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

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Severed gas line closes McIver Road Tuesday

A section of McIver Road in Darlington County was shut down Tuesday morning after an eighteen-wheeler crashed into a utility pole and severed a gas line. The crash occurred on a residential stretch of road between the old Wellman Plant and the Beaver Creek Country Club.

Chief Pat Cavanaugh of the Darlington Fire Department said his crew had been on scene since approximately 10 a.m., and when they arrived the truck driver had already been taken for medical treatment.

Firefighters from DFD, Darlington County Fire District, and Palmetto Rural Fire District worked to extinguish the truck fire and control the gas flame while crews from SCE&G dug down to the severed six-inch service line to install a valve and cut the flow of gas.

Cavanaugh said that despite the severity of the truck crash, the damage could have been worse: if the line had been severed in a more pressurized spot, it's possible that an explosion could have occurred.

SCE&G crews responded and technicians were on site to safely turn off the gas and allow for repairs to electric services in the area. An estimated 12 SCE&G customers were without gas service. Once repairs were made by the electric utility, SCE&G crews began the process of restoration for gas service to the impacted customers as quickly and as safely as possible. It was expected that the gas service would be restored to these customers later that afternoon. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

State seeks death penalty in double murder

A man charged with murdering a 9 year-old girl and her grandmother will face the death penalty for his alleged crimes.

Cephas Cowick, 24, is charged with the murders of Denise Couplin, 52, and her granddaughter Deziyah Chatman. In July of 2016, Couplin and Davis were found shot to death at their home on Bobo Newsome Highway in Darlington.

State prosecutors notified Cowick in early June of their intent to seek the death penalty in his case.

According to court documents, the prosecutors' decision is motivated by the following aggravating circumstances: the victim of the murder was under 11 years of age; the murder was committed with the purpose of receiving money or something of monetary value; the case involves multiple mur-



Cephas Cowick



Katherine Baucom

der victims. Cowick's wife, Katherine Baucom, faces two counts of murder and will be tried separately. Both have also been charged with third-degree arson, criminal conspiracy, armed robbery with a deadly weapon, first-degree burglary, grand larceny less than \$10,000, and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

Prosecutors allege that Cowick and Baucom acted together to rob Couplin and ended up killing her and Chatman in a bedroom of their home. It is also alleged that the couple stole Couplin's vehicle and burned it at a later time in an attempt to destroy evidence of their crimes. The burned car was found on Birdsnest Road in Hartsville.

Cowick and Baucom are currently being held without bond in the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center.

Darlington County Humane Society fights overcrowding

By Samantha Lyles
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The Darlington County Humane Society has a message for pet owners: please spay and neuter your dogs and cats, and do your part to help reduce the number of unwanted animals being turned in to the shelter.

A recent spike in animal intake – especially cats – at the Darlington County Humane Society (DCHS) Animal Shelter has cast more light on this problem, and increased the probability that more animals will need to be euthanized if they are not adopted or rescued.

In a recent 22-day period, DCHS took in 186 kittens.

"We need more people to spay and neuter their pets, because just bringing them to the shelter when they get outnumbered at home is not the answer," says DCHS Board member Kathy McDonald. "We can't just stack puppies and kittens on top of each other. People don't want us to put them to sleep, but what are you going to do with a hundred and eighty-six kittens? Even a five-day hold period is difficult for us to do when there are so many."

McDonald says foster volunteers are sometimes taking on numerous mother cats and their litters to spare them from euthanasia and give them a chance to be adopted, but their



efforts cannot keep up with the ever-growing numbers of animals turned in to the shelter.

From July 1 to July 17, DCHS has received 55 dogs, 55 puppies, 21 cats, and 65 kittens. The shelter must provide these animals with housing, medical care, and food for a mandatory five-day hold period. If they are not reclaimed by their owners, adopted, or shipped out to a rescue organization, the ani-

imals are subject to being euthanized.

It is estimated by the Humane Society of the United States that between 6 to 8 million dogs and cats end up in shelters every year in the United States, and approximately 2.4 million healthy and adoptable cats, dogs, kittens and puppies are euthanized each year because they don't have a home.

To learn more about affordable options for spaying and neutering dogs and cats, visit the Spay and Neuter Intervention of the Pee Dee at www.snipclinic.org, or call them at 843-407-7981. To learn more about how you can adopt a pet or donate to the Darlington County Animal Shelter, visit www.darlington-humane.org or call 843-398-4402.



Hartsville Chief of Police Jerry Thompson and Lt. Tenyonde Richardson cut the ribbon to official open the Safe Communities office at 710 S. Fifth Street in Hartsville.
PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Hartsville Police open Safe Communities office on S. Fifth

By Melissa Rollins
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Community policing in Hartsville now has a home on the south side of town. On Tuesday, July 18, the Hartsville Police Department held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their Safe Communities Office on South Fifth Street.

The office will serve as a point of contact for people who want to talk with an officer but don't want to go to the main police station. Community outreach events, like the department's Coffee with a Cop, will also be held at the office.

The new office space will

be run by Lt. Tenyonde Richardson.

"It is a long time coming and now it is here," Richardson said. "A building space dedicated to the community is a good thing and we want to do everything we can to make this a successful project. We have done a lot of things in the past year and a half, when it comes to community policing, and we are going to do a lot more things in the community as well."

Investing in the community is the main reason behind starting the Safe Communities Program.

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Understanding the Demolition Assistance Program

By Melissa Rollins
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During the July meeting of the Darlington City Council, the Demolition Assistance Program (DAP) was approved by council after several months of presentations by City Building Inspector Alex Gainey.

"The goal is to provide a demolition assistance program to remove unsafe, uninhabit-

able and dilapidated buildings," Gainey said. "We want to assist low-income property owners to remove blighted buildings while maintaining their ownership."

Gainey said that property owners would have to meet the criteria before being accepted for the program.

"Qualifying property owners would pay a fee to participate in the program, a minimum fee of \$500," Gainey said. "The City of Darlington would remove the structure from the property and the property owner would maintain ownership of the property, during and after demolition."

Several items of criteria

include

- The building must be deemed unsafe or uninhabitable by building officials
- Individuals must have owned the property for at least two years
- Property taxes cannot be delinquent

"The program fee is based on the property owner's income; it will be based on a sliding scale like what HUD uses for low-income rental property," Gainey said. "The benefits of that are going to be low-income property owners are able to keep their property without further penalty or liability for the demolition. We would be removing dilapidated

buildings, which is vital to the growth of the City of Darlington. It lessens the appearance of economic distress, increases community appeal, spurs redevelopment and revitalization with investors, homeowners and rehabbers."

Gainey said that during the last council meeting, council members asked him what would happen to the dilapidated properties if council did not adopt DAP.

"I did a little research," Gainey said. "Basically what happens is if we decide not to adopt it, it will go through the standard procedures like we've done in the past. If I identify

that a piece of property needs to be demolished, we'll send out notifications to property owners. If they don't respond within the 30 days, we'll turn it over to the attorney. The attorney will do all the legwork to make sure that the deeds are properly done and there is not a bunch of mortgages on it. Once he gives us the go-ahead, we'll tear the property down, whether we bid it out or whatever the case may be. The property will be torn down at the city's expense at that point in time. Once we tear it down, we in turn will send a bill to the property owner, that didn't respond to start with, for the cost of the demolition plus 15

percent for administrative costs."

The process is a lengthy one, Gainey said, and in the end the city may not even see any money.

"If they don't pay the bill, once the taxes come due at the end of the year, we will access their taxes," Gainey said. "If the property taxes are say \$1,000, for easy figuring, it cost us \$3,500 to tear the property down and now we've got a cost of \$4,500 plus because you have to add the administrative costs to it. That \$4,500 is what it is going to cost them on their taxes at the end of the year."

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Word of the Week

yawp 1 : to make a raucous noise : squawk
2 : clamor, complain

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What's Going On?

By Bill Shepard

What's going on at the site where the old mill stood? The old mill, known as The Darlington Manufacturing Company has been demolished and hauled away for several years. The old giant pumped life's blood into the town of Darlington for nigh three quarters of a century. Now there is new activity going on at the site where the old giant once stood.

A number of people have written or called me about the progress going on at the site and wondering if I know what's in the future for the place. Of course my answer is that I know nothing! I have heard about all the earth-moving equipment being used and know that someone is spending a lot of money.

I decided to call a friend that lives near the site thinking that surely they would have heard something but no luck there! When a project of this size is going on in a town the size of Darlington it would seem that most everyone would know what was happening. Not so!

I believe it was the very late Will Rogers who once said, "If I read it in the newspaper, I will believe it! So, if it is not to be a secret put it in the paper and put a lot of the questioning minds at rest. I will keep searching in this paper!"

Mr. Trump, our President has promised to bring our jobs back to America. Could it be that a new textile industry is in the plans for Darlington? Now that would be something worth writing about. The textile industry was once a major industry throughout the south but today it would be hard to find even one textile mill in operation, all have moved overseas! Hurry up, Mr. President, bring them back! Imagine another big cotton mill in operation in Darlington and why not? Is that just wishful thinking on the minds of many?

Just recently I visited the site where once a large Riegall Textile mill once stood. Today there is a large space of emptiness where the mill had been located. The site has been cleared, leveled, and green grass is growing. Efforts have been made to get an industry of some sort to build on the site. The situation is common in this part of the state. Hurry up, Mr. President, bring back our jobs!

I know I have rambled a lot in this article, all because some folk have written to me about what is happening at the old mill site. Maybe someone who has some answers will read this article and speak out! Better still, put it in the paper and we will believe it!

Next time,
Bill Shepard

A letter this week comes from La Crosse, Wisconsin! Glad you get the News & Press a way up there! Thanks for being in touch with your interesting letter! Yes! You can still buy 'fat back' in South Carolina.

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

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By Robert Meyerowitz for
TheNerve.org

In a ranking of states by total energy costs, South Carolina is solidly in the middle, at 24th most expensive.

When the costs of electricity, natural gas, motor fuel, and home heating oil are averaged and combined, state residents spent \$278 per month.

That's much better than the most expensive state, Connecticut, at \$380, and much worse than the least expensive, Washington, at \$226. (The District of Columbia is even lower, at \$219.)

More curious is the ranking of states just on monthly retail electricity costs.

To get that figure, the authors of a study released last week by the personal-finance firm WalletHub took data from the Census and from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Then they multiplied the average monthly consumption of electricity per housing unit — in South Carolina, that's 1,380 kilowatt hours — by the average retail price for electricity, which here is \$0.1257 per kilowatt hour.

The result: South Carolina is the highest in the nation, at \$173.47.

It's followed by Alabama, at \$168, Connecticut, at \$166, and Florida, at \$162. The lowest is New Mexico, at \$90.

The numbers are significant, WalletHub notes, because in the U.S., "energy costs eat between 5 and 22 percent of families' total after-tax income, with the poorest Americans, or 25 million households, paying the highest of that range."

So, why is electricity so expensive in South Carolina? The answer to the price question really depends on how you get your power. In

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South Carolina, electricity is sold through 45 utilities, cooperatives, and municipally owned electric systems.

The South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates, and must approve any rate increases for, Duke Energy, Lockhart Power, and South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G), which are the state's privately held utilities. The PSC doesn't regulate Santee Cooper, which is a state-owned power producer, or municipal or co-op retail power providers, who are also Santee Cooper customers.

In 2008, Santee Cooper and SCE&G partnered to construct two nuclear reactors in Jenkinsville, 25 miles northwest of Columbia, whose future is now in doubt.

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Duke divisions in the state, that together serve 612,000 residential electricity customers, was charging those customers just under 8 cents per kilowatt hour in 2007. Today, that rate is about 11 cents an hour, an increase of about 37 percent. Its current rate is much lower than the state average.

Duke Energy Progress, the other Duke division, was charging its residential electricity customers 9.6 cents per kilowatt hour in 2007. Today, it's charging about 11.3 cents per kilowatt hour, an increase of about 18 percent over 10 years. That current rate is also well below the state average.

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A Moment with the Manager – Civic Engagement

By Natalie M. Zeigler
Hartsville City Manager

As an All-America City, we have a responsibility and a momentum to push forward on the success that we have already accomplished. This recognition is not intended for those that have completely resolved all of their community's issues. It is intended for a community such as ours that recognizes the progress we have made and the work that lies ahead. Our value is in our collaboration and our citizen engagement. In remembering this moment, I urge everyone to build on this recognition continuing their efforts and

become more civically engaged in the community.

Civic engagement can be in multiple forms. One such form is being involved in your neighborhood and taking on project. Always be ready to lend a hand to someone in need. You do not have to be a part of a large organization to better the community. The Hartsville Police Department has sponsored a community liaison division – Hartsville Safe Communities which can be a valuable resource for those wishing to better their neighborhood.

Multiple local organizations exist in the City that provide volunteer opportunities for

residents and those passionate about a specific issue whether it is the youth, the homeless, or our downtown merchants. To name a few of these local organizations, the Boys and Girls Club, Carolina Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Main Street Hartsville, PULSE mentoring program, and many more provide such volunteer opportunities. However, it is not enough to only volunteer in order to be civically engaged. Being vocally positive about issues that are of concern to you is equally important. Sharing ideas with these organizations and local government is key to the collaborative nature that our

community is so proud to possess.

Additionally, share your concerns and ideas with local organizations and with city staff or elected officials. Volunteering for local organizations are also a great way to be involved with the community. It is so simple for us to focus only on the problems that our community still faces. Block out the pessimism and find ways to change these issues. Don't add to the negativity or blame others. Be a positive force for the community. Make a difference for the betterment of those around you.

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Trent Hill Center plans to help children in need

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“Last year in the state of South Carolina, over 15,000 children were found to have been abused, neglected, or raped...that's not cases where abuse was just suspected or investigated, but children for whom abuse, neglect, maltreatment, or abandonment, was founded. In our county of Darlington, that number is approximately 400 children.”

With these sobering statistics, Scottie Hill opened her July 20 address to a luncheon group at Wesley United Methodist Church in Hartsville. Though the problem is daunting, Hill said help is on the way as the Trent Hill Center for Children and Families is scheduled to open in September of 2017.

Named for her father, the late Trent Hill, the Center aims to provide a sanctuary for children who have been abused,



Scottie Hill spoke with luncheon guests at Wesley United Methodist Church about the Trent Hill Center for Children and Families. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

abandoned, neglected, or are homeless.

“That could be children who have been removed from custody in the middle of the night

that need a safe place to stay – maybe only for 48 to 72 hours while a family member is found who can safely and adequately take care of them. In other cir-

cumstances, it could mean a temporary foster care placement who are awaiting reunification with their families,” said Hill.

