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

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## Hartsville Cemetery seeks \$150,000 grant, National Register status

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The continuing effort to clean, survey, and restore the historic Marion Avenue Cemetery, final resting place for many African-American Hartsvillians from 1904 to 1995, could get a major boost from an infusion of grant funds and recognition on the National Historic Register.

The Marion Avenue Cemetery, located behind the now-demolished Lincoln Village Apartments off 8th Street, was

for decades overgrown with brush and difficult to access. Active citizens teamed with the City of Hartsville to raise funds and clear away growth and trash, and now members of the city's Historic Marion Avenue Cemetery Committee are aiming to secure the cemetery's status with two initiatives.

At the committee's January 30 meeting, Mary Catherine Farrell, assistant to the city manager, told members that the City will submit a letter of intent to apply for a \$150,000 grant from

the National Trust for Historic Preservation's African-American Cultural Heritage Action Fund. If invited to submit a full application, the City would propose to use the entire grant amount for specific cemetery projects.

These projects would include building a monument listing names of those buried at Marion Avenue and those who may be interred in unmarked graves, buying markers for perhaps 300 unmarked graves, using 2-D or 3-D ground penetrating radar to plot unmarked graves, erecting

fencing, and repairing damaged tombstones.

Farrell said this grant only chooses six recipients nationwide each year, but such a significant award is worth pursuing the application process.

The committee is also beginning work on its application for Marion Avenue Cemetery to be included on the National Register of Historic Places. Committee member and Hartsville Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Andrews said that one of the first steps in this process is

underway: preliminary research into the burials of noteworthy citizens, veterans, and those born into slavery.

Andrews presented this preliminary list, which includes at least 17 veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, as well as some veterans of the Spanish-American War.

The Marion Avenue Cemetery is the resting place of the Rev. Henry H. Butler, principal of Butler School from 1909 to 1946 and pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Also, according to Andrews' list, at least 42 persons born into slavery were buried at Marion Avenue.

The committee plans to conduct a Survey Day on the morning of February 17 to photograph grave markers and take note of grave conditions. Any interested members of the public are invited to take part. Results of this survey will be discussed at the committee's next meeting on February 27, to be held at Hartsville City Hall, located at 100 East Carolina Avenue.



Marguerite Willis stands beside the sign that landed her on the front page of the New York Times after the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

## Willis throws her hat in ring for 2018 Governor's Race

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On February 1, from the front steps of her house in Florence, attorney Marguerite Willis announced that she is running for Governor of South Carolina.

In the June 12 Democratic primary, Willis will face businessman Phil Noble and state representative James Smith.

During her announcement, Willis said that South Carolina is at a point in history where some hard decisions need to be made.

"It seems to me that our state is at a crossroads," Willis said. "We have a lot of issues that we need to deal with. Some of them are new and some of them are same old,

same old. For a long time I've been thinking about 'What can I do about this?' And more recently, as many people here know, I've been thinking 'What should I do about this?' That is why we are here today; I've made up my mind."

Willis said that her desire is to do something for the people and the state that helped shape her into who she is today.

"I'm not a politician, I've never run for office, but I know this: this is a great state," Willis said. "This state has given me much and it is time for me to give something back. If I know one thing, I know this: our days are numbered on this earth. But every day that we have, we get to make the choice of how we invest our time. Today, I am here to tell

you that I have decided to invest my time in the great state of South Carolina."

Though some may question entering the race as a relative unknown with numerous, more prominent, candidates having already announced their candidacy on both sides of the aisle, Willis said that her outsider voice is something currently lacking.

"So why now," Willis said. "Time's up. Time is up for sexism and racism and all kinds of hateful conduct. It is time for equal rights and equal pay and not just for women, but for everyone who does the same job. If you're like me and you're tired of politicians that lie to you, if you're tired of politicians that cheat you...I'm your gal."

As an antitrust lawyer with

Nexsen Pruet, Willis said that she understands how to hold people accountable for their promises and their actions.

"I have dealt with the biggest and toughest issues that businesses have to offer," Willis said. "I know what it takes to run a business and I know what it takes to correct mistakes businesses have made. I bring to this race, I bring to this state, real world experience in solving the biggest, most complex business problems that we have and we have a world of businesses problems to solve."

One hot button issue that Willis brought up during her announcement was medical marijuana.

WILLIS ON 3A

## Four finalists named for Darlington Chief of Police post

**Editor's Note: Due to the timing of these events and the announcement of the chosen candidate accepting the position, the latest information on this may be available on online at, [www.newsandpress.net](http://www.newsandpress.net).**

During two sessions last week, the citizens of Darlington had the opportunity to get to know the four finalists for chief of police. The candidates were James Hudson of Hartsville, Kelvin C. Washington of Hemingway, Julius Riley of Cheraw and Kimberly Nelson of Hartsville.

James Hudson has 22 years of law enforcement experience.

Hudson said that as a former police chief in neighboring Hartsville he understands that respect doesn't come with the office, it must be earned.

"When I was in Hartsville I was asked by council what some of the things were that I saw were wrong," Hudson said. "I told them that we had a racism problem and the room was quiet. I said that there was a racism problem and it needed to be addressed. That changed everything; it was like I had gained their respect. That is something that I try to teach the young men that come into our profession: you have to earn people's respect. I will be able to earn you guys' respect if I am hired for this position. I need to earn your respect and you need to know that you can trust me."

Hudson said that as a resident of Darlington County he has seen those strained race

relations outside the City of Hartsville.

"It is not just about seeing how many people we can lock up so we can put our stats out and say that we have reduced crime," Hudson said. "How do you reduce crime? You reduce crime by... communicating, working together, putting the color barrier aside and making this work for everybody because until we do that, we are going to have issues. I live in Darlington County; this is my home. I want to see us have a safer community. I want to see us be able to work together, I want us to be able to eat together, play together, regardless of whatever social status you may come from...what neighborhood you come from...how much education you have. I think it is very important for us to put those things aside and look at it for what it is. We need to work together and if we can do that, I know you'll see success."

Kelvin C. Washington has more than 28 years of public safety leadership and administrative management experience.

Washington said that after working for the federal government, he wants to get back to his roots.

"My goal is to find an organization in the Pee Dee...or Grand Strand area and go back to my original desire, which is policing, working with people in the community and making their community better," Washington said.

CHIEF ON 3A

## Darlington Raceway announces seating renovations

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Already renowned among racing fans as one of NASCAR's premier venues, the Darlington Raceway has announced a \$7 million project to modernize seating and increase fan enjoyment during the Labor Day weekend races.

At a January 31 press conference, Darlington Raceway president Kerry Tharp was joined by NASCAR Hall of Fame driver Terry Labonte and International Speedway Corporation (ISC) executive vice president Joie Chitwood III to unveil the project, dubbed "A Better Darlington...The Tradition Continues."

"We might not have the fan-

ciest place. We might not have the most modern place. But we have the coolest racetrack in NASCAR, and we're going to make it even better," said Tharp. "Thanks to ISC, we are going to embark on a capital project that is going to make the fan experience here at Darlington better than ever."

Set to begin on February 1, this improvement project will remove the 18-inch wide metal seats from the Tyler Tower Grandstand and replace them with stadium-style seats with cupholders. The new multi-colored molded plastic seats will be more generously proportioned, with a seat width of about 20 to 22 inches.

Wallace and Colvin Grandstands will also get a seating overhaul, with new stadium-style bleachers that feature back support and a wider seating area (again, about 20 to 22 inches) to provide spectators with more comfort.

RACEWAY ON 3A

## Domestic violence survivor shares story at DWTS event

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The dances were catchy, the costumes full of flare and at the end of the night the 2018 Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County winners were chosen. For the first time in its five-year history, the judges and the voters agreed and Celebrity Dancer Curtis Boyd along with his partner, Professional Dancer Logan Suggs were crowned the best dancers and the People's Choice, taking home the coveted mirror ball trophies.

The theme for the evening was City Lights-Broadway Nights, with each team choosing a musical and dance style that got their feet moving. The choices were broad, ranging from old favorites like Beauty and the Beast to recent hits like Hamilton, taking audiences to the West Side (Story) to settle a feud and all the way to Cherry Tree Lane to dance the Jive with everyone's favorite chimney sweep.

Held Jan. 25 at Hartsville's



Haley Robinson told her story of escaping domestic violence during the recent Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County event.

PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

iconic Center Theater the annual event benefits the Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Assault, which offers support services to victims across the Pee Dee Region.

In Third Place were Noah Stanley and Caroline Williams. Miss Darlington Sarah Floyd and her partner Hunter Jordan came in Second Place.

Winners Curtis Boyd and

Logan Suggs brought in 2,500 more votes than the competition has ever had for the People's Choice Award for a total of 5,328 votes.

SPEAKER ON 3A





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OP-ED

## Living In Extreme Winter

By Tom Poland

Maybe we'll get a light snow or two this winter. Being home with hot chocolate, soup, and coffee makes a snowy day a beautifully peaceful day. But what if you lived alone in a cabin in 12-foot snow and your nearest neighbor was 60 miles away? What if the power you rely on is bottled gas. No electricity. Just firewood. Long ago I traded letters with a writer who faced that situation each winter. He lived alone in the remote reaches of Alaska, the Land of the Midnight Sun.

His letters described a beautifully harsh landscape where solitude is yours whether you want it or not and each day is briefer and darker until, finally, darkness swallows you.

This man's companion through the long Alaskan winter was a crackling fire. His forays into the snowy wilderness meant encounters with grizzly bears and one day he had no choice but to shoot one in the chest. The bear clambered up a hill. For a long time, he feared an attack from this wounded bear.

The Alaskan writer was John Haines. His wintry wilderness story began in 1947 when he and a friend drove to Alaska where he bought a 160-acre homestead, 80 miles southeast of Fairbanks. His goal was to paint the Alaskan winters. He salvaged wood from an old bridge and built a 12-by-16-foot cabin. When his paint froze, he turned to writing instead.

Haines long lived in extreme winters in that land of cold rivers, salmon, volcanoes, and glaciers. He tracked animals for food with frostbite always a subtle threat. One night a man knocked on his door. Frost covered his hair. He couldn't lift his head or unclasp his arms. "His feet and lower legs were like dead things, nearly hard and white as marble," wrote Haines. Warm coal oil, massaged into the man's legs, saved them. "He may have lost a couple of toes, but he walked on those feet and legs till the day he died."

Ice ruled supreme, making everything beautiful, making everything deadly. Haines described how a nearby river would freeze as winter laid its hand upon the land. "Free of its summer load of silt, the river," he wrote, "was incredibly blue and big rafts of ice crowd each other. Where it gathers speed in the rapids above, the sound of all this ice and water is loud, rough, and vaguely menacing. As the cold gradually deepens and the sunlight departs in the days to come, the floating ice will become harder and thicker, and the sound of its movement in the water will change to a harsher, grinding and crushing ... The ice sings, groans, howls and whistles like a living thing." The freezing river cut off an avenue for escape. No way out in a dark, cold land where you no one can save you should something dire transpire.

Years ago I made a treacherous drive back from West Virginia in a snowstorm. What should have been an eight-hour drive took eighteen hours. Interstate 77 was nowhere complete and I had to take a back roads highway in Virginia to Mount Airy, North Carolina. Every time I tried to stop to get coffee the car began to slide. Drove all night through falling snow. I'd see yellow lights in valleys far below. If I end up sliding down a mountain, I thought, I can make it to someone's house.

Sometime after midnight I drove up behind a snowplow. Stayed behind it for hours. Finally, the snowplow pulled off the road. I began the seven-mile descent from Virginia on Highway 52 that leads to Mount Airy. At long last, I left the mountains and snow behind, got some coffee and gas, and let the dog get a much-needed break. That's as close as I've come to being stranded in snow.

This winter should we see flakes as big as quarters tumbling from the sky, let's appreciate winter's beauty and think of intrepid souls in the Land of the Midnight Sun. Who knows what they face as we enjoy a winter day destined to give way to sunshine and temperatures in the 50s.

Marvel at the rare beauty of a Southern snow, should we get one. Venture out with no fears of grizzlies, frostbite, or getting lost in a blizzard. Go into snowy woods and study animal tracks, and be glad you don't have to track them down to survive. I suspect they'll be glad too.

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OP-ED

## Dope Wagon and Penny Candy

By Bill Shepard

I finished my small Coca-Cola drink and placed the bottle on the table near where I was sitting. Memories from what seemed a hundred years ago started cascading through my mind. I became lost in time. I was a little boy again.

I suppose it was the bottle that brought all the memories. I seldom drink a Coca-Cola from a bottle anymore, and there was a time I would not have drunk one at all! You see, there was a time that Coca-Cola was believed by some folk to have a form of drugs in them. That belief led Coca Cola to be called dope!

"Give me a dope!" I bet I heard that statement a thousand times or more when I worked at the little store near the village. When someone would say that, I knew exactly what they meant and I would open a Coca Cola and hand it to them. Some folk came to the store every day and some times, more than once, and all for a dope!

