that, in

the event of an emergency, help can get to the proper location, which is a problem when two different homes share the same exact address.

"We need to get everything in line for emergency services," Gainey said. "You get a 911 call out there, whether it be EMT, fire or police, they need to be able to find it. Having two of the same number residence on the same street is really not good."

In the planning process, numbers 100 to 699 were allotted for homes on Bacote St. However, when homes were numbered they were not all done in sequential order. Currently, block numbers go from 500 to 400 and then to 600.

ADDRESS ON 3A



Mayor Gloria Hines stands with Edna Pettigrew after signing a proclamation that April 24 -28 is 'Week of the Young Child.'

PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Committee make A-Tax recommendations

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The Darlington County Accommodations Tax Committee convened its final meeting of 2017 on April 6 to determine funding recommendations 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.

Members of the Darlington

County Accommodations Tax Committee include: Joey Saleeby (chairman), David McFarland (vice chair), Joyce Wingate, Steve Tinney, Scotty Jeffords, Carol Bishop, and Hannah Stanley.

This year's applicants, their funding requests and the committee's recommendations are as follows:

Black Creek Arts Council RenoFest: requested \$15,000; received \$10,000

Butler Heritage Foundation / Butler Week: \$12,000; received \$4,600

City of Darlington / Williamson Park 5K: \$2,500; received \$800

Darlington Chamber of Commerce / Freedom Fest: \$10,000; received \$2,700

Darlington County Cultural Realism Complex / Total Package: \$52,000; received \$1,700

Darlington Downtown Revitalization / Taste of Darlington: \$2,500; received \$1,000

Darlington Downtown Revitalization / Yam Jam: \$5,000; received \$1,000

A-TAX ON 3A

County reviews courthouse financing options

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At their April 3 regular meeting, Darlington County Council revisited the issue of how to finance construction of a new courthouse or judicial annex. Bond attorney Ben Zeigler of Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd presented Council with four viable financing options for their consideration and review.

General Obligation Bond:

- Does not require voter approval
- Financed amount limited to 8 percent of Darlington County's taxable property value
- Total taxable properties assessed at \$223,315,000 as of December 31, 2016
- Total GO Bond debt capacity is \$17,865,200; Current outstanding GO Bond debt is \$1,461,375
- Available GO Bond debt is approximately \$16 million

Zeigler said that \$16 million would not get the county very far in terms of financing a courthouse – which could cost up to \$40 million – but the



Bond attorney Ben Zeigler explained financing options for a new courthouse at Darlington County Council's April 3 meeting.

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

county could utilize a portion of that 8 percent capacity as they embark upon the project.

General Obligation Bond Debt Referendum:

- Requires voter approval
- No legal limitation on amount borrowed if approved by referendum
- Referendum can be held on any date selected by County Council with at least 60 days lead time
- Bonds must be issued within 5 years of the referendum

• 30 year maximum maturity unless bonds are sold to U.S. Government or its agencies

Like option one, the GO Bonds would be repaid through tax revenues, but Zeigler said this second would allow the county to finance as much as it needs to complete the project. "This allows you to go beyond that 8 percent debt limit. If you've got a debt limit of \$16 million and you need \$20 million or \$30 million, you can go to the voters and put that issue in front of them. If they

approve the referendum, you can issue GO Bonds in an amount beyond that \$16 million in order to get your project done," Zeigler said.

Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST):

- Requires voter approval in general election year (next opportunity would be November, 2018)
- County CPST would be additional to DCSD's CPST (which runs until March, 2032)
- Would bring local CPST total to 2 percent; County CPST would last 8 years
- GO Bonds approved by referendum would be paid by CPST, which yields about \$5.3 million annually
- Requires formation of commission to formulate a project list and draft a ballot question

Zeigler said this option would not require any increase in property taxes, but the onus would be placed on everyone who purchases goods in Darlington County. He noted that Florence and Marion Counties have used the CPST successfully for civic and road improvement projects.

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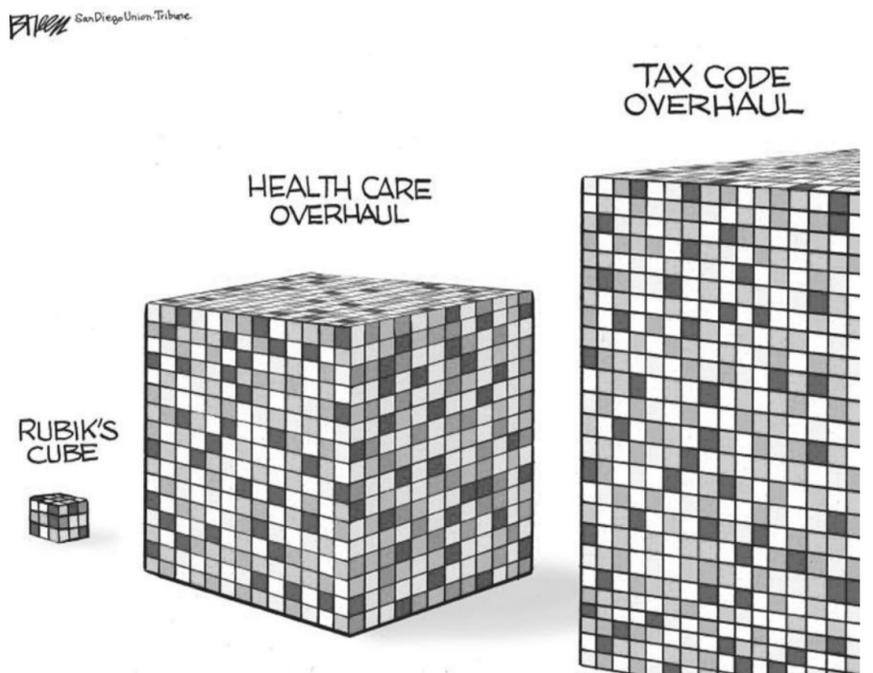
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brachiate: to progress by swinging
from hold to hold by the arms

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OP-ED

A Hill Far Away

By Bill Shepard

Millions know the line by heart; it is taken from one of the best known gospel hymns of all times. It is hard to sing without emotions stirring within. Surely the songwriter was inspired of God when he wrote, "On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; And I love that old cross where the dearest and best, for a world of lost sinners was slain."

Luke, the Physician, and gospel writer, wrote the following lines: "And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left." Luke 23:33

Matthew, Mark and John, the other gospel writers, refer to the place as "the skull" because it is shaped like a human skull. Mark writes: "And they bring him (Jesus) unto the place Golgatha, which is being interpreted, the place of a skull." Mark 15: 22.

The word, Golgatha, is a Hebrew word that means, "Skull" because it had the resemblance of a human skull. Luke seems to prefer the word, Calvary, a Latin word, to describe the place of Crucifixion. Is there any significance to the difference in words used? It is doubtful! The fact of it happening is what is important, and the songwriter's line is most appealing—"On a hill far away!"

Abraham and his son Isaac, if they could speak, would no doubt add great significance to the place of which I write for some say that it was at the very place that Abraham went to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice to the Lord.

Moriah is the name given to a range of mountains that included Mt. Zion, Mt. Olives, Mt. Calvary, Golgatha and others; Mt. Calvary being the highest peak of them all. In the case of Abraham and Isaac, all we know is that God said to Abraham: "Take now thy son, thine only son, Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I tell thee of." Genesis 22:2.

Isaac, being a type of Christ, in the Old Testament, is believed to have been brought to the Mt. Calvary, where the scenario was played out. Bible readers know how that scene unfolded, it is a beautiful story that merits being read over and over. It sets forth in a meaningful and touching way, the "shadow" of the crucifixion of our Lord in the ages to come.

The promise of a coming Messiah lingered for thousands of years, after first being made in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:15 - "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it will bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." It was this promise that men through the ages looked for, and longed for, and died not having seen it.

Micah 5:2 - "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose going forth have been of old, from everlasting."

The "hill far away" as foreshadowed in the events that took place through the long ages that passed. It was played out in the types and shadows that appeared in Old Testament writing, but it was left to Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, to bring it to fruition.

Hebrews 10:1 - "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers there unto perfect."

The blood sacrifices of animals could ever atone for the sins of mankind, and those offered were only shadows of the One to come. Hebrews 9:12 - "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." So it was, the burnt offerings, meat offerings, peace offerings, trespass offerings, sin offerings of all kind were all wrapped up into one offering that was raised on that "hill far away!"

"And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgatha: where they crucified him and two others with him, one either side one, and Jesus in the midst." John 19:17 - Thus the long awaited promise was fulfilled; the price for the sins of mankind had been paid. The atoning blood of Jesus ran down his pierced side, the "foundation of redemption" promised by the Prophet Zechariah long ago had come to pass: "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." Zechariah 13:1 "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." John 19:34. So the songwriter had it right! Millions continue to sing his words and many still come to the fountain that still flows, from the hilltop far away!

"On the old rugged cross, stained with blood do divine, A wondrous beauty I see: For 'twas on that old cross, Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me."

On this Easter Sunday, church goes all over America will no doubt hear the story again, how Jesus died and buried and arose again. Because he lives, we will live also. On this Easter Sunday, our hope of seeing our loved ones will be renewed.

Yes, you've heard it, even sung it, but have you been there? Have you experienced its redeeming power? If not, do it now! The invitation is coming from "the hill far away!"

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Pug Ravenel and the Tragedy of What Might Have Been

By Phil Noble

Pug Ravenel died last week. He was 79. Most people living in South Carolina today don't know who he was or what he did. But they should learn

Pug and his life epitomize the triumphs and tragedies of what is and what might have been for South Carolina.

Full disclosure: I worked for Pug for almost two years when he ran for the U.S. Senate in 1978. I was a true believer.

Pug's life story is a combination of Camelot and a Greek tragedy. It's the story of a golden boy who had it all. One who held the future in his hands - and saw it all turned to ashes.

First the story of the man and then the tragedy of what might have been.

Charles Dufort Ravenel was a son of South Carolina. He was born with a historic Huguenot last name that epitomized Charleston as much as pluff mud or shrimp and grits. He grew up doing all the things a young boy did in Charleston, but he was different - even back then. He was the boy that was chosen first for the baseball team and the one that all the girls gushed about.

He had something special, and everyone knew it.

And, it was as a young boy playing baseball on the Moultrie Playground that he got a nickname that stuck with him for life. He ran into a telephone pole and broke his nose thus he became Pug.

He delivered newspapers for The Post and Courier and went to Bishop England High School where he was a star athlete - a quarterback, of course. He won a scholarship to Philips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, which launched him into a life in the rarefied air of Harvard elites, Wall Street wealth and White House connections.

At Harvard, he was a star at football and everything else he did. Upon graduation, he won a Corning Glass Fellowship that let him travel the world studying various national economies. His travel buddy was John D. Rockefeller IV - later governor of West Virginia and U.S. Senator. He returned to Harvard for an MBA, then to Wall Street with Donaldson Lufkin Jenerette, one of the hottest firms on the Street, and then a White House Fellowship at the Treasury Department.

With his attractive, whip smart and well-connected wife, Molly Curtis, and with their three cute kids in tow, he moved back to Charleston in 1972 - into a beautiful house with a backyard dock and a spectacular view of the harbor.

He had it all - smarts, charm, charisma, looks and wealth.

This is the story of the man, but what came next is the story of South Carolina and what might have been.

In 1973, he announced for governor against a crowded field of seven traditional South Carolina politicians. It was the first election after Watergate and people wanted new, change, outsiders and most of all they wanted hope. Hope for something better and hope for what could be.

Pug gave people that hope.

In an era of back slapping courthouse politics, he ignored the politicians and used television to talk directly to the people. In an era where a few paragraphs of pabulum passed as a position paper, he wrote a book about policy and ideas. In an era when the insiders said 'leave it to us' he said to blacks, young people, women and those who were shut out 'come join us.' In an era where politicians talked about roads and taxes, he talked about hopes and dreams.

Pug was not about what was, but about what might be.

And, people responded in a tidal wave of support that the politicians never saw coming and did not understand even as it broke over them. He won the Democratic primary going away.

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Honor Earth Day with environmentally friendly landscaping

By Teresa Lott

It's hard to fathom that a body of water can burn yet Ohio's Cuyahoga River was so polluted it caught fire thirteen times. The last fire in 1969 helped to establish the Environmental Protection Agency, out of which came the Clean Water Act. Around the same time, the very first Earth Day was established, recognizing April 22 as a day of education about environmental issues. Since then, Earth Day has become the largest secular observance in the world. Its focus has expanded from increasing awareness to inspiring action with the goal of reaching 3 billion Acts of Green by 2020.

There's no doubt that our actions on land impact our waterways. The way we care for our lawns, flowers, vegetables, and trees, can inadvertently pollute the water we use for drinking or swimming, contaminate the fish we eat, or create problems for wildlife. Fortunately, there are yard care practices that enable you to garden with the environment in mind. When implemented, these practices can also increase your success, reduce maintenance, and even save you money.

Clemson Extension's Carolina Yards program was

created to guide South Carolina homeowners in conserving water in the landscape and in making positive changes in the environmental quality of their yards, neighborhoods, and surrounding waterways. The program includes a certification component, recognizing those that implement at least eighteen of the fifty-five environmentally friendly action steps when caring for their yard.

As we approach Earth Day, why not consider certifying your yard as your Act of Green? If you've had your soil tested recently, you've got one action under your belt. Maintaining a 2-3 inch layer of mulch in you landscape beds will enable you to check off that action step as well. You'll be surprised how easy it is to check off eighteen action steps.

In getting your yard certified, you will also be eligible to enter the 2017 Carolina Yard of the Year contest recognizing excellence in environmentally friendly landscaping. The winning yard will be filmed and air as a segment on SC ETV's Emmy Award-winning gardening show, Making It Grow! Applications for the contest are due by June 16. More information about the Carolina Yards program can be found at

www.clemson.edu/cy. Navigate to the events page for information about the Carolina Yard of the Year Contest.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Palmetto State Boys invited to American Legion meeting

As Commander of American Legion Post 13 in Darlington, I personally want to congratulate you all on being selected to attend this wonderful event that we sponsor.

In as much as we generally only know you through your application for attending PBS, we want to extend an invitation to you and your Parents or Guardians to attend our next meeting that is to be held at our facility on Thursday-April 13th. We are located on Highway 151 (Harry Byrd Highway) right next door to the South Carolina National Guard Armory and across the street from the Mayflower restaurant. We have a meal beginning promptly at 6 p.m. with a business session that follows.

