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

EDMUND BURKE

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County approves H-Tax funds to rehab Kelley House

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Darlington County Council convened their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 19 and heard from citizens asking for the county's help in renovating the historic Jacob Kelley House.

Built in what is now the Kelletown Community of Hartsville around 1820, the house earned its historic designation during the Civil War when a regiment of General Sherman's Army under the

command of Major General John E. Smith commandeered the house as a temporary headquarters on March 2, 1865. Homeowner Jacob Kelley, then 85, took many of the family's treasures (and his best horses) and hid in a house on an island in Segars Mill Pond during the occupation.

The house was ransacked by Union soldiers, who took everything from household items to livestock, and ripped apart furnishings searching for hidden loot. Since 1968, the house has been under the

purview of the Darlington County Historical Commission, and it regularly draws hundreds of visitors to special Christmas celebrations and via student group tours. In 2016, the house had over 1,000 registered visitors.

JoAnn Kelley Lee, one of the Kelley family's descendants, spoke to Council from the perspective of the house itself, and asked for assistance.

"I have a treasure trove of history for those who visit us. I have welcomed people for years. However, I am tired,

sad, and need much TLC." said Lee. "With the centennial approaching, I want to open my doors in the southern tradition. I need much repair to stand tall for Darlington County and to convey the grace and charm that I represent."

Facilities in need of repair include the main house, the cook house, the corn crib, and the fence. Age and weather have damaged the home's windows, chimneys, and foundation. The total estimate to effect all repairs is \$39,992.

Council voted unanimously to appropriate this amount from Hospitality Tax revenues and pay for the requested renovation.

Also on the agenda, Council gave final approval to Ordinance 17-08, which authorizes the county to charge a \$25 fee when individuals want electricity reconnected to a structure. The fee will help offset costs incurred when county inspectors check to ensure a structure is safe before signing off on the reconnection of electrical power.

Council held first reading for Ordinance 17-12, which would repeal a requirement for county department heads to reside within Darlington County. The old requirement was never enforced and now, the ordinance says, several department heads reside outside county limits. Repealing this restriction removes the possibility that these employees could be dismissed with notice for not relocating their residence inside the county.

COUNTY ON 3A



Shelley Ogburn shows the inside of a beehive to homeschool students at the Darlington Library.

PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Library class introduces students to beekeeping

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The Darlington Library was abuzz when Shelley Ogburn and her children visited the Darlington Library last week. It might have been because the Ogburns brought a few winged visitors along with them.

During the weekly Homeschool Hub, Ogburn introduced students to the basics of beekeeping. She showed them the boxes used by the bees to make their hive, explained how honey is collected and even let them try on part of a beekeeper suit.

Ogburn said that her family has had bees for several years.

"How many of you know a lot about honeybees," Ogburn asked. "In the jar that I am passing around, those are girl bees and they are called worker bees.

Guess what? In a beehive, only the girls do the work. The boys, they just become a dad and that's it and then they die. The girls have to clean out the hives, they have to go get nectar from the flowers and bring it back to the hive. They have to make the comb; they do all the work."

Ogburn explained that only one bee in the hive has babies and she is a very important part of the colony.

"What do they call the bee in the hive that has all the babies," Ogburn asked. "The Queen Bee. What do you think the Queen Bee does all day? She just lays eggs all day. And she is so lazy that the other bees bring all of her food to her and they actually put it in her mouth for her. She just makes eggs all day and she doesn't have to do any other work."

Though bees all look pretty much the same, there is a noticeable difference with the Queen.

"If you were to peep inside of a hive and try to find the Queen, she would look different from everyone else in what way," Ogburn asked. "She is a lot bigger. She gets fed more than all of the other female bees. So, she looks different but it still would take a while to find her when you look inside the hive because there are thousands and thousands of bees inside the hive."

One by-product of beekeeping is wax.

"There is a lot of wax on the comb," Ogburn said. "The comb is actual very, very dark so to get a light wax, you have filter it. You have to filter all of the bee guts out, all of their wing pieces that they lose; all of those pieces like that we have to filter out. Then we have to heat it up so it will be really nice and easy to work with and you can put it in a mold to make a candle. You can also make crayons out of wax."

Site selected for DCSD 'Project A'

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After several hours-long executive sessions, the Darlington County School District made a motion Sept. 18 to enter into a contract for property purchase for 'Project A'. The board was mum on what 'Project A' is, though they have been in search of property on which to build a new school in both Lamar and Hartsville.

Boardmember Maureen Thomas made the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Audrey Childers, DCSD Public Information Officer, released a statement at the end of the meeting.

"Tonight the board voted to authorize the acting superintendent to enter into a contract to purchase property for Project A as discussed in tonight's executive session, with a copy of the contract to be made available to the public in accordance with the SC Freedom of Information Act," Childers said. "We will wait to

release the transaction details, including seller's name, property location, or the sales price, until the negotiations are completed and the deed is recorded. Releasing the information before then could impact ongoing negotiations. Once the deed is recorded, we will release the information as required by the SC Freedom of Information Act."

The public has anxiously waited for information about where the three new schools will be built. The only facility that will be built on an existing school site is the one in Darlington that will combine Cain Elementary School and Brunson-Dargan Elementary School.

The new school in Hartsville will replace Washington Street Elementary and West Hartsville Elementary.

Lamar's new school will combine Spaulding Elementary and Lamar Elementary.

PROJECT A ON 3A



Dr. Rainey Knight speaks to the Darlington County Board of Education about the search for the next superintendent.

Hartsville approves airport fencing project

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Hartsville City Council convened a special meeting on Monday, September 18 and voted to proceed with a federally funded project to improve the city's airport.

Resolution 09-17-06 awards a \$206,699 contract to build perimeter fencing around the Hartsville Airport to Fortress Fencing of Sanford, North Carolina. The contract details state that Fortress will build 9,000 linear feet of 10-foot tall chain link fence with gates. The project will be funded mostly by federal funds administered through the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, with the city con-

tributing five percent of the final project cost.

Council voted 'yes' on Resolution 09-17-01 and approved a new bid award for asbestos surveying and air monitoring of Neighborhood Initiative Program Properties. At Council's Sep. 7 meeting, this contract was awarded to low bidder Asbestos Inspections, LLC of Conway in the amount of \$1,595, but that bid was later invalidated due to miscalculation errors. The contract will instead go to ECH Consultants of Darlington for the bid amount of \$3,850. ECH will conduct asbestos surveying and air monitoring services as required by the Department of Health and Environmental Controls and SC Housing. This precaution is necessary to ensure that derelict homes taken down by the city do not pose an air quality threat to nearby residents.

HARTSVILLE ON 3A

Sweet Potato Festival auction to benefit Animal Shelter

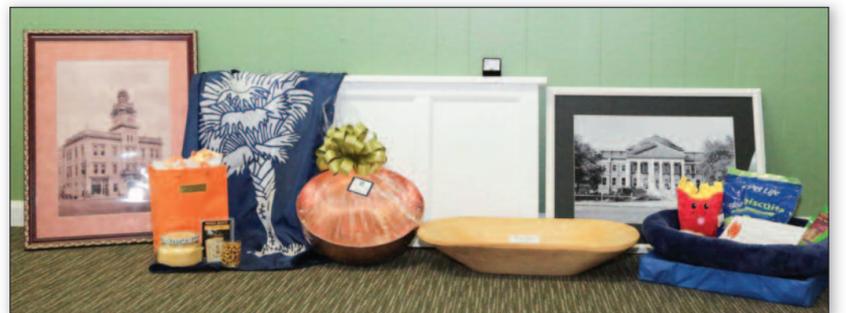
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The 2018 Sweet Potato Festival is already shaping up to be a day packed with fun for the whole family, and a newly added event will offer guests a chance to take home some very special items while helping the Darlington County Humane Society.

Festival organizers the Pilot Club of Darlington are adding two auctions to this year's staged entertainment lineup, which already boasts singing, dancing, cheer performance and tumbling. These auctions will offer a variety of unique merchandise generously donated by local businesses. All proceeds from the auctions will benefit the DCHS Animal Shelter.

Items for the 12 p.m. auction include:

- A South Carolina State Flag (donated by Denny Neilson)
- Assorted Pet Items (donated by Pet Smart of Florence)
- A Wellness Basket (donated



Auction items at the 2017 Sweet Potato Festival will include housewares, artwork, pet items, and more.

by The Counseling Center of Florence)

Brass Bowl (donated by Minnie's Giftique)

Diamond Ring (donated by Jeweler's Bench)

Two Headboards for Twin Beds (Donated by Flowers Furniture Sales)

Items for the 2 p.m. auction include:

Gift Items (donated by Merle Norman Studio)

Gift Certificate (donated by Walmart)

Framed Print of Old

Darlington Courthouse (donated by the Historical Commission)

Framed Print of Old Darlington City Hall (donated by the Historical Commission)

Two Tickets to the Southern 500 (donated by Darlington Raceway)

Carved Wooden Bowl (donated by South of Pearl)

Sweet Potato guests are encouraged to bring items the shelter needs such as trash bags, paper towels, kitten or puppy formula, dry kibble,

hand sanitizer, laundry detergent and bleach. Pilot Club member and longtime Sweet Potato Festival organizer Ruth Flowers says that any child who brings one of these items for the shelter will receive a toy as a reward.

Anyone wishing to donate can contact Ruth Flowers at 843-393-4721.

The 2017 Sweet Potato Festival is scheduled for October 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the Darlington Public Square.





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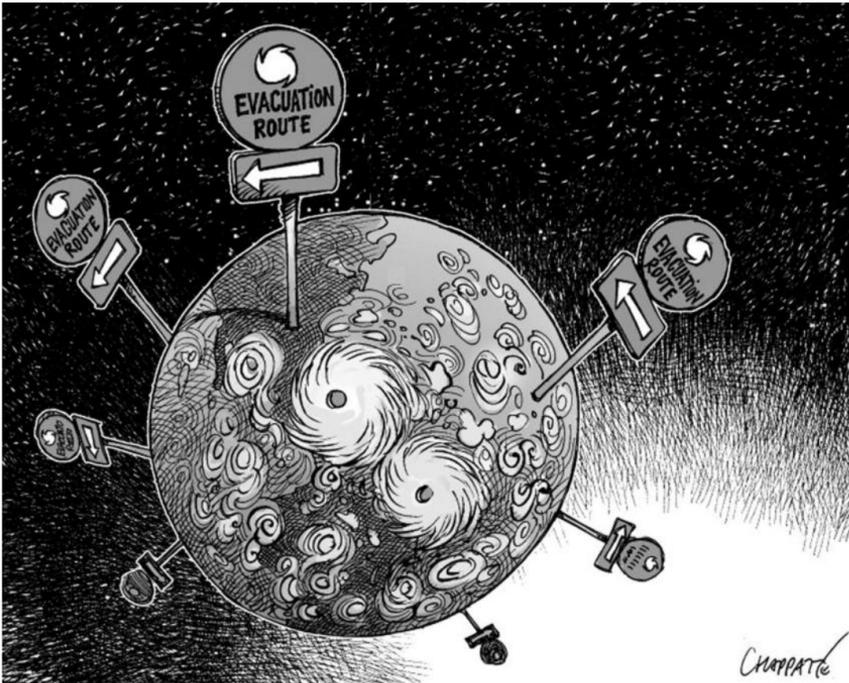
Word of the Week

Amanuensis: one employed to write from dictation or to copy manuscript

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When The Elements Fight Back!

By Bill Shepard

When the elements fight back, as they sometimes do, the earthly inhabitants are at their mercy. All of man's military might is no match for the fury of an angry element unleashing its power on those in its path. In recent days millions have been witness to what happens when the elements fight back!

Hurricane Harvey vented his fury on the state of Texas and made his place in history. Millions felt the pain and will go on feeling it for a long, long time.

Hurricane Irma followed on the heels of Harvey and after leaving a path of destruction elsewhere blew into the sunshine state and began venting its anger against the inhabitants there. From Key West to Jacksonville it left a path of destruction while millions were helpless to defend themselves. By the time Inna reached Georgia and the Carolinas much of its strength had been spent and we here in the upstate were spared much of what others experienced. We may not be as fortunate the next time and we can rest assured there will be a next time!

What does it all mean? Our scientists explain it using terms and words few of us understand, but disaster is a language that is easily understood and that seems to be the language of the elements. Floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, el ninos, and hurricanes all speak that language, and the peoples of all nations understand it!

For much too long, man has treated the place where he lives as though he and he alone owns it, and gives not enough thought that he is privileged to use it only for a short time. He has pushed and shoved and taken at will all his selfish desires. In his quest for gain and pleasure and luxury he has moved closer to the seashore and oceans. These are the paths that hurricanes and storms have traveled since time began! Build your dream home or business in their paths and you can expect to be blown away! Your wood, stone, and steel will not be able to stand! As man builds his walls stronger the power of the storms increase.

I have given much thought this week about a hurricane that happened a very long time ago. It happened almost ninety years ago! It was September of 1928, this writer was six years old! Yes! I remember well the results of that hurricane that blew along the eastern coastline leaving a path of destruction behind. Of course, I did not know what was happening, we had no way of knowing! We had no radio, no telephones, no advance warnings of any kind, but it started raining. "September Gales" everyone said, there was nothing new about that. Folk in the village where I lived looked for them every September! That was the time to plant their winter greens of turnips, mustard, kale, etc. After several days of non-stop rain, the little creek that flowed through the village began to leave its banks. The house where this writer witnessed it all was nearest to the creek. The rain kept falling and the creek kept rising. The tunnels that were built to allow the creek to flow through the railroad embankment became clogged with falling debris. The embankment became a dam holding back the water. The water drew nearer to our house, even began to enter inside. Men from the village came to help move our belongings from the house. Then it happened! The railroad embankment gave way, allowing the water to pass through and onward. The pictures of all this can be seen on page 76 of Horace Rudisill's book, Pictorial History of Darlington County. The house where I lived is shown, and is still standing today.