By working in partnership with families, Darlington County DSS, Guardian Ad Litem, and other community agencies, the Center will develop family-centered plans for safe and healthy reunifications.

Hill said that in Darlington County, there are currently 95 children for who abuse has been founded (formally determined by case workers), but only about 20 of those kids have been placed in homes within the county.

“Those other 70 children have been placed as far away as Greenville, Sumter, Rock Hill, scattered across the state and separated from their siblings, moving in and out of foster care arrangements, far from home and close to no one that they knew,” said Hill.

She said the Trent Hill Center hopes to establish a local option to keep some of these children from being so profoundly uprooted and displaced. The Center will employ trained and qualified social workers and counselors to provide trauma-informed treatment to children placed in their care.

To begin with, the Center will provide housing for nine children, but their facility – the Bell House, a fenced home and property located on the Bobo Newsome Highway – has the potential to house up to fourteen children if necessary. Hill says numerous donated items have come in, and volunteer labor has helped get the property in shape.

“It's absolutely positively amazing, the way that this community has rallied around our family and the Center, and what it is that we're trying to do here,” said Hill. “We've had so many

donations that the entire house was filled with clothing, with books, with toys... we eventually had to find a temporary storage space to move everything so that we could get the furniture in.”

A community grand opening event is slated for August 26 at the Trent Hill Center, located at 522 W. Bobo Newsome Highway in Hartsville. The event will feature live music, a petting zoo, face painting, and plenty of yummy food such as hamburgers and hot dogs, watermelon, chips, and beverages.

Donations of money (and video gaming systems) are especially needed, and the Trent Hill Center is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. To learn more about the Center and how you can help, visit them online at www.TrentHillCenter.org, call 843-309-5502, or visit their offices at 121 N Fifth Street, Suite 200, in Hartsville.

Society Hill Town Council Meeting on July 11, 2017

Editor Note: Due to the Fourth of July holiday, Darlington City Council and Society Hill Town Council meetings fell on the same day. Our friend Brenda Nettles was kind enough to send us a recap of the July 11th meeting of the Society Hill Town Council.

Minutes from June 13, 2017 meeting approved.

Financial report discussion: There was an expense of \$2,538.06 listed under building & maintenance. This amount covered Terminix agreement, landscape supplies, an invoice for electrical wiring, an invoice

from locksmith and several other small items.

Financial report was approved.

Chief David Young reported next. Radios are going to be upgraded next week and one will be purchased for police car. Most of existing equipment can be flashed and there is a 2-year warranty on radio being purchased. No bulletproof vests have purchased yet.

Bids have been requested for roof replacement, guttering, etc. on town hall, fire department and park building. Notification for bids was posted to SCBO (South Carolina Business

Opportunities) website.

Al Williams from the Darlington County Rural Leadership Institute spoke next. He explained that this organization is a 501(C)(3). This organization helps communities by helping to establish local services to help communities. They have helped to establish Boys & Girls Clubs, free medical clinics, community gardens, exercise areas, etc. They help local projects acquire donations from individuals, civic groups, and government agencies to fund specific projects for the betterment of their communities.

The Long Bluff Historical Society met July 18 at Train Depot. Anyone interested in this organization is invited to attend the monthly meetings. Meetings will be 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Society Hill Depot. They have a new project they are hoping to complete with the restoration of Society Hill's Cobbler Shop. Any information regarding this building would be so very much appreciated. The Long Bluff Historical Society can be found on Facebook or <https://sites.google.com/site/longbluffhistoricalsociety>.

News and Press seeks fans of NASCAR, DHS football for upcoming stories

Though it doesn't feel like it now with temperatures in the 80's and 90's and heat indices in the low 100 degrees, fall is quickly approaching and, with it, football and the Bojangles' Southern 500. Just as in years past, we are working to put out our annual football and race tabs, highlighting the impact these have on our community. We want to hear from you!

The successful Throwback Campaign at the Darlington Raceway is focusing this year on the 1980's. Were you a huge NASCAR fan in the 80's? Do you have photos of a trip you took to the Raceway in the 80's? We want to talk to you!

For our football tab, we would like to highlight a

Darlington Falcon football fan who has been rooting for the team for a long time. Did you have a child who played for DHS and you have continued to go to games long after they graduated? Does your neighbor deck themselves in black and purple and root, root, root for the home team on crisp fall nights? We want to know!

Send us a small note about why you or someone you know is perfect to be featured in one of our tabs. Make sure to include a name and phone number so that we can be in contact if we want to know more. You can send your suggestions to editor@newsandpress.net or call 843-393-3811.

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Senator Tim Scott urges continued support for Minority Business Owners

COLUMBIA, SC— DESA, Inc. is pleased to announce that U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) has shown his support of minority business owners by officially requesting full funding for the Minority Business Development Agency.

In a letter to Senator Richard Shelby, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies and Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, Scott reached across party-lines to partner with U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) in urging the continued advocacy and support of the agency. “Given the specific needs and challenges facing minority-owned businesses, we urge you to allow the MBDA to continue its essential work,” the letter states.

Senator Scott, who built one of the most successful Allstate agencies in South Carolina prior to his Senate appointment, has been a long-time supporter of the MBDA. More than 10 years ago, he worked with the Columbia office, which provides services

statewide, to make sure its clients were appropriately insured.

Today, Senator Scott continues to advocate for minority business owners through his service on the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship and by supporting constituents directly.

Diane Sumpter, president and CEO of DESA, Inc., which operates the Columbia MBDA Business Center, says that MBDA is vital to America's economic growth and job creation. “Minorities are the fastest growing segment of the US population. This means within the next two decades, America's prosperity will rely even more on minorities. Entrepreneurship has proven to be one of the most successful methods for minorities, who traditionally do not benefit from generational wealth, to create wealth and contribute to a thriving national economy. MBDA helps minority businesses realize their true growth potential, which allows them to create more jobs and employ more of the community. That's why support from Senator

Scott and others who can help us move the needle is so important,” she says.

The MBDA Business Center – Columbia, SC is one of the nation's longest-running and most successful Centers. It has achieved over \$85 billion in contracts and procurements with an ROI on taxpayer's investment of 249 percent in 2015 and ROI of 487 percent in 2016.

About DESA, Inc.
Founded by Diane E. Sumpter in 1986, DESA, Inc. has been exceeding client expectations for more than 30 years. The company is a certified small, woman and minority-owned firm, offering services through four different divisions: Professional & Administrative Services; Strategic Marketing & Communications; Construction Management and Engineering Services, and Global Business Services. Local and national clients include city, county, state and federal governments, non-profit agencies and private sector organizations. Complete information on DESA can be found by visiting DESAInc.com.

Piratesville Splash Pad Bash

On Sat., July 29, at 7 p.m., Season Pass Holders to the Piratesville Splash Pad, located at 700 Russell Rd., are invited to an exclusive Season Pass Bash hosted by City of Hartsville Parks and Recreation. This pirate-themed party is available only to those who previously purchased Season Passes for the 2017 season. Redeemable coupons for free snow cones will be given to each atten-

dant. Cupcakes will also be served.

Interested attendants should RSVP to piratesville@hartsvillesc.gov and include name, number of people, and season pass type (family or individual) by Fri., July 21. No guests of Season Pass Holders will be permitted.

For more information about the event, contact City of Hartsville Parks and Recreation at 843.339.2878.

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“By the time the tax auction comes up, it is going to go before the tax auction. If the property doesn't sell to satisfy the taxes, the property goes to the Forfeited Land Commission for Darlington County and at that point, the county owns the property. The City of Darlington is still responsible for keeping the property up; the county is not going to keep it cut. Whether we contract it out or pay city employees to do it, there is going to be a cost involved. Once it has gone to

the Forfeited Land Commission, if someone says they want to but it they can sell it for whatever price they deem reasonable.”

Gainey said that the city will have to absorb some of the cost of the demolition regardless of how the property comes down but at least with the DAP they are getting some money from the property owner and not becoming the caretaker for vacant properties.

“We are all here to help the citizens of Darlington...that's what my goal is,” Gainey said. “I don't want to take their property from them; I don't think the city wants to take the property from them.”

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, August 7, 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 07/10/17) Property of Joseph & Julie Phillips, located at 404 Cashua St., Tax Map No. 164-15-04-002; bordered on the North and Northeast by Cashua Street; bordered on the Southwest by the property of Edith Sanderson, Tax Map No. 164-15-04-001; bordered on the Northeast by the properties of Norma & Jerry Gunter, Tax Map No. 164-11-02-039, and David & Alicia Tallent, Tax Map No. 164-11-02-038; bordered on the Southeast by the property of Deborah Gandy, Tax Map No. 164-15-04-003; and bordered on the South by the property of Gregory Suggs, Tax Map No. 164-15-04-065.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT 288 SQ. FT. WOOD STORAGE BUILDING WITH SHINGLED ROOF.

Individuals may submit comments in writing by Thursday, August 3, 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.

Police

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“One of things we do is the Notified Offender Program which is where an individual who has messed up in the past and we are going to help them turn their life around,” Richardson said. “It is all about working in the community and bridging the gap because despite what you see going on around the country, police doing things that aren't positive, having a building like this is positive. We want to show the community that we are here to stay and we are making bridging that gap a reality. Having the community and the police working together is a very good thing.”

Richardson said that the community is always welcome to stop by the Safe Communities office to talk with an officer.

“Having an office space dedicated solely to the community is a great thing,” Richardson said. “I welcome the community

to come down and give us some ideas of how we can make the community better. Any issue that they have, they can come talk to us.”

Hartsville Chief of Police Jerry Thompson told those gathered at the ribbon cutting that he was looking forward to the great work that will take place at the new location.

“I wanted to let you know that we have put the right people in the right place through tireless effort of our manager Natalie Zeigler; we wouldn't be here right now if it weren't for her,” Thompson said. “I am well

pleased with Lt. Richardson; he is the right one for the right place to be and this is it. We have a young lady who is coming on with us; right now she is at the academy for 12 weeks. She's going to be part of the program and we are very excited about her coming back. This is something that all of the Hartsville Police Department and the City of Hartsville have signed on to back and represent and it is going to be a worthy cause.”

The Safe Communities office is located at 710 S. Fifth Street in Hartsville.

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Engagement

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Civic engagement is not confined by age, race, or education. The All-America City delegation was made up primarily of diverse young residents of the community. They are a prime example of civic engagement in the community. Each youth delegate found their passion and their place in the community, focusing on the betterment of themselves and the City.

Take their example, find your voice, find your issue, and find your path to solving this issue. Our community can only be an All-America City if it works together to see it succeed.

Natalie Zeigler is the City Manager of Hartsville. For more information, call City Hall at 843-383-3015 or email info2@hartsvillesc.gov.

I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

Psalm 119:7 NIV

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Vivian Nell Gandy
Funeral services for Mrs. Vivian Nell Gandy of Darlington were held 11 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2017 at Saint James United Methodist Church.



Interment followed in Florence National Cemetery directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc.

Mrs. Gandy, a daughter of the late Otis and Carrie Jones, was born in Beaumont, Texas on August 14, 1931.

She departed this life on July 17, 2017 after a long illness.

She attended the public schools of Beaumont, Texas. She also attended Fisk University, Hampton University and Francis Marion University. In 1950, she was united in marriage to the late Gerard Perry Gandy, Jr. and moved to Darlington, South Carolina.

After coming to Darlington, she joined St. James United Methodist Church where she served in various capacities throughout the years.

Mrs. Gandy was employed with the Darlington County School District as a secretary at Cain Elementary School. She worked as a secretary for 34 years and retired in 1994. She was a life-time member of the "Les Amies Femmes Club".

Survivors are: a daughter, Rosalind Gandy Williams; four adopted daughters, Barbara (Harvey) Franklin, JoAnn (LaVerne) Knox, Ethelyn (Calvin) Muldrow and Jacqueline Dixon; a sister-in-law, Mable Carter; a brother-in-law, Dr. Charles Jarmon; a special niece, Lisa (Charlie) Baggett; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation for Mrs. Gandy was 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2017 in the funeral home chapel.

Daniel Allen Nutter

Daniel Allen Nutter, age 25, passed away Thursday, July 13, 2017. A visitation was held Thursday, July 20th from 5-7 p.m. at Belk Funeral Home. The family will hold a private memorial service on a later

date.
Born October 3, 1991, Daniel is the son of Steve and Denise Rath. He graduated with honors from South Florence High School in 2010 and then attended Florence-Darlington Technical College and did an internship at Clemson Extension. Daniel enjoyed reading, drawing, science fiction, the outdoors, and he loved his grandmother.

Surviving are his parents, Steve and Denise Rath; his siblings, Kelly, Jacob, and Robbie Nutter; his aunts and uncles, Dana (Jon "Bowl") Martin of Florence, Teresa (John) Diffenderfer of East Liverpool, OH, Dennis Nutter of Darlington; his grandmother, Annie Davis of Knoxville, TN; his very close cousins, Dennis "Bubba" (Kara) Nutter of Florence, Dylan Nutter of Darlington, Brooke "Brookie" Jones and Chase Jones of Florence, and his nephews whom he was known as "Uncle Nutty", Jackson "Doodlebug" Wallace and Mason "Bubba" Dixon.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Denny Nutter, Shirley Baetjer, and Spencer Davis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville, SC, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605, or www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org.

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

Betty Baker

Betty Ann Andrews Baker, age 85, passed away Thursday, July 20, 2017. A graveside service was held 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26th in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Born January 31, 1932 in Darlington County, Betty was the daughter of the late John W. Sr. and Earline Young

Andrews. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Melessia Baker of Kannapolis, NC, and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Elzie Wylie "Buck" Baker, NASCAR Champion and Hall of Fame Member, and Tommy Skinner, Sr.; her daughter, Tina Baker; two sisters, Mildred Oates and Doris Folsom; her brothers, John Andrews, Jr. and Jimmy Andrews.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff of McLeod Hospice of Florence, SC and Cabarrus Hospice of Kannapolis, NC.