Some churches at that time forbade their members from drinking Coca-Cola because of the belief that the drink had a habit-forming drug in it. That was true of the little church that I attended and

later became a member of.

Some folk might be old enough to remember when the old cotton mill was in operation in Darlington. Ah, what memories that thought stirs! The old mill has long been gone, but it still lives in the minds of a few who are still around. My sister has often said, "As long as my brother Bill lives, memories of the old mill will never die." Maybe so!

Anyway, as long as memories of the old mill lives, so will the "dope wagon!" I can see a few old heads shaking in a positive way. The "dope wagon" memories are flowing in every direction now. I've already jumped ahead in my story; like I said, memories are chasing in every direction! Long before I knew about the "dope wagon" in the mill, I was aware of the belief that the drink was sinful.

My real connection with the Coca-Cola bottle, when I was a boy, was the penny that I could get for each empty bottle I returned to the store. I searched for the empty bottles, nearly everywhere I went. When Mama sent me to the Company Store with an order to get something, I had to pass by the big mill. That was a good place to find

empty dope bottles. A person buying a dope might take it to a window to drink and then drop the empty bottle from the open window. I kept an eye out for the nearby bottles everywhere I went and when I had several, I would head to the store and exchange them for candy. There was a lot of penny candy in those days and each empty bottle was worth a penny.

For one empty bottle, I could have an all-day sucker that was large enough to allow the

"licking" to last a long time, if not all day. I could have a Baby Ruth or a Butterfinger bar that was nearly as large as they are today that cost a lot more than a penny! I might choose to have five Silver Bells or three Mary Janes, a BB Bat or a large jaw bone breaker. Of course, I never had enough empty bottles to match all the different kinds of candy that was available at the store.

When I got older and I got acquainted with the "dope wagon." Everyday it came to the department of the mill where I worked. I still recall the fellow who pushed the wagon throughout the various departments of the mill.

One could purchase a dope, a candy bar, small cake or pie or a pack of chewing gum. After a short time in each department, he would move onto another. The "dope wagon" continued its operation for as long as I knew anything about the old mill and even longer. Ah, what memories the old mill and the "dope wagon" left behind, and many remain until this day. Anyone remember?

Next time ... Bill Shepard

Note: The churches that taught that drinking Coca-Cola was a sin stopped teaching that a long time ago. The "dope wagon" remains in the minds of a few and it is doubtful that I would be served if I went inside a store anywhere and said, "Give me a dope!" Reckon?

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OP-ED

## Another reminder that officers deserve our gratitude

By Richard Eckstrom

January 9 was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The annual observance aims to remind us of the constant dangers facing our police, deputies and other public safety officers.

A much more sobering reminder came just one week later, on January 16, when a York County sheriff's detective was slain while pursuing an armed domestic violence suspect. Officer Mike Doty, 37, was laid to rest the following Monday. Three other officers were wounded by gunfire during the pursuit but are recovering, according to media reports.

The news about Officer Doty was heartbreaking, but all too familiar.

Last year, four S.C. law enforcement officers were killed while on duty. In April, Spartanburg Police Officer Jason Gregory Harris lost his life when his department motorcycle crashed while he was responding to a call. In June, Anderson County Deputy Devin Pressley Hodges died in a boating accident while participating in a marine patrol training exercise. In October, S.C. Highway Patrolman Daniel Keith Rebman Jr. died in a line-of-duty collision on I-385 in Greenville County. In December, Cpl. James Eric

Chapman of the Johnston Police Department in Edgefield County lost his life following the crash of his vehicle while on a call.

In March 2016, Greenville Police Officer Allen Lee Jacobs was shot to death while approaching a known gang member to conduct a field interview.

In September 2015, Forest Acres Police Officer Greg Alia was shot to death by a man he was pursuing during a suspicious-person investigation. In November 2015, Columbia Police Officer Stacy Lynn Case was killed in a traffic accident while responding to a call.

In September 2014, Charleston County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph John Matuskovic was shot and killed and two other deputies were wounded after knocking on the door of a man that neighbors complained was causing a disturbance. In October 2014, Patrolman Robert Blajszczak of the Summerville Police Department collapsed while making a traffic stop, passing away six days later. In November 2014, Clarendon County Sheriff's Deputy Holmes Nathaniel Smith Jr. died when he crashed his department cruiser after having a heart attack while on duty.

The men and women of law

enforcement have perhaps the most challenging, stressful, and dangerous job there is. They literally risk their lives every day to protect the lives of people they do not know - fre-

quently working long hours for little pay. And of course, they often don't receive the appreciation they certainly deserve.

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## Chief

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Addressing what he called 'elephants in the room', Washington said that Darlington is not very different from other communities.

"I came here not knowing that there are some issues here but this agency isn't the only agency with issues," Washington said. "There are a lot of communities with issues. This department isn't any different. All communities need people who care about those communities. One of the things that I found out about leadership is that in order to lead people, the first thing you have to do is you have to have a genuine love for those people you are trying to lead...You can't serve people that you don't have a genuine care for."

Washington said that policing at its core needs to be about knowing the people you serve.

"They put fancy names on these community-policing programs but at the end of the day, they are all the same," Washington said. "It is getting out of your car, going into those communities and meeting with those folks and meeting the needs of the people that you serve."

Washington said that he would like to see the community come together.

"At the end of the day whether we are white, black, old, young, rich, poor, we all want the same thing and that is a safe, comfortable living environment for our families to flourish in," Washington said. "I've always been of the opinion that instead of focusing on our differences, let's start the conversation off on what we agree on. Then we can build upon that and go from there. If we start the conversation on what we disagree on, we are never going to get anywhere."

**Julius Riley** has 26 years of law enforcement experi-

ence.

Riley said that if he were to be named chief, he would make sure that the police officers understand how they are to interact with the community.

"Everyone knows that police officers are law enforcement but, more than that, we are peace officers," Riley said. "We are there to serve the community and to be part of the community. I have spent the last 26 years of my law enforcement career...trying to make sure that we do just that, to treat everyone equally under the law."

Riley said that he has experience establishing community crime watch programs.

"What was going on in Cheraw is we were having problems with juveniles," Riley said. "This persisted for quite a while and different neighborhood and community meetings began to take place. They expressed to the mayor, the police chief and myself that they wanted to do some-

thing about it. In talking with them, we started a community crime watch."

Riley said that the program started small.

"We started the initial one with me being over it in the Foundry Hill area," Riley said. "We soon established other crime watch areas and now we are up to four. We do monthly meetings and we let them know what has been going on in their area and what to look for."

Riley said that getting citizens involved has slowed crime in those areas.

"We have posted signs up in the different areas to let people know that these are crime watch areas," Riley said. "As I told them, the signs themselves will do no good if they don't participate. They have been really receptive to that. Since we have instigated these crime watch zones, we have seen a noted decrease in vandalisms and car thefts. It is working and they are getting their neighborhoods back."

## Speaker

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While the dancers and audience had fun, at the end of the event it was guest speaker Haley Robinson who stole the show.

Robinson shared the heart-breaking story of the domestic abuse she experienced as a teenager.

She began her story with a recording of a phone message her now ex-boyfriend left for her in 2011.

"I was at a dance studio with my younger brother and we leave; it was just a typical night," Robinson said. "On my car windowshield I see roses and I automatically know who they are from. My younger brother and I scout the parking lot but my ex is nowhere to be found. We get into the car and we start heading home, which by the way is a 45-minute drive. I look up into my rearview and, sure enough, he (her ex) is right behind me. There really are no words to describe that moment for me. I honestly was not sure that I was going to get myself and my younger brother home alive."

Robinson said that that night was just one instance of the fear he made her feel.

"This was a culmination of

four years of abuse," Robinson said. "I met him as a freshman in high school. The first six months the relationship seemed normal to me. Then I started noticing increased text messages and him getting frustrated when I didn't want to kiss him. So I tried to end the relationship and he came back to my response with 'I will try to end my life.' I had to take him seriously, I knew his background, and I knew he struggled with depression. How could I be responsible for this kid losing his life? So I stayed. From there, things only got worse."

Her boyfriend began to show up at her house in the middle of the night and controlled who she talked to and where she went.

"He isolated me and my friends didn't understand why I stayed so they all left," Robinson said. "He turned my insecurities into large fires. At the age of sixteen, your body is changing. I was scared that I wasn't smart, talented; he took those and told me every-

day that those were true but in spite of it all he still loved me. He blamed me for everything that went wrong in his life. He exerted his strength over me, intimidating and forcing in unwanted sexual acts; this is when I started to disassociate. My parents tried to get me to

go to therapy, as any parents would who all of a sudden sees that their daughter is no longer interested in dance. But at that point, I was so far removed from my reality and I didn't see anything wrong."

At her parents instance Robinson auditioned for a boarding school for the arts and both she and her younger brother were accepted. Her parents insisted that for him to go, Robinson had to go as well.

"My parents put it on me that my younger brother wouldn't have this opportunity to go if I didn't go, so I made the decision to go," Robinson said. "From there, my roommates ended up being my greatest support system. They would wake me up in the middle of the night because my screams were unbearable. They held me while I cried. They spoke truths to me and constantly reminded me when I started to doubt that I was there on a full scholarship; I was smart, I was talented."

In December 2010, Robinson changed her phone number and blocker her ex. Then on March 22, 2011, he followed her home from that dance studio. After calling her dad, Robinson pulled into a gas station and waited. Sure enough, her ex pulled in too.

"My dad came over as he approached my car and told

him that if he tried to call or text me again, we would get the police involved," Robinson said. "Twenty minutes later, he was calling and texting me. My dad drove me down to the police station."

Unfortunately, not everyone understood the seriousness of what was going on.

"We approached a policeman and my dad told him the story," Robinson said. "I will never forget that this policeman scoffed and said that boys would be boys and that it would all blow over. Luckily, my dad was persistent and he insisted that we talk to his higher up. I thank the Lord that that higher up was a woman. She took me seriously. She sat me down in a room, closed the door and my dad wasn't there so I could spill my guts. She made me feel so safe. She encouraged me to file for a restraining order and helped me fill out all of the paperwork. She had ties to the court and called to make sure that my case would be heard the very next day."

Though the experience of being in court was daunting, Robinson said that two women helped make it a little less scary.

"When I showed up to the courthouse the next day with my dad, I was greeted by two female volunteers serving as

**Kimberly Nelson** has more than 18 years of law enforcement experience.

"When I started out here, I went to the academy and by being the size that I am a lot of people didn't think that I'd make it through the academy but I made it," Nelson said. "I worked my way up through the rank...A lot of people didn't think I'd still be here but I am."

Nelson said that being a candidate from within the department, she knows what needs to be improved upon and what is working.

"What I learned from one of my mentors is that hard work pays off," Nelson said. "A lot of the ones who spoke before me, they said they had to do an assessment of the police department. As I go in, if I assume the role as police chief, I will look in to things and see how things are run and done and said but I have already a foundation of what needs to be done."

Nelson said that she believes that there needs to be

a good working relationship between the police department and city administration.

"Working together with council is one of my goals," Nelson said. "Working with the city manager is one of my goals to further this department to go to a whole other level."

One of the programs that she implemented to create that positive role model for children was Project Intercept.

"One thing that I can bring to this department, that I have brought to this department, is that I've built a relationship through community policing," Nelson said. "One of the programs that I love is Project Intercept. When we did Project Intercept it was in the summer time with some children that were having some behavioral and academic problems...We were able to pull up statistical data that actually showed that these children's behavior and grade had improved after completing this program."

## Willis

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"Everyone basically agrees that we should have medical marijuana in this state," Willis said. "The medical evidence is clear. It is a helpful palliative drug. Many states (have it) but we don't. I support medical marijuana because it is the right thing to do for the sick people of this state. You know what else? It could raise us as much as \$300 or \$400 million dollars of

extra revenues. Do you think we could fund a teacher pay increase with that money, maybe? So maybe that is a good idea. It is an idea that others are not advancing and that is why I say I am a creative problem solver. I look at different ways to solve the same problem."

Another issue Willis addressed is the rising costs of healthcare.

"Healthcare is a huge expenditure for this state and a lot of this money comes from the federal government," Willis said.

"We need to have access to more money; we need more Medicaid money because we have folks in this state who need healthcare. They aren't people sitting around not doing anything. These are people who are working full-time who are just struggling to make ends meet."

Willis said that President Trump is threatening the programs to help those who need it most.

"President Trump routinely gets on tv...and says that we're

going to cut entitlement programs," Willis said. "You know what he means by that, don't you? Food for poor people, healthcare for poor people. Well if you're listening President Trump, I paid those taxes and I'm entitled to that money, so give it to us."

Willis is married to Frank Willis, who was the mayor of Florence from 1994 to 2008 and is currently the Executive Director for the Darlington County Economic Development Partnership.

## Raceway

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Tharp said the rake of the Tyler Tower Grandstands on the frontstretch will be improved to offer better sightlines and viewing angles.