Our Post is excited to also announce that our State American Legion Commander Bob Scherer will be in attendance this very evening.

Please join us April 13 and we thank you for your interest in participating.

For God and Country,
Grady Weaver
Commanding



Keep Darlington County Beautiful donates educational books to DCSD students

Many young students in Darlington County School District (DCSD) will soon receive free coloring books aimed at educating them about the importance of keeping their communities litter-free.

The Keep Darlington County Beautiful organization donated the books to DCSD recently. Renee Howle and Gary White, both representatives of Keep Darlington County Beautiful, delivered the coloring books to the district.

"It's an important issue,"

Howle said. "And this is just a way to give back to the community."

Activities in the book depict ways citizens can help keep their communities litter-free. The book also includes a certificate for students.

Nucor, Sonoco and PalmettoPride partner with Keep Darlington County Beautiful to provide the materials to students.

Keep Darlington County Beautiful - Gary White (middle left) and Renee

Gary White (middle left) and Renee Howle (middle right), both with Keep Darlington County Beautiful, donated hundreds of educational coloring books recently to students in the Darlington County School District. The books help explain the importance of preventing litter. Marisa Johnson, right, the district's arts and innovative programs coordinator, and Audrey Childers, the district's public information officer, met with White and Howle and thanked them for helping support the students in the district.

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Address

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"The Housing Authority is where the 300 block picked up," Gainey said. "When you cross over Southern Pine, you get into the 500 block and what you've got has an address of 502. When you cross over Magnolia Street, the first one is 400 Bacote; the second one is the second 502 Bacote."

It is not necessary to change all of the addresses on Bacote, Gainey said, because only a portion of the house numbers are involved.

"I looked at it and I figured that we would try to break everything down into blocks," Gainey said. "With that being said, where the one hundred block is on Bacote now, that area wouldn't be affected. Where we reserved the 200 block, and the Housing Authority, those residences in those areas would be affected by the address change...At every intersection you get to, you are starting a new block."

"This is not something we are going to be able to do overnight by any means," Gainey said. "Once we determine that those address numbers are going to work, then we will start the process of inform-

ing citizens and everything we need to do. I'm not sure how long it is going to take but I know its not going to be quick."

In other business, Gainey brought a proposal before council to change Article II, Section 2.3. Table 1 and Article IV of the city's Zoning Ordinance.

Gainey asked council to consider issuing permits for conditional use of historic homes in residential areas.

"Basically, what happened is, we had an issue come to our attention a couple of months ago about the Wilds-Edwards House," Gainey said. "It is an R-10 and, my understanding is, back in 2014 they said that that property could be used for a bed and breakfast. When you look at the code for a bed and breakfast it says that either the owner of the property or the manager has to live on the property to be able to use it as a bed and breakfast."

Gainey said that he spoke to property owner Charlie Weatherford and was informed that it was not being used in that capacity.

"We talked to him and he isn't really using it as a bed and breakfast but more for social gatherings and events," Gainey said. "We started looking at it to see exactly what we needed to

do to be able to accommodate that. The way that it is zoned, it really, truly, is not supposed to be used for social gatherings; that's more of a business and its not zoned for that."

Getting the property rezoned was not something Weatherford was interested in doing, Gainey said, so he began looking for an alternative.

"Charlie didn't want to rezone it to general commercial because he was scared that it would cause problems with the property itself if someone comes in down the line and wants to tear it down," Gainey said. "We started doing some research to see what we could do to make it to where he could use (it for) that but not just that piece of property but also other pieces of property that met the conditions that we set forth."

Those requirements include:

- A lot size not less than one acre.
- A building structure no less than 2,000 square feet.
- The property must be annually inspected and approved by the building official and fire marshal.
- Conditional Use Permits for assembly halls must be renewed annually at a cost of \$100.
- Houses must be located in a Historic District.

Summerville, Beaufort and Hartsville all have similar ordinances, Gainey said.

Council passed the first reading of Ordinance 2017-18.

During the citizen comment portion of the meeting, Darlington Walmart manager Kevin Lane asked council to consider a referendum to allow for the sale of alcohol in Darlington on Sundays. Lane said that his store and others in the city could benefit from having Sunday alcohol sales, especially during race weekend when tourists are traveling to neighboring cities to make their purchases.

"We are not asking council to vote on this issue directly," Lane said. "What we are asking is for a referendum to allow the citizens of Darlington to vote on this matter in November...Hartsville passed it in November and now that we are booming and drawing more attention to Darlington, we are just asking that it be considered so that we can keep the business in Darlington."

Council asked city manager Howard Garland to look into what it would take to put the referendum on the ballot.

Before the meeting, Mayor Gloria Hines signed a proclamation making April 24-28 the 'Week of the Young Child.'

Financing

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"It's a good tool to use, if you think it's the right fit politically," said Zeigler.

Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (IPRB):

- Does not require voter approval
- County would create a non-profit entity to issue bonds and hold title to project property
- County would have leasehold title to property and issue annual bonds to make payments to non-profit
- Preserves county's debt capacity and allows borrowing

above the 8 percent GO debt limit

• Florence, Chesterfield, and Marion Counties have used IPRB for courthouse projects

Zeigler said this option would carry higher interest rates than the other GO Bond plans, but when governments are looking for finance options that will not place the full brunt of payment on their property tax payers, the IPRB and CPST are the best options. He added that in Darlington County, it is legal to have dual CPSTs for the county and the school district.

On the regular agenda, Council held a title-only first reading of the 2017/18 fiscal

year budget. The proposed general fund budget for FY 2018 stands at \$21.3 million, including \$5.3 million for the Darlington County Sheriff's Office and \$3.7 million for the W. Glenn Campbell Correctional Center.

Other proposed departmental budgets include \$829,160 for the Emergency Telephone Fund, \$1.3 million for the County Library Fund, \$3.2 million for Environmental Services, \$1.9 million for the Fire District, \$3.8 million for

Emergency Services, \$482,335 for the Airport Fund, \$55,525 for the State Accommodations Tax Fund, \$324,716 for the Hospitality Tax Fund, \$1.6 million for Road Maintenance, and \$475,000 for the Hartsville Fire Protection District.

Second reading for the budget is scheduled for council's May 1 regular meeting, which will take place at 6 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex located at 1625 Harry Byrd Hwy in Darlington. This meeting is open to the public.

Fees

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Council member Lewis Brown voiced support for this plan, saying that the county "can't live out of a savings account" and can't live planning its budgets just one year at a time.

Other additions to this year's budget include \$10,000 for Darlington County Sheriff's Office overtime costs, adding a fire marshal to the Darlington County Fire District, adding two landfill attendants and a full time mechanic to the Environmental Services department, and returning a compliance and training position for EMS to review medical charts and perform DHEC-required quality assurance functions.

The proposed general fund budget for FY 2018 stands at \$21.3 million, including \$5.3 million for the Darlington County Sheriff's Office and \$3.7

million for the W. Glenn Campbell Correctional Center.

Other proposed departmental budgets include \$829,160 for the Emergency Telephone Fund, \$1.3 million for the County Library Fund, \$3.2 million for Environmental Services, \$1.9 million for the Fire District, \$3.8 million for Emergency Services, \$482,335 for the Airport Fund, \$55,525 for the State Accommodations Tax Fund, \$324,716 for the Hospitality Tax Fund, \$1.6 million for Road Maintenance, and \$475,000 for the Hartsville Fire Protection District.

Stewart urged Council to examine the budget thoroughly and make any proposed amendments in advance of their next regular meeting, at which the budget will come up for second reading. That meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex located at 1625 Harry Byrd Hwy in Darlington. The meeting will be open to the public.

Campbell

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"I want to commend the Sheriff for his fine service," said Council member David Coker. "We appreciate all your tireless efforts...you mean a lot to our community."

"I want to thank Darlington County Council for approving Resolution 675 to rename the detention center to the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center. Sheriff Glenn Campbell dedicated 24 years to the people of Darlington County. I have always admired Sheriff Campbell and I felt this was a great way to honor his dedication," said Sheriff Tony Chavis.

Campbell thanked Council for the honor and reminisced briefly about working with members of Council - like former DCSO deputy sheriff Dannie Douglas and defense attorney Bobby Kilgo - on both sides of the courtroom.

"It's just an honor for me to have (the detention center) named after me," said Campbell, who left Council and the audience with a reminder that he remains a public servant at heart.

"If I can ever do anything to help you, I'll do what I can," Campbell said.

Video of the resolution reading and Campbell's comments can be found at www.newsandpress.net.

A-Tax

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EdVenture, Inc. / EdVenture Hartsville Satellite: \$5,000; received \$1,500

Florence CVB / Darlington Car Hauler Parade: \$5,000; received \$1,600

Hartsville Community Center Bldg. Comm/Center Theater: \$12,600; received \$5,600

Hartsville Community Dev. Foundation / Ag+Art Tour: \$1,000; received \$600

Hartsville Community Organization / Frets & Necks Fest: \$12,500; received \$1,600

Lamar Egg Scramble: \$5,000; received \$3,000

Pilot Club / Sweet Potato Festival: \$4,000; received \$3,000

SC African American Heritage Foundation: \$7,875; received \$1,400

SC Junior Golf Foundation / Players Championship: \$7,500; received \$500

Society Hill Catfish Festival: \$3,000; received \$3,000

Southeastern Bluegrass Association: \$12,000; received \$3,000

YMCA: \$5,500; received \$2,500

One additional applicant, the

New Vision Community Development Annual Rice Festival, received approval from Darlington County Council to be considered for funding. They requested \$8,580 in funding and received \$1,400.

In total, these requests add up to \$188,555, but the total A-tax money available this year only amounts to \$55,000.

Committee member Steve Tinney questioned why the funding pool actually shrank year over year (from \$82,000 in fiscal year 2014/15 to \$65,000 for 15/16) when the number of hotels in Darlington County has actually grown.

As it happens, Darlington County's A-tax receipts for this past year were estimated based on previous year's returns because the county had not received a completed audit for fiscal year 2015/16, meaning future A-tax funding pools may increase once accurate figures are available.

Committee members considered all applicant requests, evaluated supporting documentation regarding tourism impact and the number of "heads in beds" each event yields, and voted their funding recommendations, which will be forwarded to Darlington County Council for final approval at their May 1 regular meeting.

Ravenel

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As with Greek tragedies, our hero tried again with a U.S. Senate race in 1978 and a Congressional race in 1980 but came up short in both. His moment had come and gone.

And then there was the further tragedy of a divorce, business failure and jail time for bank fraud.

But, there was something more. He touched a whole generation of South Carolinians who wanted more and were willing to believe that it was possible and were willing to work their hearts out to make it happen.

At what will certainly be Pug's over crowded funeral, you will see them. Their hair is now gray, their faces have lines - some are not here at all. But

those who are, will remember. They will remember a time when they were young, a time when they thought anything was possible - in their beloved but broken South Carolina.

As with others from ancient Athens until today, the great tragedy of Pug is that he showed us something that we had not seen before. He showed us what was possible but yet, he could not take us there.

Let us not remember what was, but remember what might have been - and hope that the chance will come again for Pug's beloved and broken South Carolina.

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 and get his columns at www.PhilNoble.com.

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Ephesians 1:7

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Sandra Kay Miller
Sandra 'Sandy' Kay Davis Miller, age 72, died Friday, March 31, 2017. A funeral service was held at noon Thursday, April 6, 2017 in the chapel of Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Florence National cemetery. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Born March 2, 1945 in Alexandria, VA, she is the daughter of the late Harry Cleveland Davis, Jr. and the late Katherine Tillis Davis. Mrs. Miller worked as a receptionist in the medical profession until her retirement. She enjoyed being at home and tending to her home and keeping up her yards. Sandra enjoyed shopping on eBay, and was a collector of different types of dolls. She and her husband Jim are active members of the Moose Lodge in Darlington, with Sandra being a member of Women of the Moose.

She is survived by her husband, James 'Jim' Miller, three children: Keli R. (Tony Noll) Miller of Mechanicsville, MD, James Kevin (Tracy) Miller of Myrtle Beach, SC, Richard Kyle Miller and his fiancé, Sharon of Waldorf, MD; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and a sister, Linda (Frankie) Coombs of White Plains, MD.

Following the service at the Florence National Cemetery, everyone is invited to a reception at the Moose Lodge in Darlington. Memorials may be made to Moose Charities, 155 S International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539. A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

Rose Walters Moore
Rose Walters Moore, age 55,

passed away Monday, April 3, 2017. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Born May 19, 1961, Rose is the daughter of the Heyward Walters and the late Betty Teal Walters. She worked for the Charlotte Observer, and also enjoyed working with the public. Rose loved to spend time with her family and friends.

In addition to her father, she is survived by her children, Chris Walters, Jamie Jones, Derrick Moore, and Tamara Moore; five grandchildren; her siblings, Tammy Walters, Mitchell Walters, and David Walters.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

Leisha Carter
Leisha Elaine Carter, age 45, passed away Saturday, April 8, 2017. Graveside services were Tuesday 4 p.m. in Swift Creek Cemetery directed by Belk Funeral Home. Visitation was 6 - 8 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home.

Leisha was born in Florence County, daughter of Roy Carter and the late Martha Howle Courtney. She was the granddaughter of the late William H. "Bill" and Virginia F. Howle, who raised her. She was a hairdresser and enjoyed her friends, family and watching NASCAR. Leisha grew up in the Swift Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to her father and stepmother, Gail Carter of Darlington; two brothers: Lee (Heidi) Carter and Eddie "Peanut" Carter (Taylor Eslinger) also of Darlington; one sister, Laci (Wayne) Hanna of Florence; also her nephews: Ladson

Carter, Logan Carter, Cole Hanna and Caleb Hanna.

An online guestbook is available @www.belkfuneralhome.com.

Jessie Coggeshall Rogers

Jessie Williamson Coggeshall Rogers died at the McLeod Hospice House in Florence, on April 5, 2017, after a brief illness. Born August 22, 1926, she was the daughter of Jessie Keith St. Clair Williamson and Marion Lide Coggeshall, of Darlington, South Carolina.