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

William Martin Boyce

William Martin Boyce, age 72, passed away Monday, July 17, 2017. Funeral services were held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 20th at Darlington Presbyterian Church, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. A visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Born June 25, 1945, Martin was the son of the late Harvey Austin Boyce and Kathleen Gregory Boyce. He was a 1968 graduate of Clemson University with a degree in civil engineering. He served in the U.S. Army as 1st Lieutenant during the Vietnam War and was in the 102 Engineering Company. Martin enjoyed cooking, woodworking, Clemson Tigers, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a member of Darlington Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his children, Allison (Jim) Sutton, of Zurich, Switzerland, Meghan (Russell) Porter of Charleston, SC, William Austin (Kirby) Boyce of Florence, SC, Tom Boyce of White Hall, NY, and Brock Boyce of Charleston, SC; his grandchildren, Taylor, Griffin, Grayson, Caroline, Wesley, Sam, Porter, and Harper; his sister, Jane (Ray) Tripp of Greenwood, SC.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Caroline Boyce, and his brother, Robert Boyce.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Darlington Presbyterian Church Susan Johnson Memorial Fund, 311 Pearl St, Darlington, SC 29532; or to Presbyterian Home of Florence for the development of the children's playground, 2350 W. Lucas St. Florence, SC 29501.

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

Sarah Ruth Robinson Kinsaul

Sarah Ruth Robinson Kinsaul, age 91 of Rincon, GA, passed away Saturday, July 22, 2017. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 25th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Darlington Memory Gardens. The family received friends from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Born August 4, 1925 in Milledgeville, GA, Sarah is the daughter of the late James Elton Robinson and Lizzie Lee Rooks Robinson. She worked as an operator at Southern Bell for many years, and was a member of Central Baptist Church in Darlington for over 50 years. After the death of her husband, she moved to Rincon Georgia in 2010, where she attended Rincon First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, James "Jimmy" R. (Karen) Kinsaul, Jr. of Rincon, GA; her daughter, Jan (John) Scanlon of Carolina Beach, NC; her grandchildren, Kimberly Kinsaul (Gary Tootle), and Robin Scanlon (David) Swann; her great-grandchildren, Ethan Tootle, Colt Tootle, Kimber Tootle, and Sierra Swann; her sister, Ailene Moffett of Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Kinsaul; her brothers, Luke Robinson, James Robinson, Glenn Robinson; and her sister, Annette Owens Swann.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church in Darlington, 512 Spring St. Darlington, SC 29532; or to Rincon First Baptist Church, 201 E 6th St. Rincon, GA 31326.

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

LIVING ON PURPOSE
A true account of faith and forgiveness

By Dr. William Holland

For those of you that have never heard of a woman named Corrie Ten Boom and her remarkable family, it is truly a heart-breaking account of courage and sacrifice. We begin our story with Cornelia (nicknamed Corrie) who was born in Haarlem, Netherlands, in 1892. She was raised in a devoted Christian atmosphere and lived in a large house above her father's business where he was a jeweler and watch maker. This loving family believed in demonstrating their spiritual convictions by offering shelter, food and help to anyone in need. They also held a deep respect for the Jewish community in Amsterdam, considering them precious in God's sight and during World War II, actually participated in an underground organization that secretly hid hundreds of Jews to protect them from arrest by Nazi authorities. Within their home, they built false walls, and alarm systems, but eventually were betrayed by one of their Dutch neighbors. Unfortunately, all ten of the family members were incarcerated, including Corrie's 84-year-old father, who soon died in the Scheveningen prison, located near The Hague. Corrie and her sister Betsie were taken to the notorious Ravensbrück concentration camp, near Berlin. Betsie suffered and died there on December 16, 1944. Corrie miraculously survived and in her book entitled *The Hiding Place*, she tells her inspiring story about the power of forgiveness. The depth of what she learned is seen in quotes such as this one; "You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have."

When Corrie and Betsie were struggling to stay alive with sleeping on lice infested straw and nothing to eat but a small amount of bread and water each day, she tells of a particular prison guard that was cruel to them and how these nightmares haunted and tortured her soul. When Germany surrendered the war, Corrie was finally released and after regaining her health, she began traveling around the world giving her testimony for Jesus.

Another of her popular declarations is, "Love is the strongest force in the world" (especially when we include our enemies). It was now 1947 and she had been invited to a large gathering in Munich to share with a devastated country how God desires that we let go of the resentment and forgive each other. Her message was centered on confessing our sins, and as we forgive, God is faithful to forgive us and begin the healing process. She said it was common to have auditoriums filled with solemn faces and when dismissed they would not say anything and quietly leave.

She had just finished speaking when she saw a balding, heavyset man in a gray overcoat working his way toward her and then it was instantly clear, this was the evil guard from the concentration camp. He did not recognize her, and exclaimed, "What a fine message you have spoken fräulein" as he stretched out his hand. She literally felt paralyzed as it seemed the entire world had stopped. Emotionally confused, she fumbled with her pockets and stared at the floor as her mind flashed back to the piles of dirty clothes on the floor and the shame of her and Betsie standing naked in front of him as he mocked and slapped them with his leather crop. He spoke up again and said she had mentioned Ravensbrück and that he had been a guard there, but since that time, he had become a Christian and now believes that God has forgiven him for the cruel things he did there. Again, the hand came out as he boldly asked, "Will you please forgive me?" She admits this was gut wrenching but placing all of her trust in God, she followed the Biblical command, grabbed his hand and said yes, with all of her heart. Her words are remembered; "Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hatred. It is the power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness."

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

Singing Convention

The Fifth Sunday Freewill Singing Convention will be held at Lawson Grove Baptist Church, 3585 Lawson Grove Road, Darlington. The singing will be held Sunday, July 30 with Sunday School starting at 9:30 a.m. The church asks all choirs to be on time for Sunday School and the Worship Service. For more information, call 843-332-4241.

Family and Friends Weekend

Center Baptist Church, 3420 N Sally Hill Rd., will hold its Family and Friends Weekend on Saturday, August 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be food, fun and games for everyone, including senior citizens. The Sunday worship service will be at 10 a.m. with Rev. Teresa Byrd from Timmonsville. For more information, call 843-393-0421.

Gospel in the Park

The Gospel in the Park Series present its annual youth alive concert and a back to school rally, Sunday Aug 13, 5 to 8 p.m. in Pride Park, 630 S.

6th Street, Hartsville. The theme is Brining Unity into our Community. Pastor Dr. John L. Williams and the Flat Creek Baptist Church Family will render the devotional service. Emcee by Trey Nickelson from Glory98.5FM/540Am. Live Entertainment by Aunt Pearl Sue "Creator of the GULLAH Kinsfolk, Another Perfect Blend and The Center for Learning Children's Choir, Andrianna Samuel, Household Faith Church #3 Choir, Creekside Praise Worship Ministry and Gods Chozen Dance Team.

Choir Anniversary

The C.L. Bownens Choir of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 400 S Main St, Darlington, will celebrate their 36th Anniversary on Sunday, August 13 at 4 p.m., featuring the C.L. Bownens Choir in concert. The public is invited to attend.

Block Party

New Hopewell Outreach Center, 1416 Bethlehem Rd. in Hartsville, will hold a Block Party Aug. 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be pony rides, free food, games and performances by local artists. For more information, call 843-758-1240 or 843-383-2731.

Singing

Oates Baptist Church, 3569

Oates Highway Lamar, is proud to welcome The Believers Quartet from Sumter, SC on Saturday August 26th at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great night of music and worship. Admission is free, and open to everyone. If you have any questions you may contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

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.

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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 Programs

Youth Summer Reading Program - Tuesdays at 10 a.m. American Sign Language Class - Mondays 6 – 8 p.m. Free Computer Classes (call to reserve your spot) - Tuesdays 6 -7:30 p.m. and Fridays 10-11:30 a.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.

the Hartsville Country Club

Hartsville Lions Club

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at Mr. B's Restaurant

Hartsville Rotary Club

Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Hartsville Country Club

Hartsville Toastmasters

2nd and 4th Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Black Creek Arts Center

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.

July 26 - Aug. 2

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, August 5

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, August 7, 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 August 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Aug. 3 - 15

NAACP Meeting

The Darlington Branch of the NAACP meets 7 p.m., August 8, at 109 Pearl St., Darlington.

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, August 10 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.

St. John's Multi-class reunion

A multi-class reunion will be held on August 12, 2017 for classes 1970-74, at the Darlington Country Club. It will cost \$30 a person and is from 7-11 p.m.

You can send a check to Alex Cohen, 108 Nez Perce Street, Darlington, SC 29532.

If you have any questions, visit the St. John's High School class reunion on Facebook, or email Becky Moody Williamson at bewmson@gmail.com.

September

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, September 1.

Market on Darlington Square Sept. 2

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, September 2

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Darlington Planning Commission

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Darlington County Ambulance Commission

The Darlington County Ambulance Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 26 at 6 p.m. at the EMS/EPA Building Courthouse Annex, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway. For questions, contact: 843-398-4450.

St. John's High School Class Of 1987 30th Reunion

Friday September 29, 2017 – Meet and Greet

Where: TBD Saturday September 30, 2017 – Dinner, Dancing and Fellowship

Where: Wilds-Edwards House, Darlington, SC

E-mail: sjh87reunion@gmail.com

Facebook page: St. John's High School Class of 1987 30th Year Reunion Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/1956023527944563/?ti=cl

We are looking for a great turnout and ask that you reach out to any and all our classmates and encourage them to attend.

October

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, October 7

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Yam Jam Concert

Live concert with food and beverages available on site to purchase in conjunction with the S.C. Sweet Potato Festival on Saturday, October 14 Palmetto Furniture, 308 S. Main St. from 6 to 9 p.m.

Darlington Planning

Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, October 17 – Joint meeting at 6 p.m., and 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.

Spina Bifida Benefit Event

So-Lina invites you to join them for the third annual Bid to Benefit Spina Bifida, Saturday, October 28. Wheelz for Bryce Auto Show participants need to be set up by 10 a.m. If it goes, enter it into the show. Commemorative dash plaques will be given to entries while they last. Chicken bog served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get your tickets in advanced. Benefit auction begins at 2 p.m. All proceeds and donations benefit Spina Bifida Association (SBA). There will be raffles and live music. All activities will take place at 2085 Lamar Hwy. in Darlington. For more information, or to donate an item for the auction, call 843-393-7631.

November

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, November 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.

Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, November 14 (due to Thanksgiving) 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.

Darlington County Ambulance Commission

The Darlington County Ambulance Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 28 at 6 p.m. at the EMS/EPA Building Courthouse Annex, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway. For questions, contact: 843-398-4450.

December

Shop Small Downtown Open House

First Thursday of December 6 – 8 p.m. Photos with Santa, music, vendors, giveaways, and specials at area businesses

American Legion

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Local Red Cross volunteers assisting with disaster relief in California, Illinois and Canada

A dozen American Red Cross volunteers and staff are deploying to two states and Canada to support Red Cross relief efforts in response to flooding and wildfires. The Red Cross is closely coordinating with emergency management to open and support shelters as people are forced to flee from their homes—hundreds of people have spent the night at five Red Cross and partner shelters in California and three in Illinois while the Canadian Red Cross is supporting the government operated shelters in British Columbia.

The Red Cross disaster services volunteers from South Carolina bring a variety of specialized disaster response skills to the teams that are coming together from across the country to assist those impacted by the floods and fires. Some of the work will include operating shelters to house families displaced by floods, logistics and managing the overall disaster response, and working within government operations.

“Our volunteers are dedicated to helping families when they need it most, whether here in their local community or across the county,” said Louise Welch Williams, Regional Chief Executive Officer for the Red Cross in South Carolina. “When they heard that help was needed in Louisiana, they immediately volunteered to assist the people displaced by the flooding.”

Over the next several days, the Red Cross will continue to work closely with its community partners and local government to support the needs of the affected communities. This includes supporting shelter operations to provide a safe and dry place to stay; providing meals and needed comfort and relief items; offering emotional and health support; conducting damage assessments and identifying community needs, coordinating with local government and community

partners to meet the needs of the affected areas; and communicating with the public, partners, and clients on the importance of preparedness information and how to deal with the disaster from potential flooding, what to do during floods and what to do after a flood.

VOLUNTEERING: By volunteering with the American Red Cross, you can truly make a difference. Those interested in volunteering should visit www.redcross.org/sc to start their volunteer application or to learn more. Without volunteers the Red Cross would not be able to respond, both locally and across the country. Volunteers with the Red Cross can set flexible schedules in volunteer positions that appeal to their specific skills or interests.

HOW TO HELP: Those who would like to help people affected by disasters like flooding and countless other crises can make a donation to Red

Disaster Relief. People can donate by visiting redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. These donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org/sc or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCrossSC.

Hartsville First Responders invite community to National Night Out

On Sat., Aug. 5, the City of Hartsville's first responders invite the community to join them at Burry Park, 131 Cargill Way, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for National Night Out. The event will feature free hotdogs while supplies last and kid's activities such as a game trailer, balloon animals, bubbles, face painting, and more. The area's first responders including Hartsville Police Department, Hartsville Fire Department, Darlington County EMS, Darlington County Sheriff's Department, and Department of Natural Resources will be attending the event for a meet and greet with the community.

National Night Out is an annual community event that promotes police and community partnerships across the

nation. The event enhances the positive relationship between neighbors and law enforcement.

The event will be followed by the last film of this season's Screen on the Green, free summertime outdoor movie series, also in Burry Park. This showing will feature, “Sing”, sponsored by the Hartsville Police and Fire Departments and is rated PG for some rude humor and mild peril. Moviegoers are invited to bring blankets and chairs for the movie showing. In case of rain, the movie will be moved to the Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center at Byerly Park, 701 W. Washington St.

For more information about this event, contact the Hartsville Safe Communities office at 843.383.3011 ext.6012.

Darlington County First Steps believes Parents Are First

What is Parents Are First (PAF)?

Parents Are First is funded under the federal Pregnancy Assistance Fund Grant and was awarded to Darlington County First Steps. PAF is a comprehensive program designed to mobilize community partners to enhance the availability and quality of services for young parents, ages 15-24, in Darlington County. The program focuses on both mothers and fathers and provides both direct and in-direct services to program participants.

What is PAF's Focus?

- Academic Achievement. Program participants are encouraged to stay in school or return to school to complete their education. PAF works closely with Darlington County School District high schools and Adult Education Department and local colleges including Coker College and Florence-Darlington Technical College.

- Pregnancy Prevention.

Evidence-based programs, including Be Proud! Be Responsible! Be Protected! are provided through workshops for program participants. The AC/DC, Access Condoms in Darlington County, provide free condoms at various locations throughout the county in locations including the Dad Cave, local barbershops, beauty salons, small businesses and individuals in the community.

- Parenting. Evidenced-based curricula are used for parenting workshops for program participants. Parenting tips and articles are shared with program participants through a range of mediums including social media.

- Fatherhood Initiative. The Dad Cave provides a safe and welcoming environment for young fathers served by PAF as well as fathers served by community partners to grow in their most important role as a dad. The Responsible Fatherhood Curriculum is used for weekly meetings covering a wide range of topics and as needed, fathers are provided support and direction in dealing with custody and child support issues. Enrichment activities include speakers from our community partners as well as the business community.