The Colvin concession and restroom facilities will also be refurbished and, Tharp said, the track hopes to install TV screens on the concourse so fans waiting in line for snacks won't miss a minute of racing action. Other projects include the installation of more

handrails and guard rails, and widening of aisles in seating areas.

Darlington Raceway will also add 36 seats to the Jeff Gordon Finish Line Terrace.

All together, the project will upgrade about 60 percent of the track's 58,000 seats.

"Another thing that we're doing...is putting a Wall of Honor along the frontstretch and backstretch of our race-track," said Tharp. "We're going to have the names of every race champion ever here at Darlington."

Labonte said that being

included in the Wall of Honor means a great deal to him, and he considers "The Lady in Black" among the top race-tracks in NASCAR. Labonte shared some of his history with the track, noting that Darlington is where he ran his first ever race. Texas Terry also earned his first race victory here, and -23 years later - took the final checkered flag of his career at the 2003 Southern 500.

"This is such a historic race-track, and it means so much to a lot of competitors who have raced here over the years," said

Labonte. "If you want to win a race, you want to win Daytona, Charlotte, and Darlington...it's always been special."

Much of the work for these renovations will be performed by area companies said Tharp, who estimated the project will yield about 28,000 local man hours of work. He reminded guests that through its Labor Day Weekend races - including the Bojangles' Southern 500 - the Darlington Raceway has an economic impact of over \$64 million, with about \$58 million of that remaining in the Pee Dee.

## Officers

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We all know or can imagine the feeling: We see blue lights, we pull over, and we think more about the inconvenience and cost of being stopped than we do about the noble service being performed by the officer. That's normal, but it's a shame. While it may seem like a routine traffic stop, the officers are never truly sure what awaits them.

Yet every day brave men and women suit up, get into their cruisers, and go wherever a dis-

patcher sends them - knowing that, in the blink of an eye, even a routine call could turn tragic.

I asked some law enforcement friends how people can meaningfully show their appreciation. Here are three suggestions:

- If you have a positive experience with local law enforcement, share your story - whether on social media or by writing a letter to the local newspaper. Especially now, after so much attention has been paid to controversial issues related to police, it's important for us to do our part to make the positive

things shine through.

- Get involved in programs that benefit officers, either through volunteer efforts or by donating money. Heroes in Blue (HeroesInBlue.net) is a nonprofit organization founded by Kassy Alia, the widow of slain officer Greg Alia, that supports the law enforcement community and raises funds for the families of fallen officers. In-Vest USA (InVestUSA.org) is a national nonprofit based in S.C. which helps equip officers with life-saving body armor. Or perhaps your community has an Adopt-a-Cop program or similar worthy cause.

- If you're grateful, by all means let them know. Say a heart-felt "thank you" each time you come in contact with an officer. A little appreciation can go a long way.

Law enforcement officers routinely serve with more courage than most of us could muster. They neither expect nor require our appreciation, but Officer Doty's sacrifice was yet another reminder of the tremendous debt of gratitude they're due.

*Richard Eckstrom is a CPA and the state's Comptroller.*

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He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

Mark 9:35

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**Baxter Randolph "Randy" Parrott**

Funeral services for Mr. Baxter Randolph "Randy" Parrott of Darlington were held 1 p.m. Friday, February 2, 2018 at Saint James United Methodist Church in Darlington.



Interment followed in Faith Memorial Gardens directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc. of Darlington.

Mr. Parrott was born July 10, 1951 in Darlington County to the late Edward and Bertha Bacote Parrott.

He departed this life peacefully at the family home on January 26, 2018.

During Randy's youth he accepted Jesus Christ at an early age. He attended St. James United Methodist Church.

Randy graduated from Mayo High School Class of 1969. Randy went on to serve honorably in the United States Army. After being honorably discharged, Randy continued his education at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S.C. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree majoring in Sociology.

Randy was united in holy matrimony to the late Dorothy Jackson Parrott February 14, 1986.

He worked several years at Pee Dee Mental Health Center and worked until his retirement at Darlington County Housing Authority.

The family received friends at the residence, 111 Lee Street, Darlington.

**Vivian Gandy Root**

Vivian G. Root died peacefully at home January 29, 2018 just days shy of her 100th birthday.

She is survived by: sons Douglas R. Root formally of Worcester, Howard, of Rutland, MA with whom she resided along with her daughter in law Susan and grandson Colton; twin sister Virginia G. Van Nest of Tucson, AZ; sister Emma Carol G. Hunsucker of Ashville, NC as well as many nieces and nephews along with her extended-in-law family.



Vivian was one of nine children born and raised in Society Hill, SC to mother, Mary A. Sompayrac Gandy and father Thomas Ashton Gandy, Sr.

Predeceased by siblings: Frances G. Jenkins; Thomas Ashton Gandy, Jr; Elsie G. Auman Henley; Fred Augustus Gandy; Madge G. Wise, Olive G. Burn and Vivian's husband Robert S. Root of Worcester, MA.

Miss Vivian had a life long love of poetry and music influenced by her mother who was accomplished at both. Her most loved passion inherited from her mother was teaching, which she would go on to make a career.

She was schooled at St. David's Academy in Society Hill and went on to attend and graduate from Coker College in Hartsville, SC with a degree in education.

Vivian started her teaching career in McBee, SC and then several other towns in SC. She put teaching on hold when she married Robert, a New Englander, who brought her north to settle. After the birth of her two sons she returned to teaching in the Grafton, MA school system starting at Perry Hill and finishing her tenure at the Grafton Middle School. Wanting to expand her own education experience she attended evening classes at Worcester

State Teachers College in the early 60's, graduating with a Masters Degree in education all while balancing the demands of full time work and family.

Next to family teaching was truly her love. A committed teacher, she spent many extra hours preparing lesson plans, grading and looking for novel new ways to give her students the best education she could provide. She had an uncanny ability to recall students' names, their strengths and weaknesses in class many years after retirement. She would speak of different lesson plans and projects from a particular class and remember which student did what. She also saved many students papers (too many) that she thought of merit. Occasionally Vivian would encounter a former pupil who would fondly remember having her as a teacher and of course when "Mrs. Root" would let down her long hair at least once during the school year.

Vivian was a long time member of Pilgrim Congregational church in Worcester and participated in many activities there over the years also serving as a Deaconess. She later joined the First Congregational Church of Rutland.

She was a devoted friend to many, always willing to give a ride or visit to those in need. Often a poem would be included during a visit or phone call, usually one that she had authored. Outliving most of those friends she never failed to offer comfort to those left behind.

She of course loved her long phone calls with siblings and the occasional visits back home eagerly anticipating the "juggling board" conversations on the front porch.

Vivian overcame many untold trials in her long life but remained a constant positive influence in so many ways. She was truly a remarkable lady who will be dearly missed.

"Laughter is the medicine that everyone should take there are no pills to swallow, no liquid in a bottle at first one has to shake

Just open your mouth nice and wide and let that hidden laughter that's inside come outside now to help brighten up the world" by VG Root

The family would like to thank all of the helpful people of Salmon VNA Hospice who provided great comfort in allowing our mother, grandmother and friend to stay and die with grace and dignity at home.

Harden Evans, Jr. affectionately known as "June", died on January 28, 2018 after a long illness. He was born on September 26, 1940 in Lamar, South Carolina a son of the late Harden Evans, Sr. and Modestine McClain Evans.

Harden received his education in the public schools of Darlington County. After graduation he went to work for Sonoco Products of Hartsville, South Carolina for 45 years. He was a life time member of Sandy Grove United Methodist Church where he served in many capacities. He was married to the late Georgia Mae Pauley Evans and to this union two children were born. Both children preceded him in death.

Harden leaves to cherish his memory: a loving and devoted wife, Jannie DuBose Evans; a daughter, Barbara Evans Cooper; his grandson, Evan Gehard Lawson; four step children; a brother; three sisters; one aunt; five brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 908 West Lynches River Road, Lamar.

Funeral services for Mr. Harden Evans, Jr. of Lamar will be 11:00AM Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Sandy Grove United Methodist Church in Lamar.

of God.

He is survived by his children, Wendy Wallace and Willie Eugene Wallace, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Regina Wallace, brother, Thomas "Buddy" Wallace and a sister Virginia "Sue" Sanders.

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

**Cindy Shipman**

Rosa Lu Cinda "Cindy" Parnell Shipman passed away Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Funeral services were held 4 p.m. Thursday, February 1 in Lamar United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Lamar Memorial Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born July 19, 1963, Cindy is the daughter of Harry T. Parnell and the late Gertrude S. Parnell. Cindy loved people and touched many lives through her work at Rubicon Family Counseling Services in Hartsville, SC. She was a member of the choir at Lamar United Methodist Church. She always called the beach her "happy place".

Cindy in survived by her father, Harry T. Parnell; her daughter, Mary Beth Shipman; her son, Collin McLeod Shipman; her sister, Beth (Mark) Rankin of Conway; her brother, Stoney (Mary) Parnell of Gastonia; nieces and nephews, Sadler Rankin, Martha Rankin, Kennedy Parnell, and Jackson Parnell, and special friend, Linda McKay. She is also survived by the "love of her life", Boo Keels of Timmonsville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lamar United Methodist Church, PO Box 555 Lamar, SC 29069.

The family received visitors from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Lamar chapel at Belk Funeral Home, and other times at the home of Harry Parnell, 107 West Jackson St Lamar, SC 29069.

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

**Harden Evans, Jr.**

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The family is receiving friends at the residence, 908 West Lynches River Road, Lamar.

**Margie C. Tedders**

Margie C. Tedders, 82, of Valdosta died Friday, January 26, 2018 at her residence. She was born on February 8, 1935 in Darlington, SC to the late Herbert Eugene Carter and Bettie Mae Garland Carter. Mrs. Tedders was a retired secondary education secretary from Valdosta State University. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She started the We Care Ministry, taught Sunday School, taught in the children's and youth departments, and served on numerous committees. Mrs. Tedders was a member of the Readers Forum, Garden Club and the Humane Society.

She is survived by her daughter and son in law, Melissa Tedders Stephens and Michael Stephens, two granddaughters, Christina Melissa Stephens and Callie Margie Stephens, her sister, Carolyn Carter all of Valdosta. Mrs. Tedders is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, William Stanley Tedders.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Carson McLane Funeral Home with Reverend Mac Weaver and Dr. Chuck Owens officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Hill Cemetery. The family received friends Monday from 5 until 7 p. m. at the funeral home. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mclanecares.com](http://www.mclanecares.com).

Carson McLane Funeral Home.

**Shirley Griffith**

Shirley Harvey Griffith, age 85, passed away Monday, January 29, 2018. A memorial service was held at 4 p.m. Saturday, February 3rd in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home in Darlington. The family received friends from 3-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Born June 2, 1932, Shirley is the daughter of the late Raymond K. and Claire B. Harvey. She was preceded in death by her loving and committed husband of 63 years, Robert V. Griffith. Shirley was dedicated to her family, which included six children, 22 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren. Through the years, she was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Syracuse, NY, a founding member of Lake Murray Evangelical Church in Chapin, SC, and attended Christ Point Church in Florence, SC.

Surviving are her children, Linda G. (Mark) Getty of Darlington, SC, David I. Griffith of Cazenovia, NY, Gail G. (Albert) Getty of Swanton, MD, Laurie G. (Ken) Gourlay of Wilmington, NC, Robin G. (Michael) Hourigan of Dickerson, MD, and R. Jeff (Nikki) Griffith of Columbia, SC, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christ Point Church of Florence, SC and/or CHOSN Warriors (outdoor ministry for men and boys) 1002 Coggeshall Rd. Darlington, SC, 29532.

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

**Raymond Louis Brewer**

Raymond Louis Brewer, age 76, died February 3, 2018. The family received friends from 2 until 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at

Belk Funeral Home. A graveside service followed at 3 p.m. in Grove Hill Cemetery.

Born August 12, 1941 in Camden, SC, Raymond was the son of the late William Henry Brewer and the late Pearl Beauford Brewer. Mr. Brewer served his country in the United States Navy Reserve, retired from James Rivers, and enjoyed going fishing in his spare time. He is survived by two daughters; Elaine (Reggie) Reynolds of Lamar, Lynn Buck of Darlington, a son, Johnny Brewer of Darlington, grandchildren: Reagan Brewer (Mari) Jackson, Heather Buck, Zack Buck, Justin Brewer, Sarah Reynolds and Hank Reynolds and seven great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Watford Brewer, and siblings, Ralph, Clyde, Billy "Dean" Brewer and Betty B. Thomas.

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

**Sherran Nobles**

Sherran Suggs Nobles, age 63, passed away Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Funeral services will be held 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 4th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 3-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Born June 22, 1954, Sherran was the daughter of the late Kenneth Suggs and Peggy Suggs. She worked at Young's Convenient Store in Darlington. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Sherran is survived by her husband, Benny Nobles; her daughter, Shalee Boykin; her son, Daniel Boykin, both of Darlington; her grandchildren, Austin Howle, Nicholas Howle, and Denton Boykin; her sister, Teresa (Sonny) Strickland of Darlington; and her brother, Wayne Suggs of Florence.