Jessie had a remarkable memory and was a true student who loved learning. She graduated as Valedictorian of her class at both St. John's High School in Darlington and Stratford [Junior] College in Danville, Virginia. On April 24, 1948, Jessie married Frank Esby Rogers, Jr., of Darlington. In 1960, she returned to school and graduated from Coker College with a degree in Chemistry and a Teacher's Certificate.

She especially loved teaching math and language arts to sixth graders (Delmae Heights in Florence, St. John's Elementary School in Darlington and James F. Byrnes Academy in Quinby) and visiting and caring for older family members. She was a member of Over the Teacups Club, the Old Homestead Club, and the Castalian Club. A lifelong member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Jessie served the church in many ways: Sunday School teacher, Confirmation teacher, as an active member of the Altar Guild, the Vestry, the Women of the Church, and various Parish Life activities.

Jessie is survived by one daughter, Jessie Rogers Whitaker and her husband

George of Darlington; her grandchildren, Anne St. Clair Whitaker and Jane Rogers Field of Austin, TX, and Thomas Rogers Coxo of Darlington; her sisters Emmy Lou Coggeshall Donald of the Presbyterian Home in Florence, SC, and Marion Coggeshall Huggins of Pawley's Island, SC; and her sons-in-law David Field of Monroe, GA, and Ricky Coxo of Darlington. She is also survived by step-grandchildren and their families who she considered her own: Simon Whitaker and his wife Megan of Clinton, SC; Stephen Whitaker, his wife Beth and their children Avery and Myles of Asheville, NC; Richard Coxo, his wife Fairlie and their daughter Gracie of St. James, NY; and Elizabeth Coxo Hubbard, her husband Alan, and their sons Hampton, Charlie, and Waits, of Hartsville, SC.

Jessie was predeceased by her husband, her daughters Mary Rogers Field and Marion Rogers Coxo, her granddaughter Marion Coggeshall Field McKenna, her nephew Geoffrey David Huggins, and two brothers-in-law, Alexander Grant Donald and Clarence Pope "Tony" Huggins, Jr.

The family received friends at the Rogers home, 548 Rogers Rd., Darlington, on Monday, April 10, from 5 - 7 p.m. The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11th, at St. Matthew's Church, Darlington, SC, followed by burial in Grove Hill Cemetery. It will be officiated by the Rev. Hunter C. Jordan and directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to St. Matthew's Church, 210 South Main St., Darlington, SC 29532, or to a charity of your choice.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

LIVING ON PURPOSE

There is more to being rich than having money

By Dr. William Holland

We often hear the term "it's all about the money" but nothing could be further from the truth when it comes to hope and a sense of spiritual well being. Humans use their creativity and imaginations to dream about being satisfied and I would say that fantasies about power, fame and money are the most common. The recent record-breaking lottery generated quite a bit of excitement and like everyone else I was amazed at how the jackpot grew and what a mesmerizing affect it had on the masses. It is our lust and greed for money that increases its influential power to deceive and distract us from what's really important.

Certain religious interpretations declare that gambling is a sin and it might be, but casting lots is not always associated with wrongdoing. I can agree that someone who cannot afford to pay their bills and yet will waste money on daily lottery tickets needs more than a financial advisor. Nonetheless, I personally do not see anything wrong with someone spending a couple of dollars every now and then to have a chance to be financially secure. It is true, money cannot bring happiness and I question whether or not even winning the lottery would truly be a blessing for many, as I believe that would depend on how mature and level-headed the individual is. I have also pondered that instead of praying to have more money, maybe we should spend more time asking God how to better manage what we have.

We have heard about the stories of those who have lived modest lifestyles and then suddenly find themselves with a mind-boggling amount of financial power. However, many of these testimonies have not turned out as one might think and in the end, have actually been more like a curse. I am not knocking money, in fact I need it and it can do a lot of good, but in the hands of those who pay no heed to God's instructions it can become like a blind man operating a wrecking ball. Instead of wealth being used as an instrument to help others, if we are not care-

ful it can actually use us by capturing our mind and possessing our soul.

The Bible mentions a lot about wealth and there is no shortage of books and sermons to help further explain the benefits and dangers. One camp teaches that God desires to bless His people with material abundance while the other side emphasizes the need to give everything we have away and to live by faith alone. I personally fall into the category of trying to find a reasonable balance that can enjoy God's blessings while also learning how to be compassionate and generous toward others. Yes, Jesus told His followers to sell all they have, give it to the poor and take up their cross and follow Him, but does this mean literally or to just be willing? Surely there is no condemnation to work, earn a paycheck, pay our bills, have a home, and support our family all the while faithfully representing Him as a true Christian.

I have also wondered if winning the lottery is strictly by chance or if God has a hand in who wins? We realize He already knows in advance who will have the correct numbers, but how in

the world with so many people praying to win, does He choose one winner? Let's just say it's possible that God could give us the numbers through road signs or a dream, but we must remember that more important than having a bank filled with money is to make sure we are not in love with it. Hopefully, we all can agree that having money and being rich are two different things, and even if we have small finances, our true joy, peace and contentment will always be found in the secret place of His presence. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have turned away from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10).

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.

CHURCH NEWS

Please send your church news and photos to: editor@newsandpress.net

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.

Easter Service

Everyone is invited to join Darlington Presbyterian Church for Easter services on Sunday, April 16. The morning will begin with a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. in the Prayer Garden. The traditional worship service will begin at 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The Rev. Kevin Cauley, Pastor, and the members of the Darlington Presbyterian Church, invite all friends and community members to join us for these special Easter services. We are located at 311 Pearl Street in Darlington.

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

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

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The Lord Cares

Please continue to assist The Lord Cares in caring for those in need in the Darlington area. T.L.C.'s food bank is located at 201 Grove Street in Darlington. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Donations of non-perishable food items (especially canned meats) are needed, as are toiletries, bathroom tissue, and paper towels. Mail monetary donations to: The Lord Cares PO Box, 1457, Darlington, SC 29540

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Mellow Yellow! Meet George, snuggly, calm and, yes, "chill," after faithfully serving his human for 7 yrs, he's now looking for a new home as his person went into a nursing home. Outside of needing a special dry food to help him manage his tendency towards urinary blockage, George is in excellent health and ready to find his new full time human lap to call his own. 13lbs; male; 7 yrs old; orange tabby



If you loving being center stage with your pet, than Edward is the guy for you! Super friendly and always eager to dance for a treat or give you some special nuzzles, Edward is sweet and gentle natured. Edward knows how to get the pet job done and hopes soon you'll come on by and let him WOW you with his southern charm. 47lbs; male; lab/hound mix; 4-5 yrs old

The Darlington County Humane Society is located 0.5 miles from Darlington Raceway off Highway 151 in Darlington.

Have you lost or found a pet?

If you have lost or found a pet, go online to www.darlingtonhumane.org and click on the link **Lost/ Found Pets**. You will be directed to the www.thelostpets.com Web site where you can register your missing pet.

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 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.

April 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.

April 19 - 25

Public Meeting

Darlington City Council will hold a public meeting on the proposed ball fields at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St. in Darlington.

April 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.

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

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Mother's Day Walk

Hosted by DHS Alumni, the second annual walk will take place Saturday May 13, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the DHS football stadium. Admission is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. For more information, contact Krystal Graham at 843-496-6783

Taste of Society Hill

May 13 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Historic Society Hill Depot. Proceeds benefit historic perseveration in Society Hill. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. They can be purchased at the Darlington County Historical Commission or Society Hill Townhall. They can also be purchased online at: sites.google.com/site/long-bluffhistoricsociety/

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 at 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.

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.

June 7 - 13

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.

DDRA Spring Concert Series

Enjoy local, live music and area restaurants' eats from 7 - 10 p.m at 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

Freedom Fest

The Darlington Chamber of Commerce is hosting Freedom Fest at the Darlington Raceway July 1 from 4 to 10 p.m. The event features food, live music, a car show, carnival rides, laps around the Track Too Tough to Tame and one of the finest fireworks displays in South Carolina.

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 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.

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.

Aug. 3 - 15

Market on Darlington Square

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Darlington County Council Meeting

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Making health a priority in Darlington County

By Patricia Sullivan

In an article titled "Seven Lessons I've Learned about Improving Health in America" by Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, one lesson that caught my attention immediately was lesson 1: Health is Everything. This lesson opened my mind to imagine a world where people aren't driven by profits or notoriety but by knowing and comprehending that health is the way we learn, live, work and play. Mindsets would more than likely shift from what is in the best interest of personal and company gain to what is in the best interest of

the people. The big question is how do we get to that place where health becomes an outstanding, regular part of our culture?

Lavizzo-Mourey found that one contributor of good health is early childhood-development programs that focus on at-risk families. Darlington County First Steps can attest to this via the many parent and child program services offered to the community. A program that I will highlight is Parents as Teachers (PAT). One essential requirement of PAT is screenings and referrals. This requires the PAT parent-educator to document and com-

plete developmental screenings that include vision and hearing, use of milestone checklists, dental checks, and use of age-appropriate developmental screening tools. Parent educators are to refer families to pediatric care and other community services when needed. PAT equips parents with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote school readiness, long-term success of preschool-aged children, and healthy development. PAT is a program that detects issues early and helps families reach success. PAT and other early childhood-development programs are a

small, efficient piece of the health puzzle but are enough people buying into this system?

Where people live contributes to health outcomes as well. In some communities, residents are unaware of beneficial resources or are not able to access them. Neighborhoods with high levels of poverty do not always have fresh foods, clean water, access to medical attention, or opportunities to excel. Don't you think instead of pushing issue related to poverty to the bottom of the list, it would be at the top for community and political leaders? Poverty is

one of the greatest threats to health and is very prominent to this day. People living in poor conditions have a shorter lifespan and are sick more often than people who are financially secure. Some may be curious as to why this occurs- it is because poorer people cannot buy the means to protect their health. Deprivation is the root of poverty. It is imperative that political and economic structures that sustain poverty change in order for poverty and poor health to be handled.

There are many other things that are considered when thinking of health, such as

healthcare and childcare but it all boils down to meeting people where they are and enforcing equity among all people. Chances of having good health should not depend on race, where you live, age, or income. Good health should be made possible no matter who you are. When we, at Darlington County First Steps, plan and deliver services in Darlington County, we think of health outcomes first. What about you?

Patricia Sullivan is a Communications Specialist with Darlington County First Steps. Learn more by visiting www.darlingtoncountyfirststeps.org.

Drought committee makes few changes to S.C. drought statuses

The South Carolina Drought Response Committee met via conference call Thursday to analyze the drought statuses of counties statewide. While the state has seen rainfall during the last six weeks, some areas continue to battle a level of drought and are trying to recover from long-term lack of precipitation.

All of the Northeast counties are now classified as incipient- that's an upgrade for all counties with the exception of Lancaster and Kershaw, which were already at incipient status. The Central counties stayed the same with the exception of Georgetown County, which was upgraded to incipient status. And all counties in the West and South regions maintained their current statuses (map attached).

"Rains over the last two weeks have accelerated field preparation and corn planting," S.C. Department of Agriculture Assistant Commissioner Aaron Wood stated. "Winter wheat, cool-season pasture, spring forage, and early-season vegetable yields look to be down because of poor growing conditions."

Reports show soil moisture across the state is below the five-year average, and this information raises cause for

concern as South Carolina approaches the growing season and warmer weather.

"You have to understand that we have been very dry for a very long time, and wet for a short period of time," Naturalist and West Area Drought Committee Member Dennis Chastain said. "There has been some conspicuous improvement in the upper levels of the soil and the near term looks good for the beginning of the planting season, but at the deeper levels the soil is still very dry. And these upper Savannah reservoirs look like what you would see during a long hot, dry summer."

According to the South Carolina Forestry Commission (SCFC), wildfire activity in March was 70 percent higher than usual for this time of the year. But the recent rains have played a role in reducing the potential for short-term danger.

"Wildfire activity normally peaks in April, so we do expect to have an uptick in fires through the rest of the month," SCFC Forest Protection Chief Darryl Jones pointed out, "until 'greenup' occurs, when the grasses and other plants on the forest floor begin growing."

Lugoff-Elgin Water Authority General Manager Mike Hancock added that

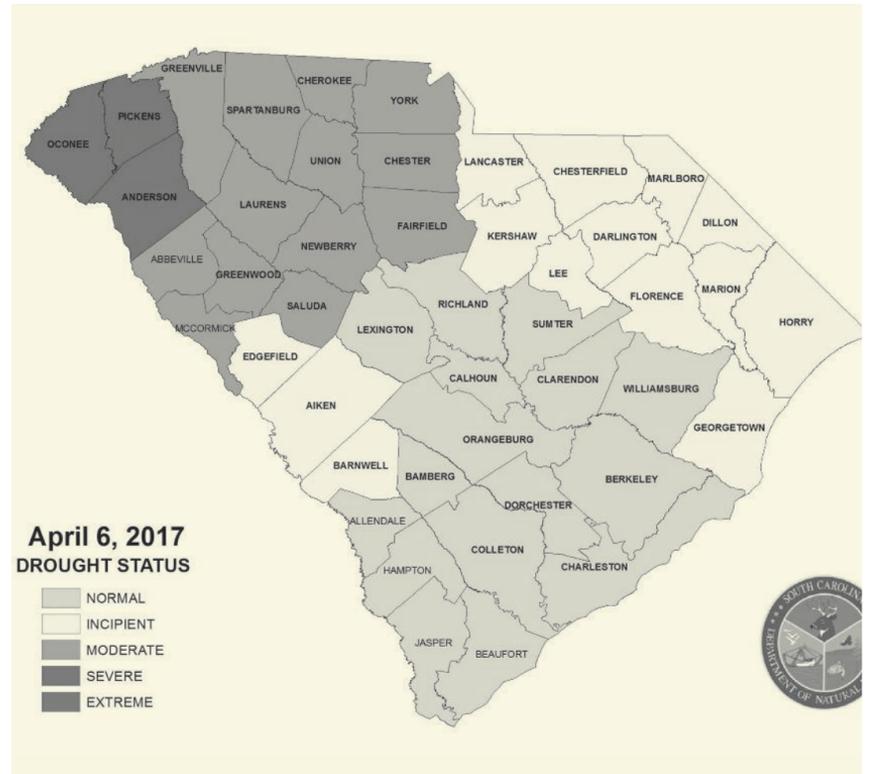
some regions are interdependent due to the waterways flowing through neighboring counties and states, and those circumstances have to be taken into consideration when the committee discusses the possibility of changing drought statuses.