In the days and weeks ahead, I watched the new bridges that crossed the creek being built, also the trestle that is still standing.

Are the elements fighting back? Some would say they are! Perhaps we would do well to consider the place where we live is not our own, and treat it as though it belongs to another. It is doubtful that any generation of people have polluted the planet as much as our own. We have filled the heavens with flying objects our seas, rivers, and oceans with every kind of debris, and even the good earth where we grow the food we eat, we continue to pollute.

Are the elements fighting back? You be the judge! This we know, we are helpless when they do!

Bill Shepard

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Who is fighting for them? Who is listening? Why do they have to go through these horrific trials? Why is this system so screwed up?

Everyday I struggle to answer those questions when I think about the students I teach and the students I come in contact with. When I decided I would become a teacher, I thought I was entering a profession that educated and prepared children to enter the world as a productive citizen. I thought I might be able to change a student's life. I was wrong.

Instead they have changed mine.

I struggle daily with trying to understand the black cloud that is over many of students. As a teacher, I am

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flabbergasted at the past that many of my students have been through. I struggle knowing that many of them are helpless in the hand they have been dealt. Many students do not know where their next meal is coming from, or if they even have a bed to lay their heads on night. There are students who witness situations that many of us cannot wrap our heads around.

Who is fighting for them? Who is giving them a voice? When I think about this I feel my blood pressure rise. It seems that the ones making decisions about education are the one that are oblivious to the what education really is. Education is no longer just about teaching.

Education is about being a friend, a mom, a dad, a nurse, a counselor, a protector, and a listening ear. Education is about being what each student needs, when they need it. Education is about being...

I write this not to seek sympathy for our students, but to seek awareness especially from our elected officials. Before you make decisions that affect our students, listen to their stories. Get to know them and understand where they come from and the adversity they face. Do not get caught up in the bureaucracy education without seeing how your decisions affect the lives of our students.

This generation needs a

hero. They need someone to fight for them. To put them first for a change, regardless of special interest or lobbyist that fight against education. It's time to stand up and do something or it's time for you to get out of the way.

I write this as an open invitation to every state and US elected official to visit my classroom. Come and see firsthand how your decisions on education affect our students. Come hear their stories. Come and let them see that you might actually care. Come and be...

Respectfully written for the Education of every student,
Jeffery Tadlock, Teacher
Darlington

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Really????

By Danny Watson
City of Darlington Chief of Police

There are times when officers come and speak to me about what they endure on the street that for the life of me I just can't figure out what people are thinking. You know I truly just can't imagine many other professions having to endure the indignities that seem to be all too often the meal of the day in which officers are forced to consume. The even bigger issue with that is the fact that no matter how bad it tastes we are expected to eat it with a smile on our face. Our agency videos every interaction with the public; it is our policy. The fact a person feels it necessary to tell us that they are videoing us while we are videoing them is quite comical. First and foremost, I don't mind being watched at all. Second if you feel it is your absolute desire and compelling need to video the police then by all means, please, go ahead. It is entirely possible that while you are watching us and videoing us your time will be constructively spent in such a way you are not getting into trouble yourself.

What mystifies me to no end is that people think it is perfectly acceptable to interfere while an officer is conducting business. I wonder how many times a plumber, a carpenter, a mechanic or some other profession are treated the same way. I can almost visualize it now. A passerby sees a carpenter using a saw to cut a board. This passerby who has nothing to do with the construction of whatever is being built stops and interjects themselves into the project. The passerby says, "You aren't doing that right". Not only do they tell the carpenter they are wrong, they

make alternative suggestions as to how it can be done. This is done even though they have no idea what a carpenter does nor have they ever been a carpenter. The carpenter continues to do their work while at the same time trying to split their attention between the job and the person inquiring.

The work continues with a number of distractions taking place. The carpenter says in a firm and polite voice, "Please could you just go over there until I'm done I will speak with you in a moment". This request falls upon deaf ears because the person who interjects feels it is their right to be heard at that very moment. Nothing else will do but for that person to get out their concern, complaint or etc. The carpenter loses focus for just a second, the saw slips and four of his fingers now lay detached on the ground. Sobering thought isn't it?

Here's an idea though. If you have a question about what happened, go to the headquarters of the agency and speak to a supervisor. If you feel it necessary to video, please do so. Do it from a safe distance and do not interfere with the officer as they are trying to conduct business on the side of the road. If an officer were to tell you that you need to step back a safe distance, then you need to do so immediately. In a situation such as this it is a demand not a polite suggestion. It is for your safety and for the safety of the person that is being detained, as well as that of the officer conducting business.

We are transparent and have nothing to hide. Do we make mistakes? Sure we make mistakes, just like every other profession

does. Carpenters, plumbers, doctors, lawyers, politicians and every other kind of role or position in life occasionally don't go as planned. In the interest of everyone going home safe, and that includes the people who want to video, let the officer complete their task. We have at least two kinds of video that was being used at the time and we don't mind a bit comparing it to yours.

A final thought for you folks who are interested in this type of adventure. Remember we video the entire time. We don't just video certain parts or cut things out that are not to our benefit. There is an audit trail for every video that is taken. The video that

we have tells the entire story from when we get there until we leave. It will also show unflattering things you do and say as well. We don't mind being held to a higher standard of behavior and in fact we embrace it. When you put yourself in that position, I hope you don't mind being held to that very same standard.

Chief Danny Watson MPA
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South Carolina's Nuclear Scandal, 'Legal' Bribery and Silence

By Phil Noble

With each new revelation, our state's ongoing scandal of SCANA, Santee Cooper and their political dealing is providing new insights into how thoroughly corrupt our state's political system has become.

What we are learning is really disgusting – and it's getting worse.

With the Watergate scandal, we learned that the best way to uncover and understand a political scandal is to 'follow the money.'

When we follow the money in our state's utilities scandal, we find that Gov. McMaster, the Legislature and our Congressional Delegation are essentially wholly owned subsidiaries of the utilities. The utilities have 'bought' the support or silence of these politicians who are supposed to be looking out for the people's interest.

This week, The State did a devastating story that followed the money. Here's a summary of what they found:

SCANA has donated at least \$1.25 million to S.C. lawmakers and statewide candi-

dates since 2000.

Other contributions — almost \$80,000 — went to legislators on a committee that names the members of a state board that regulates SCANA.

Still other contributions — more than \$90,000 — went to 31 of the 32 legislators now trying to unravel how the plan to add two reactors at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station in Jenkinsville failed.

SCANA's contributions skyrocketed by almost 300 percent — to \$110,000 — in the year before state lawmakers passed the 2007 law that allowed the utility to charge its customers in advance for the Fairfield County reactors.

In June, SCANA and its subsidiaries, political action committees and employees showered the state's chief executive (Gov. Henry McMaster) with at least \$115,000 in donations. It is the most the company has given to one candidate in at least two decades, records show, driving speculation the company was trying to buy political cover.

Since 2009, SCANA has spent \$1.5 million on

Statehouse lobbyists, employing from eight to 10 in any given year.

SCANA has given money to more than 320 state candidates since 2000.

Those donations include more than \$1 million since 2006, the year before S.C. lawmakers passed the utility-friendly Base Load Review Act.

Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey, the Edgefield Republican who co-chairs the Senate panel investigating the V.C. Summer debacle, has received \$7,300 since 2006. Senate Minority Leader Nikki Setzler, the Lexington Democrat who co-chairs than panel, got \$6,250.

The company (SCANA) also has paid an unspecified amount to a powerful political consulting firm, Richard Quinn & Associates. That firm, which also helps elect legislators and statewide officials, is under investigation as part of an ongoing Statehouse public corruption probe.

A Post and Courier story showed that in recent years the nine members of the South Carolina Congressional

Delegation have received over \$630,000 in campaign and other contributions during the time that SCANA was seeking a special tax break from Congress. Three of the politicians have stock in SCANA, and best I know, none recused themselves from working on behalf of SCANA to secure this special multi-million tax break.

And now, the silence they 'bought' with their money to politicians. As far as I can determine from published news accounts:

None of these politicians have called for the resignation of the SCANA and Santee Cooper's board of directors or top management.

None of these politicians have publicly condemned former Santee Cooper President Lonnie Carter's \$16 million golden parachute and demanded that he give the money back. (Carter was a state employee.)

None of these politicians have publicly condemned the SCANA executives for giving themselves more than \$21 million in performance bonuses during the time that the

nuclear project was failing and demanded they give the money back.

None of these politicians have voluntarily publicly disclosed any 'dark money' they have received from the utilities in the form of unreported retainer fees, consulting contracts or other unreported payments from utilities to themselves, their businesses or their immediate family.

Only four members of the legislature have returned contributions or given the money to charity that they received from the utilities. They are Sen. Mike Fanning and Reps. Bill Hixon, Russell Ott and Micah Caskey.

Note to legislators — It's possible there are legislators that have not been silent about these five issues listed above. If so, please send me the news story of your comments or actions and I will issue a correction and publish the information in a future column.

I leave it to you the readers to decide: Is the legislature and these politicians 'wholly owned subsidiaries' of the utilities? Is the money they are accepting 'legalized bribery'? Are the util-



ities 'buying' the silence of the politicians who refuse to condemn their actions?

We deserve better. It does not have to be this way.

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FDTC collaborating in new program

CLEMSON— South Carolina's position as a national leader in advanced materials just got a giant boost.

A team of researchers from 10 universities across the state has received a \$20 million, five-year grant from the National Science Foundation's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) to establish a new initiative: Materials Assembly and Design Excellence in South Carolina, or MADE in SC.

"The vision of MADE in SC is to discover and establish new and sustainable approaches for the design and assembly of advanced materials that serve South Carolina's STEM research, education and workforce needs, and to invigorate economic development," said Rajendra Bordia, professor and chair of the materials science and engineering department at Clemson University and the co-principal investigator and scientific director for the statewide program.

Other collaborating colleges and universities are the University of South Carolina (USC), the Medical University of South Carolina, the College of Charleston,

Furman University, USC Beaufort, Winthrop University, Claflin University, South Carolina State University and Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Rajendra Bordia will be scientific director for MADE in SC.

With the EPSCoR grant, MADE in SC is committed to hiring 17 new researchers over five years at five institutions. The universities will also invest in training postdoctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students; outreach to K-12 schools and the public; and developing new facilities. Clemson will receive \$5.9 million of the grant and will hire five new faculty members, support 12 new doctoral students to work with 17 faculty members from six departments, and invest in new equipment for materials research.

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Deer season forecast good

By Charles Ruth
SCDNR Big Game Program
Coordinator

With the 2017 deer season soon opening in all parts of the state, South Carolina's deer population is healthy and the season outlook is good. Hunters are reminded that beginning this season, all harvested deer in South Carolina must be tagged at the point of kill.

Although the deer harvest has trend down the last few years, hunter success and deer harvest rates remain good. Top counties for harvest in 2016 included Anderson, Spartanburg, Calhoun, Hampton, and York with each of these counties exhibiting harvest rates in excess of 12 deer per square mile. Very few areas in the United States consistently yield comparable harvest figures. On the other hand, top counties for quality deer in 2016 included Aiken and Orangeburg in the coastal plain and Abbeville and Pickens counties in the piedmont. These results come as no surprise as these counties have historically produced good numbers of record entries.

As it relates specifically to the decrease in harvest during the 2016 deer season it should be noted that hunting conditions in South Carolina were poor during the fall of 2016. This began the first week in October with hurricane Matthew. The magnitude of this event forced a flood related temporary season closure for all game species in a number of coastal counties. Although these closures only lasted 5 to 10 days, the aftermath of Matthew created access and other problems for deer hunters. The deer harvest in a number of coastal counties affected by the storm was down over 25 percent, which dramatically affected statewide totals. Additionally, hunting was negatively impacted across the state by unseasonably warm temperatures and what many called a record acorn crop, both of which negatively affected daytime movements by deer. Recall that deer hunters faced similar poor hunting conditions in 2015 as a result of the 1,000-year flood spawned by hurricane Joaquin.

Provided we experience normal weather and seasonal temperatures the outlook for the 2017 deer season is very good. This is based on the simple fact that the decrease in harvest in 2015 and 2016 was largely a result of poor hunting conditions and not a dramatic change in deer numbers. That being the case, there was likely carry over of deer that would have otherwise been harvested if conditions would have been better last year. This is particularly the case with respect to antlered bucks because residual bucks from last year will be a year older and, likely, have better body weights and antler development.

Hunters should not be overly concerned if the deer population is down to some degree. Most hunters, to their credit, recognize the fact that having fewer deer leads to better quality deer. Results of SCDNR's antler records program indicate that this may indeed be the case as the last five years have seen over 1,000 bucks successfully entered into the state records program.

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The asphalt paving of Underground Branch Road, using County Transportation Commission funds of \$241,783, was approved. Council also okayed the use of \$10,000 in CTC funds to resurface Bell-Aire Street.

Council cleared a PARD Grant award for the Lamar Dixie Field Project. The grant amount of \$29,419 will require a local funding match of \$6,000, which the county will appropriate from Hospitality Tax monies.

Finally, Council voted to assign \$170,000 in contingency funds from the 2018 budget to resurface county roads in the Timberchase Subdivision, with the stipulation that the county receives matching funds from sources other than the county's own General Fund.