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

**Tommy Garrett Campbell, Sr**

Tommy Garrett Campbell, Sr. passed away on February 2, 2018 at the age of 88. He was born in Rockingham, North Carolina and raised in Darlington, South Carolina. He graduated from St. John's High School in 1947. He played American Legion baseball, and was the team's most valuable player in 1947. Tommy served honorably in the Air Force and then returned to Darlington and married Ruth Dixon, whom he always lovingly referred to as his bride or Mrs. Ruth.

Tommy was extremely proud of his three children Karen, Steve, and Tommy, Jr. He had the pleasure of watching his children and grandchildren grow up and took great pride in all of their accomplishments. From the time his boys were old enough to play sports, you could always count on him to be on the sidelines to support them. He was a gentle giant who was loved and respected by all of his family and friends. He enjoyed baseball, football, fishing and spending time with his family. He worked at Sonoco Products Company until his retirement.

Tommy is survived by his loving wife, Ruth, his 3 children, Karen C. Jordan of Florence, Steve Campbell (Karen) of North Myrtle Beach, Tommy G. Campbell, Jr. (Beth) of Myrtle Beach, seven grandchildren, Daniel

Jordan (Emily), Hunter Jordan (Walker), Garrett Campbell (Caroline), Wilson Campbell (Aubrey), Brooke Campbell, McKenzie Campbell, and Mitchell Campbell, his four great-grandchildren, Tindall Claire Jordan, Emma Ruth Jordan, Walter Jordan, and Thatcher Jordan, and his brothers, Charles "Curly" Campbell, Roland Campbell (Brenda) and Marion Campbell. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews along with a special niece, Susan Outlaw (Donnie) and brother-in-law Ralph Dixon (Deloris). He was predeceased by his sisters, Grace Riles, Ruth Eskridge, and his brother, Jimmy Campbell.

The family received friends at Belk Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Monday, February 5, with a service following at 2 p.m. in the chapel to celebrate the life of Tommy Campbell. The service was officiated by his grandson, the Reverend Hunter C. Jordan. Burial followed at Grove Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in his honor to the Darlington American Legion Baseball program or McLeod Hospice House, PO Box 100551, Florence, SC 29501-0551. ([www.mcleodfoundation.org](http://www.mcleodfoundation.org))

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

**William Leonard Council**

William Leonard Council, 88, of Darlington died Friday, January 5, 2018. Funeral services were held Monday, January 8, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Interment, with Full Military Honors and Masonic rites followed at Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home of Darlington.

Mr. Council was born in Hope Mills, NC. He was the son of the late Robert Francis and Lena Belle Evans Council. He served his country in the United States Air Force. He retired from Wallace Concrete Pipe Company. Mr. Council was very active at Trinity United Methodist Church where he was in the Men's Sunday School Class, served on the Administrative Board and the Finance Committee for many years. He also worked as a volunteer at the church for over twenty years. He was a member of St. David's Masonic Lodge #73 AF&AM and the Omar Shrine Temple. He was an avid supporter of The Shriner's Children's Hospital. He was a member of the Barney Gum Pond Hunting Club and he enjoyed playing golf and playing Hearts.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Ann S. Council; three daughters, Susan Montague and husband John of Raleigh, NC, Mary Ann Serridge and husband Bill of Salem, SC, and Jane E. Council of Lexington. His sister in law, Nancy Council and his caregivers, Centheal Frierson and Linda Brownlee.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist Church, PO Box 16, Darlington, SC 29540 or the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

The family received friends Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home from 12:30 until 3 p.m. and at all other times at the home.

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



Alexander is 9 years old and declawed. He will need to be an indoor cat. He and his sister were brought to the shelter after their owner passed away. They are extremely bonded. Their engaging personalities are starting to peek through. Please consider adopting these gentle siblings and give them a home and love as they have known all their lives. Tabby Male



Swiveling hips and love to share! Eager young fellow Elvis likes to be where the action is. Curious and playful and interested in toys, Elvis is a real crowd pleaser who has never met a stranger. Nicely sharing his space with another teen dog, Elvis is front and center stage when folks walk by his kennel. He is a great match for an active family loaded with other pets and kids. Elvis promises to be a loving companion who will keep the good times rolling! 9 mos old; male; hound mix

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](http://www.darlingtonhumane.org) and click on the link **Lost/ Found Pets**. You will be directed to the [www.thelostpets.com](http://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

#### 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.

#### BNI

Meets each Tuesday at 7:30 am in the conference room of the TB Thomas Sports Center, 701 W Washington St, Hartsville.

#### 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

#### 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

Teen Program - Mon at 5pm  
After School Club - Tues. at 4pm  
Homeschool Hub - Wed. at 2pm  
Family Movie - Thurs. at 4pm

#### Crochet & Knit Clubs

Lamar: each Monday at 4:30 p.m. 326-5524  
Society Hill: each Friday from 2-4 pm 378-0026  
Darlington: 2nd Friday of the month 10 a.m. - noon 398-4940  
Hartsville: "The Stitchers" group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays and 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5 pm.

#### Pee Dee SCORE

Pee Dee SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) offers Free confidential counseling to America's small business, serving Darlington, Florence and surrounding areas. Existing and start-up businesses can schedule an

#### Conservation Board

The Darlington Soil & Water Conservation District Board will meet at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month in the Clemson Extension Kitchen at 300 Russell Street, Room 207 in Darlington. Meetings are open to the public. For more information call 843-393-0483.

#### Darlington County First Steps

2nd Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm in the Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 214 N 5th St, Hartsville.

#### DC Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Holds monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. The public is welcome to come to the meetings. The meetings are held at the Scott Center 201 N. Damascus Church Road in Hartsville.

#### Darlington Branch NAACP

The Darlington Branch NAACP meets on the second Tuesday every month, 7:00 p.m. at 109 Pearl Street. New members are always welcomed. For more information contact President Anthony Hall at 843-229-1274 or email to [darlingtonnaacp@yahoo.com](mailto:darlingtonnaacp@yahoo.com). Please visit our Facebook page: [Darlingtonnaacp](http://Darlingtonnaacp).

#### Darlington Professional Women

Darlington Professional Women (DPW) will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon at the Darlington Country Club. DPW is an association for local businesswomen to share lunch, enjoy a presentation and network.

#### Historical Commission Meeting

1st Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. at the Historical Commission, 204 Hewitt St., Darlington.

#### American Legion Post 13

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington meets the second Thursday of each month at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A

meal is served at 6 p.m. with a monthly meeting that follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

#### Darlington County Coordinating Council

The first Friday of every month at 11:30. Alternating months between Carolina Pines in Hartsville and Medford Nursing Center in Darlington.

#### Darlington Library

Needle Nuts - 2nd Fri. each month  
Book Club - 3rd Sat. of each month

#### Yoga for Beginners

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

#### Book Club

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

### Feb. 2018

#### Softball Registration

2018 Softball Registration for Darlington Area Recreation will be Feb. 1 - March 1. Registration will take place at Harmon Baldwin Gym, 300 Sanders Street in Darlington. The cost is \$35 per child with each additional child being \$25. To receive a discounted rate the children must have the same address. Softball is for ages 4-18, with the age being based on Jan. 1, 2018. A birth certificate is required. Call 843-398-4030 for more information.

#### Dixie Youth Baseball Registration

2018 Dixie Youth Baseball Registration for Darlington Area Recreation will be Feb. 1 - March 1. Registration will take place at Harmon Baldwin Gym, 300 Sanders Street in Darlington. The cost is \$45 per child for baseball and \$25 for T-Ball. This registration is for ages 4-14, with the age cut off being May 1. A birth certificate is required. Call 843-398-4030 for more information.

#### Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

#### Lamar Town Council

Lamar Town Council will meet at 5 p.m. Feb. 12 at town hall.

#### Bingo

Play Bingo! with Darlington Area Recreation at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., Darlington. Info: 843-398-4030

#### Democratic Women's Council

Democratic Women's Council of Darlington County will meet February 12, at 6 p.m. at the Darlington Library,

204 N. Main Street. For more information call Davita Malloy at 843-339-8967.

#### Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, found on the first floor of City Hall, 100 E. Carolina Ave.

#### Society Hill Town Council Meeting

The Society Hill Town Council will hold their monthly meeting Feb. 13. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

#### Valentine's Day Walk

Darlington Area Recreation will hold a Valentine's Day Walk at 10 a.m. on February 14 at Williamson Park. Register by Feb. 5 for t-shirt. Cost: \$10. Info: 843-398-4030

#### Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

#### Darlington County Democrats Convention

The 2018 Darlington County Democratic Party County Convention will be held February 15 at 7 p.m. at Jerusalem Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 301 S. Sixth Street in Hartsville. For more information call Senator Gerald Malloy's office at 843-339-3000.

#### Recreation Trip

February 16, Swamp Fox Movie and Lunch at IHOP. Cost: \$5 for travel. Lunch and movie on your own. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

#### February meeting of NCNW

The regular meeting of the Darlington County National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) will feature a special guest and a celebration of Black History Month. The meeting will be held February 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Darlington Library Allard Alston Conference Room. The speaker will be James L. Felder. The community is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. For more information, call Barbara Graham at 843-731-1360.

#### Recreation Trip

February 21, Palmetto Peddlers and Lunch at Red-Bone Alley. Depart at 10 a.m. Cost: \$8 for travel. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

#### Little Miss and Teen Miss pageant

The Little Miss & Teen Miss Hartsville, Darlington, Bishopville and Chesterfield County Pageant is February 25 at the Center Theater in

Hartsville. The competition is open to girls ages 2-19 (as of June 1). Deadline to register is February 20. This is an official preliminary advancing to the Little Miss & Teen South Carolina State Pageant. For additional information or an application email Cathy Privette at [rcisrael20@gmail.com](mailto:rcisrael20@gmail.com) or call 843-307-4011.

#### Recreation Trip

February 23, Newberry Opera House On Golden Pond. Cost: \$40. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

#### Coker College Faculty and Guest Artist Dance Concert

The Coker College Faculty and Guest Artist Dance Concert is February 22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m. and February 24 at 3 p.m. in the Watson Theater of the Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Performing Arts Center. This performance features choreography of the Coker Dance Program faculty as well as Guest Artists Rhythm McCarthy, Trent Williams and Ronald K. Brown of Evidence A Dance Company. Tickets are free with a Coker ID, \$5 for students/seniors, and \$10 for adults.

#### Hello Again Gala

Hello Again will host An Evening Under the Stars Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. at SiMT, 1951 Pisgah Rd., in Florence. Tickets are \$15 per adult individual and \$7 for children over 5-years-old. There will be soul food, jazz music and giveaways. Learn more at [www.helloagain23.com/eveningts](http://www.helloagain23.com/eveningts)

### March 2018

#### Recreation Trip

March 1, Brookgreen Gardens Silent Cemetery Tour. Cost: \$20. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on March 5 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 [jbish-op@darcosc.com](mailto:jbish-op@darcosc.com).

#### Recreation Trip

March 9, Theater of the Republic The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Depart at 4 p.m. Cost: \$28. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

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## Do dessert at home this Valentine's Day

Dining out is a Valentine's Day tradition. Couples new and old typically make Valentine's Day into date night at nice restaurants, making this holiday that much more special.

Couples who want to add a special twist to Valentine's Day date night can enjoy a nice meal out before returning home for some homemade dessert. Whether couples prepare it together or surprise their significant others, the following recipe for "Coffee Crisp" from Bob Blumer's "Surreal Gourmet Bites" (Chronicle Books) can make for the perfect ending to a Valentine's Day date night.

### Coffee Crisp

Yields 12 bites

6 egg yolks  
8 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons instant espresso or coffee powder  
1 1/2 cups heavy cream  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Preheat the oven to 300 F.



In a medium bowl, whisk egg yolks and 6 tablespoons of the sugar for 1 minute, or until smooth and pale yellow in color. Reserve.

In a second medium bowl, add espresso granules and 1/4 cup of the cream. Whisk until smooth, then add remaining cream and vanilla, and whisk until well blended.

Very gently, fold espresso cream mixture into egg yolks.

Use a ladle to pour custard mixture into espresso cups, filling them three-fourths of the way to the top.

Place cups in a baking dish or roasting pan and transfer to oven. Fill a pitcher with warm tap water. Before closing oven door, pour water into pan (but not into the cups themselves!) until it reaches halfway up the sides of the cups.

Bake for 40 minutes, or until the custards jiggle just slightly when you shake the pan. Remove pan from oven and leave out on counter, allowing the residual heat of the water to finish the cooking process.

When custards have fully solidified, refrigerate for 2 hours

Just before serving, sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon of sugar evenly overtop each custard. Use a small blowtorch to caramelize the sugar. Alternatively, place cups 1 inch below oven broiler under a watchful eye for approximately 2 minutes, or until sugar caramelizes.