"The Catawba-Wataree Basin is in Low Inflow Protocol Stage 1 Drought according to Duke Energy's Drought Management Plan, which provided additional support for maintaining incipient at least along the waterway" he stated.

The Upstate counties will remain in their current drought statuses due to low streamflow levels and notable declines in water levels for reservoirs in the Savannah and Saluda Basins. The recent rains improved streamflow conditions, but those improved conditions are expected to only be temporary.

"The Pee Dee region has experienced below-normal streamflow conditions over the past several months and supported an upgrade for the counties in this region to be changed to incipient drought," SCDNR Hydrologist Scott Harder said.

"Even though we have had significant rainfall in the last few days, the Drought Response Committee mem-



bers representing the ten-county Northeast drought management area agreed to place these counties in the incipient drought status, Clemson Extension Agronomy Agent Patricia DeHond added.

"Until recently, we were behind in soil moisture. And current drought indices, streamflow and lake levels all indicate drought conditions are moderate to incipient, with little to no additional

rainfall in the forecast for the next two weeks." The committee will meet again before the end of May to discuss drought conditions and change county drought statuses if necessary.

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

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Hopkins and company take care of Lakewood at home

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington clinched third place in the region this past Friday with a 6-0 victory at home over the Lakewood Gators.

"It was a huge game; there were a lot of implications on it," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said. "Came in the game, took a loss to them at their place on Tuesday, a 1-0 loss. So playoff wise we knew we had to win by two and that guaranteed us the number three spot in the region and it took some pressure off of us going into next week where essentially those two games against Hartsville don't matter, other than pride. Our playoffs are set, Hartsville will be a one, Lugoff two, us three, Lakewood four."

Anthony Hopkins, making his second start of the season since coming back from injury, dominated on the mound for the Falcons, throwing a complete game shutout with 12 strikeouts and Darlington's offense capitalized when needed, scoring two runs in the



Quez Mullins goes in for the tag as a Lakewood Gator player attempts to get on base. PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON

third and four runs in the fourth.

"I knew I had a defense behind me and I knew if I

missed my spot, they were there to back me up," Hopkins said. "I also knew that since they were there to back me up I

could throw it where ever I wanted to and it resulted in 12 k's."

The Falcons got their

offense kick started in the bottom of third inning by virtue of two Lakewood mistakes.

With one on and one out, Hopkins laid down a perfect sacrifice moving Jalin Mullins over to second with two outs, giving Eric McElveen a shot at driving in the first run of the game for either team.

McElveen hit what looked to be an inning ending grounder to third, but a wild throw changed everything, allowing Mullins to score and McElveen to make it second.

With another runner in scoring position and still two outs, the Falcons were not ready to stop, yet. The next hitter, Jaret Bryant, hit what looked to be a catchable ball to center field, but a misjudgment by the Lakewood defender resulted in the ball sailing over his head for a RBI triple.

The fourth inning was even better offensively for the Falcons. Tabais Dixon and Mullins hit back to back RBI doubles, Hopkins had a RBI sacrifice fly and McElveen capped the inning off with a RBI single.

Those six runs were more

than enough for Darlington as Hopkins stayed dialed in for the rest of the night, even striking out the side in the fifth inning and six out of the last 11 batters he faced for the rest of the game.

"Hopkins came in and threw great, 12 k's, very minimal free passes, played pretty good defense behind him, I think we may have made like two errors, but we didn't let those hurt us tonight," Gearhart said. "On the other hand we took advantage of some of the mistakes that they made."

Darlington's overall record improves to 9-7 overall, 3-3 in the region.

Weekly Recap

Darlington had two other games this past week, one against Lakewood and the other against Wilson. The Falcons lost to Lakewood on Tuesday, April 4th in Sumter by a score of 1-0 while the game against Wilson was cancelled due to inclement weather on Wednesday.

The Wilson game has been rescheduled for April 20th and it will be played in Darlington.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. is 'Chomping At The Bit' to race in the Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway

By Hunter Thomas
Contributing Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Dale Earnhardt Jr. visited South Carolina's capital on Tuesday to meet Governor Henry McMaster and to promote the upcoming Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway.

Earnhardt Jr. arrived in style as he landed Rick Hendrick's helicopter on the lawn of the South Carolina Governor's Mansion. During the event, Earnhardt Jr. discussed in detail of his days competing at local area short tracks, as well as why he chose Darlington Raceway as the track to test at, back in December, following his concussion-like symptoms.

When Dale Earnhardt Jr. rode past Darlington Raceway as a kid, he was nervous because he had a great deal of respect for the Lady in Black. The Kannapolis, North Carolina native grew up racing around the Carolinas, particularly at Myrtle Beach Speedway and Florence Motor Speedway.

Earnhardt Jr. passed the track, Too Tough To Tame on his way to the South Carolina short tracks, and he always dreamed of hitting the high banks of Darlington Raceway.

"I don't know what it is about South Carolina, but when I first started driving cars, I actually started racing down here in South Carolina at Myrtle Beach (Speedway) and in Florence, I-95 Speedway (Florence Motor Speedway)," Earnhardt Jr. said.

The driver of the Hendrick Motorsports No. 88 Nationwide Chevrolet contin-



Dale Earnhardt Jr. speaks during a press event at the Governor's Mansion in Columbia. PHOTO BY HUNTER THOMAS

ued and said, "Actually, we raced at Florence on Friday night and go back, swap the car out and drove all the way to the beach to race Saturday. We did that every weekend. We'd drive by Darlington both ways to get to Myrtle Beach, so going by that place over and over and over, looking at it - I was talking to somebody earlier today about Darlington. It's the Dale Earnhardt (Sr.) racetrack. It's the Intimidator of racetracks."

While Earnhardt Jr. has four top-five and 10 top-10 finishes in 21 starts at the Darlington Raceway, his father, Dale Earnhardt Sr., found success quite often. Known as the Intimidator, Earnhardt Sr. visited Victory Lane on nine occasions at

Darlington Raceway in his career, and he also amassed 19 top-five and 24 top-10 finishes. The closest that Earnhardt Jr. has come to winning a race at Darlington Raceway is a second-place finish that he captured in 2014. His most recent finish at Darlington Raceway was an eighth that he earned during the 2015 season.

"When you win at Darlington, it's no fluke," Earnhardt Jr. said. "Only talented, smart race car drivers win race here. So you know that when you win there, you put yourself in a special category of capable, true drivers, true racers. You don't back in to a win at Darlington, you have to be good and the car has got to be great."

Having been sidelined due

to concussion-like symptoms, Earnhardt Jr. wasn't able to compete in last year's Bojangles' Southern 500. Over the winter in December, Earnhardt Jr. chose Darlington Raceway to be the first track back that he'd return to the seat of a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race car. The results of the off-season test were a success, and Earnhardt Jr. was able to return to competition at the beginning of the

2017 season.

"We didn't get to run last year, so I'm chomping at the bit to get back into a race car at Darlington," Earnhardt Jr. said. "We went there this winter to actually get our clearance to get back into the car after the concussion last year. I picked Darlington because it's one of the toughest racetracks. It's one of the most difficult racetracks physically and mentally. Probably one of the hardest tracks that we race on throughout the year. Very challenging, very technical, and everybody always told me from the very first time that I went to Darlington is you race the track."

So far this season, Earnhardt Jr. hasn't quite found the success that he had been hoping for. In the first six races, he hasn't even posted a top-10 finish, and he's currently mired back in the 25th position in the point standings; however, don't fret Jr. Nation. There are still 20 more races until the checkered flag falls on the regular season before the Playoffs. Earnhardt Jr. has plenty of time to reach the top-16 in the point standings, and don't be surprised to see him running up front in the 68th running of the Bojangles' Southern 500 on Sunday, September 3.

Lamar blasts Timmons ville, but drops close one to Lewisville

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

The Lamar Silver Foxes split its two games this past week, both on the road, defeating Timmons ville 17-2 and losing to Lewisville 6-3.

In the two games against Timmons ville this season, Lamar has outscored the Whirlwinds 32-2, but against Lewisville, who is leading the region, the Silver Foxes have only been able to score a combined four runs.

"We have played tight the two times we've played them," Lamar head coach Adam Windham said. "Made a few mistakes that we shouldn't have made and it's cost us both ball games."

With the region title now out of reach, Lamar looks to finish second in the region and gain at least one home playoff game. In order for that to happen, the Silver Foxes need Lewisville to beat McBee this week.

Lamar's overall record is 14-4, 5-3 in the region.

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Sheriff Tony Chavis hires victim's advocate

On March 29 Sheriff Tony Chavis hired June Gullett to be a victim's advocate assigned to the Special Victims Unit. Gullett was recently the Community Liaison Officer for the Hartsville Police Department in the Community Outreach Department. She was the coordinator for the Hartsville Safe Communities

Initiative with a focus on developing strong, trust based relationships with the community. She also worked for the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, the Darlington County Detention Center and the Darlington County Magistrate's Office.

The Special Victims Unit, led by Lt. Larry Stivender, is comprised of three investigators and two victim's advocates. This unit was established by Sheriff Tony Chavis to fight domestic violence, crimes against children and crimes against the elderly.

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.



From left, Darlington Presbyterian Director of Music, Teresa Irwin; DPC Minister, Kevin Cauley; Trinity United Methodist Minister, Chris Lollis and TUMC Director of Music, Ann Miles.

Local churches celebrate Holy Week together

Trinity UMC will serve as host for this year's community Maundy Thursday service. Worship will include special music by a combined choir and will be accompanied by percussion, timpani and organ. Rev. Lollis will lead the service and Rev. Cauley will

give the sermon with communion following. Members of each congregation will read scripture and then a candle extinguished as part of the Tenebrae service. Not only will the service end in darkness, but everyone will experience the great earthquake to

symbolize Jesus' death.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. and everyone is requested to enter in silence. A nursery will be provided and the church is located at 126 Pearl Street, across from the old Post Office in downtown Darlington.

Great American Cleanup returns to Hartsville

Hartsville residents are invited to spend a Saturday morning improving the city's neighborhoods and streets by volunteering for the Great American Cleanup, on April 29.

This 15th annual event, sponsored by the City of Hartsville and Keep Darlington County Beautiful, is an opportunity for volunteers to clear away trash and debris from road right-of-ways in neighborhoods of their choosing. Last year, Hartsville's Great American

Cleanup brought together 20 volunteers to collect 7.21 tons of litter and debris, beautifying an estimated 6.5 miles of Hartsville streets.

This event is further continuation of the City and community's dedicated beautification efforts. Other beautification efforts have been underway with the EMPOWER (Employing Ministry and Police to Overcome Walls and End Racism) initiative.

Participating volunteers will

be provided with safety vests, gloves and bags. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Pride Park, 630 S. Sixth St., and volunteers move out to their chosen areas beginning at 8:30 a.m. The event will end with a volunteer lunch provided at Pride Park around noon.

Those interested in volunteering for the Great American Cleanup can contact Brenda Kelley at brenda.kelley@hartsvillesc.gov or 843.383.3009.

The Fiddler's Tale exhibit opens in Florence

The Florence County Museum is pleased to announce an exhibition of recent paintings by Florence artist, Robert Garey. The exhibition, titled The Fiddler's Tale, will be composed of 23 works which explore the existential nature of the human condition, as expressed in the subject matter of traditional Appalachian folk music.

Garey, who is also a musician, has spent the past five years drawing upon the lyrics of this music to create darkly-toned allegorical imagery, rendered with a high degree of technical familiarity in the medium of oil paint.

Although he began creating and exhibiting art in the 1970s, his instruction in the atelier style of realist painting first came in 1989, as a student at the New York Academy of Figurative Art. The school was a late career project of the Pop Art protégé, Andy Warhol, who founded the Academy as a safeguard against the potential loss of such skilled lineage in American art instruction. The result of the school's immersive and demanding curriculum can be seen in Garey's masterful details and in the rich surfaces of many of the paintings in the exhibit.

The exhibition opened for public viewing in the Florence County Museum Waters Gallery on April 10, followed by an opening reception on the evening of Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m.

All are invited to attend.

The show's title is taken from one of its larger paintings, which depicts a verse in the popular Appalachian murder ballad, Pretty Polly. Although fans of the genre may recognize familiar scenes from a diversity of other song lyrics, Garey's images are often connected by the appearance of the "fiddler" character, who narrates their fateful events from a nearby corner of the stage. Although reminiscent of the Regionalist style of paintings by 20th century American artists like Thomas Hart Benton, Garey confides, "This series of work is really inspired by the narrative paintings of the Renaissance, which depict the great tales from the Bible and Roman myths."

Florence County Museum Curator, Stephen W. Motte, has this to say about the exhibit, "The artist's inspiration and his intent are readily apparent in the final product, which is not an easy thing to achieve. The museum is always looking for artists of Garey's caliber, who can express complex ideas in complex media, and produce bodies of work which are so cohesive and formally well executed, without losing their subtlety."

Garey's many other artistic accomplishments include his work for the film industry, Sotheby's Auction House, public murals, interior trompe l'oeil, and historic preservation.

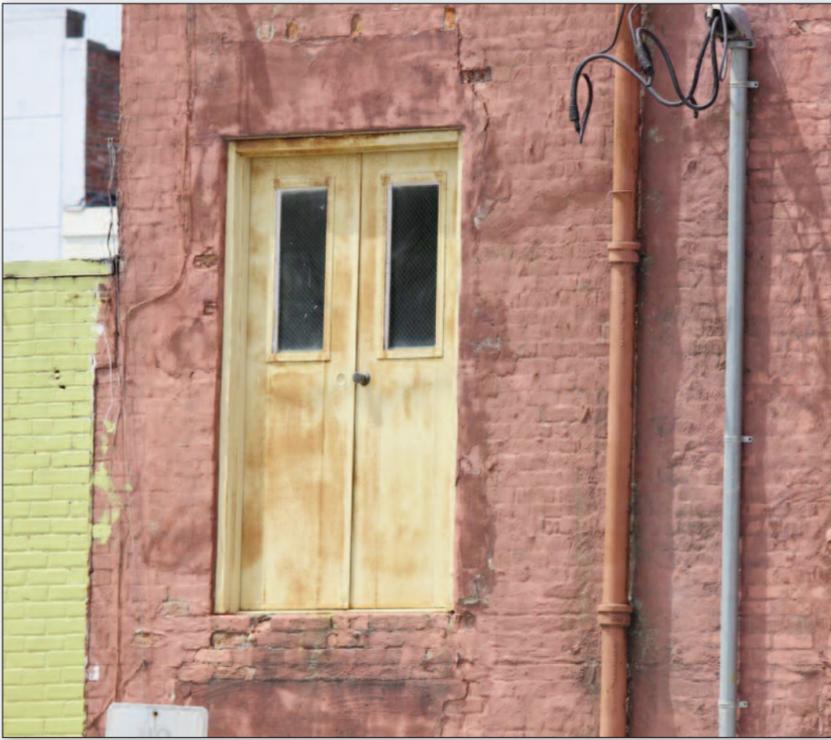
Hartsville teen dies in crash

A Hartsville teen died Saturday from injuries received in an automobile collision.