Hartsville

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Final readings were approved for Ordinance 4303 and 4304, reworking a real estate arrangement with the planned EdVenture Children's Museum satellite. EdVenture owned .17 acres of property located at 146 West Carolina Avenue, and they wished to deed the property back to the City of Hartsville for \$5, and then lease the property from the city for five years at a rate of \$1 per year. Previously, city manager Natalie Zeigler explained that EdVenture did not wish to own the property and preferred a lease arrangement.

Also at this special meeting, Council approved the appointment of Ted Williams to the Housing Authority of Hartsville Board.

Project A

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Superintendent Search

In other business, the board heard from consultant Dr. Rainey Knight about the search for the district's next superintendent.

In Knight's proposed timeline, a new superintendent would be selected by March of 2018.

"This timeline outlines everything that I think we need

to do," Knight said. "This month we will do the initial meeting with the board (and) finalize the timeline. Then we'll determine the role of the board; that can be ongoing but the board can be as involved as you want to be, regarding the process you want to use."

Knight was involved in the last superintendent search for DCSD. She said that they could use some of the same parameters and tools or start from scratch. One thing Rainey suggested was using more technol-

ogy this time around, such as creating an online brochure and application packet, as well as involving more of the community than just parents who may be in and out of schools on a regular basis.

"We did (a survey) before and you may want to do it again," Knight said. "It is getting the will of the people, if you will; teachers, staff members, principals, school improvement council, parents, community members. It is saying, what are they are looking

for in a superintendent? What do you want to see in a superintendent for Darlington County? So, you're looking at personal qualities like a good communicator...someone who is willing to move here, be a part of the community...strong instructional leader...the survey would have those kinds of things in it."

In Rainey's timeline, the district would be ready to recruit candidates at the start of November, with the intention of selecting semi-finalists by

January and introducing finalists during district meet and greets in March. Rainey said she would weed out candidates who did not meet requirements, such as superintendent certification, but that the board would be aware of each person who applied for the job. She said that while prior experience as a superintendent is often seen as a plus, she knows from her personal experience that Darlington County is a great place to grow into that leadership position.

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Solid Waste Collection	\$391,951.54	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$1,329,624.72	
Recycling	\$546,077.22	
Other SW Activities	249,854.14	
Total	\$2,517,507.62	\$37.27

*Cost per Capita is calculated by Net Annual Cost divide by Population

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Darlington County Environmental Service

35th Annual South Carolina
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The SC Sweet Potato Festival includes a day of fun for the whole family on the courthouse Square in Darlington, South Carolina. The event includes well over 100 vendors of food, crafts, games, and exhibits from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sweet potatoes and sweet potato dishes abound. Throughout the day entertainment takes place along with a classic/antique car show. A new feature this year will be a live auction of an array of interesting items worthy of your bid, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Darlington County Humane Society. Admission is free. For more information, visit the Pilot Club website at www.darlingtonpilotclub.org or contact Ruth Flowers at 843-393-3526.

QUOTE

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

Psalm 119:36-37

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Ronnie Gainey, Sr.
Ronald "Ronnie" Wayne Gainey, Sr., age 65 of Hartsville, passed away Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Funeral services were held 1p.m. Saturday, September 23rd in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Indian Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Born April 5, 1952, Ronnie is the son of the late Tollie Gainey and Toye Mae Morris Gainey. He worked for 22 years as a warehouse foreman for Diamond Hill Plywood. Ronnie enjoyed fishing, woodworking, playing guitar, gardening, and staying home playing pool on his tablet.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Elizabeth Morris Gainey; his children, Jacenda (Chris) Burr of Pamplico, Jamie Gainey of Timmonsville, Elizabeth (Terry) Johnson, Billy Gainey, and Ron (Candace) Gainey, all of Darlington; his grandchildren, Ashton, Skylar, Tiffany, Ariel, Terry Jr., Haley, Christopher, Kaitlyn, Gunner, and Sadie; two great-grandchildren; his siblings, Robert Gainey, James Gainey, Pete (Pat) Gainey, Sally Windham, Ruby Gandy, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by six of his siblings.
A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

Carlson performs free concert at St. Matthew's in Darlington

Sarah Carlson will be presenting an organ recital on October 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church in Darlington. She is currently the Director of Music at First Lutheran Church, Bemidji, MN, and is the keyboardist for the Bemidji Symphony under the direction of Dr. Beverly Everett. Minnesota Public Radio will be there to document the event. Her Program at St. Matthew's will feature a few of the works she played at

the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris a few years ago which includes works by Grayston Ives, Frederick Karam, Douglas Wagner, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Claire Carlson (11 years old and a 6th Grader at Schoolcraft Learning Academy), Sarah's daughter, will also be featured in the program playing selections on the Native American Flute with organ. Her teacher, Jon Romer, is an expert on the Native American flute and collabo-

rates with Sarah on many recitals throughout Minnesota. There will be a first ever pipe registration/rank on the new Casavant organ at First Lutheran titled, Bibiigwan, or Native American Flute, which Jon and Sarah helped to initiate with Casavant.
Ms. Carlson enjoyed her time living in South Carolina and has fond memories of being the organist and choir director at St. Matthew's Church. All are welcome.



Brunson-Dargan Elementary School has a new Girls of Character program. It is all about making wise decisions. Photo by Darlington Police Department.



Women from Saint James United Methodist Church recently gathered to make health kits for people affected by recent Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Photos Contributed.

LIVING ON PURPOSE Being thoughtful – on purpose

By Dr. William Holland

Over a 12-year span at UCLA, American college basketball coach John Wooden won ten National Championships and their total of 11 remains a record today. Wooden is regarded as one of the most successful coaches in sports history, and more importantly an even greater person. He was a man of integrity and character and was highly respected on and off the court. He believed in discipline and felt strongly about teamwork and demonstrating appreciation for those around him. This attitude of being outwardly gracious became the foundation of his coaching philosophy and played a huge part of his team's success.

Wooden taught that each time a player scored, they were to personally congratulate whoever helped make the play. At first, this seemed sissy and awkward to the arrogant players, but the coach explained that even the slightest gesture of recognition would encourage the individual and create a stronger unity within the entire team. This awareness is now openly seen in every sport with high-fives and the various gestures of open acknowledgment. This reminds us of how powerful our attitude can be as it has the potential to motivate or deflate those around us. Inspiring words can build self-esteem, confidence, and hope but they only have a chance to be effective when they are released. Imagine what a difference we could make by simply developing a determination to show our gratitude and be an encouragement to everyone.

I once heard a story about a man who dreamed he was in a beautiful palace, and was escorted into a huge dining room. The man noticed a round table with large bowls of delicious food in the middle of it. Sitting around the table were people who were holding three-foot long spoons. These individuals looked like skeletons and were starving because the spoons were long enough to reach the food but too long to put the food in their mouths. In anger and frustration, they kept trying desperately to feed themselves and it was a pitiful sight. Then, he was taken to another dining room and there, the man saw a similar table and likewise the

mouth-watering bowls of food in the center. These people also were using the extremely long spoons except they were all glowing with health and vitality. The room was filled with light and laughter and everyone was having such a wonderful time and then he noticed the difference. With joy and love they were using the spoons to feed one another.

Being thoughtful is demonstrating positive and encouraging communication – on purpose. As we choose to speak hope to the disheartened and offer a helping hand to those who are struggling, we can bring comfort to those who feel discouraged. Relaying a kind word is so easy, yet to someone who could use a pick-me-up these small acts of compassion can make a huge difference. It would be wonderful to consistently relay to our spouse, our children and our dear friends how grateful we are for them. As a light in this world, we've been called to develop the habit of recognizing the contributions of those around us and express how proud we are of their accomplishments. Every day we are given the opportunity to listen to God's voice and obey His instructions or ignore Him and live our own way. There is nothing preventing us from being respectful, appreciative, encouraging and generous. The choice is ours.

You have unlimited potential. God has drawn an amazing blueprint for your future and longs to help you succeed. You are unique, a one-of-a-kind masterpiece that He adores more than anything in the universe. He is aware of your situation and is working behind the scenes on your behalf. Jesus not only said He loved you, He suffered and died on the cross to prove it! There are so many people that could benefit from the gifts and talents that the Lord has given to you. You were created to bring hope into the world and as you reach out to help others this gives Him honor and glory. Never give up on your dreams, and be encouraged to know that since God is for you – who can be against you?

Dr. Holland lives in Central Kentucky where he is a Christian minister and author. Ask for a free copy of his new CD called, "Keeper of my soul" at: billyhollandministries.com

CHURCH NEWS

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

Pastor Appreciation
Great Commission Ministries Darlington, 757 Wire Road in Darlington, will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation on Saturday, September 30th at 6 p.m. Please come and show your appreciation for Pastor Kyle and Pastor Jamie Meyer as well as their lovely family. All are welcome.

BBQ Sale
Dovesville Church of God will hold a BBQ sale Oct. 6 starting at 10:30 a.m. Plates are \$8 and will be available until they are sold out. The sale will be at 3717 N. Governor Williams Hwy, Darlington. For more information, call Kathy Howle at 843-307-7613 or Mirriam Warren at 843-393-1786.

Holiday Bazaar
The Lamar United Methodist Women's Holiday Bazaar will be held Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 103 North Darlington Avenue in Lamar. The event will feature a silent auction, kitchen wares, frozen casseroles, a country store,

holiday decorations and crafts. Lunch will be available. Admission is free. For more information, call 843-326-5038.

The Upper Room Holy Ghost Mission
Sunday morning worship is at 11 a.m. Bible study Thursday night is at 7 p.m. at 109 Main St. in Darlington Come worship under the leadership of Pastor Warren D. Spearman. Call 843-250-0418 for prayer.

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.

Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line
Anyone who needs prayer for healing and deliverance is welcome to call the Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line at 843-393-8555. The prayer line is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church
3123 W. Palmetto St.,

Florence. Worship Time: 11 a.m. (4th Sunday 8:30 a.m.)
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Phone: 843-601-3672
Facebook: St. Catherine's EC
Vicar: The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson

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

Black Creek Baptist Church
Black Creek Baptist Church, located 139 Mont Clare Road, Dovesville, announces their hours: Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11a.m. Worship Services and 6 p.m. Evening Worship. Wednesday: 6:30 Adult Bible Study; Youth Bible Study, Children (Children In Action) 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

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

church? Call 843-393-7872.

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries
Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington announces their hours
1st/3rd Sunday Pastoral Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Church Services 11:00 Elder M. Frierson 2nd/4th Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 by Deacon Z. Frierson Service at 11:00 a.m. Min. Gerald Green. The community is invited to attend. Come expecting to hear the anointed Word. Contact Deacon.Z.Frierson 843-229-3158

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

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PETS OF THE WEEK



This big, beautiful boy is Jenson. He is a gorgeous dark brindle and has the bully look, thick and sturdy! He is very friendly and enjoys meeting other dogs. Jenson proves that love isn't only small and fluffy. He would love nothing more than to find his forever family and share the couch if there's room. If not, a nice cozy dog bed is also welcome as Jenson is just happy to be near his humans! Male; bully blend; 60lbs; 2-3 yrs old



Dressed to Impress! What other cat would even begin to tolerate wearing a snazzy neck tie! Meet Parker who is dressed to impress. This young teen orange tabby fellow is sweet plus! Very calm and affectionate, he quickly wormed his way into being a staff favorite and is described as friendly and lovable. Weighing just 7 lbs, Parker is your new best friend just waiting for you to take him home.

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 Stitches" 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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon is a fellowship of adult relatives and friends of alcoholics for mutual support. Visitors are welcome. Childcare is not available. Al-Anon meetings:
Thursdays at 8p.m at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street. Info: 843-992-2981.

Monthly Events

Yoga for Beginners

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

Darlington County Coordinating Council

The first Friday of every month at 11:30. February, April, June, September, and November at Carolina Pines; January, March, and May, August, October, and December at Medford Nursing Center in Darlington.

Hartsville Pilot Club

Fourth Monday each month at 6 p.m. at their clubhouse across from the Lawton Park Tennis Courts

Hartsville Kiwanis Club

Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at 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.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County Board of Education meets on the second Monday of each month. Additional meetings may be called for work sessions and information sessions. The meeting will begin at 6 pm for regularly scheduled meetings. The Darlington County Board of Education in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington, except where noted on the schedule.

Sept. 2017

Potluck/Cookbook Club

Each month a cookbook or theme is chosen. Select a recipe from the book (a copy will be available at the Circulation Desk) or pick a recipe that matches the month's theme. Cook it and bring it to the library to share. We hope to see you and your dish September 27. If you have any questions, call 843-398-4940.

College Preparation Workshop

ScienceSouth will host a College Preparation workshop on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. The College Preparation workshop will feature representatives from local colleges and universities as well as the military. Participants will learn about the institutions and gain insight on the admission process. The workshop is free to high school students, however, it does require registration. Parents may contact Casey Coker at 843-679-5353 ext. 309 to reserve a space. ScienceSouth is located at 1515 Freedom Blvd, Florence.

Oct. 2017

The Way We Worked: A traveling Smithsonian exhibit

The Way We Worked is a traveling Smithsonian exhibit that explores how work became such a central element in American culture by tracing the many changes that affected the workforce and work environment in the past 150 years. The exhibit will be on display at Black Creek Arts Council September 30 - November 12 with an Opening Reception to be held October 5th.

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Monday, October 2 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 October 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Market on Darlington Square October 7

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

Williamson Park Committee

The City of Darlington Williamson Park Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on October 10 at Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. 843-398-4000.