Why PAF is Important!

The first relationship between a parent and child determines much of a child's future. This relationship impacts their current and future health and development, relationships, emotional and psychological well-being, academic achievement and success, and their life choices. Educating young parents and giving them the skills and tools to be better parents has the potential to change the course of a young child's life.

For more information, visit darlingtoncountfirststeps.org.

Pee Dee Coalition celebrates 30 years

FLORENCE – Whether measured in miles or kilometers or even in split-second moments that seem to change everything, milestones mark hard-earned progress and usually follow an unmistakable call to action. Breaking Free 2017 is just such a moment and the call to action is yours!

This fall, in conjunction with the 30th anniversary of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Pee Dee Coalition will host its 5th annual Breaking Free event to support the Coalition's Emergency Safe Shelter, which serves the Coalition's seven-county area and beyond.

For the Coalition, this year's Breaking Free 5k/15Kk marks another special milestone. Thirty years ago, Pee Dee Coalition—a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to the reduction of sexual assault, family violence, and child abuse and to serving the needs of victims—began operating what was, and still is, the

region's only 24-hour crisis line for victims and their families.

As any who've answered the crisis line can attest, a great deal of courage goes into a victim's decision to “break free” from an abusive environment. The race starts at 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8:15 a.m.) Oct. 7 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1021 S. Ebenezer Road in Florence. As the only USA Track & Field-certified 15K in the region, this year's event is expected to draw more than 150 competitors. An awards ceremony at the church will follow immediately after the race.

The 5th Annual Breaking Free race is being timed by Simply Timing. To register, visit the race site at <https://breakingfree5k15k.itsyourrace.com>. To learn more, contact Barb Steadman at bsteadman@peedeecoalition.org. To volunteer, contact Jami Beams at jbeams@peedeecoalition.org.



Howard Nettles, Genesis Health Care Director of Marketing and Harvest Hope Advisory Board Member, presented a donation to Donna Lollis, Director of Harvest Hope for their “Pearls and Jeans” fundraiser held at the Hartsville Country Club on July 14, 2017. The funds will help provide for the needs of those who hunger by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion, and education.

Senator Scott reintroduces bill to improve data collection around officer-related shootings

Washington – In an effort to improve data collecting methods at local law enforcement agencies, U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-SC) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) have reintroduced the Walter Scott Notification Act. The bill would require states that receive federal funds for their law enforcement program to properly document all relevant details surrounding an officer-related shooting that results in a civilian casualty.

“When it comes to tracking police shootings, we need a data system built for the 21st century,” Scott said. “I introduced this legislation with my

good friend, Senator Grassley, in hopes of capturing more details and facts so that we can better address the issues that lead to officer-related shooting deaths. I believe this can help us keep both our officers and our communities safer.”

“Police officers put themselves into harm's way for our safety every day, and anytime an officer uses deadly force is a tragedy. We don't currently have a comprehensive system to learn more about these events so that we can better prevent them in the future. The data we collect under this legislation will be an invaluable

resource for law enforcement, the public and for policymakers. The more we know about the circumstances around officer-related shootings, the safer we can make our communities for everyone,” Grassley said. “I am proud to partner with Senator Scott on such important legislation.”

Under the proposed legislation, states would be required to keep track of a number of data points, including name, race, description of event, and overall circumstances that led up to the weapon being discharged. A state that fails to comply with the prescribed

requirements could be subject to a ten percent reduction in federal grant funds.

The legislation is named after Walter Scott, a South Carolina-native who was fatally shot by former North Charleston Police Officer Michael Slager on April 4, 2015. The incident received nationwide attention after video footage showed Slager shot Walter Scott in the back as he attempted to flee the scene following a traffic stop triggered by a broken brake light. Just over two years after the incident, Slager pleaded guilty to violating Walter Scott's civil rights.

NASA warns of unsafe eclipse glasses

NASA has been alerted there are unsafe paper solar glasses being distributed. So, how can you tell what is safe?

Look for BOTH:

1. U.S. Manufacturer Name (Recommend any of these: American Paper Optics, Rainbow Symphony, Thousand Oaks Optical, or TSE 17)
- 2 “ISO” Icon (Must have ISO reference 12312-2)

Other tips:

1. Don't reuse old glasses. Unsafe after 3 years
2. If lenses have scratches, don't use
3. If lenses are wrinkled, not safe for viewing the eclipse
4. U.S. manufacturers recommended

"Tailgazing" spots will be available at the Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Center

CLEMSON — Spectators who come to Clemson University for the Aug. 21 “Eclipse Over Clemson” event can enjoy the expansive view of the sky from a special “tailgazing” spot at the Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Center.

Between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. there will be approximately 900 spaces large enough for spacious tailgating available for \$50 each. Not only will spectators receive a prime viewing location for the eclipse but they will also be treated to the sight of Hartwell Lake in the distance.

Most of the public parking on campus for the eclipse event is free. Proceeds from these special tailgazing parking spots will

go toward enhancing student experiences at the Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Center.

In exchange for purchasing a space, Clemson University will provide five pairs of solar glasses to each vehicle to protect viewers' eyes from the damaging rays of the sun.

Vehicles holding 12 or more passengers or with tow-behind trailers will be charged for two tailgazing spaces. Attendees should take careful note of the parking information and policies at the Snow Family Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Center; violators may be asked to leave the property at any time without refund. Any additional questions about the tailgazing location or

policies can be answered by Kelly Ator at lator@clemson.edu or 864-656-3373.

Clemson University is busy planning the “Eclipse Over Clemson” event where thousands are expected to gather and view the once-in-a-lifetime “Great American Eclipse” on Aug. 21. The event will be held behind Cooper Library in front of the Watt Family Innovation Center, and is complete with plenty of parking, open space, expert demonstrations and vendors.

For more information about “Eclipse Over Clemson,” visit www.clemson.edu/science/departments/physics-astro/news-events/eclipse.html

Peer Support Specialist (PSS)

Rubicon Family Counseling Services, Hartsville SC, has an opening for a Peer Support Specialist. To qualify, one must be in recovery from an alcohol or other drug abuse disorder and have 2 years of active participation in a local or national self-help group or recovery movement, as evidenced by previous volunteer or work experience. In addition to being well established in his/her own recovery, the applicant needs to have strong organizational skills, have a knowledge of community resources, and be able to communicate well with others. The PSS uses their life experiences & training to assist our clients in learning how to manage their recovery in their daily lives in a group setting or on an individual basis.

The PSS should have the ability to demonstrate recovery expertise – including the knowledge of approaches to support others in recovery and dual recovery – as well as the ability to demonstrate his or her own efforts at self-directed recovery.

The PSS is also required to attend 40 hours of training and pass a certification examination. If already certified, must provide Peer Support Specialist certificate. The closing date will be August 10th at 5:00pm. Please email or send resume, cover letter, three references, and salary requirements to:

Rubicon Family Counseling Services
 Marcy Granger
 PO Box 2076
 Hartsville SC 29551
 Email: msmith@rubiconsc.org

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Any questions about position please call Denise Cooper, Executive Director, at 843-332-4156 ext. 308 or email at d.cooper@rubiconsc.org.

Nascar drivers hit the high banks of Darlington Raceway during Goodyear tire test

Despite getting a late start due to inclement weather, Darlington Raceway's Goodyear tire test was a success, featuring several of NASCAR's top stars hitting the high banks at the track Too Tough To Tame.

Hundreds of race fans showed up to see Erik Jones, Brad Keselowski, Kyle Larson and Ryan Newman pilot their race cars at Darlington, many of them excited for the upcoming Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 on Sept. 3.

"It was a good test day for us," Jones, driver of the No. 77 Toyota Camry said. "We learned some things and feel like Goodyear has a good tire for Darlington. We're excited to be racing in our first Bojangles' Southern 500 in September. We had a good finish in my only start here in the 2016 XFINITY Series race (6th), so it will be fun to see what happens in my first Cup start at this tough historic track."

The start of the test was delayed until approximately 11:30 a.m. due to inclement weather and concluded at 6:30 p.m.

All four drivers testing have never won a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at the Lady in Black. Larson has finished third (2016) and 10th (2015) in his last two Cup starts at Darlington. Keselowski fin-

ished second in the 2015 Bojangles' Southern 500.

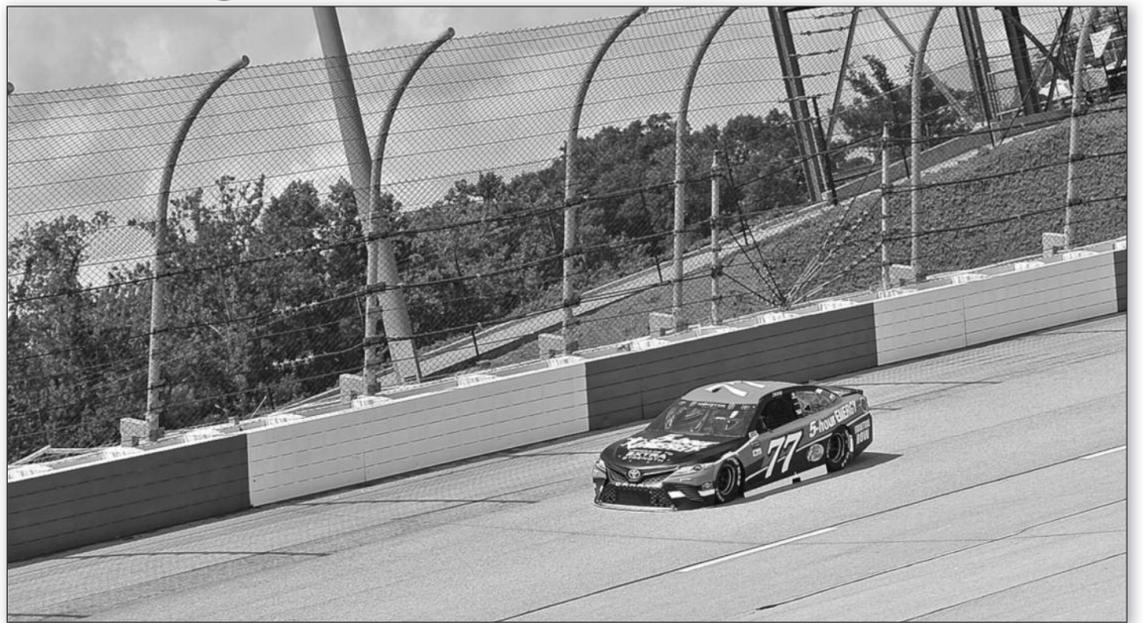
Keselowski and Newman have already unveiled their throwback paint schemes for the Bojangles' Southern 500.

Tickets are still available for the Bojangles' Southern 500 and NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 on Sept. 2-3 by visiting www.DarlingtonRaceway.com.

Darlington Raceway's award-winning throwback campaign is now The Official Throwback Weekend of NASCAR featuring the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500® on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017. The NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017. Tickets are on sale now by calling 866-459-7223 or visiting DarlingtonRaceway.com. Children 12 and under can get in free to Saturday's NASCAR XFINITY Series race.

You can keep up with all of the latest news from Darlington Raceway at DarlingtonRaceway.com, on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway](https://www.facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway) and on Twitter at [Twitter.com/TooToughToTame](https://twitter.com/TooToughToTame).

Fans are encouraged to post their Bojangles' Southern 500 stories and memories at #TraditionContinues, #BojanglesSo500 and #SportClips200.



Above: Erik Jones was among the Nascar stars at Darlington Raceway July 18 for a Goodyear Tire Test.

Right: Kyle Larson takes his turn at the during the tire test. Rain delayed the test but hundreds of fans still turned out to see the drivers.

Photos courtesy of David Yeazell/Harrelson Photography for Darlington Raceway.



The King's Academy places in SCTP National Championship

Cater Parrott, Daylon Mahn, and Hughes Milling competed in and won the SCISA State Championship on March the 4th hosted by the SCDNR. This team competed in the SCTP State Tournament on May 27th and finished in second place in JV division with Daylon and Hughes finishing with HOA (high overall) in that same division.

The team members headed to Nationals in Columbus Ohio to compete in the JV division and the High school division in Sporting clays on July 12th and 13th. They arrived to the news that all three boys had made the SCTP All-State team and would be representing South Carolina in the Sporting Cays for the National Tournament.

The team finished up with a 4th place finish in the JV division overall out of 41 other teams from 25 states and 5th place overall out of 35 teams, in the High School division. This was a great showing for the first time that these three shooters had competed as a team on the National level.



Cater Parrott, Daylon Mahn, and Hughes Milling. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Wagner has 3-for-4 showing in 6-3 loss to Savannah

SAVANNAH, GA.- Behind the efforts of Logan Mattix and Jacob Southern, the Savannah Bananas hit three home runs to lift themselves to a 6-3 victory over the Florence RedWolves Thursday night at Grayson Stadium. Jim Wagner supplied the offense for Florence lashing Bananas arms for three extra base hits on the evening.

Florence (20-19, 6-6) struck in the top of the first inning scoring three runs on four hits off of Savannah's (20-18, 7-4) starter, Bryan Cruse (6-0). Leadoff batter Cornell Nixon and behind him Grayson Cottingham, who made his RedWolves debut, both had base hits through the left side. Nixon moved to third on Cottingham's single. With one out, Clay Casey drove a ball to right-center that was caught for a sacrifice fly, scoring Nixon easily to make it a 1-0 game. With two outs, Jim Wagner then stepped in and blasted a standup triple off of the double wall in centerfield to make it a 2-0 contest. Riley King then stood in and provided a base hit

at the middle giving the RedWolves a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

Savannah, however, picked up a run in the bottom half of the first on a solo home run from Logan Mattix, putting the score at 3-1.

With a runner on first base after a leadoff single from Matt Pita, Jacob Southern tied the game 3-3 in the bottom of the fourth on a two-run home run to left field.

In the bottom of the fourth Mattix went deep again with his second solo home run of the game to put the Bananas on top 4-3.

Savannah continued to pile on the runs, scoring twice more in the bottom portion of the sixth inning, eventually chasing out the RedWolves starter, Kolton Ingram (2-4). Ingram tossed 5.1 innings, giving up 8 hits, 6 runs, all earned, with two walks and five strikeouts.

Southern walked to lead off and John Cassala singled through the left side to put runners on first and second. Anthony Brocato laid down a

sacrifice bunt, but an error loaded the bases with no outs. LJ Talley lifted a sacrifice fly in centerfield to put Savannah up 5-3, as both Southern and Cassala tagged up on the play. Brandon Purcell then singled up the middle driving in Cassala to give Savannah the 6-3 advantage.