This incident occurred on Center Road in Darlington County around 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee identified the deceased as Breona Patrice Jackson, 18, of Hartsville.

The collision is under investigation by the SCHP and the Coroners office



Do you know where this building is in Darlington County? The door might not be in the place you'd expect.

Where is this in Darlington County?

The photo from last week was Louis Norman "Bobo" Newsom. The readers with correct guesses were Bill Segars, Hoyt Campbell, Evelyn Freeman, Anthony Wilson, Betty Campbell, Ronald Joseph, Kathy Gainey, Malcolm Woods, Phil Whittle.

Born on August 11, 1907, this Hartsville native played for seventeen major league baseball teams. A four-time All-Star as well as a World Series Champion with the New York Yankees in 1947, he amassed a 211-222 record as a starting pitcher and had a peculiar habit of talking about

himself in the third person. He is mentioned in the poem "Line-Up for Yesterday" by Ogden Nash, where he is the only player mentioned still not in the Hall of Fame. He died in Orlando, FL, on December 7, 1962 and is buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Hartsville, where he has a street named after him.

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DHS students get hands-on teaching, learning experience

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Teaching Cadet students at Darlington High School got a taste of what teaching will be like Friday, April 8 when Teaching Fellows from USC visited the school. The fellows brought with them a traveling Anne Frank exhibit, which has been displayed across the state.

The exhibit is a multi-year collaboration of USC's College of Education Center for Educational Partnerships, the Anne Frank House and the Anne Frank Center of New York. The Teaching Fellows lead local students through exercises that train them to serve as a guide through the exhibit. The goal is to develop in the students an awareness of social justice issues and give them the tools to discuss these issues with their peers and other members of the community who may tour the exhibit.

Derrick Hines, the Teaching Fellows Campus Director, said that the partnership came about because of a USC professor who does work in the field of social justice.

"The exhibit itself is museum quality obviously and was originally based out of Amsterdam at the Anne Frank House Museum," Hines said. "We learned about it through one of our professors at USC who has done a lot of work on social justice issues, the Holocaust and Anne Frank. He



Panels give information about the Holocaust and those affected.

approached myself this past summer about potentially forming a partnership with my program, the Teaching Fellows, to help advance the initiative to bring this exhibit to rural schools or schools that may not necessarily have access to material readily."

Hines said that approval from his supervisor set the ball in motion.

"I approached my supervisor and we were able to fund this program for the next several years," Hines said. "We like to have a grow-your-own model where students currently enrolled in our programs reach out to their home schools to see if they are interested in having the exhibit and the training. We have trained five schools this year, three middle schools and two high schools. The exhibit has been in South Carolina itself for three years but this is the first large-scale effort with a large program like Teaching Fellows and the university."



Darlington High School Teacher Cadets list to tips on leading the community through the exhibit. PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Darlington County School District graduate Emily Childers helped push for the exhibit to come to Darlington. She also helped lead the exercises to prepare the DHS teacher cadets for guiding groups through the exhibit.

"The students each have a panel that they have gone through and understand and they are going to be presenting it to the group," Childers said. "We will also be talking to them about how they need to present themselves when they are serving as a peer guide."

After student groups had a chance to talk amongst themselves about the things, internally and externally that would help them serve as a good guide, the group came back together to bounce those ideas off of one another.

Some of the items that they mentioned included having good posture, speaking clearly and loud enough for everyone to hear and understand, face the group you are speaking to, smile and be relatable.

Childers said that having

graduated from Darlington County she was excited to have the opportunity to give back.

"I grew up in this area and I know the issues and a lot of the things that are bothering our area," Childers said. "It is really interesting for me to go to a college that is still in our state but in a whole different district and see how they are dealing with similar situations. All of our professors are doing research in this field of course; they are all trying to find their cures for the issues. It is interesting for me to be able to go there, get all of the issues and come back and say, 'Here is what I learned. How can I implement this at home?' I knew we never had anything like this and it is really fun for me to be able to bring this back and help provide where there is a shortage in the community."

Hines said that meeting that need is precisely why the Teaching Fellows program was created.

"Teaching Fellows program started as a way for the South Carolina education system to

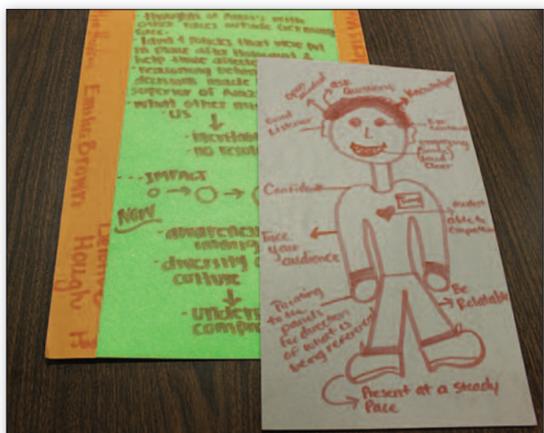


Emily Childers works with Teacher Cadets on peer guide skills.

grow their own teachers," Hines said, "The Teaching Fellows program incentivizes high achieving high school students who wish to pursue a career in education by offering them a set amount of money

for four years in exchange for a year of service in a South Carolina public school."

The community is invited to tour the Anne Frank exhibit during Falcon Fest Thursday, April 13, from 5-7 p.m.



DHS Teacher Cadets identified traits of a good tour group leader.



William Dubose and Brian Gandy prepare to unveil the portrait. PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Restored painting unveiled during meeting of Historical Society

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Though no one is still quite sure who she is, the Darlington County Historical Commission's (DCHS) 'Lady of Mystery' now has a new lease on life. The freshly restored painting was unveiled Thursday, April 6 at the Darlington County Historical Society's spring meeting.

DCHS director Brian Gandy could not contain his enthusiasm

"I was very excited when the (Historical) Society voted over a year ago, saying that they wanted to take up the project of doing the conservation work on the portrait," Gandy said. "We got preliminary information that it was a (William Harrison)



Scarborough. Based off of that and knowing that Scarborough lived at the corner of Fountain St and Main in Darlington, right out in front of the Historical Commission, it definitely connects back to the local heritage of our community."

PAINTING ON 2B

Police department raising money for a cure

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The Darlington Police Department is working to help find a cure for cancer. Through several different ventures, the department is working toward their goal of \$2,000 for the Darlington County Relay for Life event happening May 5.

DPD Chief Danny Watson said that he and his department are doing what they can to make a dent in the money needed for treatments and for research to find a cure.

"The thing is, it is not about any one individual," Watson said. "It is about a line and linking arms, coming together a few dollars at a time. If a bunch of people get together and put a few dollars in that becomes a tremendous amount of money. Unfortunately, research costs money; trips to the doctor cost money; counseling for family members who have lost a loved one costs money. It has got to come from somewhere."

The police department has been selling paper footprints and hanging them around their building.

"As I'm taping up the names there in the hallway, in memory of this person, in memory of that person, it hits you," Watson said. "You think about people like Logan Gause, a student from West Florence High School and Baylor Till in Bishopville; even our city manager's mother died from cancer. It has touched so many lives



Members of the Darlington Police Department sold hotdogs Friday April 8 outside of the Darlington Walmart to raise money for Relay for Life. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

and we don't take a hard enough, fierce enough stance against it."

DPD held a hotdog sale last week. Watson said it is simple things like that sale that contribute to the staggering costs of cancer treatment and research.

"I think we can continue to do things like this (hotdog sale) and we can continue to work together," Watson said. "There are a lot more survivors now than there were 20 years ago but there are still too many people who lose their lives. Last year in Darlington County 141

people died of cancer. In a county of 68,000 people, 141 deaths is just crazy. I know that, as of yet, there is no magic bullet, not vaccination or something like that that you can take but we shouldn't stop trying."

Having been in contact with many local survivors recently, Watson stresses the importance of supporting those going through the battle against cancer.

"I know that there are so many people out there who have numerous different kinds of cancer who know how hard the

treatments are and because of that that just give up and it is so sad," Watson said. "Anything that we can do to continue to motivate people, to help them realize that they can survive, that there are people who will stand with that, that's what makes a big difference."

Anyone wishing to purchase a paper footprint, just \$1 each, can visit the Darlington Police Department at 400 South Pearl Street in Darlington.

For more information about the Relay for Life event, visit www.relayforlife.org/darlingtonsc



Pee Dee Gardens Assisted Living located at 3117 W. Palmetto Street in Florence, hosted an open house on Wednesday, April 5, with residents and staff. Pictured is Administrative Asst., Susan Comer with Edna, Virginia, Ramona, Linda, Brenda, Bernice, and Tuwana James, Resident Care Coordinator.

Evening Under the Oaks returns for second year

Planning is well under way for the second annual Evening Under the Oaks Humane Society Benefit. The benefit is supported by a variety of area businesses.

The idea for Evening Under the Oaks was born from a group of ladies last year, who are all animal lovers. Last year's event raised \$15,000 for the Humane Society, and businesses all over the Pee Dee pitched in to help. The committee also sought donations from local food vendors, grocery stores, boutiques and clothing stores. What became of a small idea was an event attended by over 300 people, held at the Oak Manor Inn in Hartsville, complete with a silent auction. The goal for this year's April 29 event is \$20,000, and the committee is well on its way to achieving that. Information about this year's event can be found at www.eveningundertheoaks.com.



DHS Prom 2017

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Painting

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Catherine Rogers, an art conservator from Charleston, undertook the efforts to restore the 'Lady of Mystery' portrait.

"We got really excited that they were willing to donate that money and we talked with Catherine Rogers and she was willing to take on the project," Gandy said. "She probably wrote off half of the cost of the restoration and conservation work; we were very grateful. She is originally from Marlboro County so, her being a local person, she wanted to do that to help out the community."

Gandy said that the portrait was in very bad shape when it was discovered.

"It was found in a barn packhouse and from the way the portrait is you can tell there were chicken dropping, or pigeon or bird, or something like that, were on it," Gandy said. "She was removed from the stretcher and there were holes punched in her; the portrait looked really bad. The grime layer on it was really thick so that was probably the hardest part of the restoration."

The portrait was donated to the commission from the family of Robert Cummings Brunson.

"A farm worker, sort of a farm manager, who worked

with the Brunson family came across the portrait and realized it was something a little nicer than you would typically see thrown in an attic," Gandy said. "The negotiations went back and forth in the Brunson family and they decided to donate it to the commission."

Attempts to determine the value of the portrait were thwarted by its condition.

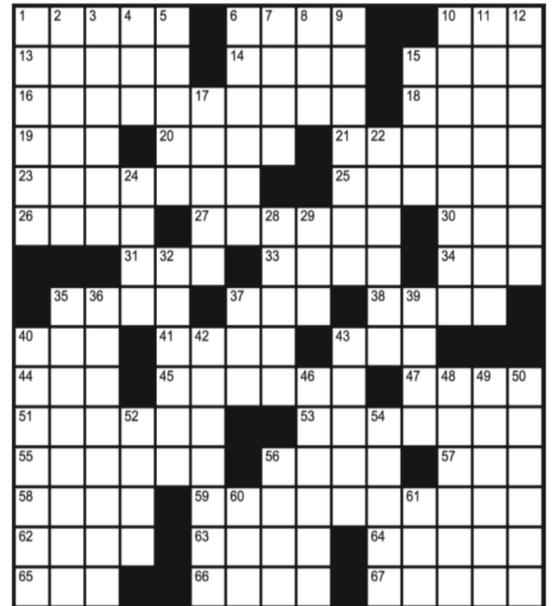
"It actually went to a group similar to Antiques Roadshow and it was in such bad shape that they said unless you would be willing to do major conservation work on it, it wouldn't be worth anything," Gandy said. "That just goes to show just how bad the condition was.

Interestingly enough, the two Brunson sisters that are still alive are still intricately involved in trying to identify the lady."

Gandy said that through hours of research, he believes that he knows the family and the time period that the woman in the portrait belongs to. He said that currently he has a short list of names that he believes could be the identity of the 'Lady of Mystery' but that he will continue to try and positively identify her.

For more information about the portrait and the work done to restore it, contact the Darlington County Historical Commission at 843-398-4710.

CROSSWORD



- Across**
- 1. British ___
 - 6. Attempt
 - 10. "Awesome!"
 - 13. Currency of Nigeria
 - 14. Cost to cross
 - 15. Bolted
 - 16. Bugs attracted to dung
 - 18. Small shacks
 - 19. Adaptable truck, for short
 - 20. Pink, as a steak
 - 21. Causing vomiting
 - 23. A square meter
 - 25. End
 - 26. "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
 - 27. One who takes spoils
 - 30. Masefield play "The Tragedy of ___"
 - 31. Arch
 - 33. Achy
 - 34. Armageddon
 - 35. Bit
 - 37. Little bird
 - 38. "O, gie me the ___ that has acres o' charms": Burns
 - 40. Big ___
 - 41. Loafer, e.g.
 - 43. "Ciao!"
 - 44. Infomercials, e.g.
 - 45. Code word for "S"
 - 47. Egg
 - 51. Type of television comedy
 - 53. Fatuous
 - 55. A smaller amount
 - 56. ___ acid, a product of protein metabolism
 - 57. Be in session
 - 58. Farm call
 - 59. To bring about
 - 62. "___ bitten, twice shy"
 - 63. Golden Triangle country
 - 64. One who endeavors to persuade
 - 65. After expenses
 - 66. Certain protest
 - 67. Coasters
- Down**
- 1. Make happen
 - 2. Cook in a small amount of butter
 - 3. Department store section
 - 4. .0000001 joule
 - 5. Mideast native
 - 6. Dorm room staple
 - 7. ___ bag
 - 8. "Is that ___?"
 - 9. Someone or something bleeding
 - 10. Day in day out schedules
 - 11. Craftsmen
 - 12. Drop
 - 15. Not us
 - 17. Before the due date
 - 22. Just
 - 24. Makeup, e.g.
 - 28. Basket material
 - 29. "Sesame Street" watcher
 - 32. Opportunity to learn from
 - 35. Substance used for healing in general
 - 36. Natural impulse
 - 37. "For shame!"
 - 39. Long, long time
 - 40. Large woodwind instrument
 - 42. ÇyHe ÇO in his own eyes
 - 43. Alkaline
 - 46. Least cooked
 - 48. Countenance
 - 49. Married
 - 50. Units of measurement
 - 52. Furnace fuel
 - 54. Epileptic seizure
 - 56. Roswell sightings
 - 60. J.F.K. overseer
 - 61. www.yahoo.com, e.g.