Parkinson's Support Group

A meeting of the Florence area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will be held Tuesday, October 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 121 E. Cedar Street, Florence. Stephen Cutia, Northern Tides Speech and Language, LLC, will speak about Voice and Swallowing Disorders in People with Parkinson's Disease" (including information about LSVT LOUD via telepractice). Meetings are open to people with Parkinson's, caregivers, family, and friends. For more information call 843-673-0854 or haybrton@gmail.com.

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, October 12 at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The

nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

Yam Jam Concert

Held in conjunction with the S.C. Sweet Potato Festival on Saturday, October 14 at Palmetto Furniture, 308 S. Main St. from 6 to 9 p.m. Bands include Level 10 and Eagle Wing Band. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 12 and younger, and free for ages 2 and younger. Bring a chair if you like. Food and beverages available for purchase. No coolers please.

Sweet Potato Festival

This festival will be held on Darlington Public Square Oct. 14. A freshly baked sweet potato is like nature's cupcake. And these treats are a solid source of vitamins A and C. That right there deserves a party. And the S.C. Sweet Potato Festival in Darlington, South Carolina, has that covered. This potato party is teeming sweet potato pie, crafts, food, music, a car show and more.

Pumpkin Festival

Pumpkintown, South Carolina will celebrate the 39th Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Oolenoy Community Building. The theme this year is "Oolenoy Valley." Activities include a parade, arts and crafts booths, music, clogging, food and fun activities for children. The festival starts with the parade at 9 a.m.

EAA International Young Eagles Rally

On October 14, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. kids 8 to will have the free opportunity to explore aviation with EAA Chapter 1058. Day of activities include ground course instruction, aeronautical exploration and a 15-20 min flight. Certificates awarded to all participants. The event will take place at the Hartsville Regional Airport. For more information, contact Chapter President, Sandi Brown at 843-307-1532.

Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, October 17 - Joint meeting at 6 p.m. at the Darlington Library or at the conference room at City Hall and as needed or requested by City Council.

Coffee with a Cop

Hartsville PD will hold a Coffee with the Cop event Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to noon at the Hartsville Safe Community Office, 710 S. Fifth St. Hartsville. There will be no agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. For more information, contact Lt. Richardson at 843-383-3011 or tenyonde.richardson@hartsvillesc.gov.

Fall Carnival

St. Luke UMC, 302 Dunlap Drive in Hartsville, will hold a free Fall Carnival on Oct. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be Trunk or Treat, games, food, face painting and bounce

houses. For more information, call 843-383-5169 or visit stlukehartsville.com.

Steinway School Celebration

Celebrate Coker College's Designation as an All-Steinway School

Friday, October 27 from 7-8 p.m. at the Watson Theater, Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Performing Arts Center, 300 East College Avenue. This event is free and open to the public.

Color Run

St. John's Elementary School APT will hold a Color Run on Oct. 28 to raise money for the school. The My School Color Run is an untimed fun run for all ages and fitness abilities. Participants who register by October 13 will receive a t-shirt, race bib, and individual color packet. Sign up by visiting StJohnAPT.eventbrite.com.

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.

Speed and Feed

The 5th annual BBQ Cook-off and Car Show is open to all years and models. The event will be Oct. 28 at Darlington Raceway. There will be a classic car cruise around the Raceway. Awards will be given out in several categories, including President's Choice, Best Truck and Best Rat Rod. For more information, call Sarah Hill at 843-395-8808 or email sehill@darlingtonraceway.com.

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Darlington County Delegation Joint Meeting

Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, & Legislative Delegation will meet Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. The location is to be announced Darlington County will act as host.

Nov. 2017

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council will meet Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway in Darlington, SC.

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Flu Vaccine: Your best shot at preventing the Flu

By Ashley A. Tallon, RN

Flu is a common, contagious lung and breathing sickness that comes around every year. It comes at the end of fall and lasts until early spring. Flu causes thousands of people to get sick, have to go to the doctor or hospital, and sometimes even die. Being sick with the flu costs a large amount of money. The health department said this past flu season, 90,324 people got sick from the flu and that 2,542 people

had to go to the hospital. Out of the people who got sick with the flu, 1,697 were from Darlington County (South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2017).

A flu shot is the best way to keep from getting the flu and spreading it to others. Since 2010, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has told all people age 6 months and older to get a flu shot. It is important to get your flu shot yearly because it protects

against the kind of flu that is going around at that time.

For most people, the flu is a mild sickness. It will make them feel bad, but they will get over it in usually less than 2 weeks. On the other hand, there are some groups of people who are more likely to get very sick and have problems such as having to go to the hospital or even dying from the flu. These groups of people include: children younger than five, adults over 65, pregnant women, people who suffer

from sicknesses like asthma or problems with your lungs, heart, blood, kidney, or liver, people who have problems with being overweight, or people younger than 19 who take aspirin every day.

It has been found that the most common reason people do not get a flu shot is that they do not think they will get the flu. They also think if they do get the flu, they will not get very sick. All people can catch the flu. All people have some danger of getting very sick to

the point of having to go to the hospital or even dying from the flu. Flu shots can keep people over 50 from getting so sick they have to go to the hospital.

Another reason people say that they do not take a flu shot is because it will give them the flu or make them sick. The flu shot will not cause the flu. It is made with a type of virus that cannot give you the flu. Most people only have a small amount of redness and a sore arm where the shot was given (Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, 2017).

There are several different types of flu shots. Based on your age, health history, and previous allergies, your health-care provider will decide which type you should get. You can get flu shots at your doctor's office, local health department, and many local pharmacies. Now is the time for you to be thinking about getting your yearly flu shot. It really is your best shot at keeping you from getting sick with the flu.

SCDNR grant program honored with national award

Boating culture is strong in South Carolina – and since 2001, one South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) program has sought to improve boating facilities and public access on the state's beautiful waterways. SCDNR's Boating Infrastructure Grant program provides competitive grants to marinas for developing and maintaining recreational boating facilities, funding 25 projects across the coast since it started.

Recently, the program was awarded the 2017 State Program Excellence Award by the States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA), which recognizes one state-adminis-

tered program annually for excellence in improving recreational boating access for state residents and visitors.

SCDNR's Boating Infrastructure Grant program coordinator Scott Meister accepted the award this month at the annual SOBA conference – and he said it takes a village to run the program successfully.

"Our success is based on many sectors of SCDNR working together to secure funding and complete these recreational boating projects," Meister said. "Our grants administration, legal, engineering, procurement, and environmental staff all play an essential role in the program.

The success of the program is also due in part to the vibrant recreational boating community of SC and their demand for accessible, high-quality public recreational boating access to the waterways of the state."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Program, which administers the Boating Infrastructure Grant program on the national level, nominated SCDNR. In their nomination form, they cited SCDNR's early participation in the program and ongoing prioritization of boating infrastructure projects.

Overall, SCDNR's Boating Infrastructure Grant program

has dispensed over \$10 million for 25 recreational boating projects across South Carolina's coastal counties. Floating docks, pump-out stations, transient slips, mooring buoys, and restrooms and showers at marina facilities have all been beneficiaries of the grant funding. Check out a list of past projects here.

Any marina facility with public access in South Carolina coastal or inland waters is eligible to apply for Boating Infrastructure Grant funding, and the next solicitation for funding will begin in March 2018. Learn more here or contact program coordinator Scott Meister for more information.

South Carolina students can have bright futures with Future Scholar

By S.C. Treasurer Curtis Loftis

Throughout my seven years in office, I've spoken with countless South Carolina parents about one of their biggest concerns: paying for their child's college education. Though the price tag of college can subject anyone to sticker shock, Future Scholar, South Carolina's 529 College Savings Plan, is a smart, easy and beneficial savings vehicle available to our state's residents. September is College Savings Month—the perfect time to start a Future Scholar college savings action plan for your family. Here are valuable insights:

Define your savings goals: The first step is to determine how much you ultimately want to save for your child's education. Do you plan on covering tuition only, or also room and board? Do you foresee your child attending one of South Carolina's fabulous universities, or do you want to save extra in case they decide to venture out of state or attend a private school? Visit Future Scholar's calculator page found at www.futurescholar.com/resources/calculators/ to predict how much college will cost when your child is ready to go, and how much you need to save.

Start early and save often: Start saving as early as possible. Doing so will allow you to put away smaller amounts and give your money more time to grow. It's never too late to start, but the later you do, the less time you have to build your funds.

Save as much as you can afford: Take a look at your budget to determine how much per month you

can realistically dedicate to your child's Future Scholar plan. Don't be discouraged if it's a modest amount—even just \$25 a month will add up over time. The key is to be consistent and gradually increase your monthly savings when you are able to.

Know what your Future Scholar plan can cover: Future Scholar funds can be withdrawn tax-free when used for qualified education expenses. These include tuition, room and board, mandatory fees, books, supplies, computers and other equipment required for college enrollment or attendance.

Take advantage of Future Scholar's tax advantages: Future Scholar has one of the best state tax deductions of any 529 plan as South Carolina tax payers enjoy a state income tax deduction of 100% of their contributions. Not to mention, the money in Future Scholar accounts is not taxed as it grows and won't be taxed when it is withdrawn for qualified expenses.

With more than \$3.1 Billion invested, Future Scholar has over 144,000 account owners who benefit from our program. We hope you will think about opening an account. Though your child's exact educational and professional plans may seem far off, one thing is certain: they will thank you one day for planning and saving for their future.

About the author:

Curtis Loftis is the Treasurer of the State of South Carolina, and is also the administrator of South Carolina's 529 college savings program, Future Scholar, which celebrates its 15th anniversary this year.

OP-ED

Unity is the Key

By Patricia Sullivan, Darlington County First Steps

We are in the 21st century and there are still things in America that evidently need work. The horrific event that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia is proof that some beliefs and practices are still very much embedded in America's soil. To be specific: racism, discrimination, and laws and policies that preserve inequities. When will communities join together and say enough is enough? It is past time for people of every race, gender, and age to make a final stand against those who try to sustain oppression. Unity is the only cure for this nasty disease.

The type of unity that could solve most of America's issues is one that is genuine, persistent, and intentional. Not the type people take part in because of convenience. A united group, including compassionate citizens and individuals from all walks of life, working together will silence conversations that reek of division and disharmony. A great example of the power unity can have is the Civil Rights Movement which lasted from the mid-1950s to the late 1960s.

The Civil Rights Movement was formed to achieve civil rights that were equal to whites

including equal opportunity housing, employment, education, the right to vote, equal access to public facilities, and the right to be free of racial discrimination. This type of unity led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voters Right Act of 1965. People of all backgrounds tirelessly worked with each other to put a stop to the wrongdoings of biased figures in power. This framework of togetherness was extremely powerful and obviously effective.

Darlington County First Steps understands the importance of unity, as it is the foundation of all that we do. One of our core values is community engagement, which requires us to build long-term relationships with funders, individuals, parents, community partners, and other stakeholders, ensuring maximum benefits to the families and communities we serve. With the help of individuals that sincerely care about children and families in Darlington County, DCFS is able to address issues in education, family-wellbeing, and health. We cannot be great as a county or country if we don't work alongside each other to end generational cycles of poverty and inequities. Real change is a result of true unity,

which starts at the community level.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Change will never happen until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are affected." America could achieve far more than before if the concept of unity is accepted and embraced by everyone. There is no better time than now to be energized and motivated to create change.

While you read the paper or watch the news in complete dismay at the current state of America, ask yourself these things:

What power do I have to change injustices in my community?

How can I work with others to better my community?

Then, discover the answers and be the change you wish to see.

Patricia Sullivan is a Communications Specialist with Darlington County First Steps. They can be reached at 843-398-2588.

South Carolina ranks 5th in the nation women murdered by men with handguns

Nationwide, 1686 women were murdered by men, according to the Violence Policy Center in Washington, DC. South Carolina ranked 5th in the nation for the 2nd year in a row with 46 females murdered by males in 2015. The homicide rate among females murdered by males in South Carolina was 1.83 per 100,000 in 2015. The age for homicides in which the age of the victim was reported (46 homicides), 8 victims (17 percent) were 65 years of age or older. The average age was 43 years old. Out of 46 female homicide victims, 23 were white, 22 were black, and one was Asian.

The most common weapons used in 53 percent of female homicide victims were handguns. 91 percent of female victims were murdered by someone they knew. Of the victims who knew their offenders, 72 percent were wives, common-law wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends of the offenders. Four female victims were killed by strangers.

The study found that nationwide, over 90 percent of women killed by men were murdered by someone they knew.

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Falcons fall one play, one point short of dramatic of comeback victory

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

This past Friday the Darlington vs South Florence football game had one of the most exciting finishes the Falcons Nest has ever seen. Unfortunately, however, the Falcons ended up on the wrong side of the outcome, losing 28-27 to Bruins.

Down 28-21, the Falcons defense, which pitched a shutout in the second half, forced one final punt giving Darlington one more opportunity to either tie or win the game.

"Our defense really did grind," Darlington head coach John Jones said. "They have gotten a lot better. We (offense) put them in some bad situations in the first half."

Getting the ball on its own 20-yard line with 2:01 left to go Darlington used big plays, costly South Florence penalties and maybe even some luck to march down the field, 80 yards, resulting in the seven-yard touchdown reception by Jordan English, his second of the game, as time expired on the clock.

"Our guys played really composed and that's the thing with young football teams that you like to see; that we are starting to grow up a little bit," Jones said.

English, who finished the drive with the touchdown, got the drive going as quarterback Brian Robinson hit him in stride for a 21-yard reception on the first play moving the ball up to the Falcons 41-yard line.