Wagner blistered Savannah pitching as he had two triples, a double, an RBI and a run scored.

Reliever James Williams came out of the bullpen for the RedWolves with one out in the sixth and finished out the game on the bump for Florence. The right-hander out of the University of Georgia held the Bananas to one hit in the final 2.2 innings, while striking out two.

Mat Clark threw the last frame for Savannah picking up a strikeout for his third save of the summer.

The RedWolves returned home on Friday, July 21st for Outdoor Night. Visit www.florencewolves.com for more information.

Nationally ranked FDTC athletics program finally gets its own fields

By Melissa Rollins
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Florence-Darlington Technical College has a strong athletic program. Soon, they will have a sports complex to support that program.

Last month, ground was broken on a baseball/softball facility. Preston McDonald, FDTC Athletic Director and head baseball coach, said that this facility has been discussed for a while.

"This has been talked about for years and we feel like finally having something on campus will level the field as far as recruitment goes," McDonald said. "Our vision for our baseball and softball programs is to compete nationally. When you compare facilities at some of the other places around the country, compared to the situation we are in currently, we are a little bit behind."

McDonald said that currently, FDTC has no sports facilities on their campus.

"Right now, we practice and play at Francis Marion," McDonald said. "They are great hosts and they treat us well. At the same time, it is going to be nice to have a place on campus



Heavy equipment sits near the land that will hold a new baseball and softball facility for the Florence-Darlington Technical College Stingers. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

where we can just get out of class and go rather than having to drive to Francis Marion every day. It is exciting."

As for recruiting, McDonald said that he knows that Tech has lost out on some players because of the lack of on-campus fields.

"We have lost out on players before because we didn't have any facilities," McDonald said. "We have had some players from out of state, even some who were in-state, who chose to go somewhere else simply because we didn't have a field on campus and they had to drive to Francis Marion everyday. We also don't have dorms, we have off-campus housing but I don't think that is as big a deal as hav-

ing your own facility on campus. I think this will be big for us moving forward."

The past two seasons have been especially fruitful for FDTC athletics.

"The softball team went to the World Series in 2016," McDonald said. "The baseball team went to the World Series in 2017. In 2012, we were ranked number 4 in the country. That is when people started to take notice. We have been really successful programs without even having our own facilities on campus so we feel like the best is yet to come. The programs are going to continue to grow and become national powerhouses."

The design of the facilities took into account several items

that the coaches believed were important.

"Coach Heber Watson and I both had some say in what we wanted," McDonald said. "Obviously there is a budget in place so you don't want to ask for too much. At the same time, there are some things that we noticed that we both needed like storage space. The direction of the field, the way it is facing, the cages in between the fields, those are important. We wanted enough space to where baseball and softball could utilize them at the same time if needed. Obviously there was a lot that went into it. The people who designed everything did a great job and we have gotten a lot of support. It is an exciting time to be a part of Florence-Darlington Tech."

As with many projects, the funds drive the work.

"We've gotten private donations, actually, and that has been what has really made this go," McDonald said. "It is just exciting because people have been talking about doing it but until they put a shovel in the ground it is just talk. They are back there now working on it now so hopefully we will be in it soon."

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Bud Simmons new director of Francis Marion Performing Arts Center

FLORENCE -- Bud Simmons is the new director of the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center and the entertainment industry veteran knows there's only one rule he has to follow.

Give the audience what they want.

Simmons, a North Carolina native who spent the past 22 years as director of orchestra operations with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, says he's eager to hear what kind of acts and shows the citizens of the Pee Dee want to see at the PAC.

"I'm going to try to be as active, responsive, and progressive as possible," says Simmons. "One of the big mistakes you can make in this position is to assume you know what people want. I'm not going to do that."

Simmons says it's an incredible opportunity to manage a facility such as FMU's Performing Arts Center. On his first trip to Florence, he says he was "amazed" by the facility's beauty and appeal.

"And the more I learned

about it, after I had a chance to visit it and tour it, the more impressed I was," he says. "It's a first-class facility, beyond that really. It's my hope to be able to help the university build on this building's first few years and all that's already been accomplished. It's important this facility be as relevant as possible to the community, to the surrounding region, and of course, to the students of Francis Marion University."

Simmons brings an abundance of experience to his new position. As the Charlotte Symphony's director of orchestra operations, Simmons was a member of the senior leadership team which managed almost every phase of the award-winning group's work. Prior to joining the Symphony, Simmons was the events manager at the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte.

Throughout his career, he's booked and worked with some of the most recognizable acts in show business, including Art Garfunkel, Ray Charles,

Kenny Rogers, Ben Folds and others.

Simmons has been involved with, and infatuated by, the arts, since he was in high school.

"If you would have told me in high school that I could have a successful career in the performing arts, I'd say, 'Where do I sign up?'" says Simmons. "My varied experience with the arts organizations I've worked in all translates to trying to present good quality entertainment, concerts and performances within a community. That's something I've done for a long time."

Dr. Fred Carter, FMU's president, says the depth of Simmons' experience will serve him well in cultivating a diverse and intriguing set of events for the PAC.

"Bud is an accomplished professional," Carter says. "We look forward to the exciting programming that he'll bring to the PAC."

Simmons says the opportunity to work at FMU, and with leaders like Carter, helped



clinch his decision to accept his new role.

"This venue attracted me initially, but when I started meeting with members of the

University and community leaders, it just felt like it was a perfect fit for me," says Simmons. "My impressions of FMU have been off the charts."

Simmons is married to Nina Simmons and is a graduate of North Carolina State University.

Deadly mosquito-borne horse disease discovered in Pee Dee Region

COLUMBIA — State veterinary officials are urging South Carolina horse owners to vaccinate their animals following the discovery of the first South Carolina case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis in 2017.

The case was identified Friday, July 21, in a horse from Dillon County, said Boyd Parr, state veterinarian and director of Clemson University Livestock-Poultry Health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is a serious, mosquito-borne illness in horses that can also affect humans. In unvaccinated horses, it is almost always fatal. The horse in Dillon County was not known to have been vaccinated and did not survive.

The disease will kill 90 percent of exposed, unvaccinated horses. Symptoms usually develop in horses from two to five days after exposure. These include stumbling, circling, head-pressing, depression or apprehension, weakness of legs, partial paralysis, inability to stand, muscle twitching or death.

A simple vaccine will minimize the risk to horses and

other equine species from EEE.

"It can get out of hand if we don't vaccinate horses and control mosquitoes," Parr said. "The best defense for horse owners is to maintain current equine vaccinations for Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile virus and rabies for their horses."

South Carolina led the nation in cases of the disease in 2013 with 49 infected horses. Of those, 48 died. None of the horses infected during 2013 had been vaccinated effectively, according to a review of Clemson Livestock-Poultry Health vaccination history.

Following that outbreak, increased vaccinations helped reduce the number of cases to seven in 2014 and six a year later. However, 2016 saw another spike in cases, ending the year with 15 infected horses.

The EEE virus is maintained in nature through a cycle involving the freshwater swamp mosquito, *Culiseta melanura*, commonly known as the blacktailed mosquito. Two to three days after becom-

ing infected with the virus a mosquito becomes capable of transmitting it. Infected mosquitoes can transmit the disease when they bite horses and humans.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Eastern Equine Encephalitis is a rare illness in humans. Most persons infected with it have no apparent illness. Severe cases begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills and vomiting. People who are concerned should contact their physicians, Parr said.

Rains at crucial times across much of South Carolina made conditions favorable for mosquito breeding again this year, Parr said.

Any livestock, including horses, that display neurologic signs, such as stumbling, circling, head-pressing, depression or apprehension, must be reported to the state veterinarian at 803-788-2260 within 48 hours, according to state law.

Information on diseases and reporting requirements can be found at www.clemson.edu/lph.

NAMI Family-to-Family classes beginning soon

Are you one of the millions of Americans who has a close relative with a serious mental illness? If so, you may have many questions, such as: How can I get a clear diagnosis for my relative? What are the best treatments now available for my relative? What are all these medications for? How can my relative and I communicate better? What do I do if my relative has a crisis? How do I take care of myself in all of this?

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has developed its Family-to-Family Education Program to answer questions such as these. NAMI of the Pee Dee will offer this course in Florence beginning August 27.

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 12-session education program for family, partners, and friends of adults living with mental illness. Participants learn about illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression and other mental health conditions. The course is designed to help all family members better understand mental illness and support their loved one who suffers from it, while

maintaining their own well-being.

Family-to-Family was designed and written by mental health professionals who have direct experience caring for a relative with mental illness. The program is taught by trained teachers who also have a loved one living with mental illness. Class size is limited to facilitate group discussion – typically between 12 and 20 people attend.

"A variety of presentation modes are employed in the sessions," said Lou Hanna, NAMI of the Pee Dee president. "There's a mix of lecture and group discussion, with some role-playing type activities which give participants a chance to practice techniques to handle situations they may actually face."

Materials for the course include class handouts to supplement the lectures and additional readings, which students can refer to between sessions. These materials are free.

Family-to-Family covers the symptoms of the major mental illnesses as well as the medications commonly used to treat these illnesses and the side effects of these medications.

Coping skills, handling crisis and relapse, listening and communication techniques, problem solving and limit setting are also taught.

An important aspect of the course is how to provide emotional support by understanding the actual experience of people suffering from mental illness. The course covers how to connect with appropriate services and community supports. It also stresses the importance of advocating for better mental health services and fight the stigma and discrimination mentally ill persons often face.

Classes will be held August 27, September 5, and Sundays September 10 through November 12. Sunday classes will run from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and the Tuesday class will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. All classes will be held at Central United Methodist Church in Florence.

Advanced registration by August 11 is required. For more information or to register, call Lou Hanna at 843-413-1500 or Carol Hill at 843-615-2915. E-mail inquiries can be sent to Hanna at lbhanna3@joimail.com or Hill at CCHill@fsd1.org.

Do you know Darlington County?

Last week's photo was at The First Church of God of Reformation on Kelleytown Road in Hartsville. Readers with correct guesses were Bill Segars and Mary Cassady.

Today, you will find another location shot from Darlington County. Do you know where it is? Here's a clue: you might be starting a new chapter in your life if you've seen this funky wall in this building.

Please let us know by sending your guesses to: editor@newsandpress.net or call 843-393-3811. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Good luck!



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Darlington church starts Shower Ministry

By Melissa Rollins
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Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity, regardless of their situation in life. Several churches in Darlington are working to do just that with a simple act: opening up showers to people who don't have access to one.

Showering may not seem like a luxury but for someone who has fallen on hard times it might be something they simply are not able to do. The Shower Ministry at Trinity Methodist Church opens August 7.

Angie Godbold, Annette Martin, Linda Brunson and Rev. Chris Lollis have been working together to get the ministry up and running.

"It is just soap and water but some people don't have that," Godbold said. "It is open to anyone who is homeless but also to members of

the community who may not have running water in their home. It is not just for one group of people; it is an outreach to all.

Rev. Lollis said that during volunteer training, the group discussed the myriad of situations that someone who takes advantage of the ministry might be experiencing.

"In our training group we talked about the fact that it may be a situation where they have running water in their kitchen but they have plumbing problems and don't have water in the bathroom or they may not have hot water," Lollis said. "This will be a way for them to get a hot shower. In the heat that we have now, getting a nice shower will just make you feel better. We hope that folks can come, get a shower and leave feeling refreshed."

Lollis said that this ministry may lead to other opportunities for his church.

"This may be a way that

we can engage those folks and through this we could end up doing greater mission work where we are doing plumbing, giving plumbing assistance to folks, so that they can get water in their bathroom and not have to utilize this ministry," Lollis said. "We are hoping that this will grow into something greater than it is but this is one way we can start."

Toiletries will be provided at the church. Volunteers are already being lined up to make the shower hours work smoothly.

"Everything that they will need will be here," Godbold said. "All of that had been donated. We are working on a rotation now for volunteers but the more volunteers we have, the less burden there is on the ones you have. There are opportunities whether you want to do that every week or once a month; it is whatever fits for those who are interested."

A background check will be completed on each volunteer, a safety precaution for everyone involved.

Brunson said that Rev. Lollis has been challenging his congregation to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and this is a great way to do it. Lollis said he has been pleased to see the project go from an idea to being just weeks away from opening to the public.

"I think it is great," Lollis said. "We had training and it was just great energy to be able to do something. Often times we sit around and talk and we can talk something to death and nothing ever comes to fruition. It is exciting for me to see something, in a short period of time, come to fruition. It has just been a few months."

Godbold said that she firmly believes that it was God who gave her the idea.

"When I sit back and look, from the original idea, it was

very gently lined up and I know that God did that," Godbold said. "It has just been everyone following his lead and he has put it together in the perfect path. I won't say that it has been easy, it hasn't been easy as far as getting the work done, but the path that he lined up was easy, very smooth. This incredible congregation here (at Trinity) that I've interacted with who are open to this idea, are very welcoming and they want this. We had people from a lot of local churches at the volunteer training meeting."

Showers will be open at the Trinity United Methodist Church Youth building on Orange Street on Monday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in being a volunteer can contact Angie Godbold. Send an email to askgodbold@yahoo.com or call 843-758-0472.



Freshman band camp at Darlington High School



Despite the scorching summer heat, over a hundred students turned out for the freshman band camp at Darlington High School last week. Band Director Brendan Johnson said that the camp has grown a lot over the last few years and he hopes to hit the 200-member mark soon. Like many arts related programs, Johnson said that DHS is dealing with the 'good issue' of having more band members than instruments but that they may have to wait on some of the larger, more expensive instruments. Johnson said that grades are important when it comes to being a member of the band.

"You can't march unless you've passed all your classes for the year," Johnson said. "If you failed one, you have to go to summer school."

The Darlington High School Marching Band hosted its inaugural showcase last April, featuring four marching bands from the region.



Pride of Darlington Award: South of Pearl

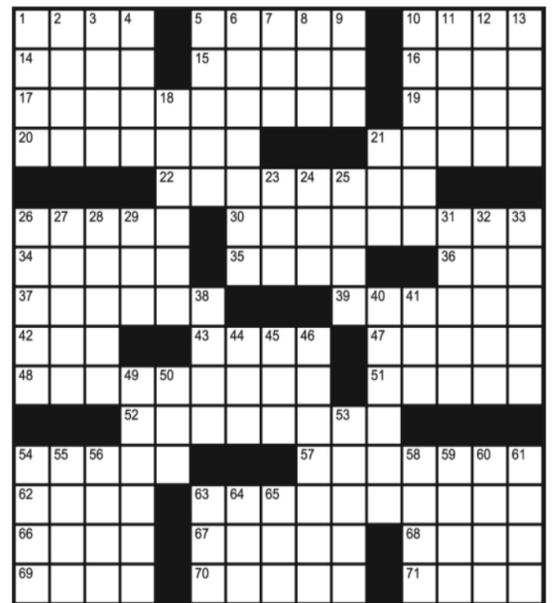


The City of Darlington Beautification Board presented the Business Pride of Darlington Award to South of Pearl on Monday, July 17, for work done to improve and beautify the interior and exterior of the property.