## Vanilla cookies for your Valentine's sweetheart

Traditional Valentine's Day gifts include jewelry, flowers and, of course, confections. While Romeos might want to leave their Juliets jewelry and floral arrangements to the professionals, those who want to personalize this year's Valentine's gifts can try whipping up a batch of cookies for their special someone.

The following recipe for "Biscotti Ripieni (Vanilla Cookies with Chocolate Buttercream Filling)" from Michael White's "Fiamma: The Essence of Contemporary Italian Cooking" (Wiley) checks all the boxes: It's a dessert, it's sweet and it includes chocolate. Those three things are sure to delight any sweetheart with a sweet tooth this Valentine's Day.

### Biscotti Ripieni (Vanilla Cookies with Chocolate Buttercream Filling)

Makes about 18 filled cookies

1/2 cup sugar  
6 ounces (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter  
1 large egg  
Grated zest of 1 navel orange  
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt

**Buttercream**  
1 large white egg  
1/4 cup sugar  
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut into small cubes and softened  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 cup bittersweet chocolate, chopped into small pieces

Preheat the oven to 325 F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment.

In a mixing bowl, cream the sugar and butter together until smooth. Stir in the egg and orange zest, then add the flour and salt, and stir togeth-



er until smooth. You can also do this with an electric mixer, if desired. Transfer the dough to a pastry bag fitted with a medium-size plain tip, about 1/2-inch wide, and pipe thin strips about 2 inches long onto the pan, leaving about 2 inches between each strip. Bake in the lower one-third of the oven until lightly browned on the edges, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove with a spatula to a rack and let cool.

Meanwhile, prepare the buttercream:

Combine the egg white and sugar in the top of a double boiler or a metal bowl that fits over a pan of simmering water. The bottom should not touch the water. Heat until the sugar is dissolved and the mixture is slightly thickened, whisking continuously.

Immediately remove the bowl from the water and begin beating the mixture with a hand-held electric mixer. Continue beating while slowly adding the butter. Beat until the mixture is room temperature and thickened, about the

consistency of a thick confectioners' sugar-butter frosting, 10 to 15 minutes. About halfway through, the buttercream will look ugly. Keep beating; it will become smooth and thick. Beat in the vanilla. Cover and refrigerate for 10 to 20 minutes.

To assemble, place half the cookies upside down (flat side up) on a sheet pan and spread each with a thin layer of buttercream. Top with the remaining cookies and refrigerate the tray until the buttercream sets, 10 to 15 minutes.

While the cookies are in the refrigerator, melt the chocolate in the top of a double boiler set over simmering water, stirring until smooth. Remove the inset and cool the chocolate to room temperature. Remove the cookies from the refrigerator. Holding each cookie by one end, dip half of it in the melted chocolate. Set it on a waxed paper- or parchment-lined tray. When all of the cookies are dipped, return them to the refrigerator for a few minutes to set.

## CHURCH NEWS

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

### Observance of Black History

In celebration of Black History, Rev. Leroy Jackson, Jr. of College Park, Georgia will be the guest speaker on Sunday, February 11 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 400 S. Main St. Darlington. The morning worship service is at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Oates Baptist Singing

Oates Baptist Church 3569 Oates Highway Lamar, is proud to welcome The Believer's Quartet of Sumter on Saturday February 24th at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great night of music and worship. Admission is free, and open to everyone. If you have any questions call Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

### 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.

## South Carolina scores below average in report on drunk driving laws

COLUMBIA — Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has released the 2018 Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving Report to the Nation, which rates every state's drunk driving laws and highlights drunk driving countermeasures related to MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving. The report explains MADD's vision to literally eliminate drunk driving in America.

The state rating of drunk driving reform efforts placed South Carolina laws just below average. South Carolina received 2.5 stars on the 5-star rating scale with the national average for states being 2.9 stars.

"With our record of being among the worst in the nation for drunk driving fatalities, this report is another reminder that many of these life-saving

improvements are right in front of us," says Steven Burritt, Executive Director for MADD South Carolina. "Priority number one definitely is passing an all-offender ignition interlock law. I hope 2018 is the year the legislature shows that we can't accept this anymore."

Burritt reports that there are discussions taking place right now to get an all-offender interlock bill introduced this year. It would build upon the expansion of the ignition interlock program that was a part of "Emma's Law" in 2014.

National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration 2016 data shows South Carolina had 331 drunk driving deaths in 2016. Only five states in the nation had more than South Carolina ranks 23rd in population.

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The McLeod Heart and Vascular Institute welcomes Dr. Robert Messier, Jr. and Dr. Wayne Holley to the team. Dr. Messier, a board-certified Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Dr. Holley, a board-certified Thoracic Surgeon, bring experience and specialized expertise to our program. Dr. Messier and Dr. Holley join this distinguished team of surgeons Dr. Scot C. Schultz and Dr. Cary Huber in bringing top ranked heart care to our patients.

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# Howle gets a surprise and win all in the same night, Lady Falcons crush Lugoff-Elgin

By Drake Horton  
Contributing Writer

Darlington – Both the Darlington boys' and girls' basketball protected its home court with both teams winning by at least 19 points over Lugoff-Elgin.

Darlington 64, Lugoff-Elgin 45 (boys)

Tuesday January 30 had a very special meaning and it was not because of the basketball game that was played. Instead it was because of the man who leads the Darlington Falcons basketball team.

At the end of this season Darlington head coach Ken Howle will step away from teaching and coaching. For the last 13 years he has been the head coach of the Falcons. Next year that will not be the case.

So on this night, without his knowledge, the people closest to Howle put together the most appropriate celebration for a man that has given so much to the Falcons program.

During the halftime of the Lady Falcons game, Howle was brought out to center court where former player after former player walked out to thank Howle for what he meant to

them and for what he had done in their life for them.

And for Howle that was more than enough. Yes, the wins are important, the wins are fun and believe me there have been a lot. The region championships and lower state championships were nice and believe me I have covered quite a few with the Falcons, but watching the impact that one person has on another person's life is by far more important in the grand scheme of everything, and believe me, I saw that with Howle and his players.

"I'm just really overwhelmed over the whole night, to see all the former athletes come in," Howle said. "That really did it, I think."

But this is not where the night ends. In actuality the night was only beginning and the best was yet to come.

Despite the celebration, there was still a game to play and while a loss to Lugoff-Elgin would not ruin the night, it could definitely put somewhat of a damper on it when the Falcons are in the midst of competing for another region championship.

Howle's players, however,

would not and did not let that happen. Instead, from start to finish, the Falcons dominated the Demons capping off a perfect night with a 64-45 victory.

"It was a really emotional night, but a really big night for our kids to win like we did," Howle said. "I'm so proud of them of how they played and it was a great evening, a great night to be a Falcon."

Darlington dominated the first quarter, jumping out to 14-3 and it never looked back, leading from start to finish.

"We got off to a really good start and I think it gave them some confidence," Howle said.

Defensively, it might have been the purest fundamental game the Falcons have played all year. While holding Lugoff-Elgin to just 45 points was impressive enough, Darlington did it committing only six fouls for the entire game.

The Falcons matched that defensive intensity with offensive efficiency. Darlington was balanced in the scoring column with three players in double-digits, including Jalian Smith who finished with a double-double, 14 points and 12 rebounds.



A big improvement for Darlington offensively was its performance from the charity stripe. For a majority of the season the Falcons have struggled making free throws, but on this night they went 15 of 18 from line. Perhaps the biggest difference in the game with the Demons not even attempting one free throw.

Jamean Muldrow was the

Falcons leading scorer with 17 and Kenyon Scott added 11.

Darlington 52, Lugoff-Elgin 19 (girls)

The Darlington Lady Falcons got the historic night started off in dominant fashion, blasting the Lady Demons for a 33-point victory.

Darlington held Lugoff-Elgin to just nine points in the first half and outscored the Lady Demons

17-2 in the third quarter.

If it had not been for Lugoff-Elgin's back to back three-pointers to end the game, the fourth quarter would have been a two-point quarter for the Lady Demons as well.

The lopsided victory allowed head coach Brad Knox to empty his bench early and often, giving many reserves the most playing time they have had all year.

## Mental mistakes and poor execution doom Falcons, Lady Falcons run out of time in the fourth

By Drake Horton  
Contributing Writer

Hartsville – It was a road trip disaster for both the Darlington boys' and girls' basketball teams as both Falcons and Lady Falcons fell victim to the hands of the Hartsville boys' and girls' basketball teams.

Darlington 53, Hartsville 62 (boys)

Heading into its game against the Hartsville Red Foxes this past Friday the path the win the region championship was pretty simple for Darlington: win the next three games, including this one, and the championship is a lock.

Now, after losing 62-53 on the road to the Red Foxes the Falcons' path to the region championship becomes a little cloudier.

Darlington can still win out and claim a share of the region championship, but to earn that all important one-seed in the playoffs the Falcons are going to need to beat Lakewood at home

this coming Thursday by at least 12 points barring some type of upset that the Gators fall victim to before that game.

Having already beaten the Red Foxes at home this season, Darlington headed to Hartsville looking to complete the season sweep and for one half it looked like that was quite the possibility.

Down by just two at the end of the first quarter and by just three at the half, both teams went back and forth, but there was trend that was beginning to come to light for Darlington and it was not a good one.

The first was one that the Falcons have battled all year and that is making free throws. Darlington was getting to the line, but it was failing to convert. The second, however, was one that was more concerning.

A major component to the Falcons offense is the three-point shot and in the first half Darlington had made only one three-pointer and that was back in the first quarter.

The second half was just a disaster for the Falcons. In the third quarter Hartsville began to distance itself as Darlington began to miss layups and rotate late on defense allowing the Red Foxes to convert three-point plays as a result of fouling on the made shots.

"We played hard, but they (Hartsville) have some great athletes here," Darlington boys head coach Ken Howle said.

Down by ten going to start the fourth quarter, Darlington opened up on a 6-0 run, cutting the Red Foxes lead to just four, but with the score 46-42 in favor of Hartsville, Darlington's Jalian Smith got called for a personal foul and technical foul all in one resulting in a six-point possession for the Red Foxes.

That was not the only mental mistake of the fourth quarter for Darlington. Later in the quarter Rodney Goodman was whistled for an intentional foul that resulted in a four-point possession for Hartsville.

With Darlington struggling to

score over Hartsville's size to go along with 50 percent shooting from the free throw line those mistakes were just too much to overcome.

"Scoring against that size is just a challenge for us," Howle said.

Jamean Muldrow led the Falcons in scoring with 12 points and Kenyon Scott had 10.

Hartsville's Trae Hannibal, who was a non-factor in the first game between these two teams, had a game high 22 points.

Darlington 42, Hartsville 49 (girls)

Twice it looked like the Hartsville Lady Red Foxes were going to walk away from Darlington and twice the Lady Falcons came soaring back to make what had the looks of being a blowout into a close game.

Despite the comeback efforts of Darlington, however, Hartsville was still able to hold on to victory, winning 49-42.

"We just chipped at the lead and cut it close and we thought

we should have pulled it off at the end," Darlington girls' head coach Tammy Gibson said. "We just have to continue to fight."

The first quarter was close with Hartsville holding just a one-point advantage, but it was a different story in the second quarter as the Lady Falcons scored only two points compared to the Lady Red Foxes' 10 points.

Coming out of the half, the third quarter was a quarter in which each team had a big run. Darlington kick started the quarter going on a 10-1 run to tie the game at 24, but Hartsville answered that with a 13-0 run of its own and by the time the third

period ended the Lady Red Foxes had extended their lead to 12 points.

With the game looking to be out of reach, the Lady Falcons dug deep and went on another run, this time eight to two to cut the lead to just three. That was as close as Darlington would get, however, as Hartsville scored the final four points to close the game out.

"It was a hard fought game," Hartsville girls' head coach Tammy Gibson said. "Whenever Hartsville and Darlington play it's a dog fight so to say, but I am just glad that the girls were able to hang in there and get the win."

### LIVING ON PURPOSE

## God's love makes everyone unique

By Dr. William Holland

I've mentioned before about how most small towns have unusual characters who are disrespected and mocked as an embarrassment to the community. Like folklore legends, these outcast individuals are remembered for their strange behavior while it's hardly ever mentioned about who they really are. Recently the subject came up again about these odd men and women and I thought that instead of just feeling sorry for them, I could learn a valuable lesson about treating others with dignity. The notable recognition list included a few such celebrities as, shopping buggy man, barbershop man, dancing girl, Ahab the Arab, and a man they called "Eggs" who would sit on Main street day and night and just quietly watch the traffic. I've spoken with some of these people in the past and discovered they are not homeless or penniless, they just enjoy walking around and doing what makes them happy. They wave when people honk their horns and will gladly take a sandwich if you bring them one.