On the next play South Florence shot itself in the foot, committing a pass interference penalty, moving Darlington up to Bruins 44-yard line.

In Bruins territory with less than two minutes left on the clock Robinson did his best Michael Vick impersonation, eluding South Florence's pressure by escaping the pocket, rolling to his right and off of one foot slinging the football down allowing Martrez Hunter to go up and pull down the 30-yard reception.

With no timeouts the

Falcons rushed down the field, but after a one-yard run, a four-yard pass and a sack it looked like Darlington's drive was about to run out of gas.

Instead, South Florence bailed the Falcons out, committing its second pass interference penalty of the drive, putting Darlington on the seven-yard line with just 2.7 seconds left in the game.

With just enough time to run one last play Robinson connected with English as he came slanting into the end zone on the right side of the field sending a shockwave of excitement throughout the stadium.

Down by one, Darlington had a decision to make. Try an extra point to tie and force overtime in a non-region game that has no bearings at all on the playoffs or ride the momentum and go for the win.

Darlington, who had already had two extra point attempts blocked earlier in the game, rolled the dice and went with the latter. The play was intended for English on a tunnel screen, but a logjam of players disrupted the play, forcing an incompletion and ending the game.

As exciting as the game ended it was just as exciting at the start as Darlington's Nick Self took the opening kickoff of the game 98 yards for the score, but that was just the beginning.

South Florence answered the Falcons touchdown in just two plays on its opening drive following the touchdown as Tony McFadden ran in his first of all four of the Bruins touchdowns on the night, from 41 yards out to put his team up 7-6 after Darlington had its extra point attempt block on the previous possession.

All of McFadden's scores came in the first half with the first being a 41-yard run, followed by a 21-yard score, a 40-yard sprint to the end zone and a one-yard burst right with just 27.8 seconds left in the half.

That final touchdown was a blessing from a missed assignment by Darlington's defense as South Florence was able to get a receiver behind the sec-



ondary and make the reception down on the Falcons one-yard line with just 58.1 seconds left on the clock.

"The biggest thing with the blown coverage is we had a mix-up up front and the guy (the quarterback) was able to step up in the pocket," Jones said. "Had we come in the right gap, we just went to the wrong gap, he wouldn't have had time for that guy to get behind him, but you have to play the whole down and distance until the whistle blows."

Before that heart wrenching drive of South Florence's, Darlington had tied the game up at 21 after Henrique Pedro nailed a field goal from 30 yards out.

The field goal was a breath of fresh air for the Falcons kicking game who, before that point, had both of their extra points blocked.

Darlington's other scores came from another seven-yard touchdown reception by English in the first quarter and an eight-yard touchdown run by Javorius Williams in



the second quarter.

While the loss drops Darlington to 1-5 overall, the Falcons have improved greatly over the last two games both offensively and defensively and

with region play starting this week the time for this type of improvement has never been more important.

"Those guys are starting to believe in what we do," Jones

said. "We made some changes two weeks ago and they're having some fun, believing in what they are doing. Our offensive guys too. It's like a little fire catching on inside."

Cobra Drop Back and Forth Contest to Catawba College Indians

The Coker College men's soccer team dropped a back and forth 2-1 contest to the visiting Indians of Catawba College Sept. 23.

The Cobras came out strong in the first half, controlling the offensive end of the field and firing off 10 shots compared to the Indians five. However, Catawba found an opportunity to pull ahead of Coker with a penalty kick and scored in the 32nd minute of play.

The Catawba lead was short lived as Cameron McDonald found Jacob Simonis who buried his shot past the goal keeper in the 40th minute for his team-leading third goal of the season.

During the second half, Catawba found the back of the

net in the 80th minute and would hold onto the lead for the victory. Once again, the Cobras earned plenty of scoring chances, recording 12 shots compared to the Indians six in the second half.

Simonis led the charge offensively for Coker with one goal and seven shots. Other Cobras who fired off shots include Joao Silva (6), Matt, Trimby (2), Cameron McDonald (2), Robbie Jenkinson (1), Charles Hopwood (1), Aladdin Elfares (1), Chris Bordelon (1), and Albert Schonhofer (1).

The Cobras will be back in action on Wednesday (Sept. 27) when they travel to Mars Hill to take on the Lions at 7:30 p.m.

Coker Drops SAC Road Contest at Anderson

The Coker College women's volleyball team traveled to Anderson University to battle the Trojans in a South Atlantic Conference matchup, but lost in three straight sets (25-13, 25-10, 25-22). Chloe Attram led the Cobras offensively with eight kills, while Olivia Veith was next with five. Christen Bragg helped the offensive attack, adding 20 assists. Kara Overholt headed the defensive attack with 18 digs, followed

by Bragg with 12. The team finished with four total blocks, 23 kills, and 46 digs.

The Cobras return to the friendly confines of the DeLoach Center Sept. 26 to take on the Crusaders of Belmont Abbey College.

Tickets for each match are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free to all Coker faculty, staff and students. Live stats and video can be found at www.cokercobras.com.

ALL waiting lists at the Housing Authority of Darlington are closed effective Sept. 27, 2017

Notice of Appeal

A meeting of the City of Darlington Board of Zoning Appeals will be held at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, **Tuesday, October 10, 2017**, at 9 a.m. for the purpose of those interested in the Appeal to the Board, as listed below.

Item # 1 (Case 08/14/17) Property of Piyush & Sneha Patel, Tax Map No. 165-05-01-007; bordered on the North by Stone Road; bordered on the West by the property of Piyush & Sneha Patel, Tax Map No. 165-05-01-006; and bordered on the South by Pearl Street.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO ARTICLE V OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE SIGN REGULATIONS TO INSTALL A DIGITAL SIGN WITHIN 300 FEET OF A DWELLING.

Item # 2 (Case 08/15/17) Property of Linda D. Byrd, Tax Map No. 164-15-01-034; bordered on the North by Pearl Street; bordered on the West by the property of Michael Lynch, Tax Map No. 165-02-02-092; and bordered on the South and East by the properties of Louigene Hodges & Mary Tyson, Tax Map Nos. 164-15-01-033 and 164-15-01-035.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO ARTICLE IV OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION TO USE A PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR ASSEMBLY.

Individuals may submit comments in writing by Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017, to City Planning Department, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540, or they may provide comments in person at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Info: 843-398-4000 x 103 or darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.



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Spaulding Middle School names 2017-2018 "Mr. Football" and "Miss Cheerleader"



Spaulding Middle School 2017-2018 "Mr. Football" Ethan Hunt



Spaulding Middle School 2017-2018 "Miss Cheerleader" Cassidy Zimon



Do you know Darlington County?

Last week's photo was of sculptures next to the Center Theater in Hartsville. Readers with correct guesses were Sandra Wilson, Bill Segars and Ann Williamson. This week you will find another location shot, this time courtesy of Bill Segars. Do you know where it is? 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!

More than 1 Million traveled in South Carolina to view the eclipse; leaving \$269 million impact

Columbia -- Roughly 1.6 million people traveled to or within South Carolina to view the total solar eclipse last month, according to research released by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. Their hotel bookings and other travel expenditures left an estimated \$269 million economic impact across the state, making the eclipse the largest single tourist event on record in South Carolina.

"Not only does this research confirm what our indicators hinted at weeks ago, it puts the picture into sharper focus, adding more definition to the eclipse's total impact," said SCPRT Director Duane Parrish.

The visitation numbers and impacts were derived from a model combining data from STR, Inc. (which usually tracks occupancy,) the SMARI Survey of SC Eclipse Travelers and SCPRT's room inventory database. The survey was con-

ducted in states along the Eastern seaboard that traditionally have high concentrations of consumers who choose South Carolina for their travel. The survey does not reflect international visitation.

According to the research, more than half of eclipse travelers who left their hometowns to see the eclipse in another location in the state. About 800,000 visitors were from out of state, primarily from North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Most people who traveled to or within South Carolina to view the eclipse stayed overnight and reported participating in activities such as shopping, unique local dining, beach activities, visiting historical attractions or engaging in outdoor recreation.

Other findings:
· Most visitors viewed the eclipse in the Greenville, Columbia or Charleston metro

areas.
· About 48 percent of out-of-state visitors and one-third of in-state travelers indicate they went to an optimal viewing site like a park, a mountain site or coast.

· About 23 percent of out-of-state visitors and 25 percent of in-state travelers reported participating in an organized solar eclipse event.

· Nearly all of the respondents rated their experience as "excellent" or "good," describing their time in South Carolina viewing the eclipse as "unique," "amazing," or "once in a lifetime." The few "fair" or "poor" ratings were almost all due to poor weather.

· Another 3.8 million South Carolinians did not travel, but saw the eclipse in their hometowns.

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Dirty Dancing Drive-in Movie Night at Byerly Park



The City of Hartsville recently hosted a drive-in movie night at Byerly Park, showing Dirty Dancing on the field beside the Pirate Splash Pad. The 1987 flick was projected on a 40-foot screen while the audience either pulled up in their car or settled in the grass on chair, pillows and blankets. As the screen was inflated, there were many videos being shot and selfies being taken to commemorate the fun evening. There was popcorn and drinks and at least one basket packed picnic. Before the movie began local dance teacher Brenda Cranford gathered a crowd to learn a few quick dance moves. All ages gathered on the dance floor to learn a mumbo and other styles. While there may have been a few participants with two left feet no one seemed to care as they danced with family and friends, even trying their hand at the song famously danced to in the movie: (I've Had) The Time of My Life.

PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS



Former NBA player tells students to build a strong foundation for life

By Melissa Rollins
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In 1972, Dwight Davis was drafted third overall in the NBA. A decade later Davis was a shell of that person after falling into a cycle of drug use, eventually ending up homeless. Students at Hartsville High School recently heard from Davis, who shared how he found his footing again after an injury ended his short professional basketball career and how bad choices he made derailed his life.

"For me it is an honor and a privilege to be here and share with young folks a little bit about my life, not just the highlights but the lowlights," Davis said. "I tell kids, 'Let me be your crash dummy' if you ever think about doing something ill advised or stupid."

Davis told the student-athletes that he was a straight-A student in school and that he would never have predicted his life taking the path that it did.

"I had my first drink when

I was 21-years-old," Davis said. "That was after I was drafted. I was going to chill out and be cool. Over a period of time, I started experimenting with drinking and I got to marijuana. By my second year in the NBA, I was smoking a little pot. A little pot turned into a lot of pot."

Davis said that he made poor decisions when it came to the people that he spent his time with.

"With the pressure of the friends I'm around, hanging with, I got in to cocaine; I got in to cocaine my third year in the NBA," Davis said. "Those things that I abhorred all through high school, all through college, I find myself partaking. I wanted to be cool."

In his fifth year in the NBA, the third-round draft pick suddenly found himself unable to lace up and take to the court.

"My fifth year, I tore my left quadriceps tendon," Davis said. "We were playing the Boston Celtics in Oakland. February 20, 1977...I felt like somebody kicked me in my

knee...that was the last day I was on the basketball court. They did the surgery, back then surgery wasn't as cool as it is now, and I wore a cast for about six months. When they took the cast off, my leg looked like spaghetti but I was determined I was going to get back to (basketball)."

Getting back to playing basketball meant that he was going to have to lose his recreational bad habits.

"One of the things I knew I was going to have to do was I was going to have to stop my recreational use of cocaine and pot," Davis said. "So, I said to myself 'On this day you are going to stop using cocaine and you are going to stop using pot and you are going to start working to get your career back.' Then the day would come that I was supposed to stop and guess what, I didn't stop. It never occurred to me in the beginning that the reason I didn't stop was because I couldn't stop. I kept resetting the date and resetting the date. About a year after the surgery two things became apparent to



me. One: I was not going to be playing basketball again and two: I had a problem, a cocaine problem. That cocaine problem became a crack problem because I became very despondent because I couldn't get back to my basketball."

For the next twenty years, Davis struggled every day. He was homeless, got arrested, overdosed and decided several times that his life wasn't worth living anymore.

"The line was not like this line here (on the basketball court); it is an invisible line,"

Davis said. "This conversation is not just about drugs. It is about alcohol, it is about domestic abuse. You cross that invisible line, you cross that boundary...it is very, very serious."

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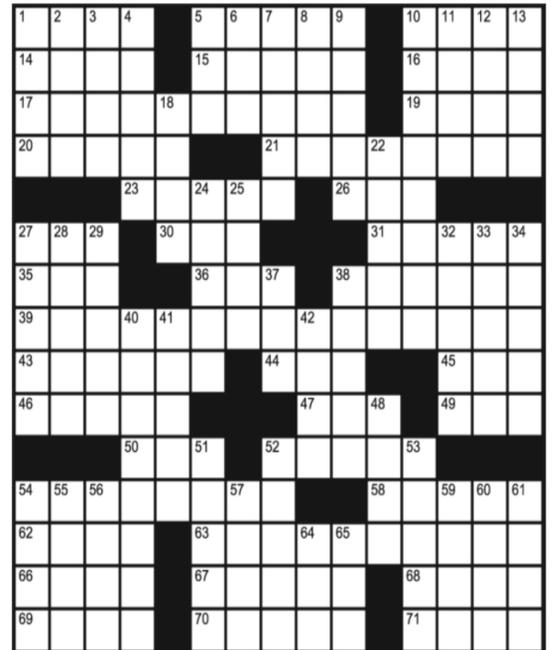


North Hartsville Elementary School Principal Kristi Austin recently spoke to Kiwanians about what's happening at the school and accepted a \$1,000 check from Kiwanis President Jim Nelson. The contribution is possible because Kiwanians barbecue chickens in May and the community supports the fundraiser by buying tickets. The money will buy books for classroom libraries. Contributed Photo



Sandy Brown of SPC presents TWO checks to Andrea Pulling of Carolina Kids! Carolina Kids were chosen to receive a \$500 SPC 75 Acts of Kindness Grant. They also won our Charity Selfie Contest at the Chamber's Women Symposium! Carolina Kids is an organization with a mission to enhance the lives of the needy children in the area by providing them with their basic necessities as well as opportunities they would not normally receive.