Built in 1899, the elegant two-story residence located at 117 Edwards Avenue has been home to some of Darlington's more upscale citizens. Under the guidance of owner/proprietor Todd Hardee, that uptown spirit lives on as South of Pearl, a restaurant and venue with authentic southern class and charm. The property is adjacent to the Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home.

Nominations for the Residential and Business Pride Awards can be sent to City Planning, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540, called in to 843-398-4000, ext. 103, e-mailed to darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

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Across

1. Doctor Who villainess, with "the"
5. Gauchos' weapons
10. Slang term for claiming something
14. Long, long time
15. Chilled (2 wds)
16. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
17. It has strings attached
19. Brook
20. Boom
21. Atlas enlargement
22. Gland controlling release of urine
26. "No problem"
30. Elevator directions (hyph.)
34. Hodgepodge
35. Fill
36. "Flying Down to"
37. Salon jobs
39. Person in charge of care of people or animals
42. "The Matrix" hero
43. Clothing
47. Administer extreme unction to
48. Man-made
51. Solitaire essentials
52. Not the entree
54. Past the prime

57. To that matter
62. ___ vera
63. Acting by itself (Machine)
66. "___ It Romantic?" (contraction)
67. One who works diligently at a trade
68. "Phooey!"
69. Kind of life
70. Dirty look
71. Small shelters

25. Again
26. Structure resembling a horn
27. Roswell crash victim, supposedly
28. Curtain fabric
29. John ___ Passos
31. Command
32. Brandish
33. Ninth day before the ides
38. Fastener
40. German cathedral city
41. Biochemistry abbr.
44. Bauxite, e.g.
45. "Crikey!"
46. Snake movement
49. Holdings
50. 20-20, e.g.
53. Cut
54. When you receive money
55. "Not to mention ..."
56. Spiritual, e.g.
58. Deep
59. Almond
60. Drawn tight
61. Cutlass, e.g.
63. Automobile sticker fig.
64. Addition
65. Cloak-and-dagger org.

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2. Biology lab supply
3. "I, Claudius" role
4. Egyptian fertility goddess
5. Foul-up
6. Burdensome
7. On, as a lamp
8. Appear
9. "Comprende?"
10. "___ if you do..."
11. Western blue flag, e.g.
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24. Sylvester, to Tweety

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Answers on 5B

BACKYARD STARGAZER FOR AUGUST 2017

By Francis Parnell

It's August, and millions of people are excited about the 21st! Me too!!

On the evening of the 2nd, spot yellow Saturn about 4-degrees lower left of the waxing gibbous Moon.

The gibbous Moon is above the spout in the Teapot of Sagittarius on the 3rd. That's about where the Sun is at the December Solstice.

One hour before sunrise on the 16th, look for "ALDEBARAN", the eye of Taurus, about 2-degrees to the right of the waning crescent Moon.

At dawn on the 19th, look for a thin crescent Moon 5-degrees below bright Venus, low in the east.

The 21st! New Moon at 2:30 p.m. Total Solar Eclipse in SC!!

At dusk on the 25th, the waxing crescent Moon, Jupiter, and "SPICA", the brightest star in Virgo, the Virgin, form a triangle low in the west-southwest.

The 1st quarter Moon is to the right or upper right of the ringed planet Saturn on the 29th. On the 30th, the Moon is to the upper left of Saturn.

Following SCORPIUS in the Zodiac, this month let's explore the constellation of SAGITTARIUS, the Archer. Using the star chart you'll notice that you can trace out a perfect "Teapot." On the first day of winter the Sun is just 7-degrees above the spout. Under a dark sky, the steam rising from the spout is the Milky Way! Far beyond the foreground stars of Sagittarius is the center of our galaxy, 25,000 light-years away. What we see is the combined light of billions of stars that we can't see indi-

vidually. For small telescope or binocular users with a good star chart, Sagittarius is loaded with deep sky objects that will keep you busy for hours!

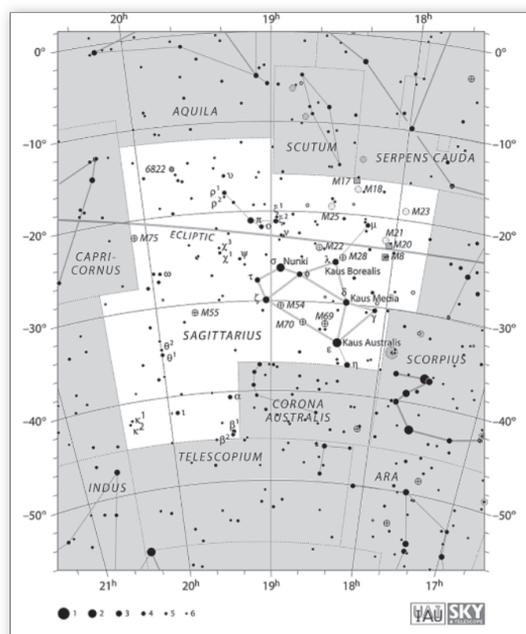
A reminder about the total solar eclipse on the 21st. Observing the Sun without

the proper safe solar filters, solar eclipse glasses, or using the Pinhole Projection method, can cause severe and permanent eye injury, including blindness. Even if you don't own a telescope or binoculars, DO NOT STARE AT THE SUN thinking you can watch it safely during the partial phase. You can't! This goes for adults, and especially kids! Only during the brief period of totality can we safely look at the fully eclipsed Sun with our naked eyes.

If you can't travel to where the Sun is totally eclipsed, Francis Marion University is holding a safe public viewing session from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the baseball stadium at Griffin Athletic Complex. Arrive early! Bring lunch and water. Handouts will be safe solar eclipse glasses and solar viewing cards. In the Darlington/Florence area the Sun is 99.8 percent covered.

Clear skies for the eclipse, and "Keep looking up!"

Francis Parnell of Darlington has been an amateur astronomer for over 46 years, and was on the staff and helped out at the Francis Marion University Observatory from 1982 until 2006 by showing visitors "what's out there." With the help of a friend, Mr. Ernest Lowry, he built his own telescope in 1986. And, because of light pollution, for the last 31 years he has been advocating for the advantages of using fully shielded lighting at night.



Owens- Dickerson Wedding

Miss Macey Deanna Owens of Pleasant Hill, S.C. and Mr. Julian "Rhodes" Dickerson, III of Darlington, S.C. were married at five o'clock in the afternoon, Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Hemmingway S.C. The Reverend James A. Herring officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride, who was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill F. Owens of Pleasant Hill, S.C. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jackie M. Harrelson of Pleasant Hill, S.C. and the late Mr. Charles E. Harrelson and the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Odis Owens. She is a graduate of Carver Bay High School in Hemingway, S.C. and Francis Marion University. Macey is a first-grade teacher at Johnsonville Elementary School.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian R. Dickerson, Jr. of Darlington, S.C. He is the grandson of Mrs. Joyce B. Dickerson of Darlington, S.C. and the late Julian R. Dickerson. He is also the grandson of Mr. Earl B. Wilson Jr. of Darlington, S.C., the late Mrs. Susan W. Wilson, the late Clyde C. Welch, and the late Addie B. Welch. He is a graduate of Mayo High School for Math, Science, and Technology in Darlington, S.C. and Coastal Carolina University. Rhodes is a physical education teacher at Dewey L. Carter Elementary School in Florence, S.C. and the head Coach for the South Florence Bruins Baseball Program. He is also an assistant Coach for the South Florence Bruins Varsity Baseball Program and for American Legion, Florence Post 1 Baseball Program.

Miss Tyler Olivia Owens, cousin of the bride, served as Maid of Honor. The bride's Attendants were Miss Connor LeiAnn Harrelson, cousin of the bride, Miss Jamie Victoria Norwood, cousin of the groom, Miss Lindsay Caroline Marsh, Mrs. Rachel Rushing Steele, Miss Claire Olivia LeGette, Mrs. Scottie Stone Moore, Mrs. Whitney Baxley Smith, and Mrs. Brooke Hilburn Tanner, all friends of the bride.

Miss Juliana Rayne Owens, cousin of the bride, served as the Miniature Bride.

Flower girl was Miss Audrey Victoria Monteith and Ring Bearer was Master Trey Lewis Halm, both cousins of the bride.

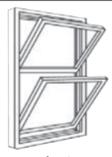
Honorary Attendants were Miss Julia Anne Cribb, Miss Katie Marie Lewis, Miss Michaela Hope Dennis and Miss Meghan Heather Dennis, all cousins of the bride.

Mr. Julian R. Dickerson, Jr., father of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Mr. Bryant Welch Dickerson, brother of the groom, Mr. James Coleman Norwood and Mr. Brian Chase Wilson, cousins of the groom, Mr. Zachary James Owens and Mr. Christian Cru Odis Owens, cousin of the bride, Mr. Jordan Adrian Cox, Mr. Cameron Andrew McRae, and Mr. Brian Douglas Davis, All friends of the groom.

Music for the ceremony was provided by pianist Mrs. Pam Hyatt Miles and soloists Mr. Chris Edwards and Mrs. Kelly Douglas Owens.

A reception followed at the Periwinkle Pavilion in Johnsonville, S.C.

After a Honeymoon to Riviera Maya, Mexico the couple will reside in Hemingway, S.C.



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Artist submissions sought for the 701 CCA South Carolina Biennial exhibit

701 Center for Contemporary Art seeks submissions for the 701 CCA South Carolina Biennial 2017, a survey exhibition of work by contemporary South Carolina artists. The exhibition will be held at 701 Center for Contemporary Art in Columbia. The 701 CCA S.C. Biennial 2017 will be presented in two parts with openings in September and November.

The goals of the Biennial exhibition are to provide a venue to showcase recent work reflecting local, regional and national trends and issues influencing contemporary artists living and working in South Carolina and to increase awareness and appreciation of the artistic contributions and accomplishments of the state's visual artists. The exhibition draws on the breadth of the visual arts community by providing a multi-media juried statewide exhibition opportunity every two years. The 701 CCA S.C. Biennial 2017 is the fourth installment of the exhibition at 701 CCA.

Artists working in all media and styles are encouraged to apply in order to reflect the stylistic and cultural diversity of art produced in the state. Artists must be a current resident of South Carolina.

An exhibition catalogue will be produced to document the exhibition.

Exhibition Dates
Biennial Part I, September 28 – November 5, 2017
Biennial Part II, November 15 – December 24, 2017

Selection Process:
A jury panel of three curators/critics representing local, regional and national perspectives will review submitted materials and select artists for inclusion in the exhibition. A 701 CCA curatorial team will select works for the exhibition through studio visits or from submitted images. The jurors will be announced at a later date.

Submission Materials:
All to be submitted via Submittable: <https://701centerforcontemporaryart.submittable.com/submit>

Ten images of available work produced in the last two years. Images should be in a jpeg format with a minimum size of 1024 wide x 768 high ppi (pixels per inch) at 300 dpi resolution and formatted for presentation on a PC-based platform.

Artists should also include in a text-based format (e.g. Microsoft word):

-Checklist that includes title, date, medium, size

-Brief statement about the work that addresses the artist's intent (not to exceed 200 words)

-Resume and biographical sketch

Fees:
\$25.00 per artist. Revenues generated through entry fees will be used to offset the cost of producing a full color catalogue. Checks can be made payable to 701 CCA.

Submission Deadline:
All materials should be submitted by August 12, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.

Notification:
Artists will be notified of the

results of the selection process by August 25.

Timeline:
Call to Artists: July 4, 2017
Submission Deadline: August 12, 2017

Panel of Jurors Meet:
August 17-19, 2017

Notification of Selections:
August 25, 2017

Possible Studio Visits: early September

Delivery of artwork to 701 CCA for Biennial Part I: Fri-Sat., September 22-23, 11-5, or by appointment

Opening Reception 701 CCA SC Biennial Part I: Thursday, September 28, 7-9pm

Delivery of artwork to 701 CCA for Biennial Part II: Fri-Sat., November 10-11, 11-5pm, or by appointment

Opening Reception 701 CCA SC Biennial Part II and presentation of exhibition catalogue: Wednesday, November 15, 7-9pm

Please submit further inquiries to director701cca@gmail.com or call Kara Soper, Operations Manager at 803-319-9949.

Why should you be physically active? It's Great for You

The American Heart Association recommends that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity each week. You know exercise is good for you. But have you ever considered why it matters?

"Physical activity can improve your health and reduce the risk of developing several chronic diseases like type 2 diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular disease," said Elaine Auld, CEO of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE).

Even better, physical activity and exercise can have immediate and long-term health benefits. Regular activity can improve your quality of life. Physical activity strengthens your heart, lungs, bones and muscles. It also gives you more energy and strength. Exercise helps control your weight and blood pressure, while assisting you with handling stress. It can also improve your sleep quality and help you feel better about how you look.

While scheduling gym time and workouts can make a huge difference in your activity level, it also helps if you can integrate your physical activity into your lifestyle. Here are some tips to help:

- Try standing while at your desk. Get a standing desk. Or try a balance ball. If you have a conference call or long phone call, stand.

- Get up and move around regularly. For every hour you sit, move for 5 minutes. If you cannot do this every hour, do it every two hours and increase the time to 10 minutes.

- Walk more. A recent 2017 study showed over the last decade men and women are walking more. You can be part of this trend by walking for pleasure or to get around.

- Move your meetings outside and keep them active. Try a walking meeting. If just 25 percent of your meetings are active, you will make big strides in health.

- Add steps to your day. Park at the back end of the parking lot. Take the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator. Walk to run errands. When you get to a store, do a few laps around the outer edge of the aisles before starting your shopping.

- Be intentional about walking. Go for a walk in the evening with your family or in the early morning with a pet. If the weather is bad, go to a shopping mall to walk around. Many malls have "walking fitness" programs.

- Find a partner. A friend can motivate you to be active and encourage you when you need it. Having a buddy to meet up with will encourage you to stay active.

- Use technology to get active. Try a smartwatch, Fitbit or pedometer. Many smartphones have pedometers and nutrition apps installed. Websites offer charts, activity ideas and more.