I read a story a while back, about two young girls that were playing on the front porch. As one of them raised up, she spotted an older woman coming down the sidewalk pushing a tattered baby carriage. She was wearing old

wrinkled clothes but was not doing anything wrong. Most people around town knew her as "crazy Mary" the lady who picked up odds and ends from the trash. As she quietly passed by the front of the house, the girls started mocking her and calling her names, laughing and giggling. Even after the woman was out of sight, they continued talking about her and judging her harshly until they looked up to see the father of the girl who lived there staring at them. He sent the friend home and calmly told his daughter to go upstairs and change into her church dress. She did as he said without saying a word and soon returned. He said they were going for a walk and on the way he wanted her to think about what she had done and to prepare an explanation about how sorry she was for being cruel.

After a while of awkward silence with only the sound of their footsteps on the sidewalk, they came to a little shack and the little girl knew they were at the right place when she saw the baby carriage sitting next to the front door. They both approached reverently and he knocked on the door. The lady inside slowly opened the door and the girl's father said they had come to say hello, if it was alright. She graciously invited them inside. The little girl looked around as her eyes tried to adjust to the darkness. It

was a small room filled with trinkets and the basics of living and she watched nervously as the woman proceeded to make tea. Finally, in the awkwardness of the moment, the father spoke up and said that before they could partake in her generosity, his daughter had something she wanted to say. The little girl presented a seemingly sincere apology that passed his approval and he took the tray from Mary and placed it on the only table in the room. The conversation was about the weather and other topics of small talk until suddenly the father stood and thanked her for her kind hospitality. The walk home was again uncomfortable as the little girl's mind was swirling with so many questions about not only what had just happened but also about all the other people in the world who live like this. Did something happen in Mary's life that caused her to be this way? And then she thought about how people condemn this woman just because she's poor (like her and her friend had done earlier).

When they arrived home, she went up to her room and stared out the window as if it were a portal to the unknown mysteries of life. She thought about how things are not always the way they seem and how everyone walks a different path within their journey. We are unique in our own way but just because we're differ-

ent does not mean we are bad or deserve to be treated harshly. Her dad never mentioned it again and neither did she. There was no reason to.

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## Darlington Chamber honors local citizens

By Samantha Lyles  
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The Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce held their annual awards banquet on February 1 at the Darlington Country Club and recognized the efforts of local citizens to improve the quality of life in our community.

Connell Delaine of the Darlington County Board of Education was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Chamber Board of Directors chair John Griggs.

Griggs spoke of Delaine's sterling reputation, his long-time advocacy for a number of education and youth mentorship activities, his 25 years of service in the U.S. Army, and his work to establish Society Hill Veteran's Memorial Park, Rosenwald Professor's Park, and the Society Hill Library. Griggs also noted that Delaine isn't afraid to get his hands dirty and is often found working outdoors to care for his property as well as other spaces around Society Hill.

Delaine encouraged everyone to do their part to improve the lives of youth, especially those who are disadvantaged.

"Take care of the people that's on the bottom, because they're going to prop you up and get you to the top," said Delaine.

He also spoke of his love for his hometown and advised the audience to be proactive and work to improve their communities rather than wait for others to take the lead.

"Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, if you don't like the way it looks and you have an opportunity to change it or fix it, you should do that," said Delaine.

The Citizen of the Year Award was shared by two lifelong public servants: Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis, and City of Darlington Fire Chief Pat Cavanaugh.

Chamber president Harriet Hobbs hailed Cavanaugh's tireless work as an EMT, firefighter, and active member of his community through church, school, and city activities. She spoke of his famous good nature, noting that Cavanaugh has never met a stranger, always greets people with a warm smile, and

stands ready to pitch in and help whenever called upon.

Cavanaugh, a Pennsylvania native, said he has grown to love Darlington as his home, and has learned from his time here that service is the best way to pay that affection forward.

"If you love the town, go work for it and make it better," Cavanaugh said. "I love this place, and I'll do whatever it takes. If I can help you, know that I'm here to help."

Hobbs noted that Chavis is a veteran of the U.S. Marines and served in the first Gulf War. He also worked as a Chesterfield County deputy, and served 28 years with the SC Highway Patrol before retiring in 2016 and being elected Sheriff of Darlington County. She praised Chavis' work to secure updated safety equipment – including new Kevlar vests – for his officers, his efforts to rename the Darlington County Detention Center in honor of longtime Sheriff W. Glenn Campbell, and his establishment of a "culture of caring" within the department through various volunteer programs.

Chavis talked about the various locations he has worked during his time in law enforcement, and said that once the Highway Patrol posted him in Darlington County, he felt that he had found a home where he wanted to serve out the rest of his career.

"I fell in love with Darlington County and the people here. To me, it's all about you," said Chavis.

The members of the Darlington Garden Club were presented with the Community Pride Award for their tireless efforts to beautify the parks, streets, and other public spaces of Darlington.

Chamber board member and club member Ronda Brown presented the award, and noted that since their inception in 1949, the club has taken on many improvement projects, including a new city entrance sign on the Lamar Highway, installing planters on the Public Square, and holding Clean Up Days where club members and volunteers work to beautify local parks and public spaces. Club president Lou Kirchen accepted the award on behalf of the club.

Kirchen told guests that it is up to individual citizens to take action if they want to



Community Pride Award winners, the Darlington Garden Club. PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES



Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce president Harriet Hobbs with Co-Citizen of the Year, City of Darlington Fire Chief Pat Cavanaugh



Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce president Harriet Hobbs with Co-Citizen of the Year, Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis

see change in their city, and she praised the efforts of community-minded volunteers who generously give of their time (with the club and with city boards and commissions) to make their hometown a more beautiful and more livable place.

Right: Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman John Griggs with Lifetime Achievement Award winner Connell Delaine



## "Soul of Philanthropy" exhibition opening Feb. 10 in Columbia

After a nationwide tour, Giving Back: The Soul of Philanthropy Reframed and Exhibited will make its South Carolina debut in Columbia, S.C. on February 10 at Richland Library Main. A partnership between Central Carolina Community Foundation, Richland Library and Women Engaged, The Soul of Philanthropy is a multimedia exhibition dedicated to sharing the tradition of African-American philanthropy, presenting the long and unsung legacy of black philanthropy, from generous donors of wealth to every day givers carving a way out of no way.

The exhibition illustrates Black philanthropy through highly innovative presentations, including luminous photographic prints on metal, iPad kiosks, video and interactive digital apps featuring music, poetry, photography, narratives and more. It comprises over a dozen vignette stories and more than 50 black- and white images that depict facets of giving across generations.

The inspiration for this

exhibit comes from the award-winning book Giving Back: A Tribute to Generations of African-American Philanthropists, written by Charlotte, N.C. author Valaida Fullwood with photographer Charles Thomas. The 400-page hardcover book celebrates the giving spirit through photography and stories that honor a centuries-old cultural custom. Valaida describes the books as "stories, so soulful and true, they resonate broadly and tap deeply at the core of people any and everywhere."

The goal of the exhibit is to showcase the rich heritage of black giving on all levels; raise awareness of philanthropy in all communities and inspire others to join the conversation about philanthropy; and celebrate stories of local South Carolina philanthropists.

In addition to the exhibition, corresponding public programs will allow community members to explore a broad range of topics related to philanthropy.

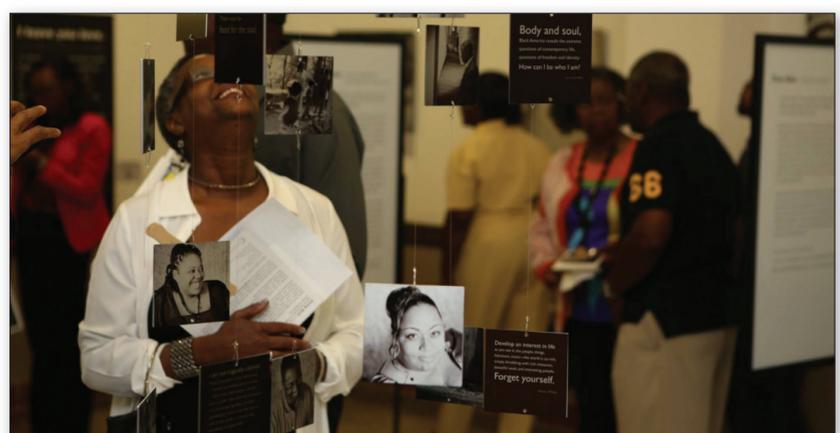
"When envisioning The Soul of Philanthropy, we set out to re-imagine content from Giving

Back and present it anew, rather than simply replicating the book on a museum wall," states Fullwood. "The Soul of Philanthropy is designed to cover new ground, to plumb beneath the surface of why and how people give and to spur generosity borne, consciously, of the heart, hands, mind and soul. The exhibit is a reminder that philanthropy is deeper than your pockets."

The Soul of Philanthropy was developed with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, through a partnership with Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU) and the giving circle New Generation of African American Philanthropists. The inaugural exhibition was hosted in Charlotte, N.C. at JCSU in 2015.

The exhibit will run at Richland Library Main from February 10 through May 6. Richland Library is located at 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Admission is free during the library's regular visiting hours.

Find out more about the exhibit via the website at



A visitor enjoys the Soul of Philanthropy exhibit. Photo courtesy of TSOPCOLA Facebook page.

www.tsopcola.org.  
Exhibition-Related Programs  
Opening Celebration: Giving Back: The Soul of Philanthropy Reframed and Exhibited  
February 10, 7:30-9:p.m., Richland Library Main.  
In addition to the exhibition opening celebration, corresponding public programs will allow community members to explore a broad range of topics related

to philanthropy. Current programs being planned include the following:  
• Civic Reflections Training of local community leaders with Elizabeth Lynn, founder of the Institute for Civic Reflections at Valparaiso University  
• Preserving our Place in History, hosted by SC African American Heritage Association  
• Cultural Collections:

Author Talk-Back, hosted by Friends of African American Art, Columbia Museum of Art  
• In Search of Our Mothers Gardens, hosted by Columbia College, The Watering Hole, WREN  
• Reframing Portraits of Philanthropy  
• Honoring Local Legends, hosted by Cola63 and Richland Library

## Local student news

### Local cadets and students named to The Citadel's fall 2017 Dean's List

The following cadets and students were named to The Citadel's Dean's List for their academic achievements during the 2017 fall semester:

- Robert Brown of Florence
- William Brunson of Florence
- Hunter Eason of Florence
- Ryan Hance of Hartsville
- William Martin of Florence
- Nicholas Pappas of Darlington
- Michael Rice of Darlington

The Dean's List is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester.

### Cadets and students awarded Gold Stars for fall 2017 academic achievements at The Citadel

The Citadel awarded Gold Stars to the following local cadets and students who achieved a 3.7 grade point average or higher during the 2017 fall semester. Cadets and students who achieve Gold Star recognition are also placed on The Citadel's Dean's List.

- Marshall Anderson of Hartsville
- Brice DuBose of Florence
- Etienne Fonteneau of Hartsville
- Aaron Newton of Florence
- Shykasheali Phillips of Hartsville
- Christopher Russell of Florence
- Harry Stone of Florence

The Citadel with its iconic campus located in Charleston, South Carolina, offers a classic military college education for young men and women profoundly focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction. The 2,300 members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets are not required to serve in the military but about one-third of each class commission as officers in every branch of U.S. military service. Graduates of The Citadel have served the nation, their states and their communities as principled leaders since the college was founded in 1842. The Citadel Graduate College offers 26 graduate degree programs with 42 concentration options, 24 graduate certifi-

cate programs, and eight evening undergraduate programs, through an all-evening schedule with many courses now available online. The Citadel was named Best Public College in the South by for seven consecutive years, and #1 Best Public College for Veterans in the South for two consecutive years by U.S. News & World Report as well as Best Value out of all South Carolina colleges and universities by Forbes.

### Wofford students study abroad during Interim 2018

Wofford's Interim is a time for exploration and experiential learning away from the rigors of traditional academic courses for students and faculty alike. Students may choose from a variety of on-campus courses, professional internships and research projects, study abroad opportunities or their own independent study project, approved and guided by a faculty adviser. More than 200 students chose to study abroad during Interim 2018. Meghan Daniel is studying abroad in England as part of the Interim course: England: Living with History. This course will focus on the culture and history of the United Kingdom. Students will engage with British history through required readings, daily journal entries, and experiential, on-site visits to local historical sites, museums, gallery tours, and theater performances. Daniel is from Hartsville.

Price Rainwater is studying abroad in Costa Rica while participating in the Interim course: Exploring Costa Rica's Rich Biodiversity. This course will focus on ecology and conservation biology in Costa Rica. Students will learn about responsible tourism, food sovereignty, and sustainability practices while participating in nature walks/forest hikes, field trips to agricultural projects and trail improvement work. As a final project, students will create a photo and essay book about biodiversity and conservation efforts in Costa Rica. Rainwater is from Florence.