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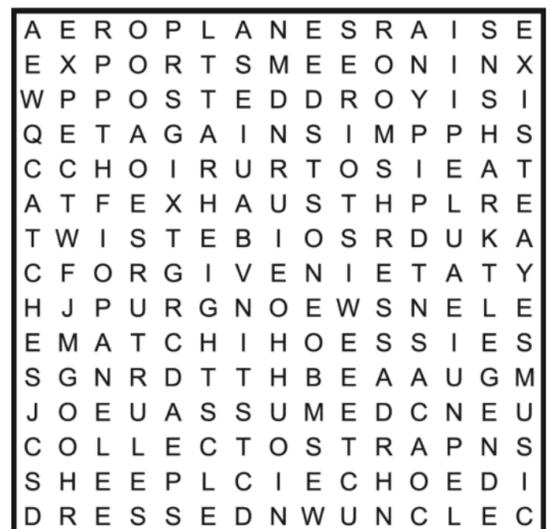
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- 62. Arizona Indian
- 63. British government
- 66. Fishing, perhaps
- 67. Vomited
- 68. Cracker spread
- 69. Freshman, probably
- 70. Abominable snowmen
- 71. Berth place

- 22. Heathen
- 24. Card game
- 25. ___ tide
- 27. Shrub native to the Andes
- 28. Cancel
- 29. Chop finely
- 32. Steals
- 33. Blockhead
- 34. Hurried
- 37. Blouse, e.g.
- 38. Addition symbol
- 40. Pertaining to dramatic art
- 41. Church leader
- 42. Plunder
- 48. Insect stage
- 51. Blotto
- 52. Pompous walk
- 53. Gas station equipment
- 54. Excellent, in modern slang
- 55. Gift on "The Bachelor"
- 56. Fencing weapon
- 57. Back of the neck
- 59. Clap
- 60. The "A" of ABM
- 61. Increase, with "up"
- 64. "Fantasy Island" prop
- 65. Driver's lic. and others

Down

- 1. Channel
- 2. Cuckoos
- 3. Cost of living?
- 4. Dork
- 5. Chester White's home
- 6. Elephant's weight, maybe
- 7. Biscotti flavoring
- 8. Computer list
- 9. Iron
- 10. Adjust
- 11. Soon, to a bard
- 12. Bad day for Caesar
- 13. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
- 18. Put one's foot down?

WORD SEARCH



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| Actor | Echoed | Match | Sheep |
| Aeroplanes | Exhaust | Milky | Ships |
| Again | Exist | Music | Showed |
| Assumed | Expect | Opera | Snake |
| Catches | Exports | Panel | Spine |
| Choir | Forgive | Posted | Strap |
| Collect | Gauge | Raise | Their |
| Comes | Gears | Relationship | Thunder |
| Contribution | Grain | Rides | Tubes |
| Daily | Hangs | Riots | Twist |
| Disease | Heights | Rooms | Uncle |
| Dispute | Issues | Rules | |
| Dressed | Legend | Shark | |

Answers on 5B

Toast of Darlington returns for 7th year

The Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce invites you to be their guest at the 7th annual Toast of Darlington. The annual event will be held on historic Oak Street in downtown Darlington on October 5 from 6:30-9 p.m. Guests will vote on their favorite dish, and be invited to participate in a special toast. This signature Chamber event includes a beautiful venue, live music, delicious food and drinks, and celebration of the community. Oak Street, with its historic beauty, will be decorated for an evening of fellowship and celebration. Johnny Glenn and the Chasers will be back in Darlington to provide the evening's entertainment. Guests will enjoy a variety of dishes, prepared and provided by local businesses and organizations, and will have the

opportunity to vote on their favorite dish. While organizations will have the chance to show off their culinary skills, they will also be competing for recognition and an award from the stage. After presenting the Toast of Darlington Cook Award, champagne and sparkling juice will be available to all guests for a special toast. This event showcases wonderful businesses, and presents the perfect opportunity to celebrate those who help make our community so remarkable. Tickets are \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased from the Chamber office or board members. For additional information, please contact Liz Gainey at (843) 393-2641 or egainey@darlingtonchamber.com.



Peggy Ruthven, Chair of the selection committee, presents a certificate from Pilot International and the Pilot Club of Darlington, and a plaque from the Darlington Pilot Club to Nancy Lee, the Club's 2017 PI Ambassador. Photo Contributed.

Denim & Diamonds benefit to support the New Vision Community Development Corporation senior citizen projects

The New Vision Community Development Corporation has announced their "Denim & Diamonds Affair" to benefit service projects for senior citizens. Boardmember and project coordinator Clarence Ings said the CDC was excited to hold their annual event. "The night will be filled with fun including a DJ who will take us all back to the

80s," Ings said. "It will also include dinner, dancing and singing artist from the past Supremes, Whitney Houston, Temptation and more." The New Vision CDC has a special interest in Senior Citizens. They provide a number of services like field trips, bingo games, arts and crafts, and exercise classes. Co-Chair Chanelle Ings is most excited about having citi-

zens throughout Darlington County coming to showcase their awesome attire. "The Denim & Diamonds events are sure to be an event for everyone to come and have a great time with laughter and fellowship," Ings said. "Through this fundraising effort, we plan to use the resources to benefit our "seasoned" citizen projects we have through our non-profit

organization New Vision." The event will take place at the New Hopewell Outreach Center Ballroom at 1416 Bethlehem Road in Hartsville on Saturday, October 14. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information about the Denim & Diamonds Affair, or to purchase tickets, contact Clarence Ings at 843-383-2754 or Sarah Ketter at 843-393-0422.

BACKYARD STARGAZER

By Francis Parnell

Along with cooler nights, October brings a number of pairings of planets and stars with the Moon. There's also an exceptionally close conjunction of Venus and Mars. At dawn on the 5th, Venus and Mars are only 1/4-degree apart in twilight - that's one-half the Moon's diameter! Binoculars will help separate sparkling white Venus from dimmer, red



Mars and an even dimmer background star in LEO, the Lion. Venus and Mars haven't been this close since 1995. One hour before sunrise on the 17th, a very thin waning crescent Moon is 6-degrees above Venus and 2-degrees left, or lower left, of dim, red Mars. On Thursday the 19th, Uranus is at Opposition (directly opposite the Sun in our night sky) at 1,757,084,752 miles (2.6 light-hours) from Earth. With a small telescope and a good star chart showing the path of Uranus, you should be able to see the small blue-green disc of the seventh planet from the Sun. Uranus can be found among the stars

of PISCES, the Fishes. The websites of Sky & Telescope or Astronomy magazines may have a star chart that you can print out. Uranus is just bright enough that under dark skies you can spot it without optical aid. For early risers, the annual Orionid Meteor shower peaks before dawn on the 21st under moonless conditions. Under dark skies, expect to see up to 20 meteors per hour. At 4 a.m. EDT, the constellation of ORION is high in the south-southeast, but scan the sky in all directions. You never know where you'll see a blazing streak of light! At dusk on the 23rd, Saturn is about 6-degrees left of the waxing crescent Moon

in the southwestern sky. On the 24th, a slightly fatter crescent Moon is approximately 6-degrees to the upper left of Saturn. Enjoy the early fall nights 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.

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Governor's School for Science & Mathematics students earn state's highest ACT scores

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) is pleased to announce that the GSSM Class of 2017 received the highest ACT scores in the state. With an average composite score of 30.1, GSSM students scored well above the national average of 21.0.

"Our students continue to make us proud. They work very hard and are deserving of this distinction," said Dr. Hector Flores, GSSM President. "We also congratu-

late the twenty other South Carolina high schools whose students scored at or above the national average. Their good work helps to build a stronger future for our state."

The ACT includes four different test categories: English, Math, Reading, and Science. Scores for each category and the overall composite are based on a 36-point scale. The exam is used to measure student readiness for first-year college courses and the performance levels of public, pri-

vate and home-based high schools.

For nearly thirty years, GSSM has been one of the nation's top-ranked residential high schools, serving the state's highest achieving juniors and seniors. It offers unique, college-level courses and a hands-on curriculum with a special focus on science, technology, engineering, math, and research, along with concentrations in economics and entrepreneurship, as well as a full array of

humanities courses.

One of 12 specialized science and math programs in the country, the School has been nationally recognized for its overall excellence, strong mix of intellectual challenges, and dedicated teachers, as well as its rigorous mentored scientific and economic research program.

For more information on how to apply for GSSM's class of 2020, visit: <http://www.scgssm.org/admissions/residential-admissions>.

SCDCA offers consumer assistance in response to Equifax Breach

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is arming consumers with the knowledge they need in the wake of the Equifax Security Breach. SCDCA encourages the 2.3 million South Carolinians affected to guard against identity theft and:

Know the tools. SCDCA has a short guide dedicated to helping consumers whose information was exposed. From security freezes to non-traditional monitoring tools to the signs of id theft, the guide will help get consumers on the right track. Access it on the Identity Theft Unit's webpage.

Call SCDCA's ID Theft Unit. Every case of identity theft is different. Consumers

with questions about how to prevent or address identity theft are encouraged to contact the Unit for specific guidance.

Avoid misconceptions and misinformation. Identity theft laws vary by state, so many SC consumers are often unintentionally given misinformation by the credit reporting agencies and national outlets. The best source for SC specific identity theft information is SCDCA's Identity Theft Unit. Some common misconceptions are:

A security freeze costs money. It is free to place, temporarily or permanently lift a freeze for SC residents. If a SC consumer is charged, they should file a complaint with SCDCA.

Looking at my credit

report hurts my score. Consumers are entitled under federal law to a free credit report each year. It does not affect your credit score.

The fraud alert is the same as the freeze. The fraud alert only lasts 90 days and does not completely bar access from the credit report like the freeze does. The

fraud alert also entitles consumers to an additional free credit report; the freeze does not.

My information was exposed, I must be an identity theft victim. Whether your information was lost, stolen or exposed, it doesn't make you an identity theft victim. A criminal has to use your information for you to be a victim of identity theft. This

difference is important, impacting the roadmap you take to address your situation.

To view the newly released short guide on avoiding identity theft, and other helpful resources, visit www.consumer.sc.gov or contact SCDCA's Identity Theft Unit 844-TELL DCA (835-5322).

About SCDCA

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs aims to protect consumers from inequities

in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit www.consumer.sc.gov or call toll-free, (800) 922-1594.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER SEPTEMBER 18 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25, 2017
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

• James Anthony Byrd, 27, of 920 Mondora Street, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Non Support; Fail to Appear DUS

• Ryan Christopher Caples, 28, of 128 Durant Street, Bishopville, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Fail to Return Drivers License After Susp

• Edward Dargan, 65, of 812 S Main St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Christina Jean Eversole, 33, of 2608 Rachel Lee Dr, Hartsville, Financial Transaction Card Theft; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths

• Elizabeth Antonett Gattison, 24, of 302 Chestnut St, Darlington, Shoplifting <\$2000; Shoplifting <\$2000; Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st; Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st

• Rusty Glen Johnson, 37, of 2329 Greengarden Lane, Hartsville, RSG Value \$2000 or Less

• James Deleon Munn, 35, of 406 W Mains T, Lamar, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Octavia Shamone

CHARGES

ABHAN: Assault and battery, high and aggravated nature

DUAC: Driving under unlawful alcohol concentration

DUI: Driving under the influence

DUS: Driving under suspension

CDV: Criminal domestic violence

CDVHAN: Criminal domestic violence, high and aggravated nature

PDC: Public disorderly conduct

PWID: Possession with intent to distribute

SPOM: Simple possession of marijuana

Peterson, 30, of 920 Mondora Street, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Alonzo Alexander Prescott, 44, of 401 Pennington Circle, Hartsville, Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Mary Beth Taylor Scurry, 24, of 128 Durant Street, Bishopville, Driving Under Suspension; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon

• Jodisha Lemeka Sumpter, 23, of 670 Archdale, Sumter, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Clifford Thompson, 42, of None, Fort Lauderdale FL, Safekeeping

• William Curtis Tyner, 64, of 2841 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, RSG Value \$2000 or

Less

• Wesley Albert Weaver, 27, of 225 Newman Swamp Rd, Lamar, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Samuel Bennett, 36, of 1680 Winding Ridge Drive, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000; Shoplifting <\$2000

• Leroy Brown, 59, of 406 Pine St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Michael Brandon Conner, 27, of Timmonsville Hwy, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree; Burglary 3rd Degree 2nd Offense

• Nicole Eva Crowley, 32, of 1029 E Lake Dr, Hartsville, Giving False Information; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; DUS (License not Susp DUI) 3rd or More

• Dominique Dequincey George, 35, of 913 E Carolina Ave, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Resisting Arrest

• Darius Cedric Gibson, 17, of 2760 Whitehall Ln, Hartsville, Murder; Arson 2nd Degree; Arson 3rd Degree

• Phlecia McCrea, 24, of 1275 Mimosa Drive, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Timekia McCrea, 24, of 2257 East Home Avenue, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Adam Eugene Odom, 33, of 437 Phillips St, Darlington, Obtaining Goods by False Pretense <\$75