Auld points out that earlier this year, the U.S. Surgeon General has called on Americans to walk more, and for communities to be more walkable too.

To help promote healthier communities, SOPHE partnered in a three-year national initiative, Partnering4Health, which has projects in 97 communities across the country. The Plan4Health project is part of the initiative's work and led by the American Planning Association (APA). The project encourages city planners to consider public health when making decisions about how cities are structured and developed.

That means they are working to help communities be more pedestrian and bike friendly. That includes helping communities figure out how to calm traffic so it's safer to walk, and encouraging people to embrace the idea of walking or biking instead of driving.

In Ajo, Arizona, a diverse coalition is working to increase opportunities for active living. Combining access to bicycles and bicycle education, opportunities for residents to create short videos about their relationship to Ajo and active living, and work to build a safe and accessible bike path throughout the town, the coalition has energized an often overlooked community.

In Springfield, Missouri, APA and coalition partners used orange cones and plants to set up a pop-up traffic calming area to encourage drivers to slow down. Data from the project is shared with city traffic planners.

In addition to SOPHE and APA, Partnering4Health partners also include the National WIC Association, the American Heart Association, and the Directors of Health Promotion & Education.

The American Heart Association's initiative, Oregon Kids Move with Heart partnership, collaborated with the Beaverton School District to create a Physical Activity Toolkit. Elementary schools in the program are increasing physical activity by 50 minutes each week by beginning each school day with 10 minutes of activities from the toolkit. Participating middle schools are incorporating "Brain Boosts" throughout the day too.

Learn more about #Partnering4Health: www.partnering4health.org.

About SOPHE: The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) is a nonprofit professional organization founded in 1950 to provide global leadership to the profession of health education and health promotion. SOPHE contributes to the health of all people and the elimination of health disparities through advances in health education theory and research; excellence in professional preparation and practice; and advocacy for public policies conducive to health. See www.sophe.org

Darlington residents attend Pilot International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada

Judy Langley and Ginger Ridgill, members of the Pilot Club of Darlington, recently attended the 96th Pilot International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Langley and Ridgill were two of more than 620 Pilots who participated in the global event that drew representatives from more than 4 countries and geographic areas around the world.

According to Langley, "It was a wonderful experience to be among fellow Pilots from around the world and keep abreast of the advances within our organization."

Ridgill stated, "I was grateful for the opportunity to attend several workshops and hear how other Pilots are working together for their community."

Convention highlights included a spectacular Flag Ceremony with Pilots from around the world marching along with their country's flag. Attendees also heard a keynote speech from LaDonna Gatlin, a dynamic, uplifting and entertaining motivational speaker. Other speakers included entrepreneur, Patrick Ibarra, and Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), Jeanne Jacobs.

Additionally, convention attendees attended workshops, learned about important issues facing communities globally, elected international officers, voted on the 2017-2018 Pilot International Budget and helped set the future direction for Pilot International.

"It was exciting to gather with so many Pilots from other countries. It's a great reminder that Pilots are not only making a difference in our local communities, but also around the world," said Langley.

Langley is serving as President of the Pilot Club of Darlington for the third time and has served as SC District Governor and President of Pilot International. On the international level, she is cur-



Judy Langley and Ginger Ridgill recently attended the Pilot International Convention in Nevada, representing the Pilot Club of Darlington.

rently serving as Chair of the Pilot International BrainMindersTM Committee and a member of the 100th Anniversary Committee for Pilot International. Ridgill has served twice as President of the Pilot Club of Darlington, as well as secretary for three years. She is currently serving as Personal Assistant to PI Treasurer Peggy Benton from South Carolina. Locally, Pilot club members make an impact in the community through services, such as Pick Me Ups for Caregivers. Proceeds from past fund-raising events have been used to support The Lord Cares, the Free Medical Clinic, the Heart Association, Anchor Scholarships, and other worthy causes. The club currently plans to Provide Pick Me Ups for Special Education Teachers in Darlington, Caregivers of Residents in local nursing homes, and Caregivers in the community.

They will sponsor a special seminar on Brain Awareness for the community in the month of March.

The Pilots Club of Darlington has 25 members and meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Wilds-Edwards House. Pilot clubs are groups of men and women that identify needs within their communities and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Pilot Club of Darlington, please contact President Judy Langley at 843-617-0689 or visit the Club's Facebook Page or website at www.pilotclubofdarlington.org.

Pilot International is a community-based volunteer service organization founded in 1921 in Macon, GA on the principles of "Friendship and Service." The name "Pilot" was inspired by the mighty riverboat pilots of that day who represented leadership and

guidance. With more than 7,200 members in almost 300 Pilot Clubs, Pilots can be found across the U.S., the Bahamas, Japan and South Africa. Pilots carry out their mission to "Do More, Care More and Be More" by providing financial and hands-on support for national and local initiatives in keeping with its causes of youth development & leadership; brain safety & fitness; and caring for families in times of need. In addition, there are over 7,500 school-level Anchor Club members worldwide. Through a professionally developed curriculum and strategic partnerships, Pilot encourages and provides opportunities for youth development & leadership. Pilot International remains headquartered in Macon, where its staff serves its international constituency. Contact your local Pilot Club to find out more about our friendship and service opportunities.

Francis Marion Nursing lands \$1.8 million federal grant

FLORENCE – Francis Marion University's School of Health Sciences is the recipient of a \$1.8 million grant from the federal government's Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), aimed at promoting nursing workforce diversity.

The four-year grant will provide tuition support for 100 students and will also fund a variety of initiatives by the FMU Department of Nursing designed to support those students on their path to a BSN degree from the university.

The HRSA workforce diver-

sity program is designed to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities who are underrepresented among registered nurses. HRSA has previously documented that while diversity is increasing in the nursing workforce, minorities still lag. Total minority participation remains below 20 percent.

FMU has long had a diverse population in its acclaimed nursing department, but will seek to improve that perform-

ance by providing wide-ranging support for minority students. That will include financial support, assigning graduate student mentors to students beginning their freshman year, special freshman-level "university life" courses just for pre-nursing students, and additional academic help through FMU's Center for Academic Success and Achievement.

The new grant is the fourth HRSA grant FMU has landed since 2016.

Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price, dean of the School of Health

Sciences, says the latest grant addresses an important community need while at the same time continuing the momentum for FMU's nursing programs.

"We're thrilled to receive another HRSA grant and to continue our role in shaping the nursing workforce in the years to come," says Wittmann-Price. "Our programs, and our impact on the community, continues to grow. We're proud of what we've done, but the future is really exciting."

FMU President Dr. Fred Carter says health services

have become integral to the university because of their importance to the community.

"There's no contribution we could make to the community that's more important than ensuring its health," says Carter. "What Ruth and her staff have done to further this mission is astonishing. It will have a positive impact on both the community, and our university, for years to come."

FMU is the only entity of any kind in South Carolina to receive a grant through the workforce diversity program. Other universities nationwide

that were part of the grant include the University of Alabama, Arizona University, the University of Massachusetts, Duke, the University of North Carolina and Marquette.

In the past two years, the School of Health Sciences and the Department of Nursing has received four federal grants totaling more than \$4 million. All are aimed at either improving access to healthcare for the community, access to healthcare education for disadvantaged or underserved populations, or, both.

Professional bass fishing's Forrest Wood Cup set to return to Lake Murray

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The Forrest Wood Cup, the world championship of professional bass fishing, will return to Lake Murray Country, Aug. 11-13, to crown bass fishing's top angler of 2017. Hosted by the Capital City Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board, the tournament will feature 53 of the world's best bass-fishing professionals casting for the sport's biggest award – \$300,000 cash.

The Forrest Wood Cup has been held at Lake Murray, the Jewel of South Carolina, twice, in 2008 and 2014. Michael Bennett of Lincoln, California, won the 2008 Forrest Wood Cup fishing with a frog. Bennett ran all around the lake, targeting shade and a variety of shallow cover, fishing new water each day. The 2014 Forrest Wood Cup went to local favorite Anthony Gagliardi of Prosperity, South Carolina, who fished points and some upriver brush the first couple of days, but relied mostly on offshore schooling bass to earn the win.

"The key factor in this year's event will be catching a 5-pounder every day," Gagliardi said. "The lake is fishing really good – similar to 2014 – but there are also some differences. There is a lot more grass and vegetation this year. The fish are a little bigger, and there won't be co-anglers fishing in this tournament. But the patterns will be similar to 2014, and guys will be



doing a lot of the same things to catch fish."

Blueback-chasing schoolers and shallow bluegill eaters dominated the 2014 event, and top-water baits were the predominant tactic, but a few other patterns emerged, including drop-shotting, dragging on offshore structure and fishing a mayfly hatch far up the Saluda River.

"I think that guys fishing shallow will have a good chance, but the offshore guys should do well, too," Gagliardi continued. "Everybody is going to be able to fish to their strengths and I think that it is likely that we will see a 20-pound limit or two."

At the 2014 Forrest Wood Cup, Gagliardi earned the win over Quaker State pro Scott Canterbury of Odenville, Alabama, by just 1-ounce. Canterbury – known for being one of the best shallow-water

power fisherman on Tour – will also be one of the 53 anglers competing this year and is considered by many competitors to be a favorite in the event.

"I've finished in second place at the Forrest Wood Cup twice in my career, including at Lake Murray in 2014," Canterbury said. "It's a title that has eluded me and to win it would mean everything for my career. I really enjoy fishing at Lake Murray and I can't wait to get out there."

Anglers will take off from Dreher Island State Park located at 3677 State Park Road in Prosperity, at 7 a.m. EDT each morning at the Folger's Morning Takeoff. Each day's weigh-in will be held at the Colonial Life Arena located at 801 Lincoln St., in Columbia, beginning at 5 p.m.

Fans will be treated to the FLW Expo at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

located at 1101 Lincoln St. in Columbia, each day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. prior to the weigh-ins. The Expo includes games, activities and giveaways provided by more than 40 FLW sponsors, the opportunity to shop the latest tackle and outdoor gear from more than 100 exhibitors, Ranger boat simulators, a casting pond and a trout pond for children, as well as the opportunity to meet and interact with top professional anglers, including Hank Parker, Jimmy Houston and Byron Velvick. FLW's namesake Forrest L. Wood, the legendary founder of Ranger Boats, will also be greeting fans.

On Saturday and Sunday the first 500 children 14 and under each day who are accompanied by an adult will receive a voucher to redeem for a free Kid Caster's no-tangle, rod-and-reel combo courtesy of WLTX 19 after the evening's weigh-in. Also on Sunday one lucky fishing fan will win a brand new Ranger Z521C bass boat with a 250-horsepower Evinrude outboard motor courtesy of 97.5 WCOS radio. The Ranger Boat giveaway is free to enter but the winner must be present at the conclusion of Sunday's final weigh-in to win.

Also on Saturday and Sunday, FLW fans will be treated to the Bass & BBQ Festival in conjunction with the FLW Expo. FLW and the South Carolina BBQ Association have partnered

to feature award-winning BBQ teams offering delicious fare to visitors at the Forrest Wood Cup Expo. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to local South Carolina charities.

Country music superstar Easton Corbin will perform a free concert on the weigh-in stage at Colonial Life Arena on Sunday starting at 4 p.m., prior to the final weigh-in. The concert is presented by 97.5 WCOS radio. With two No. 1 singles, multiple awards and nominations, plus performances on some of the biggest stages in the world, Mercury Nashville's Corbin has made a lasting impression on the country music landscape. He is lauded for his traditional country sound, authentic lyrics and mastery of understatement. American Songwriter says, "Easton Corbin has one of those rare, glorious voices that was made – just made – for singing country music."

The Folger's Morning Takeoff, FLW Expo, Bass & BBQ event, live concert and weigh-ins are all free and open to the public.

Television coverage of the 2017 Forrest Wood Cup will premiere in high-definition (HD) on NBC Sports Network (NBCSN) Sept. 27 from Noon - 1 p.m. EDT. The Emmy-nominated "FLW" television show airs on NBCSN, the Pursuit Channel and the World Fishing Network and is broadcast to more than 564 mil-

lion households worldwide, making it the most widely distributed weekly outdoors-sports television show in the world.

For a full schedule of events, complete details and updated information visit FLWFishing.com. For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/FLWFishing and on Twitter at Twitter.com/FLWFishing.

About FLW

FLW is the world's largest tournament-fishing organization, providing anglers of all skill levels the opportunity to compete for millions in prize money in 2017 across five tournament circuits. Headquartered in Benton, Kentucky, with offices in Minneapolis, FLW conducts more than 258 bass-fishing tournaments annually across the United States and sanctions tournaments in Canada, China, Mexico, South Africa and South Korea. FLW tournament fishing can be seen on the Emmy-nominated "FLW" television show, broadcast to more than 564 million households worldwide, while FLW Bass Fishing magazine delivers cutting-edge tips from top pros. For more information visit FLWFishing.com and follow FLW at Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Snapchat.

LEGAL NOTICES

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(52c3 leave in thru 7-26-17) SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO: 2016-CP-16-00144 DEFICIENCY WAIVED Strategic Realty Fund, LLC, PLAINTIFF, vs. Julia Samuel and if Julia Samuel be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of Julia Samuel, distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of Julia Samuel, and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Warren Samuel; Renita Samuel; Angela Samuel Youngblood; Tony Samuel; Gary Samuel and Patricia Samuel Richards; DEFENDANT(S) TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Second Amended Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Second Amended Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Second Amended Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Second Amended Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Special Referee for Darlington County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

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any security as to the claim. Estate: Jeannette Hancock Mims AKA Jeannette H Mims Date of Death: 6/16/2017 Case No: 2017ES1600327 Personal Representative: Sheila Denise Gant Address: 40 Breckenridge Dr, Lugoff, SC 29078 Co-Representative: Richard Lee Watkins Address: 2429 Providence Rd, Cassatt, SC 29032

(1p3 leave in thru 8-2-17) SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) DEFICIENCY WAIVED C/A NO: 2017-CP-16-00239 RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation, PLAINTIFF, vs. Bobbie Jessup; DEFENDANT(S) TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Amended Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Amended Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Amended Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

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C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00070 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Embrace Home Loans, Inc. vs. William W. Perdue; SC Housing Corp., I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on August 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN CITY OF HARTSVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF DARLINGTON AND

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C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00070 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Embrace Home Loans, Inc. vs. William W. Perdue; SC Housing Corp., I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on August 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN CITY OF HARTSVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF DARLINGTON AND

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE GUM BRANCH CHURCH COMMUNITY, IN THE CLYDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DARLINGTON, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEING DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. ONE (1) ON A PLAT OF PROPERTY OF KEITH KINE, MADE BY PAUL CLARK, RS, IN JULY, 1973, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR DARLINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN PLAT BOOK 41 AT PAGE 5; SAID PLAT BEING UPDATED BY JACK D. EPPERLY, RLS, FROM A SURVEY DATED MAY 26, 1986, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE SAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 106 AT PAGE 109; THE SAID LOT BEING SHOWN AS MEASURING AND BEING BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: NORTHEAST: BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A FIFTY (50) FOOT PAVED STREET, MEASURING THEREON A DISTANCE OF 128.98 FEET, MORE OR LESS; SOUTHWEST: BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF KEITH KING, MEASURING THEREON A DISTANCE OF 182.22 FEET, MORE OR LESS; AND NORTH WEST: BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A FIFTY (50) FOOT STREET, MEASURING THEREON A DISTANCE OF 174.10 FEET, MORE OR LESS. THIS BEING THE same property conveyed to William W. Perdue by virtue of a Deed from Donald R. Powers and Charlotte L. Powers dated January 14, 2003 and recorded January 22, 2003 in Book 1025 at Page 3376 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina.