Turner Rainwater is studying abroad in Costa Rica while participating in the Interim course: Exploring Costa Rica's Rich Biodiversity. This course will focus on ecology and conservation biology in Costa Rica. Students will learn about responsible tourism, food sovereignty, and sustainability practices while participating

in nature walks/forest hikes, field trips to agricultural projects and trail improvement work. As a final project, students will create a photo and essay book about biodiversity and conservation efforts in Costa Rica. Rainwater is from Florence.

Brittany Joyce is studying abroad in Tanzania while participating in the Interim course: Sustainability in Africa: Hike, Bike and Safari in the Shadows of Kilimanjaro. This course will focus on sustainability, ecotourism, and leadership. Students will read texts, discuss, and present on all of these topics, both on campus and while traveling. While in Tanzania, students will visit start-up organizations which have a focus on critical issues for community sustainability, maternal health, economic empowerment, K-12 education transformation, and tourism. Joyce is from Hartsville.

Michael Pavy is studying abroad in Tanzania while participating in the Interim course: Sustainability in Africa: Hike, Bike and Safari in the Shadows of Kilimanjaro. This course will focus on sustainability, ecotourism, and leadership. Students will read texts, discuss, and present on all of these topics, both on campus and while traveling. While in Tanzania, students will visit start-up organizations which have a focus on critical issues for community sustainability, maternal health, economic empowerment, K-12 education transformation, and tourism. Pavy is from Timmonsville.

Mark Butler is studying abroad in Santiago, Chile as part of the Interim course: Health Studies: Clinical Observation and the Cultural Aspects of Health Care in Chile. This course is ideal for students considering careers in health-related fields, offering an opportunity to learn about the health care policy and delivery systems in the context of Chile's community-centered public and private health care system. Butler is from Florence.

Charles Payne is studying abroad in Santiago, Chile as part of the Interim course: Health Studies: Clinical Observation and the Cultural Aspects of Health Care in Chile. This course is ideal for students considering careers in health-related fields, offering an opportunity to learn about the health care policy and delivery systems in the context of Chile's community-centered public and private

health care system. Payne is from Florence.

Frances Lee is studying abroad in Paris, France, as part of the Interim course: Paris Collage: History, Culture, and Architecture. This course provides a multifaceted approach to the city's development and evolution, with emphasis on the impact of cultural, social, and political forces on Paris' environment. Lee is from Florence.

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, S.C. It offers 26 major fields of study to a student body of 1,690 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, study abroad participation and successful graduates, Wofford is home to one of the nation's 283 Phi Beta Kappa chapters. The college community enjoys Greek Life as well as 19 NCAA Division I athletics teams.

### USC Aiken announces students named to Fall 2017 Dean's List

The University of South Carolina Aiken congratulates those students who made the Dean's List for Fall 2017.

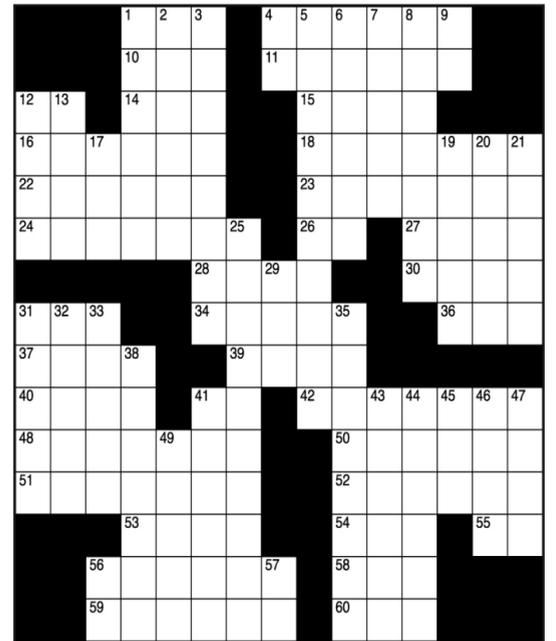
To earn this distinction, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

Students from the local area named on the USC Aiken Dean's List for Fall 2017 include:

- Simone Barr, a native of Darlington who graduated from Darlington High School
- Kayla Benjamin, a native of Florence who graduated from Hartsville Senior High School
- Xavier Dixon, a native of Lamar who graduated from Mayo High School for Math and Science
- Yasmine Samuel, a native of Lamar who graduated from Lamar High School

USC Aiken, a comprehensive university in the University of South Carolina system, offers undergraduate and master's degrees to more than 3,500 students in 50 programs of study. USC Aiken is ranked the #1 public regional college in the South by U.S. News & World Report's guide "America's Best Colleges." The 2018 distinction marks USC Aiken's 20th consecutive ranking among the top three in this category and the 13th time in first place.

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## Trinity-Byrnes juniors receive class rings



The Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School's class of 2019 received their class rings during a special ceremony on Friday, January 12. Each of the forty-six members of the junior class selected a special guest to present their class ring. The juniors then formed a receiving line and received a congratulatory handshake from the seniors. A reception followed for all members of the student body and guests in attendance.

Pictured are Bethany Weatherford, Eden Wallace, Dylan Berg. Photo Contributed

## Darlington Lions club accepting used glasses



The Darlington Lions Club is promoting their "Recycle For Sight" campaign. Donate your eyeglasses that are not being used to this project. Pictured is Carie Moree, Optician, and Dr. Jason Panicker, Optometrists, of the Walmart Vision Center in Darlington. The vision center will accept all eyeglasses and readers for this project. Mike Beckham, Darlington Lions Club, is asking all to help in the "Sight Worth Sharing" project.



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## Single-car accident kills five, including two unborn babies

Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee has confirmed the death of five people involved in an automobile collision February 2. Leonard Rouse, 52, of Darlington, Nakisha Rouse, 14, of Darlington, Chikari Douglas-Rouse, 28, of Hartsville, Baby Boy Douglas-Graham, and the unborn child of Chikari Douglas-Rouse.

The single car collision occurred around 11 p.m. on Rogers Road in Darlington. There were eleven total people in the automobile when it crashed. One of the occupants of the vehicle was in labor and was being driven to an area hospital for the delivery of the child according to reports given Coroner Hardee. There are no further

details at this time. The Darlington County Coroner's Office and the SCHK M.A.I.T. are investigating. This collision represents largest loss of life in a single collision in over 20 years in Darlington County.

scene by Darlington County Coroner J Todd Hardee. This incident remains under investigation by the Darlington County Coroner's Office and the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

## Sumter teen dies after single-car accident

A single car collision has claimed the life of a Sumter County girl. The accident happened shortly after 4 p.m. on January 31 inside Darlington County on Kelly Bridge Road in Hartsville. Lidia Velasquez, 17, of Wedgefield was pronounced dead at the

## Shooting Investigation

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a residence of the 500 block of Cartersville Hwy. in the Lamar area of Darlington County at 7:45 p.m. Feb. 1 in reference to individuals firing a firearm towards a residence from a vehicle. There were no reported injuries. If you have any information you are asked to call 843-398-4501 or 1-888-CRIME-SC or visit www.p3tips.com. You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

## NFPA releases large-loss fire report highlighting most financially devastating fires

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recently released the latest edition of its "Large-loss Fires in the United States" report with data on large-loss fires and explosions that occurred in the United States the year before. As reported in the current issue of NFPA Journal, those fires are defined as events that result in property damage of at least \$10 million.

There were 25 large-loss fires in 2016, resulting in a total of over \$1.4 billion in direct property losses. The 25 large-loss fires include six fires — four fewer than the previous year — that resulted in more than \$20 million each in direct property damage. These six fires resulted in a combined property loss of \$1.2 billion, or 83.2 percent of the total large-loss tally. The loss associated with these six fires represents 11.4 percent of the annual fire loss in the U.S. for 2016.

The major property-types

- that had incidents were:
- Storage (24 percent)
  - Special Properties (24 percent)
  - Manufacturing (16 percent)
  - Stores and Offices (12 percent)

Although the 25 large-loss fires accounted for only 0.002 percent of the estimated 1,342,000 structure and non-structure fires reported in 2016, they accounted for 13.2 percent of the total estimated annual dollar loss.

The 25 large-loss fires accounted for 14 civilian deaths, with another 183 civilians and eight firefighters injured.

This report includes only fire incidents for which NFPA has official dollar-loss estimates. There are other fires that may have large losses but no official information has been reported to NFPA.

About the National Fire



Protection Association (NFPA) Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## Business owners and tax pros: Do you know your SC Sales and Use Tax obligations?

Sales and Use Taxes can be complicated, which is why the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) hosts industry-specific seminars every year to help business owners and tax professionals understand their tax obligations.

The 2018 Sales and Use Tax Seminars series kicks off in Columbia with a brand new seminar that covers Sales and Use Tax changes from the 2017 legislative session and provides a preview of each seminar in the 2018 series. This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about which seminar will best serve your needs.

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- State and local Sales and Use taxes
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2018 Sales Tax Seminar Series

- 2018 Seminar Series Preview and Legislative Updates: March 1, Columbia Conference Center
- Educational Institutions: March 6, Hilton Garden Inn, Aiken
- Restaurant and Bar Industry: April 11, Island Vista Resort, Myrtle Beach
- Manufacturing Industry: May 8, Crowne Plaza, Charleston
- Retail Industry: August 21, Hilton Garden Inn, Beaufort
- Government and Municipalities: September 27, Columbia Conference Center, Columbia
- Manufacturing Industry: October 23, Hilton, Greenville

Seminars are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$50 to attend. Course materials and lunch are included. Find more

information about these seminars on SCDOR's website, [dor.sc.gov](http://dor.sc.gov).

**Seminar Registration** Pre-registration is required and must be received at least three days before the seminar. To register, complete and mail a registration form or contact SCDOR's Taxpayer Education Coordinator at 803-898-5264.

**Free Workshops and Webinars** The SCDOR also offers free workshops and webinars for Withholding Tax and Sales Tax. For more information, please visit the SCDOR's website.

**Continuing Education Credit** The SCDOR's seminars, free workshops, and webinars qualify for continuing education credits. Participants should seek credit through their appropriate accreditation board. Certificates of attendance will be provided to participants.

# BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER JANUARY 29 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2018  
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.*

- April M Bailey, 42, of 108 Conder Circle, Darlington, Embezzlement of Public Funds >\$10,000
- Ashtin Bryson Griffin, 17, of 814 Mahlon St, Darlington, Petty Larceny <\$2000
- Sheneek Lydia Holmes, 37, of 927 Clearview Dr, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Savyon Bratice Kendall, 21, of 120 Church St, Lynchburg, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- John Alan McDaniels, 43, of 1030 E Leitner Ext, Latta, Bomb Threat/False Information 1st
- Nicholas Shamaar

### 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

- Aaron, 22, of 1825 Anderson Farm Rd, Darlington, No Charge Data
- Clayton Laron Chapman, 42, of 405 Wells St Apt D-1, Darlington, Lottery/Defraud Alter Etc Counterfeit Ticket
- Jade Tnee Foster, 25, of 405 Wells Dr, Darlington, Obtain Sign/Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000; Neglect by Legal Custodian
- Howard Wesley Gainey, 50, of 1416 Tulip Dr, Darlington, Criminal Domestic Violence 1st
- Vanessa Ann Goodson, 43, of 412 Jacobs Dr, Darlington, No Charge Data
- Thomas George Hall II, 36, of 1324 Whyworry Dr, McBee, Criminal Domestic Violence 3rd or Sub
- Brandy Vernal Hickman, 35, of 405 Wells St, Darlington, Obtain Sign/Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000
- Arlene Sands, 53, of 710 Creekview Dr, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Brenton Trey Gainey, 28, of 2625 Ten Acres Dr, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree; Burglary Second Degree
- Artavious Melik Jackson, 21, of 1228 Pine Forrest Ln, Darlington, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon

- Delonte Markavis Jackson, 19, of 1228 Pineforest Ln, Darlington, Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st; Manuoft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Arlene Sands, 53, of 710 Creekview Dr, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Jingtao Zhang Shenyang, 60, of PO Box 29, Society Hill, Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License; Speeding More Than 25 MPH Over the Speed Limit
- Trevin Denzel Singletary, 34, of 184 Winburn St, Patrick, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Earl Lynn Turvin, 51, of 1606 Una Rd, Lamar, DUI <10 3rd Offense
- Marvin Harris Windham Jr., 62, of 2629 Kellytown Rd, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Entry on Another's Lands After Notice; Resisting Arrest
- Anthony Antonio Antrum, 46, of 512 Hunt Dr, Hartsville, Non Support
- Ryan Alexander Baker, 20, of 1360 Raccoon Rd, Mayesville, Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Nicole Elizabeth Blackmon, 26, of 301 Boykin Avenue, Lamar, Probation Violation
- Christopher Lamont Ham, 35, of 2713 E Old Camden Rd, Hartsville, Safekeeping
- Mark Kelvincent McCall, 38, of 3585 Ruff Road, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Daniel Piggett, 44, of 820