WORD SEARCH



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| Above | Crest | Lids | Stuns |
| Acre | Crowd | Live | Subtle |
| Acts | Cycle | Miners | Tend |
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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.

- Shayne Joseph Baxley, 35, of 138 Old Timers Crt, Lamar, Sentenced by General Sessions
- Jurrell Wilkie Black, 30, of 1188 Waxwing Dr Unit F, Florence, Speeding >15 but <25 Over the Speed Limit; Driving Under Suspension
- Shannon Nicole Byrd, 35, of 1033 Collins Street, Hartsville, Probation Violation
- Erreon Chambers, 25, of 208 Putman St, Hartsville, Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 In 6Mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 In 6Mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 In 6Mths
- Kristian Ashley Crocker-Hall, 27, of 202 Moses Dr, Darlington, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree
- Kimberly Toni Gardner-Norris, 33, of 501 Coker Ave, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Coddie Ryell Jackson, 24, of 161 Ripley Station Rd, Hartsville, Murder; Attempted Armed Robbery; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime
- Adam Blake McGirt, 29, of 708 Kingston Dr, McBee, Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Traffic/Expired Vehicle License; Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Appear DUS
- Steven Paul McGirt, 33, of 1900 Home Ave, Hartsville, No Charge Data
- John Robert Mosier, 69, of 1920 Red Hill Church Rd, Cassatt, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Aaron Robert Osborn, 25, of 601 McCall Rd, Hartsville, Petty Larceny <\$2000; Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor
- Quinten Lonnel Richardson, 28, of 1125 S Main St, Hartsville, Safekeeping
- Keith Rashadd Rouse, 27, of 114 B Duke Street, Lamar, Fail to Appear DUS; Fail to Appear DUS
- Jaquan Latrel Samuel, 30, of 901 East Carolina Ave, Hartsville, Safekeeping
- Bryan Harris Young, 29, of 1416 Fox Hollow Dr, Hartsville, Murder; Attempted Armed Robbery; Poss of a Weapon

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

During Violent Crime

- Chad Lee Bass, 32, of 3984 Garner Rd, Timmonsville, Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000
- Brian Tyric Bostic, 27, of 41 Pine St, Darlington, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)
- Jessica Lynn Bryant, 32, Homeless, Darlington, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Johnny Cherry III, 48, of 715 Hudson St, Hartsville, Violation of City Ordinance
- Alphonso Jacoby Dudley, 29, of 1407 Tall Pines St, Darlington, Assault and Battery High and Aggravated Nature
- Derrick Anthony Hudson, 44, of 1621 Solomon Dr, Hartsville, DUI Per Se/DUAC >.08 <.10 1st Offense
- Ronnie Antonio Hudson, 42, of 716 Farm Breaux Rd, Hartsville, Shoplifting >\$50 2nd; Trespassing
- Marceze Demetrice Johnson, 22, of 1608 South Fifth St, Hartsville, Resisting Arrest; Attempted Armed Robbery
- Barry Anthony Jones Jr., 19, of 1616 Meander Dr, Timmonsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Diamond Danielle Kelly, 22, of 2585 Syracuse Community Rd, Darlington, Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/man,dist,etc Of Cocaine Base 1st; Drugs/dist,sell,manuf Or Pwid Near A School
- Steven Earl Shaw, 41, of 1105 Mokot Dr, Hartsville, Safekeeping
- Lamont Craig Simon, 37, of 1205 Davis St, Lamar, Drugs/man,dist,etc Of Cocaine Base 1st; Drugs/dist,sell,manuf Or Pwid Near A School
- Chassidy Leanne Soles, 21, of 820 Green Pastures Drive, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Dequincy Jamal Travis, 25, of 106 Court Street, Darlington, Fail to Appear Shoplifting

- William Thomas Warren, 33, of 1346 Clyde Rd, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000
- Juan Valdez Wright, 29, of 1541 Highland Dr, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Manning Antonio Brown III, 32, of 406 Brewer Ave, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor
- Dwayne NMN Coleman, 44, of 1517 Ebenezer Rd, Darlington, MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st
- William Gary Curry, 35, of 1517 Ebenezer Rd, Darlington, MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st
- Michelle Cristin Degnan, 31, of 2416 Gallowaytown Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Samantha Nicole Fahey, 21, of 1383 Baldwin Rd, Yorktown NY, Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Tyler Wilson Gandy, 19, of 1517 R, Darlington, Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Grand Larceny Value \$10,000 or More; Burglary (Violent) Second Degree
- Christopher Markeith Hart, 26, of 856 W McIver Rd, Darlington, MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 2nd/Sub; Non Support; Grand Larceny Value \$10,000 or More; Burglary (Violent) Second Degree
- Amber Rae Hill, 28, of 2414 Windstar Dr, Hartsville, Speeding >15 but <25 MPH Over the Speed Limit; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Driving Under Suspension; Improper Vehicle License
- Darrell Lucas Jordan Jr., 29, of 128 Jefferson St, Darlington, Safekeeping
- Kalaba Victoria, 21, of 650 Highway 544, Conway, Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Jeremy Santrez Littles, 26, of 822 Ripley Station Rd, Hartsville, MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st; Fail to Appear; Fail to Appear DUS; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor
- Ginger Faye Lloyd, 28, of 228 Doneraile St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct; Fail to Appear Public Drunk
- Alyssa Ann Lombardi, 21, of 118 Kenilworth Ave, Staten Island NY, Open Container of

- Beer/Wine; Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st
- Daryn Lamont Stevenson, 19, of 120 Kirven St, Darlington, Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License; Vehicle With Missing/Incorrectly Displayed Tag
- Nina Nicole Wallace, 36, of 3013 Greenville Dr, Effingham, MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st; Grand Larceny Value \$10,000 or More; Burglary (Violent) Second Degree
- Richard Mortimer Anderson IV, 37, of 2849 Patrick Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st; Seat Belt Violation; Non Support
- Torianno Addaryal Bonaparte, 40, of 540 Mineral Springs Rd, Darlington, Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken; Violation of City Ordinance
- Glenn Dale Conyers Jr., 40, of 521 E Jackson St, Lamar, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree; Burglary First Degree
- Shameka Renoda Delane, 36, of 100 Reid St, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under The Influence .08 1st; Poss 28G Or Less Marij/10G Or Less Hash 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub In Sched I Tov-1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub In Sched I Tov-1st; Furnish Contraband County/municipal Prisons; Poss < 1Gram Of Meth Or Cocaine Base 2nd Off
- Michael Dewayne Franklin, 39, of 2717 Chandler Dr, Darlington, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Samantha Diane Harrington, 39, of 415 Peach St, Darlington, Operating Unsafe Vehicle; Driving Under Suspension
- Jeremiah Jermaine Weaver, 31, of 2396 Muddy Creek Rd, Williamsburg, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Ju'Quesha Tasha Bishop, 21, of 825 H Street, Hartsville, Attempted Murder
- Greg Jackson Floyd, 39, of 3252 Clarence Coker Road, Turbeville, Wilful Violation Term of Electronic Monitoring
- Mark Anthony Fox, 47, of 560 Catus Lane, Hartsville, Weekender
- Ashley Brook Griggs, 33, of 2421 Santee Dr, Hartsville, Non Support
- Bryan Oneal Harris, 37, of 725 Holloman Dr, Darlington, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree
- Barbie Alisha Hatchell-McIntyne, 33, of 1302 Scotts Pond Rd, Hartsville, Burglary First Degree
- Susan Deanna Isgett, 38, of 407 Watts Place, Darlington, Fail to Pay
- Carlos Santos Robinson, 39, of 1228 Pine Forrest, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- James Rivers Ross, 58, of 1670 S Center Rd, Darlington, Public Drunk
- Little Rivers Ross Jr., 36, of 1629 Syracuse Community Rd, Darlington, Public Drunk
- Richard Henry St Hilaire

- Jr., 52, of 416 S Warley St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance
- Nathaniel Lee Turpin, 24, of Turnberry Trailer Park, Darlington, DUI 10 1st Offense; Hit and Run With Minor Personal Injury; Violation ABC Law; Fail to Stop For Blue Light
- Starter Duke James Byrd, 20, of 1272 Clyde School Road, McBee, Weekender
- Michael Thomas Calcutt, 32, of 1657 Patton Drive, Florence, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Tiffany Shawndreka Dolford, 28, of 3749 Crosswind Drive, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine; Driving Under Suspension
- Derek Lalonde Flynn II, 22, of 220 Chalmers St, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under Suspension; DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Fraudulent Check \$1000 or More Enhance 120972
- Kenyada Tomeka Gurley, 38, of 1771 Highcotton St, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Robert Wayne King, 45, of 1223 Swift Creek Rd, Hartsville, Glue Sniffing Aromatic Hydrocarbons Unlawful
- Willie Gee Pooler, 48, of 208 Patience, Darlington, Weekender
- Charles Russell Shaw, 52, of 107 Stonewall St, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree
- Ryan Charles Tadlock, 28, of 812 Branham Rd, Darlington, Fail to Stop for Blue Light; DUS (DUI) 1st Offense
- John Mitchell Walters, 56, of 1328 Less Travel Rd, Hartsville, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree
- Darren Washington, 50, of 444 Pennington Circle, Hartsville, Violation of City Ordinance
- Alex Fernando Bernal, 20, of 10701 Alyssa Ln, Wadorf MD, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken
- Jada Tiera Brunson, 19, of 236 Swift Creek Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension
- Delia Shandrica Johnson, 27, of 2205 Sunnyfields Dr, Hartsville, Weekender
- Karla Virginia Johnson, 24, of 997 Alexander Store Rd, Hartsville, Trespassing
- Heath McKinnion Kelly, 32, of 1102 Mainsail Drive, Hartsville, Petit Larceny \$2000 or Less Enhancement 120972
- John Eldridge Spell Jr., 41, of 1153 Foresdale Drive, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Charity Ann Tiller, 43, of 1300 Valpariso Dr Apt P27, Florence, Non Support
- Jereal Thomas King, 26, of 2321 Ousleydale Road, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Marvin Bernard Thomas, 39, of 247 Ridge Road, Darlington, Non Support

Sheriff's Office investigating Darlington shooting

Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators are currently investigating a shooting that left one person injured. It occurred in 500 block of Gilchrist Road in Darlington around 7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 6.

A victim was in front of his home on Gilchrist Road after he says he was approached by at least two males in an older model white Buick Oldsmobile described as having large wheels. Shortly thereafter, a light skin black male in the back seat with short dreadlocks fired a handgun striking the victim. The driver was described as a light skin black male wearing a Chicago Bulls jersey and a baseball hat with long dreadlocks.

The victim is currently in an area hospital receiving medical treatment for a non life-threatening wound. A motive has not been established at this time. 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.

Special Victims Unit makes arrest

On April 6, Darlington County Sheriff's Special Victims Unit Investigators arrested Glenn Dale Conyers, Jr., age 40, of Lamar. Conyers is charged with domestic violence, first degree, which is a felony punishable, upon conviction, of up to 10 years imprisonment and burglary, first degree, which is a felony punishable, upon conviction, of up to life imprisonment.

Investigators allege that on April 2 Conyers forcibly entered the home of a former spouse in the Hartsville area. While inside the home, Conyers, armed with a metal pipe, allegedly threatened to kill his former spouse and others.

Conyers is currently being held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center awaiting arraignment.



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Downtown Block Party, featuring The Tim Clark Band, to rock out East College Avenue

Main Street Hartsville is gearing up for another street celebration of the local talent and businesses which set Hartsville apart at this Thursday's Downtown Block Party, featuring The Tim Clark Band, sponsored by Hartsville Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Fiat.

According to the band's website, The Tim Clark Band has been wowing audiences since its inception, wherever they appear. Not only did they

quickly become the top-drawing band in their hometown of Myrtle Beach, SC, but they are also recognized as one of the most popular and versatile bands touring the Southeast. Of course there is good reason for this. Fronted by Tim Clark, who is arguably the finest front man on the East Coast, they are known for adding their own flavor to favorite hits of the 70s, 80s, 90s and today.

The free concert comes

Thursday, April 13th from 6 to 9 p.m. to the portion of East College between Fourth Street and Fifth Street, will not only feature the concert but also a community coming together with sidewalk sales, food and drink vendors. Both parking lots on East College Avenue will remain accessible throughout the concert.

Other concerts slated for this Spring are: Thursday, April 27th, The Paul Grimshaw Band, sponsored by

SPC. All concerts will happen on East College Avenue this Spring. The Backfire concert sponsored by Sonoco, that was cancelled due to weather, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 24.

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@main-streethartsville.org

Kalmia Gardens Hosts annual Earth Day Festival April 22

Don't miss Kalmia Gardens of Coker College Annual Earth Day Festival and Duck Cup Race on April 22. This year there will be many fun events that are adult and kid friendly. There will be games and other children's activities, as well as reptile and amphibian displays, guided biology, and

birding walks. We will also have environmental information booths, as well as music and arts and craft vendors. In case you are unable to attend the DCMGA plant sale, the Master Gardeners will be here to sell you plants. There will be a Rain Barrel Art Contest, sponsored by The Florence

Darlington Stormwater Consortium. The Annual Earth Day Festival will coincide with the Duck Cup Race fundraiser. Ducks are only a five dollar donation, and cash prizes are available. Kalmia Gardens of Coker College Annual Earth Day Festival will take place at Kalmia Gardens

on April 22nd from 9:30 AM until 1:30 PM. So come on out, enjoy some free refreshments, live music, and partake in all of the Earth Day and Duck Cup fun! For more information visit kalmiagardens.com or call 843-383-8145 for tickets. All proceeds benefit Kalmia Gardens.