1441 Marshy Banks Drive Hartsville, SC 29550 TMS# 012-00-03-036 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 125/1000 (4.125%) 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, will, 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

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Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2010-CP-16-00454 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of MTGLQ Investors, LP vs. Mitchel H. Pate a/k/a Mitchel Herlong Pate as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary P. Pate a/k/a Mary Parrott Pate; Mitchel H. Pate a/k/a Mitchel Herlong Pate, individually; Mitchel H. Pate a/k/a Mitchel Herlong Pate as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Harris Pate a/k/a Michael H. Pate; Mary Elizabeth Pate a/k/a Mary Elizabeth Pate Bullard; Sylvester Pate, III; I, the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on August 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM, 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, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Darlington County, State of South Carolina, in the Auburn Community, comprised of .85 of an acre as shown on a plat prepared by J.E. Tucker, Jr., registered surveyor, dated April 18, 1985 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 104 at Page 57, and being bound as follows:

West: By Highway S-16-1126 North and East: By lands now or formerly of Dorothy M. McCown; and

South: By a farm road leading from Highway S-16-1126 to the McCown residence

This being the identical property conveyed to S.V. Pate and Mary P. Pate by Deed of J.G. Wilhelm dated January 7, 1986 and recorded January 9, 1986 in Deed Book 903 at Page 8, 86. Subsequently, S.V. Pate a/k/a Sylvester V. Pate died testate on October 14, 2008, leaving the subject property to his heirs or devisees, namely, Mary P. Pate, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Darlington County, in Case No. 2008-ES-16-399; see also the Deed of Distribution to The Estate of Mary Parrott Pate, dated December 10, 2013 and recorded December 12, 2013 in Book 1071 at Page 1744. Subsequently, Mary P. Pate died testate on or around April 10, 2010, leaving the subject property to Michael Harris Pate a/k/a Michael H. Pate, Mitchel Herlong Pate a/k/a Mitchel H. Pate, Mary Elizabeth Pate Bullard, and Sylvester Pate, III, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Darlington County in Case No. 2010-ES-16-301. Thereafter, Michael Harris Pate a/k/a Michael H. Pate died on or around May 28, 2010, leaving his interest in the subject property to Mitchel Herlong Pate a/k/a Mitchel H. Pate and Mary Elizabeth Pate Bullard, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Darlington County in Case No. 2011-CP-ES-16-018.

2833 EVERLASTING BRANCH R DARLINGTON, SC 29540 TMS# 121-00-01-009

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Five and 875/1000 (5.875%) 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.

Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Special Referee for Darlington County Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700

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Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2015-CP-16-00101 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2003-HE1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 vs. Vernard Dixon; I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on August 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM, 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 Levensworth School District in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, containing one acre, more or less, measuring 600 feet along the Northeastern and Southwestern boundaries and 70 feet along the Southeastern and Northwestern boundaries, and being bounded as follows: Northeast by property now or formerly of James Eugene Nettles; Southeast by public road leading from Hartsville to Levensworth; Southwest by property now or formerly of Ella Lyde; and Northwest by property now or formerly of Ella Lyde.

This being a portion of the property conveyed to Vernard Dixon by deed of Louella Nettles dated November 30, 1978 and recorded January 12, 1979 in Book 788 at Page 760; subsequently, Vernard Dixon conveyed a 1/2 interest in said property to Mary Dixon by deed dated November 13, 1995 and recorded November 27, 1995 in Book 113, Page 162. Thereafter, Mary J. Dixon conveyed her interest in said property to Vernard Dixon by deed dated October 25, 2002 and recorded November 11, 2002 in Book 1024, Page 1994, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County, South Carolina.

ALSO: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in Levensworth School District in the County of Darlington, in the State of South Carolina, containing one (1) acre, more or less, measuring 600 feet along its Northeastern boundaries and Southwestern boundaries and Seventy (70) feet along its Southeastern and Northwestern boundaries, and being bounded as follows: Northeast by property now or formerly of Leonce Rhodes and James Bell; Southeast by public road leading from Hartsville to Levensworth; Southwest by property now or formerly of Ella Lyde; and Northwest by property now or formerly of Ella Lyde.

This being a portion of property conveyed to Vernard Dixon by James Eugene Nettles by deed dated October 8, 1982 and recorded November 19, 1982 in Book 848, Page 95, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina.

2256 East Home Avenue Hartsville, SC 29550-7673 TMS# 100-00-01-012 & 100-00-01-041

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Five and 949/1000 (5.949%) 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, will, 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 ease-

ments and restrictions of record. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Special Referee for Darlington County Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700

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Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00186 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 Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-KR1 vs. Edward J. Rauf, Jr.; Anina A. Rauf; I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on August 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or tract of land being, lying situate in Darlington County, State of South Carolina, being more fully shown and represented as Tract #3 on that certain plat of J.E. Tucker, Jr., R.L.S., dated January 6, 1976 and recorded in Plat Book 69 at page 43. According to said plat, Tract #3 is bounded and measures as follows: Beginning at the western most point on SC Road #19 and continuing therefrom in a Southwesterly direction a distance of 1145 feet to a point, thence in a Southwesterly direction a distance of 1155 feet to a point, thence in a generally Southeasterly direction along the run of Jefferies Creek to a point, thence in a Northerly direction a distance of 3778 feet to the point of beginning. Be all of said measurements a little more or a little less and according to said plat. Said Tract #3 contains 356 acres, more or less, and is bounded On the North by SC Road #19 which separates it from Tract #2; East by lands now or formerly of Raymond L. Galloway, Jr.; On the South and Southwest by the run of Jefferies Creek which separates it from lands now or formerly of L.B. Jeffords; and On the West by lands now or formerly of James V. Wilkes. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

A tract of land containing 42.8 acres being designated as Tract #A-2 filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Deed Book 990, at page 791.

ALSO: A tract of land containing 309 acres and being designated as Tract #B filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Deed Book 810, at page 499.

The property being conveyed herein is shown as a tract of 4.22 acres, on a plat prepared for Robert W. Kirby and Irene B. Kirby, dated November 30, 1987 and recorded December 31, 2003 in Deed Book 1031 at Page 3574 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County and made a part of this description by reference hereto.

THIS BEING the same property conveyed to Edward J. Rauf, Jr. and Anina A. Rauf by virtue of a Deed from Paula J. Rowe dated December 19, 2003 and recorded December 31, 2003 in Book 1031 at Page 3571 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina.

2049 Seven Pines Street Darlington, SC 29532

TMS# 107-00-01-013

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Seven and 875/1000 (7.875%) 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, will, 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 ease-

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NOTICE OF SALE

Docket No. 2017-CP-16-0223 By virtue of a decree heretofore granted in the case of The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as trustee for Mid-State Capital Trust 2010-1 against Ralph L. Gandy, Jr., I, the undersigned Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on Monday, August 7, 2017, at 11:00 A.M., at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, located, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, the same being shown and delineated as Lot D upon a Plat prepared by W.R. Banks, RLS, dated May 9, 1969, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Deed Book 627 at page 666, which Plat is incorporated herein by reference, and having the following boundaries and measurements: North by an Unnamed Street whereon it measures (75.00') Feet; East by an Unnamed Street, whereon it measures (200.00') Feet; South by Lot E, whereon it measures (75.00') Feet; West by Property N/F Nancy Alston, whereon it measures (200.00') Feet; all measurements being a little more or less. This being the same property conveyed to Ralph L. Gandy, Jr. by deed of Green Tree Servicing LLC dated March 21, 2015 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on April 20, 2015 in Book 1075 at page 2606. TMS No. 162-00-01-017. Current address of property is

→1329 Mount Sinai Drive, Darlington, SC 29540. SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at the conclusion of the bidding, Five per cent (5%) of the bid in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder.) No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for preparation of the Special Referee's deed, documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.25% per annum.

Eugene P. Warr, Jr. As Special Referee for Darlington County

Darlington's Attorney: J. Kershaw Spong [SC Bar # 5289]

SOWELL GRAY ROBINSON STEPP & LAFFITTE, LLC P.O. Box 11449 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 929-1400

Email: kspong@sowellgray.com

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE (Non-Jury)**FORECLOSURE (Deficiency Waived)**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO.: 2016-CP-16-00689 United States of America by and through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Plaintiff,

vs.

The Personal Representatives, if any, whose names are unknown, of the Estates of James A. Smith and Betty Jean Smith, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of James A. Smith and Betty Jean Smith, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in the property subject of this matter; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 135 Columbia Avenue, Post Office Box 1000, Chapin, South Carolina 29036, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PER-

sons UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to appear for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of South Carolina Code 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the attached mortgage is perfected and Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default.

In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original note and mortgage and the Complaint which was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on September 28, 2016.

HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A.

Donald W. Tyler #5664 Taylor A. Peace #100206 135 Columbia Avenue Post Office Box 1000 Chapin, South Carolina 29036 (803) 345-3353 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Notice of Right to Foreclosure Intervention and/or Certificate of Exemption from Administrative Order 2011-05-02-1, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions, Certificate of Exemption/Withdrawal from Arbitration and Mediation, Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on September 28, 2016.

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action will be commenced within twenty (20) days of the filing of this Notice upon Complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendants for the foreclosure of a Mortgage dated August 20, 1996 given by James A. Smith and Betty Jean Smith ("Mortgage"), said Mortgage having been recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court or Register of Deeds for Darlington County on August 21, 1996 in Book M228 at Page 113. The said mortgaged premises affected by the foreclosure are situate in Darlington County, in the State of South Carolina, and described in said Mortgage as follows:

All that one certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, situate, and being located near the Town of Lamar, and being designated as LOT NO. EIGHT (8) on a plat prepared for Ben I. Watford on May 25, 1971, by Lind Surveying Company, and duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 55 at page 93, with former reference being craved to an individual lot plat made by the Mortgagors herein, the same having been made by JE Tucker, RLS on 4/8/96, and recorded likewise in Book 165 page 123; Both said plats reflecting that Lot. No. Eight (8) as having the following metes and bounds: North: By other lands of Ben I. Watford Estate for 115 ft; East: By Lot No. 7 on said plat for a distance of 265 ft; South: Fronting on Jackson Street for a distance of 115 ft; West: By a 10 foot "reserved strip" for 265 feet. This lot is a portion of those premises designated as Darlington County Tax Map No. 90-00-02-001; this being the same premises conveyed unto the mortgagors herein by deed of NANCE, Inc., which is being recorded simultaneously herewith in the office of the clerk of court for Darlington County. TMS No.: 090-00-03-008. Address: 645 E. Jackson Street, Lamar, South Carolina 29069 HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A.

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SPECIAL REFEREE'S AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: TD Bank, N.A., Successor by merger to Carolina First Bank v. Charles B. Baxley, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Frank Edward Floyd, et. al. Civil Action Number 2017-CP-16-159, W. Haigh Porter, Special Referee for Darlington County, has ordered that following property, which is the subject of the above action, be sold on August 15, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Darlington, to the highest bidder:

SONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to appear for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff.

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FLORENCE -- Francis Marion University once again has been recognized as a Great Colleges to Work For® Honor Roll School by The Chronicle of Higher Education, the leading journal of university and college life. This year marks FMU's fifth straight appearance on the prestigious list. FMU is the only South Carolina school recognized for 2017. FMU's ranking is part of The Chronicle's ninth annual

Academic Workplace Special Issue, which will be available to subscribers and the public on July 21. The recognition is based primarily on a survey administered to faculty and staff in universities across the country, and compiled by a third party, Modern Think, a nationally recognized business consultant to universities and other institutions. More than 45,000 university employees nationwide were surveyed as part of that process.

FMU is one of 79 colleges or universities recognized by The Chronicle, and was one of only 42 schools nationwide to receive recognition as an Honor Roll school. Schools that receive distinction ratings of 70 percent or higher in any of the 12 rating categories covered by the survey are recognized as a Great College to Work For. Honor Roll schools must be recognized in at least seven categories.

FMU has been recognized as an Honor Roll school all five years it's been on the list. Dr. Fred Carter, FMU's president, says the ongoing recognition by the Chronicle is confirmation of an attribute the university's leaders have long known and appreciated. "FMU is proud to be recognized on this prestigious list once again," says Carter. "Only a small percentage of the colleges and universities in the country are

recognized, and FMU is at the very top of that group. This is no real surprise to us. We've always known that our faculty and staff are a unique group of well-educated and highly trained professionals who care deeply about this university and our students. All of which makes Francis Marion not simply a 'Great College to Work For,' but a great college in every respect." For the third straight year, FMU received high marks in 10 of

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First Baptist Church Basketball Camp



First Baptist Church in Darlington held their annual basketball camp last week for seven to 14-year-olds. Renny Johnson said that he helped start the original camp.

“Harmon Baldwin and I started this camp about 18, 20 years ago and they’ve been doing it ever since,” Johnson said. “The numbers fluctuate, some years we’ll have a lot of kids and then the next it will go back down. This year we had the camp at the high school and the rec center; one year we had it at three places: the high school, the rec center and Mayo Magnet School.” Johnson said that another camp being held this year also may have affected their numbers.

“This year, they had a basketball camp at the rec center the week before ours,” Johnson said. “After four days there, the kids are kind of tired.”

Students take away a variety of lessons at the end of the camp, Johnson said.

“They learn basketball skills, a lot of former basketball coaches are helping with it, then we also do a devotional with them each day and a refreshment time,” Johnson said. “The kids seem to enjoy themselves.”

Photos are top to bottom: 11-14 year olds, 7 year olds, 8 year olds, 10 year olds and 9 year olds. Teams are pictured with their adult volunteers.

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