• Dorian S Sansbury, 22, of 601 West Washington Street, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning; Entering Premises After Warning

• Keirsten Daine Small, 37, of 405 Trackside Drive, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Dan Ross Turnage, 30, of 254 Nivens Road, Patrick,

Safecracking; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Shoplifting <\$2000

• Elijah Wilds, 64, of 712 Tony James Road, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Fail to Appear Open Container

• Samuel Lee Broadnax, 55, of 409 Parrott St #12, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning; Shoplifting <\$2000; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor

• Rodney Ervin Cotton Jr., 31, of 312 Arbor Dr, Hartsville, Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Weapon/Sale/Poss by Certain Person/Stolen Gun; Poss Firearm by Convicted Violent Felon; Accessory Before the Fact to a Felony; Criminal Conspiracy; Armed Robbery Armed with Deadly Weapon; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st

• Marctezze Demetrice Johnson, 23, of 1608 South Fifth St, Hartsville, Poss Firearm by Convicted Violent Felon; Resisting Arrest; RSG Value \$2,000; Burglary Second Degree; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Receiving Stolen Goods Value >\$2000 <\$10,000; Hit and Run Accident with Property Damage; Driving Under Suspension; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Burglary Second Degree; Grand Larceny Value \$10,000; Burglary Second Degree; Common Law Robbery Strong Arm Robbery; Burglary Second Degree; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Jaquan Rashad McCoy, 27, of 409 Moccasin Lane, Lamar, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Jermaine McCoy II, 18, of 812 West Lynches River Road, Lamar, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Shykeem Shakur McCoy, 20, of 409 Moccasin Ln, Lamar, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• William Thomas Warren, 34, of 1346 Clyde Rd, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Rikki Williams Jr., 29, of 503 Swift Creek Rd Apt 2,

Murder suspects taken into custody

Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators with the Criminal Investigations Division have obtained murder warrants for KyRon Earl Jamal Peterson, 22, of Hartsville and Darius Cedric Gibson, 17, of Hartsville for the death of Dominic Alton Midgett. On September 5, Midgett was discovered deceased in a residential fire that occurred on Persimmons Dr. in the Hartsville area. It is alleged that Peterson and Gibson shot Midgett, then attempted to cover up the homicide by placing his body in a mobile home and setting it on fire. Peterson and Gibson are also facing two counts of arson.

On September 16, Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators were able to locate Peterson in Columbia. Peterson was arrested by agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and was found to be in possession of illegal narcotics. Peterson has been charged by SLED with distribution of methamphetamine and is being held at the Lexington County Detention Center on a \$5,000 bond. Peterson will be brought to Darlington County for arraignment upon release from the Lexington County Detention Center. Gibson was arrested on September 19 and denied bond on Sept 21. Gibson remains at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center.

This case remains under investigation. If you have any information you are asked to contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of

the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or text tip number 274637 (CRIMES). You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

Lydia area shooting being investigated

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies are currently investigating a shooting that occurred at approximately midnight on Sept. 24 in the Lydia area of Darlington County. There is one victim in critical condition. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

If you have any information you are asked to contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at (843) 398-

4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or text tip number 274637 (CRIMES). You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

Coroner seeks help to identify crash victim

A motorcycle collision has claimed a life early Sept 25. At 5:55 a.m., a motorcycle collided with a truck at the intersection of Kellytown Road and Hwy 151 near Hartsville.

The rider of the motorcycle died and was pronounced dead at the scene by Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee. The deceased was riding a Yamaha motorcycle. He is a white male that appears to be in his thirties. If you have any information as to who this person is you are asked to contact the Darlington County Coroners Office at 843-398-4920.

• Robin Reane Todd, 44, of 503 Dovesville Hwy, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine

• Christopher Lamont Dickey, 38, of 2061 Bellhaven Drive, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

• Michael Lee Elmore, 36, of 1010 Spring Wood Dr, Darlington, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Chris Foxe, 55, of 2404 East Lydia Hwy, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning

• Lofton McCoy Garvin, 34, of 103 Windham Circle, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Darquan NMN Gattison, 26, of 3408 Wildflower Lane, Darlington, Leaving Scene of Accident Unattended Vehicle; Speeding; Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License

• Robert Brennan Graham, 35, of 513 Bedford Ave Apt A, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000; Entering Premises After Warning; Violation of City Ordinance

• Hunter Andrew Gray, 19, of 556 Turnpike Rd, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct; Purchase/Possession of Beer or Wine by Minor

• Travis E Kirkland, 54, of 208 Plaza Rd, Lamar, Weekender

• Menny McCain Wright, 37, of 754 New York Ave, Kershaw, Weekender

• Chris Leon McCoy, 39, of 704 Ripley Station Road, Hartsville, Non Support

• Carolyn Nicole McCullough Taylor, 26, of 143 W Main St, Olanta, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Justin Deysean Parks, 19, of 346 April Drive, Darlington, Breach of Trust <\$2000

• Shakeena Laporchia Price, 25, of 131 Coker St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Justin Alan Skipper, 18, of 1032 Indian Branch Rd, Darlington, Breach of Trust <\$2000

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address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Joanne B Carter Date of Death: 10/9/2016 Case No: 2017ES1600176 Personal Representative: Terry Carter Address: 118 Vaughan Street, Darlington, SC 29532 Attorney: Gena Phillips Ervin Address: PO Box 2527, Florence, SC 29503-2527

(9p3 leave in thru 9-27-17) NOTICE OF SALE

Docket No. 2017-CP-16-0331 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 Octavis L. Gillespie and Naomi L. George, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on Monday, October 2, 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 2 containing 1.50) acres, more or less, upon a plat prepared by J.E. Tucker, RLS, dated May 15, 2000, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 186 at page 15, which plat is incorporated herein by reference; and also being shown and delineated upon a plat prepared for Levern and Betty James by Prosser Surveying Co., RLS, dated February 25, 2008, recorded April 11, 2008 in Plat Book 201 at page 793; which plat is incorporated herein by reference; and having such boundaries and measurements as shown thereon, more or less. This being the same property conveyed to Octavis L. Gillespie and Naomi L. George by deed from Green Tree Servicing LLC dated January 17, 2015 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on February 13, 2015 in Book 1074 at page 6563. TMS No. 116-00-01-049. Current address of property is --3337 E. Old Camden Road, Society Hill, SC 29593. 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 8.75% per annum. Eugene P. Warr, Jr. As Special Referee for Darlington County Plaintiff's Attorney: J. Kershaw Spong [SC Bar # 5289]

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(9c3 leave in thru 9-27-17) 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 October 3, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Darlington, to the highest bidder:

Real Property: All that certain parcel or lot of land with improvements thereon situate and being in the City of Hartsville, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, and being more particularly shown on that plat prepared for Frank E. Floyd by J. H. Walker & Associates dated December 11, 1996, and found recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 152 at page 189; said property bounded as follows: NORTHEAST by U.S. Highway 15 (5th Street); SOUTHEAST and SOUTH-WEST by property now or for-

merly of Hartsville, South Carolina Joint Venture, a partnership; and NORTHWEST by Poole Street (S.C. Highway S-16-198). TOGETHER WITH a permanent, non-exclusive easement appurtenant for vehicular and pedestrian egress and ingress as is more particularly defined and shown in the deed to Frank E. Floyd dated January 13, 1988, and found recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on January 14, 1988, in Book 923 at page 82. This being the same property conveyed to Frank E. Floyd by deed of Hartsville, South Carolina Joint Venture, a Tennessee general partnership of Richard A. Rice, Robert F. Koehler and 6116 Property Company, Ltd., recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County on January 14, 1988 in Book 923 at Page 82. Frank E. Floyd died testate on August 16, 2015, conveying his interest in the property Charles B. Baxley as Trustee of the Frank E. Floyd Trust. TMS No.: 056-14-04-074 Property Address: Corner of S. 5th Street and Poole Street Personal Property:

(1) Equipment. All equipment including, but not limited to, all machinery, vehicles, furniture, fixtures, manufacturing equipment, farm machinery and equipment, shop equipment, office and recordkeeping equipment, and parts and tools. All equipment described in a list or schedule which I give will also be included in the Property, but such a list is not necessary for a valid security interest in my equipment. (2) Specific Property. ALL FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT located at the Real Property. Equipment, Brand, S/N WALK-IN COOLER VOLL-RATH 880280120R FR-1 WALK-IN FREEZER VOLL-RATH 880280120R FR-1 MULTIPLEX (DRINK MACHINE) MULTIPLEX 888-000802 FRYER EXHAUST HOOD GAYLORD GESID 4527-020288 BROILER EXHAUST HOOD GAYLORD FRYER #1 (PRICED AS A GROUP) FRYMASTER 88021B10106 FRYER #2 FRY-MASTER 88021B10105 MULTIPOT #1 FRYMASTER 88021B0108 MULTIPOT #2 FRYMASTER 88021B0107 FRYER COMPUTER #1 (TIMER) (GROUP PRICE) FRYMASTER 89962 FRYER COMPUTER #2 (TIMER) FRYMASTER 89985 MULTIPOT COMPUTER #1 (TIMER) FRYMASTER 90009 MULTIPOT COMPUTER #2 (TIMER) FRYMASTER 90013 FRYER FILTER MACHINE FRY DUMP STATION FOOD SERVICE 874810288 EGG GRILL LANG BROILER NIECO 7031304 STEAMER (INCLUDED) W/PREP COMPUTER) HATCO 4105709502 MAIN PREP, COUNTER 853850288 HEAT CHUTE MICROWAVE #1 AMANA 9609139641 MICROWAVE #2 PANASONIC AB8195002446 MICROWAVE #3 SHARP 05164 MICRO WAVE #4 SHARP 05175 STAINLESS STEEL WORK TABLE FOOD SERVICE HATCO #1 COLLECTR-MATIC SPECIALTY FREEZER BROILED CHICKEN THAW/DISPENSER BERNRYE AIR 1213314 1213314 MEAT FREEZER WELL FOOD SERVICE FRONT COUNTER REFRIGERATOR HH353367-A ICE MACHINE #1 ICE ONATIC A815-00075-W ICE MACHINE #2 HOSHIZAKI KM-1200SRE BISCUIT OVEN VULCAN 8802570 CREST-COR BISCUIT HOLDER DRIVE-THRU SERVICE COUNTER FOOD SERVICE DRIVE-THRU ICE BIN FOOD SERVICE DRIVE-THRU DRINK TOWER DRIVE-THRU CUP DISPENSER 3M COMMUNICATION SYSTEM 3M HME DRIVE-THRU TIMER HME 42484 FRONT SERVICE COUNTER FOOD SERVICE 0942288 MENU BOARD (FRONT COUNTER) MENU BOARD (DRIVE-THRU) FASFAX POS SYSTEM FASFAX LA1333 SELF-SERVICE DRINK BAR FOOD SERVICE REMCOR ICE DISPENSER #1 REMCOR REMCOR ICE DISPENSER #2 DRINK HEADS #2 TAYLOR SHAKE MACHINE 5454 TAYLOR DINING ROOM PACKAGE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SOFTPLAY PLAY-GROUND TABLE/CHAIRS FOOD SERVICE CDI PLAYER 007247 VCR (TV & VCR PRICED AS SET) 054181233169 TV 722475501 SAFE TIME CLOCK LEVEL LIGHT BAR SYSTEM WASH/RINSE/SANITIZE SINK SALAD PREP. SINK HAND SINK #1 HAND SINK #2 PARAPET BANDS BUILDING LETTERS BUILDING LOGO SIGN #1 BUILDING LOGO SIGN #2 POLE SIGN WITH MARQUIS SMALL WARES/MISC STAINLESS RACKS ETC. PRINCE CASTLE TOASTER PRINCE CASTLE BISCUIT OVEN TIMER SPECIALTY TABLE FOOD SERVICE FRONT COUNTER CUP DISPENSER REACH-IN REFRIGERATOR (BACK)SILVER KING 360553 DRIVE-THRU CAUTION/CLEARANCE SIGNS HEALTH SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five percent

(5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to 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 twenty (20) 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). Personal Deficiency being demanded, the bidding will remain open for 30 days, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.0% per annum. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its rights to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. W. Haigh Porter Special Referee, Darlington County

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP B. Keith Poston Attorney for Plaintiff P. O. Box 11070 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-2000

(9c3 leave in thru 9-27-17) Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00418 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Caleb W. Jones; Home-Spec, Inc, I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on October 2, 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 improvements thereon, situate lying and being Northeast of Hartsville, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, and being designated as Lot 2, Section C, of Sherwood Forest Subdivision as shown on plat made by W. R. Banks, RLS, recorded in plat Book 39 at Page 93. Said lot also being shown on an individual plat prepared for Rose Marie Goyeneche and Jonathan Diven by Lind, Hicks & Associates, Surveyors, Inc., recorded in Plat Book 198 at Page 619, Darlington County Records. Reference being held to the aforementioned plats for a more complete and accurate description of metes and bounds. THIS BEING the same property conveyed to Caleb W. Jones by virtue of a Deed from Home-Net, Inc. dated December 15, 2015 and recorded December 21, 2015 in Deed Book 1077 at page 4070 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina. 127 Robinhood Road Hartsville, SC 29550 TMS# 055-03-01-041

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 750/1000 (4.750%) 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 easements and restrictions of record. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Special Referee for Darlington County Darlington, South Carolina _____, 2017 Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700