Community invited to come together to clean up Darlington

The Kalmia Garden Study Club and the City of Darlington will team up with the community for a Community Clean Up Day in advance of the spring and summer tourist season. Meet at the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce on the Public Square between 8 a.m. and noon on Saturday, April 22. Planned activities include trimming, weeding, planting, cleaning, and more at the Public Square, Liberty Lane, and the public parking lots behind C'Boans and at the News & Press.

Everyone is invited to participate. Bring work gloves and other tools if you have them. Specific needs include weed eaters, trimmers, brooms, shovels, leaf blowers, hedge clippers, etc.

Additionally, if you have an idea for a project or simply want to bring your civic club or church group to help, please contact the Planning Department at 843-398-4000 x 103 or darlingtonplanner@gmail.com. If you are proposing a project, you can submit the idea, supplies needed, and number of volunteers you plan to bring by Monday, April 17, or attend the Beautification Board meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at City Hall.

Participants are asked to

post photos of the work using the hashtag #DarlingtonPride, so everyone can see the collective hard work being put back into our community.

Darlington native Laura Burns, organizer of the event and a member of the garden club, said the club started with the idea of an annual clean up day on the Public Square nearly five years ago.

"A city needs an involved citizenry to survive and to thrive, and I am glad to see so many people stepping up to help make our community a better place," said Lisa Chalian-Rock, planning director for the city.

The event has grown to include two events each year (spring and fall) with several groups joining the campaign. The Kalmia Garden Study Club, the Darlington Kiwanis Club, the Darlington Fire Department, the Boy Scouts, the Darlington Lions Club, the Darlington High School Key Club, and geocachers from Darlington, Florence, Hartsville, and Fayetteville, N.C., all have pitched in during the event over the years.

This year, the Darlington Kiwanis Club will focus on the courthouse grounds.

"It is wonderful to see so many people come together for our town," Burns said.

The Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce will serve as the headquarters during the event. The Kalmia Garden Study Club coordinates the Clean Up Day efforts.

If you are unable to attend the Community Clean Up Day at the Public Square this Saturday, you are encouraged

to pitch in to clean up your street or neighborhood the following Saturday, April 29, as the City participates in the Great American Clean Up. Register and receive trash bags and shirts at the Street Department, 536 W. Broad St., beginning at 8 a.m. that morning.

Notice of Application

A meeting of the City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission will be held in City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Monday, April 24, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of those interested in the Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness, as listed below.

Item # 1 (Case 04/03/2017) Property of John M. Wells Jr., located at 126 Sanders St., Tax Map No. 164-14-01-028; bordered on the North by property of M.L. Annette Reynolds Trustee, Tax Map No. 164-14-01-027; bordered on the East by Haynesworth Alley; bordered on the West by Wells Street; and bordered on the South by Sanders Street.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A STORAGE BUILDING BEHIND HOUSE.

Item # 2 (Case 04/06/2017) Property of Bryan B. & Patricia W. Hobbs, located at 301 Cashua St., Tax Map No. 164-15-03-083; bordered on the North by the property of James R. Jr. & Wendy A. McDonald, Tax Map No. 164-15-03-084; bordered on the East by the property of John Dexter & Faye Dowling, Tax Map No. 164-15-03-082; bordered on the West by Spring Street; and bordered on the South by Cashua Street.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A STORAGE BUILDING BEHIND HOUSE, INSTALL FENCING, AND ADD LANDSCAPING.

Individuals may submit comments in writing by Thursday, April 20, 2017, to City Planning Department, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540, or they may provide comments in person at the Commission meeting. Info: 843-398-4000 x 103 or darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Note: This meeting will replace the May 1, 2017, regular meeting of the commission.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 17/18 BUDGETS ORDINANCE NO. 17-02 COUNTY OF DARLINGTON (Governing Entity) DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL Monday, May 1, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Courthouse Annex/EMS Building 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC 843-398-4100 www.darcosc.com

| General Fund | |
|--|---------------|
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$24,824,547 |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$24,824,547 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$21,354,833 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$21,354,833 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | -13.977% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, County General Fund | 67.9153 MILLS |
| FY 17/18 Millage, County General Fund | 68.7710 MILLS |
| FY 16/17 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated) | \$12,703,489 |
| FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Projected) | \$12,863,553 |

| Emergency Telephone Fund | |
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| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$831,059 |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$831,059 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$829,160 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$829,160 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | -0.229% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Emergency Telephone Fund | None |
| FY 17/18 Millage, Emergency Telephone Fund | None |
| FY 16/17 Monthly 911 Subscriber Fee | \$1.00 |
| FY 17/18 Monthly 911 Subscriber Fee | \$1.00 |

| Library Fund | |
|--|--------------|
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$1,353,585 |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$1,353,585 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$1,382,092 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$1,382,092 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | 2.106% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Library Fund | 6.0708 MILLS |
| FY 17/18 Millage, Library Fund | 6.1473 MILLS |
| FY 16/17 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated) | \$1,135,537 |
| FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Projected) | \$1,149,846 |

| Environmental Services Fund | |
|--|--------------|
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$3,272,465 |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$3,272,465 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$3,278,070 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$3,278,070 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | 0.171% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Environmental Services Fund Area excluding the Cities of Darlington & Hartsville Cities of Darlington & Hartsville | 2.5524 MILLS |
| FY 17/18 Millage, Environmental Services Fund Area excluding the Cities of Darlington & Hartsville Cities of Darlington & Hartsville | 2.5846 MILLS |
| FY 16/17 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated) | \$477,424 |
| FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Projected) | \$483,447 |

| County Fire District Fund | |
|--|---------------|
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$1,967,821 |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$1,967,821 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$1,975,233 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$1,975,233 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | 0.377% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Fire District Fund | 13.7164 MILLS |
| FY 17/18 Millage, Fire District Fund | 13.8892 MILLS |
| FY 16/17 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated) | \$1,580,431 |
| FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Projected) | \$1,600,341 |

| Accommodations Tax Fund | |
|--|----------|
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$60,525 |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$60,525 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$55,525 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$55,525 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | -8.261% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Accommodation Tax Budget | None |
| FY 17/18 Millage, Accommodation Tax Budget | None |

| Road Maintenance Fund | |
|--|-------------|
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$1,675,000 |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$1,675,000 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$1,675,000 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$1,675,000 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | 0.000% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Road Maintenance Budget | None |
| FY 17/18 Millage, Road Maintenance Budget | None |

| Emergency Services Fund | |
|--|-------------|
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$0 |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$0 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$3,866,456 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$3,866,456 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | 0.000% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Emergency Services Fund | None |
| FY 17/18 Millage, Emergency Services Fund | None |
| FY 16/17 Emergency Services Vehicle Fee | \$0.00 |
| FY 17/18 Emergency Services Vehicle Fee | \$15.00 |
| FY 16/17 Emergency Services Fee | \$0.00 |
| FY 17/18 Emergency Services Fee | \$20.00 |

| Airport Fund | |
|--|-----------|
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$- |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$- |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$482,335 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$482,335 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | 0.000% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Airport Budget | None |
| FY 17/18 Millage, Airport Budget | None |

| Hospitality Fund | |
|--|-----------|
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$225,000 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$225,000 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | 0.000% |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Hospitality Tax Budget | None |
| FY 17/18 Millage, Hospitality Tax Budget | None |

| Hartsville Fire Protection District Fund | |
|---|---------------|
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated) | \$475,000 |
| FY 16/17 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated) | \$475,000 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Revenues | \$475,000 |
| FY 17/18 (Projected) Budget Expenses | \$475,000 |
| FY 16/17 to FY 17/18 Budget Total Percent Change | 0.000% |
| FY 15/16 Millage, Hartsville Fire Protection District | 13.7164 MILLS |
| FY 16/17 Millage, Hartsville Fire Protection District | 13.8892 MILLS |
| FY 16/17 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated) | \$475,000 |
| FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Projected) | \$475,000 |

This notice is given in lieu of the requirement of 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, Section 4-9-130.

Durant Children's Center hosts annual bunny hop

Durant Children's Center, a program of Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault, will host the Annual "Bunny Hop" from 3 - 5 p.m. on Friday, April 14th at the Durant Children's Center, 510 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville.

Children can meet and have pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. Pet Lovers is

bringing live bunnies for cuddling. There will be crafts and face painting. The event is sponsored by the Darlington County Chapter Board of the Pee Dee Coalition and is free and open to the public. The Bunny Hop is free and open to the public. For more information, call 843-664-4357.



DCSD health science students prepare for a career in health care

Students in the Health Science Technology classes at the Darlington County Institute of Technology (DCIT) always learn more than just what's in the textbook. Each year, these students serve their community by hosting special needs Christmas parties at area elementary schools, collecting food and participating in Old People's Christmas with Darlington High School, and conducting health screenings at Manheim Auto Auction. They lead by serving as ambassadors during presentations at elementary, middle, and high schools, hosting numerous Red Cross blood drives where they have collected over 100 units of blood, and attending the Fall Leadership Conference at Newberry. Several members of HOSA also compete at the state HOSA Conference in Charleston.

Most important these students prepare for a career in health care, a field where you need individuals who compas-

sionately serve, willingly lead, and are determined to compete for the opportunity to go further in their career field. Career interests among the health science students at DCIT are diverse. Students have expressed an interest in becoming dentists, emergency medicine technicians, gynecologists, licensed practical nurses, pediatricians, physical therapists, pharmacists, registered nurses, and veterinarians. Courses available in the Health Science department at DCIT include Medical Terminology, Health Science I, Health Science II, and Health Science Clinical Studies. Instructors for these courses are Mrs. Connie Altman, Mrs. Kellie Flowers, and Mrs. Nancy Huntley. In addition to teaching, these teachers serve as the advisors for HOSA, an organization that not only gives students an opportunity to compete, but allows them to network with other students who are interest-

ed in health care as a career, attend workshops regarding health care professions, travel to conferences in a variety of locations, set goals and timelines for reaching them, sharpen leadership skills, and focus on specific areas of health that may not be covered in class. DCIT has 58 HOSA members.

This diversity of interests makes participation in HOSA extremely beneficial to students. Courses provide exposure to a wide range of topics while the HOSA experience allows students to focus on a particular area of interest. Areas of competition at the HOSA conference included Forensic Medicine, Veterinary Assisting, Home Health Aide, Medical Photography, Dental Assisting, Clinical Nursing, CPR/First Aid, Sports Medicine, Public Service Announcement, Physical

Therapy, Pharmacology, and Emergency Medicine. Students who placed at the state HOSA conference were:

Alexis Lewis and Alyssa Ray (HHS) – 4th place team – CPR/First Aid

Alexis Lewis (HHS) – Outstanding HOSA Member

In addition to the success of the HOSA organization, all Health Science students earned their CPR certification. Twenty-four Health Science level II students took and passed the National Health Science End of Course test in January. Twenty-three Health Science Clinical Studies students are completing several weeks of clinical rotations at various medical facilities to help them better determine their area of interest. These students will take the Certified Nursing Assistant exam on May 12th.



The Woodys Band to hold benefit concert for lead singer's granddaughter

Southern Hops Brewing Co. will host "The Woodys Benefit for Emma" on Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 2-6 p.m.

The concert will be a reunion of the popular Florence-area musical group, The Woodys -- an eight-piece band featuring recently retired Francis Marion University professor Phillip Gardner on lead vocals. The concert will benefit Gardner's granddaughter, Emma Hemphill, 10, who was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in October of last year.

"Our band sees this as an opportunity to celebrate Emma's full recovery with our family, our community and the family of Woodys' fans," said Gardner. "We want to do something positive, something healing."

According to The St. Jude's Research Hospital, Ewing's Sarcoma is, "a cancerous tumor that grows in the bones or in the tissue around bones," and strikes only three out of one million children and young adults a year.

Emma has been on a rigorous chemotherapy schedule at Wake Forest's Brenner Children's Hospital since a tumor was discovered along her femur. After undergoing

invasive surgery in January to remove the tumor, Emma is scheduled to continue chemotherapy through midsummer.

Emma and her family, the Hemphills, live in Lewisville, NC. Emma's father, Lee, works in law enforcement and her mother, Maegan -- a Darlington native, works from home. Emma also has two sisters, Grace, 7, and Mary Salem, 4.

The Woodys Benefit for Emma will also include appearances by popular Florence acts, Todd Norris and Speakeasy.

To purchase event tickets or to make a charitable donation, visit tinyurl.com/woodys4emma.

About The Woodys:

The Woodys have been an integral part of the Florence area for nearly 20 years, performing in the Friday After Five concert series, headlining the first Pecan Festival, appearing at Arts International, Science South, area high schools and local music venues. The eight-piece band features a horn section and plays crowd pleasing favorites from Otis Redding to The Rolling Stones to Chicago.

Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Inc. Names Interim CEO

After the tragic and sudden passing of their President and CEO,

Mr. Brian F. Kelley this past Tuesday, the Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PDEC) Board of Trustees named Ms. Debi Osterberg interim CEO.

Osterberg loyally served as Chief Financial Officer of PDEC from 2001-2014 under their previous President and CEO, Mr. Toy Nettles and also worked alongside Mr. Kelley for many years. She also has 17 years of prior experience with investor owned utility, Pennsylvania Electric.

Current PDEC Board of Trustees Chairman, Mr. James A. Goodson, said, "Debi has all of the knowledge and experience our cooperative needs to get us through this tough time. Our board has full confidence

that she will keep leading us in the right direction with continued success." The announcement was made to all employees this morning.

The Board will conduct a search for a permanent President and CEO. Osterberg stated this morning she would work diligently to keep things running smoothly while they find the next perfect fit for the cooperative.