(9c3 leave in thru 9-27-17) NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Maruti Sunand Inc. intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of Beer, Wine at 162 S. Main Street, Society Hill, SC 29593. To object to the issuance of this permit/license,

written protest must be post-marked no later than Oct. 6, 2017. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

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

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

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

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

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

Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, Attn: ABL, PO Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

(10p3 leave in thru 10-4-17) NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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Case No: 2017ES1600299 Personal Representative: Denise Douglas King Address: 314 Brantley Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 Co-Personal Representative: Donald Hampton Douglas Address: 1652 Lakeview Blvd, Hartsville, SC 29550 Co-Personal Representative: Graham Vick Douglas Address: 4052 Porter Road, Bethune, SC 29009

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(11c3 leave in thru 10-11-17) SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) DEFICIENCY WAIVED STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00441 Guild Mortgage Company, PLAINTIFF, vs. Ana Jackson; Gardner Green, LLC DEFENDANT(S) TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the 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 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 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 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 Master in Equity for Darlington County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity 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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Mobile Home for rent, unfurnished 2 Bd, 2 Bath, washer/dryer hook up, no pets, Darlington area, \$475.00/deposit, \$475.00/month, 843-395-9373, 843-260-1200 cell 5ctfn

MOBILE HOME LOTS

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AUCTIONS

ABSOLUTE AUCTION - Guns - Ammunition - Trailer - Furniture - Glassware. Saturday, October 7, 10 AM. 1300 Whippoorwill Road, Hartsville, SC. Damon Shortt Auction Group, 877-669-4005. SCAL2346. damonshorttproperties.com

FARM EQUIPMENT LIQUIDATION AUCTION - Sat., September 30th, 2615 GREEN SEA RD. LORIS SC 29569. www.Nicholsonauction.net. Consignments Welcome! Contact Wayne at 843-687-0307. SCAL#4245

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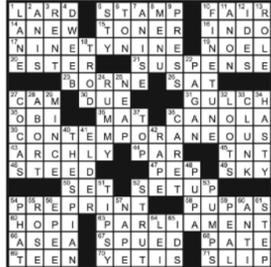
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DCSD hosting 2017 Magnet Fair at Darlington Middle School

Students and families from across Darlington County School District are invited to participate in the 2017 Magnet Fair on Sept. 28 from 6-8 p.m. at Darlington Middle School.
The Magnet Fair aims to stir up excitement and applications for the district's magnet programs. There are several programs available in the district, and returning for a second year will be the ACCELERATE SC's Engineering LaunchPad and Pre-ACCELERATE BRIDGE Program. Open to rising ninth and 10th graders, the program will be housed at Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology. Criteria for acceptance into the programs include successful completion of Algebra I in eighth grade, successful completion of Algebra II in ninth grade, current first semester grades, standardized test scores, and two positive teacher recommendations.
The district's online magnet application will go live at the

start of the fair. The exciting event will kick off with an opening act by the Darlington Middle School cheerleaders in the school's cafeteria. The fair will also feature photo booths, face painting and food for sale.
Other performances during the Magnet Fair will include Darlington High School Marching Falcons, Hartsville Middle School band, Thornwell School for the Arts' chorus, Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology's Phoenix Phame. All contributing schools will include Brockington Elementary Magnet School, Thornwell Middle School, Darlington Middle School, Hartsville Middle School, Darlington High School, Hartsville High School and Mayo High School.
Darlington Middle School is located at 150 Pinedale Drive in Darlington. For more information, call Marisa Johnson, coordinator of Arts and Innovative Programs, at 843-398-2241.

Chamber hosts community tailgating event

The Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce is hosting Darlington's Biggest Tailgate on Thursday, September 28. This free community event will take place on the Square in Darlington from 6-8:30 p.m., the day before Darlington High School's Homecoming game against the Crestwood Knights. There will be food and drinks for purchase, live music from Johnny Glenn and the Chasers, and a canned food drive to benefit The Lord Cares.

The entire Darlington community is invited to come out to the Square to show their team spirit. Attendees are asked to wear their best spirit gear and to bring canned goods in support of their favorite teams. The canned food drive will benefit The Lord Cares, and will also add a little friendly competition to the event. As attendees come in support of their favorite teams, they will also be placing their canned food dona-

tions in their favorite team's bin. At the end of the evening, the team with the most cans wins. Fans will celebrate the victory by listening to their fight song and chanting. This is the perfect opportunity to wear your DHS purple, and help them win the canned food competition. However, you can come dressed to support any sport's team; it is not limited to any sport, school, or division.
This event lives up to its name of Darlington's Biggest

Tailgate because of the tailgating atmosphere. Everyone is invited to bring their tailgating chairs and enjoy live music and good food. Johnny Glenn and the Chasers will be providing the evening's entertainment, and food and beverages will be available for purchase. No tents, cars, or coolers are allowed.
Darlington's Biggest Tailgate is a free event for the Darlington community. For more information call the Chamber at 843-393-2641.

GSSM Alumna's research published in Forensic Science International Journal

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) is pleased to announce that research conducted by Katherine Kilgore, GSSM Class of 2016, has been published in Forensic Science International.

Kilgore, daughter of Robert and Ruth Kilgore of Hartsville, worked on her research during the Summer Program for Research Interns (SPRI). SPRI and the international Research Experience Scholars Program (RESP) are exciting programs unique to GSSM. For six weeks during the summer between junior and senior years, GSSM students join research groups at university and corporate R&D labs in South Carolina, the United

States, Europe or Asia. Students work with their research mentors and Governor's School faculty during their senior year to compile and analyze their research findings, prepare formal research papers, and present their work at the GSSM Annual Research Colloquium and at the SC Junior Academy of Science annual meeting.

Placed at the University of South Carolina in 2015, Kilgore worked under the supervision of Dr. Stephen Morgan, a professor in the department of chemistry and biochemistry. Her research was entitled "A quantitative method for determining a representative detection limit of forensic luminol test for latent bloodstains."

FMU students elected to lead S.C. College Republicans

Much can be said about the merits of taking chances and seizing opportunities in college.

Just ask the three students from Francis Marion University who are now the highest-ranking members of the South Carolina College Republican apparatus.

Tyler Hughes, a senior from Cane Branch, was elected the South Carolina College Republican's (SCCR) chairman over the summer. Austin Halliburton, a senior from Goose Creek is the second vice chair and Kylie Cracknell, a senior from Murrells Inlet, is the membership director.

SCCR records aren't comprehensive of the organization's history, but the ascent of an FMU student to the chairmanship is a rare event, as students from the state's larger universities have long dominated the SCCR.

Hughes, who has volunteered for various political

campaigns since his freshman year, says it was just a matter of seizing an opportunity.

Hughes says that is what and his friends have been doing since they arrived at FMU.

"We all kind of met at the student involvement fair when we were freshman," says Hughes. "We went to the first chapter meeting (of FMU's College Republicans) and were just about the only ones there. We saw that wasn't going to fly, so we wound up running as a ticket."

The trio helped build the membership of the FMU College Republicans – the group now boasts more than 100 members and regular meeting attendance of 20 to 30 students – then set their sights on the state organization.

All three FMU students have been political junkies since high school. They say that more students ought to

take an interest in politics.

"It really does make a difference," says Cracknell, a political science major. "There are politics in almost every part of life. Being involved is important."

Halliburton is replacing Hughes as the chair of the FMU chapter of the College Republicans. Cracknell is the local chapter's vice chair.

Right: Tyler Hughes, Austin Halliburton and Kylie Cracknell were recently named to the top top seats of the South Carolina College Republicans organization. Photo Contributed.



Scientist partners with SRNL to repurpose nuclear power byproduct

CLEMSON – From the mining of uranium ore to the storage of used fuel, radioactive waste is generated at every stage of the nuclear fuel cycle, and a Clemson University scientist is pursuing research that could help in handling it.

Creager and three collaborators sit in conference room

In a collaboration with the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) in Aiken, College of Science professor Stephen Creager of the department of chemistry is working on ways to clean water contaminated by radioactive tritium.

Tritium is an isotope, or form, of hydrogen with a nucleus that has one proton and two neutrons. It differs from hydrogen in that the element's most common form – protium – has a lone proton and no neutrons. The other isotope of hydrogen – deuterium – falls in the middle of the three, having one proton and one neutron.

Because tritium is an unstable, radioactive isotope, it's the rarest form of hydrogen, produced mostly as a byproduct of nuclear reactors rather than as a naturally occurring isotope. The Savannah River National Laboratory is one of two facilities in the United States that stores the majority of the country's nuclear waste, prompting the desire for SRNL to better understand how to dispose of or repurpose tritium. Creager might have a way to do it using the world's thinnest material: graphene.

"In 2010, the Nobel Prize in physics was awarded for studies on graphene," Creager said. "At the time, I thought it was trivial because graphene is just a layer of graphite – the lead of pencils – but just that single layer has all of these interesting properties, one of which is that it's an excellent barrier. It's thin, but it's also very impenetrable, and people are doing things like putting it in batteries because it's got a very high surface area and it's electronically conductive."

The researchers who won the Nobel Prize continued to work with graphene and discovered in 2014 that under certain conditions the material is permeable to hydrogen ions, also called protons.

"It was a shocking result because everyone had assumed up to that point, and all the measurements had confirmed, that even something as small as a helium atom – two protons and two electrons – couldn't move through graphene.

And yet, a proton could," Creager said. "That was a cool discovery and there are all kinds of things you can do with that knowledge."

Two years later, in the publication that caught Creager's attention, the same researchers found that not only did graphene allow protons to flow through it, but it let them through 10 times faster than deuterons, the nuclei of deuterium atoms. In other words, graphene allows 10 times more protons to be separated from deuterium in a single step, an enrichment factor that trumps conventional methods.

One of those conventional methods – electrochemical hydrogen pumping – provides a way to separate mixtures of gases composed of hydrogen isotopes. Schematically, a hydrogen pump is an electrochemical cell that has a cathode on one end, an anode at the other and is connected to a power source.

"You take a mixture of hydrogen and deuterium gas and it comes in one side. You oxidize the hydrogen into protons and deuterons, which go across the cell. The deuterons are blocked and only pure hydrogen comes out the other side," Creager said. "It's a boring device because hydrogen comes in and hydrogen goes out, but it's also very interesting because it provides a means of separating hydrogen ions from deuterium and tritium ions."

At the time the Nobel Prize researchers released their latest findings, Creager was already working with the Savannah River National Laboratory on a different, less successful project. He was a perfect match to reimagine the hydrogen pump, given his development of a miniature fuel cell that requires only a few micrograms of catalyst to stimulate a reaction. In Creager's miniature cell, a 2-by-2-inch piece of graphene – with a market value of \$250 – can provide for 20 experiments, whereas a typical cell would need 20 times that amount.

The team's idea is to build an electrochemical cell that can clean tritium out of contaminated water by means of water electrolysis – useful to SRNL in the event that its storage facilities ever leak tritium into the groundwater and useful to Creager for his miniature cell specialty.

In the cell, contaminated water would flow in one side and a reaction will convert the water into its components: hydrogen – or deuterium

or tritium – and oxygen. The isotope would then arrive at the second end of the cell and be reduced into hydrogen. Adding a graphene layer could selectively collect deuterium and tritium on the water side of the cell, allowing only depleted pure hydrogen on the other side, thereby cleaning the water.

"The place with the greatest need for cleanup in the world right now is at the Fukushima plant in Japan that was damaged by the 2011 tsunami," Creager said. "There are millions of gallons of contaminated water there and there's not really any viable way to clean it up."

While nuclear cleanup is a primary interest of the project, being able to concentrate tritium can have other applications, too.

"The whole reason that the Savannah River Lab exists is because they produced the hydrogen and tritium used in hydrogen bombs in the 1950s," Creager said. "They still produce the tritium that is used to make nuclear weapons, the point being they have lots of experience handling the stuff."

But tritium isn't all sinister, Creager pointed out. The isotope has a half-life of 12 years, meaning that it will last for 12 years before it loses half of its radioactivity. That makes it an ideal substance to use in a long-lasting battery, though it's also known for its use in glowing "exit" signs above doorways.

The team's method – technically called hydrogen isotope fractionation using graphene – could also have applications in the world's ever-changing energy landscape.

"What if you could couple a deuterium isolation plant to one of these water electrolysis plants that is associated with a renewable energy source? If you can't dump the electricity on the grid, then you have to convert it to some useful product. Maybe that product could be hydrogen," Creager said. "I don't know the answer to that – we provide the knowledge for a design engineer or maybe a utility company who can then find the most optimal ways to use energy."

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Darlington High School senior girls tennis players



DHS Senior Christina Wenteler. Photo Contributed



DHS Senior Ryanne Weatherford. Photo Contributed

Sen. Tim Scott supports Cassidy-Graham Health Care solution

Charleston, SC – U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) released the statement below in support of the Cassidy-Graham health care bill.

"Our great nation is home to more than 320 million people spread across almost four million square miles. We have states with nearly 40 million people, and states with less than 600,000 people. To try and dictate health care policy from Washington, D.C. simply does not make sense. That's

why I support the Cassidy-Graham solution to empower states to make choices for their people based on their specific health care needs and trends. South Carolina faces different challenges than Oregon, so why would we try and force a one-size-fits-all system on them both?

The fact remains that Obamacare is failing the American people. Skyrocketing premiums, high deductibles and overall

uncertainty in the marketplace means we need a new solution. By block granting money directly to states, we take a significant step forward in putting our health care system back in the hands of patients and their doctors while still protecting people with pre-existing conditions, repealing the individual mandate and stopping some burdensome Obamacare taxes. I'm on board – now let's go get the votes!"