For more information about Pee Dee Electric Cooperative visit, pdec.com

Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not for profit electric cooperative serving over 30,000 members in Darlington, Florence, Marion, Dillon, Lee and Chesterfield counties. Their mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable power to the communities in which they serve.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2015-CP-16-00224
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust vs. Alphonse S. Josey; Deidre D. Josey; and The United States of America, acting by and through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on May 2, 2017 at 12:30 PM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being known and designated as Lot No. 7, Block D as shown on a plat of Pine Acres Subdivision made by W.R. Banks, Reg., Surv. dated June 21, 1963 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 39 at page 151, said lot being more particularly described as follows: Fronting on Rose Drive and measuring thereon 105 feet, more or less and extending back therefrom in a uniform width for a depth of 200 feet, more or less. Said lot being bounded on the North by Rose Drive; on the East by Lot No. 8, Block D; on the South by Lot No. 12 and a portion of Lot No. 13, Block D; and on the West by Lot No. 6, Block D, all as shown on said plat. Reference being had to said plat for a more complete description.

Being the same property conveyed from George Gainey to Alphonse S. Josey and Deidre D. Josey by deed dated May 19, 2006 and recorded May 19, 2006 in Book 1043, Page 7223 in the Office of the Clerk

of Court for Darlington County South Carolina. 3812 Rose Drive Florence, SC 29501 TMS# 169-00-02-052 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the rate of Four and 25/100 (4.25%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, do, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day.

Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Haigh Porter Special Referee for Darlington County Darlington, South Carolina

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Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2014-CP-16-00069
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Wilmington Trust Company as successor to the Bank of New York as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Successor Trustee for C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-CB4 vs. Debra Smith; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles; and Green Tree Financial Services, Corp., I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on May 2, 2017 at 12:30 PM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being West of the City of Darlington, State of South Carolina, containing 3.55 acres, and being designated as Lot No. 7 as shown on a plat made for Joe Lavender by Nesbitt Surveying Co., dated December 19, 1994 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 164 at Page 105 and being bounded according to said plat as follows: On the North by lands of Jo Jo Enterprises for a distance of 884.36 feet; on the East by S.C. Road S-16-85 (Ashland Road) for a distance of 175.00 feet; on the South by lands of Jo Jo Enterprises for a distance of 881.10 feet; and on the West by lands of the McDonald Estate for a distance of 175.03 feet. For a more particular description, reference is hereby made to the above reference plat. TOGETHER with a 1996

Horton Summit Mobile Home, Serial No. H130421GL&R. THIS BEING the same property conveyed to Debra Smith by virtue of a Deed from Timothy Latham dated July 18, 2003 and recorded September 22, 2003 in Book 1029 at Page 7248 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina.

1508 Ashland Road Hartswood, SC 29550 TMS# 006-00-04-007.00 (land) TMS # 006-00-04-007.001 (mobile home) TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the rate of 77319/1000 (7.77319%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, do, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and

effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

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Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2014-CP-16-00128
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor trustee for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2005-3 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-3 vs. Derrick A Boston; U.S. Bank, N.A., successor by merger to First Bank, N.A., I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on May 2, 2017 at 12:30 PM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in Darlington County, South Carolina, containing one (1) acre, more or less, and fronting One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet on Highway Number 403, and being bounded according to a plat made by J.E. Tucker, Jr., RLS, dated April 25, 1979 as follows: On the Northeast by land of Rovena Boston for a distance of One Hundred and Twenty-Five (125) feet; on the Southeast by land of Rovena

Boston for a distance of Three Hundred (350) feet; on the Southwest by said Highway Number 403, and on the Northwest by a ditch for a distance of Three Hundred fifty (350) feet. For a more particular description, reference is hereby made to plat above referred to.

More accurately described as: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in Darlington County, South Carolina, containing one (1) acre, more or less and fronting One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet on Highway Number 403, and being bounded according to a plat made by J.E. Tucker, Jr., RLS, dated April 25, 1979 and entitled "Land Proposed to be Conveyed by Rovena Boston and Samuel and Linda J. Boston" recorded May 11, 1979 as part of deed recorded in Book 791, page 711. For a more particular description, reference is hereby made to plat above referred to. This being the same property conveyed to Samuel Boston and Linda J. Boston, as Tenants in Common, for and during their joint lives, and upon the death of either of them, then to the survivor of them, by deed of Rovena Boston dated May 11, 1979 and recorded May 11, 1979 in Book 791, Page 711; subsequently, Linda J. Boston died September 4, 2000; thereafter, Samuel J. Boston died and said property was conveyed to Derrick A. Boston by Deed of Distribution from the Estate of Samuel Boston, 2010-ES-16-0014 dated July 7, 2011 and recorded July 14, 2011 in Book 1063, Page 1026, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina. 4801 Oates Highway Lamar, SC 29069 TMS# 088-00-01-083 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the rate of Six and 85/100 (6.85%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for

papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, do, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

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Special Referee
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Hutchens Law Firm
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Columbia, SC 29202
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(39C3 leave in thru 4-26-17)
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 1, 2017
6 P.M.

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Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing held before the Darlington County Council on the date and time above stated to receive comments on the following proposed ordinance: Ordinance No. 17-03, An Ordinance To Designate That Agency In The County For Alcohol And Drug Abuse Planning For Programs And To Make Appropriations Pursuant To Sections 6-27-40(B) And 12-33-245(B) And (C) Of The 1976 Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, As Amended, For Darlington County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017, And Ending June 30, 2018

Ordinance No. 17-04, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V (Finance), Division 7 (Fees), To Establish A New Uniform Emergency Services Vehicle Fee For Darlington County And The Guidelines For The Collections And Use Of This Fee; To Establish A New Uniform Emergency Services Residential Fee For Darlington County And The Guidelines For The Collection And Use Of This Fee; And To Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance
Anyone wishing to present an opinion on these ordinances may do so at this time. Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of handicapped persons attending the meeting upon request. Special assistance requests should be made to J. Janet Bishop, Clerk to Council, at 843-398-4100, seventy-two hours prior to the scheduled public hearing.
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- CATINA DEASE-CON20- HOUSEHOLD
- KIMBERLY EPPS- P28A- HOUSEHOLD
- JOHN LARGENT-P49- HOUSEHOLD
- TERESA SPARKS-P17- HOUSEHOLD
- DEJA TAYLOR-P10- TOYS
- SHANEKGA DIXON- B28- HOUSEHOLD
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- JIMEIA DURANT-C65-HOUSEHOLD
- BILL ODOM-C68-HOUSEHOLD
- CATHY KEMMERLING-B8-HOUSEHOLD
- TERESA MULLINS -B7- HOUSEHOLD

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405 Chatham Place, Florence—Well maintained home in Fox Croft S/D. Home sits on the cu-de-sac and has 1,700 sq ft of living area, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den with fireplace, sunroom, Storage bld, and large front porch. Close to I-95 **Priced at \$149,900**

RESIDENTIAL

- 130 Edwards Ave - 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2,966 sq ft **\$174,900**
- 213 Lawson Rd-3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,516 sq ft **\$159,900**
- 874 Cribb Road - Florence - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,665 sq ft **\$154,900**
- 874 Cribb Road-Florence - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,586 sq ft **\$146,900**
- 1381 Nolan Dr - Put 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,593 sq ft, large workshop - **\$144,900**
- 211 Lawson Rd - 3 bedrooms, 2 bath 1,456 sq ft **\$139,900**
- 4860 Lullwater Dr - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,460 sq ft **\$139,900**
- 4854 Lullwater Dr - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,460 sq ft **\$139,900**
- 310 White Magnolia Ave - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,460 sq ft **\$139,900**
- 403 N. McCall St - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,582 sq ft **\$125,900**
- 4886 W. Paces Trail - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,250 sq ft **\$119,900**
- 4892 W. Paces Trail - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,250 sq ft **\$119,900**
- 406 Lawson Rd - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,562 sq ft **\$114,900.00**
- 302 Lawson Rd - 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 1,295 sq ft **\$110,000 - REDUCED**
- 126 Spring Heights Cr - 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 1,458 sq ft **\$99,900 REDUCED**
- 134 Spring St-3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,061sq ft **\$79,900**
- 1038 Nandina St (Hartsville) - 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,996 sq ft **\$76,500**
- 100 Law Street - 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1,884 sq ft **\$68,900**
- 301 S. McFarland St (Hartsville) - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath 1,400 sq ft **\$32,900**

LAND AND LOTS

Owner financing available on some lots
Center Rd & Syracuse Community Rd- 3053 Marcus Drive-(Hartsville)-1.98 -133.94 acres some wooded and some cleared. acre lot. Lot has a home on it that has burned. **Sold "AS IS" Priced at \$21,500**
Bobo Newsome Hwy (Hartsville)- 22.51 acres of wooded land. **\$66,700**
3600 Winlark Drive-2 acres **\$25,000**
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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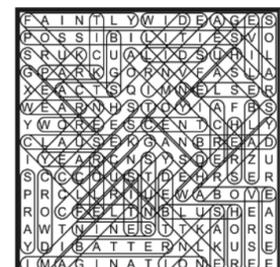
2244 Harry Byrd Hwy - Commercial bld. 11,684 sq ft metal building. Sits on 4+ acres of land. 6 ft fence around perimeter of property. Currently used as an office, warehouse, & Restaurant/ lounge. Plenty of office area. 5 restrooms. Lots of potential uses. Conveniently located 4 miles from Darlington 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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Darlington Rotary Club Auction a huge success

When the Darlington Rotary Club said, "See you at the auction", the citizens of Darlington took them seriously. It is estimated that over 150 people turned out for the annual event; the biggest crowd in recent memory. Shortly after the start of the event, the ballroom of the Darlington Country Club was full of guests. The room was very festive with blue and gold balloons on each table, representing the Rotary colors.



The hour-long silent auction began at 6:45, with excitement from those that bid the highest and disappointment from those who were outbid. Beth Hubbard walked away with 100 pounds of fertilizer for her lawn and is expected to have the "Pride of Darlington" award on her front yard soon. Door prizes were given out as bids were placed in the silent auction. Heyward Blackmon walked away with a beautiful bluebird house built by Mr. Earl Grooms. Others were awarded Carolina Plantation rice, caps from Arbor One, gifts from Pee Dee Electric, gift certificates to The Dairy Bar, Domino's Pizza, and Tenampa Mexican Restaurant, among many other prizes.

One of the largest successes of the evening was a new game, Wine Toss. A large board was erected in the corner of the ballroom, and guests could pay for a chance to ring one of the bottles of wine suspended in the board. By far the most successful player of the evening was Mr. Rakesh Shah, who rung 3 bottles in his first 5 attempts. Once the live auction began, bidding got fierce. There was a lot of excitement for several of the items, one being Mrs. Pollie Bristow's original artwork. Robin Lane won the bid after strong competition. Additional items that garnered a lot of attention and bids were, a week's stay at a lovely beach home in Garden City, a skeet shoot at Moree's Sportsman's Preserve, a dove hunt at Galloway Farms, a handmade blanket chest and a 20 Gauge Shotgun. After all payments were in, the final net total amount raised was just under \$7,500, exceeding the amounts raised for the past 4 years. The money raised will go towards college scholarships for local students, support of local charities such as The Lord Cares Food Bank, Adopt-A-Highway, as well as other national and international Rotary charities.

Darlington County Autism support group celebrates Autism Awareness Month

April is National Autism Awareness Month and is celebrated worldwide. Autism is a complex neurodevelopmental disability that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. Not only does it affect the individual but the family as a whole as well. Autism spectrum disorders affect 1 in 68 individuals. While there is no cause or cure for autism, it is treatable. Autism Awareness is the "Heart of Acceptance," and it is real! Darlington County Autism Support Group joins families and other organizations, schools, communities, businesses and local governments around the world to educate the public about autism through trainings and events. You can show your support, acceptance and increase your understanding by attending trainings and events in your area. On Saturday, April 29, from

noon to 3 p.m. at the Hartsville YMCA, located at 111 East Carolina Avenue, Darlington County Autism Support Group will have their annual Autism Awareness F.A.I.R. (Fun, Awareness, Information, Recreation) in observance of Autism Awareness Month. There will be a bouncy house, petting zoo, face painting, door prizes, manicures, vendors for shopping, food truck, Kahona Ice Truck (Frozen drinks), special appearance from The Hartsville Bubble Guy, and other organizations such as Early Autism Division and Autism Division of Florence. The public is invited to attend. We are asking that you wear blue to show your support for this great cause. You do not have to be a resident of Darlington County to attend our events, trainings or camps. For more information visit, www.voices4autism.net, check out the Darlington County Autism Support Group on Facebook or contact Coretta Bailey at 843-307-3386 or Wendy Stokes at 843-307-3386.

Prom Promise at DHS

Members of the Darlington High School junior and senior classes witnessed a graphic re-enactment of a fatal DUI crash last week on the DHS front lawn. The staged wreck was part of the annual Prom Promise program, which aims to keep students from drinking and driving when they attend school dances. Video of the event can be found at newsandpress.net.
PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES



The realistic two-car collision featured two DHS students portraying drunk drivers or survivors, and five others portraying their friends who lost their lives. Emergency responders from EMS and

the Darlington Fire and Police Departments swarmed the crash site and used extraction tools to remove the 'dead' students from the cars.



Darlington Police Chief Danny Watson told student observers that each fatality could result in a twenty-year prison sentence for the driver. "That's five children. That's a hundred years. Think about that for a second...that could be you, or it could be one of your friends."



Watson reminded students that while DUI remains a deadly problem, they should also avoid texting while driving. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety notes that the degree of cognitive distraction associated with the use of hand-held devices may be equivalent to the behavior of drivers with a 0.08 blood alcohol concentration.



Police officers administered field sobriety tests to the survivors, then slapped on the handcuffs and placed them under arrest. Volunteers portraying grieving parents silenced the crowd as they cried over their children.

DHS basketball players receive awards

Several Darlington High School basketball players were recently recognized for their work on the court. During a ceremony in the school cafeteria on March 20, the students received plaques.

Tyshaun Johnson received the Best Defensive Award, while Savin Williams was given the Coaches Award.

The Most Valuable Player Award was given to Tabias Dixon and Kelvin Polk was the recipient of the Most Improved Player.

On the junior varsity team, Kenyon Scott received the Most Improved Player Award. Brian, who was unable to attend the ceremony, received the Most Valuable Player Award.



Tyshaun Johnson, Ken Howle and Savin Williams.



Tabias Dixon, Ken Howle and Kelvin Polk.



JV Head coach Frankie Johnson Sr. and Kenyon Scott. Not pictured Brian Robinson.



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