- Pitty Patt Dr, Florence, Driving Under Suspension
- Robert Nathaneil Williams, 20, of 2663 Hoffmeyer Rd, Florence, DUI <10 1st Offense; Child Endangerment Vehicle (Minor)
- James Bernard Addison Jr., 28, of 2014 Stony Brook, Hartsville, Giving False Information; Shoplifting <\$2000
- Christopher Elwood Bartley, 43, of 725 East Carolina Ave 6D, Hartsville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Driving Under Suspension; Violation of City Ordinance
- Jerrel Katrice Cannon, 26, of 2506 Leo Drive, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence; Driving Under Suspension; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Tanya Graham Dukes, 44, of 1007 Coachman St, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension
- Johnny Andera Jackson, 44, of 145 Kennedy St, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence
- Gunner Quinton Kerig, 19, of 15242 Truman Manor Ln, Waldruff MD, Interference With Fire and Police Alarm Boxes; Purchase of Alcohol by a Minor
- Juwan Andrew McCain, 23, of 127 Baltimore Cir, Darlington, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Jerry Leon Rogers, 56, of 334 Arabian St, Darlington, Non Support

- Robert Edward Solomon, 61, of 238 Charlotte Ave, Lamar, Driving Under the Influence; Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st
- Paul Levern Williams, 49, of 414 North Main Street, Darlington, DUI <10 1st Offense; Driving Under Suspension
- Rasheda D Bailey, 26, of 433 Tarte St, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Jessica Omega Denmark, 23, of 218 W Laurel St, Mullis, Driving Under Suspension; Traffic/Expired Vehicle License; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation
- Francesca Marie Fink, 32, of 733 Flinnis Rd, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Ivory Nicole Frazier, 42, of 604 Henry St, Latta, DUI Per Se/DUAC >10 <16 1st Offense
- William Horace Gainey, 49, of 1540 Rainbowview Road, McBee, Driving Under the Influence
- Delia Shandrica Johnson, 28, of 225 Sunnyfields Dr, Hartsville, Weekender
- Dennis Neal Rhodes, 57, of 832 Summer Place Dr, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Martha Alexander Summer, 30, of 1853 Docs Dr, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Dean Nicholas Johnson, 33, of 132 Wire Rd, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence
- Grover Allen Wingate, 50, of 710 Hudson St, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

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# Carolina Thunder makes Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center location of home games

Fans of the East Coast Basketball League team, Carolina Thunder, can now cheer on the team to victory at the Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center, located at 701 W. Washington St. in Hartsville. The team will host a scrimmage as their

season opener on Sat., Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. at the center.

Carolina Thunder's lineup of players includes Hartsville native Devontae Washington.

Wear Carolina Thunder pride colors (white, navy, or orange) and enjoy giveaways,

music, and concessions. The team will also hold a meet and greet at this event. Admittance to the scrimmage is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and free for children 3 and under.

For more information about the event and future

home games, contact City of Hartsville Parks and Recreation at 843-339-2878. Follow the team on Facebook at Carolina Thunder. For updates on games and special recreation events, follow City of Hartsville, SC Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

## DDRA gears up for annual golf tournament April 18

The Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association is looking for teams to play in its Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, April 18, at Darlington Country Club.

Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by a 1 o'clock shotgun start for this four-person, captain's choice tournament. Presenting sponsors Carolina Bank, Darlington Raceway, and Fitness World Gyms make the event possible each year.

"The business community feels this is a great way to

connect and build relationships while having a good time," says Ronnie Ward, co-chair of the tournament.

A community favorite, the tournament has been a fixture for the DDRA for years, typically one week from the annual Taste of Darlington, which will be held on Thursday, April 12, at Darlington Raceway.

Cost to play is \$60 per person, \$240 per team. Entry fee includes green fee, cart fee, lunch, beverages along the course, prizes, and two mulligans per player. Hole spon-

sorships are available as well.

Also this year, the DDRA will bring back a special prize to the top team: Tickets to the Southern 500 race in September.

"This is in addition to our other prizes, but it is one we felt we needed to bring back as the track has been so good to the DDRA and this community and working so hard to make Darlington a better place to work and live," says Billy Hill, co-chair of the tournament.

The tournament serves as the organizations second

## Darlington County School District to host free bus driver training course Feb. 12-15

The Darlington County School District is currently seeking school bus drivers and will host a free driver training class Feb. 12-15. Drivers can earn between \$11.19 and \$16.13 per hour with bonus opportunities every 45 days.

The driver training class will be held Feb. 12-15 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day at the Darlington County Institute of Technology, located at 160 Pinedale Drive in Darlington. Anyone interested in participating must register by Friday, Feb. 9, at 12 p.m.

To be eligible to become a school bus driver, a person must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED and have had a valid South Carolina driver's license for at least one year.

There are several steps to becoming a school bus driver:

- Complete an application for employment and paperwork to attend a training class.
  - Pass a SLED background check.
  - Pass a check of license history with the DMV.
  - Complete State Department of Education classroom training (Four days).
  - Obtain a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) permit.
  - Pass a physical and a drug test.
  - Train with district instructors for a length of time to be able to perform pre-trip skills and driving.
  - Ride a route for five days with a driver.
- For more information or to register, call the Darlington County School District Office of Transportation at 843-398-2313

## Community invited to visit State Legislature

New Alpha CDC will be going to The South Carolina State Legislature in Columbia on February 13. They plan on discussing solar and job opportunities, working on passing the Environmental Justice Bill of Rights, and asking the state legislature to not raise gas and electric bills.

To those who would like to attend, transportation is free. They will be taking a bus from the Wal-Mart on Irby Street in Florence at 7:30 a.m.

For additional information or to register, please call 843-410-3272.

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Emeline J Clarkon Date of Death: 12/29/2017 Case No: 2017ES1600025 Personal Representative: William C. Ervin, Jr Address: PO Box 3, Darlington, SC 29540 Attorney: John Jay James, II Address: PO Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540 (28c3 leave in thru 2-7-18)

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any security as to the claim. Estate: Rebecca Collins Shoemaker Date of Death: 12/8/2017 Case No: 2018ES1600037 Personal Representative: Bobby E Shoemaker Address: 764 Azalea Drive, Lamar, SC 29069 (29p3 leave in thru 2-14-18)

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Attorney: Gena Phillips Ervin Address: PO Box 2527, Florence, SC 29503-2527 Co-Personal Representative: Lloyd M Mitchell Address: 2737 Southborough Rd, Darlington, SC 29532 Attorney: Gena Phillips Ervin Address: PO Box 2527, Florence, SC 29503-2527 (29p3 leave in thru 2-14-18)

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#### MOTION/ORDER FOR REFERENCE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2017-CP-16-00711 Rosa Lee Dickson, Plaintiff, v. Eugene Scipio (deceased), Estelle S. Collier (deceased), Hattie S. Howard (deceased), Benjamin Collier (deceased), Diane Collier, Mary L. Howard, Priscilla A Cunningham, Jesse L. Howard, and Richard Roe, a fictitious name representing unknown heirs at law and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest in, or lien upon real property of the late Hattie T. Scipio, identified as 116 E. Wine Street, Darlington and designated as Darlington County TM#185-00-01-041, Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Pee Dee Grocers, LLC DBA Piggly Wiggly #170 intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer and wine at 401 Pearl St., Darlington, SC 29532. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be post-marked no later than Feb. 23, 2018. 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. (30p3 leave in thru 2-21-18)

#### FINAL HEARING

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2017-CP-16-00711 Rosa Lee Dickson, Plaintiff, v. Eugene Scipio (deceased), Estelle S. Collier (deceased), Estelle S. Howard (deceased), Benjamin Collier (deceased), Diane Collier, Mary L. Howard, Priscilla A Cunningham, Jesse L. Howard, and Richard Roe, a fictitious name representing unknown heirs at law and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest in, or lien upon real property of the late Hattie T. Scipio, identified as 116 E. Wine Street, Darlington and designated as Darlington County TM#185-00-01-041, Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Pee Dee Grocers, LLC DBA Piggly Wiggly #170 intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer and wine at 401 Pearl St., Darlington, SC 29532. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be post-marked no later than Feb. 23, 2018. 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,
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208 Dutton Lane - 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, stove & refrigerator provided, laundry area, c/h/a, \$550.00/deposit, \$550.00 rent, call 843-393-8084. 26ctfn

**Microhome**, 674 Stanley Circle, 1 BD Furnished w/utilities included, \$450/mo., 843-393-7545. 6ctfn

409 Eastburn Ct., Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick house, \$600.00/mo., 843-393-7545. 22ctfn

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119 Cleveland St. - 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, stove & refrigerator provided, central heat & air, washer & dryer hook up, \$450.00 deposit, \$450.00/rent, call (843)393-8084. 30ctfn

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For Rent - 3BD 2BA, 1/2 acre land. \$550.00/deposit, \$550.00/rent, includes stove, Central H/A, washer & dryer hook-up. No pets allowed. Background and credit check

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**St. Paul Road**—120 acres of land. Some cleared and some wooded. This property would make a great home site, hunting land, or could be used as farm land. Property is located in front of Salem Baptist Church. **\$154,000.**

**RESIDENTIAL**

**2200 Lides Springs Rd**—3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,000 sq ft—**\$249,900**

**121 Woodcreek Rd**—3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,000 sq ft—**\$174,900**

**485 Anderson Drive**—3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1,967 sq ft, inground pool—**\$159,900**

**616 W. Smith Ave**—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,461 sq ft—**\$137,900**

**1700 Cashua Ferry Rd**—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,806 sq ft with pond—**\$129,900**

**1197-G Waxwing Drive, Florence**—2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,450 sq ft—**\$112,000**

**829 Cashua Ferry Rd**—2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,010 sq ft—**\$99,900**

**421 Spring St.**—2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 964 sq ft—**\$62,900**

**2381 Green Street Road**—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,937 sq ft—**\$59,900**

**443 Phillips Street**—792 sq ft 3 bedrooms and 1 bath—**\$49,900**

**LAND AND LOTS**

**Redwood Drive**—Nice lot located off of McIver Road. 92 acres—**\$10,000.00** motivated seller make an offer

**COMMERCIAL**

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

**911 N. Governor Williams Hwy**—30 X 60 commercial metal bld with 12 ft ceilings. Building sits on a 1 acre lot. Nice office area with half bath. Large work space in rear with half bath and 2 roll up doors. The whole building is heated and cooled. Would make a great mechanic shop, car lot or small church. Lots of possibilities with this property. **Priced at \$110,000.00**

**1110 Lamar Hwy**—2,299 sq ft bld currently used as a barber shop. Separate office and workshop with roll up door in rear of bld. **\$60,000**

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## S.C. Treasurer Curtis Loftis sets new record in returning unclaimed property

COLUMBIA - State Treasurer Curtis Loftis and the Unclaimed Property Program returned nearly \$33 million in 2017, bringing the total amount of money returned during his administration to \$137 million, more than all previous state treasurers combined.

"My Unclaimed Property team has done an outstanding job helping identify individuals who have money waiting for them," Treasurer Loftis said. "This is money that can change people's lives, and we want to reunite them with funds that are rightfully theirs."

As immediate-past president of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, Treasurer Loftis is dedicated to returning unclaimed money to its rightful owners. Since Treasurer Loftis has taken office, the annual amount returned has almost doubled.

Treasurer Loftis often spends his own time researching the large and more difficult

claims, resulting in millions of dollars being returned to hard-working South Carolinians.

"We may have paid back nearly \$32.9 million last year, but we still have \$550 million in funds waiting to be claimed," added Treasurer Loftis. "Everyone should check their name to see if they have unclaimed property. You might not even know that you have money waiting for you."

Millions of dollars are transferred to the program annually by companies that cannot locate the owners. Examples of the types of property covered by the program include dormant bank accounts, stock certificates, uncashed checks (including paychecks), insurance proceeds and utility deposits. The Unclaimed Property Program does not include tangible property like land or vehicles.

To find out if you have unclaimed property, visit [southcarolina.findyourunclaimedproperty.com](http://southcarolina.findyourunclaimedproperty.com).

## McLeod Health to host 11th annual Worker's Compensation Seminar

McLeod Occupational Health and McAngus, Goudelock, & Courie Law Firm (MGC) will host the 11th Annual Worker's Compensation Seminar on February 9 at the McLeod Pavilion Conference Center in Florence (801 East Cheves Street).

This free seminar will include presentations on the following: Overview of the

South Carolina Worker's Compensation System, A Commissioner's Perspective: What Employers Should Know, A Physician's Perspective: Anatomy of an Office Visit, A Mock Worker's Compensation Hearing, and a Physical Agility Testing Demonstration.

Special presenters include Debbie Locklair, Chief Human Resources Officer of McLeod

Health; Walt Barefoot, Attorney of MGC; J. Brandon Hylton, Attorney of MGC; T. Scott Beck, Chairman of the South Carolina Worker's Compensation Commission; Dr. Stuart Sandler, Medical Director of McLeod Occupational Health; Dave Stoklosa, Safety Manager of McLeod Occupational Health; and Brian Richardson, CEO of Occupational

Performance Corporation. The purpose of this seminar is to educate and inform business leaders and Occupational Health partners on the latest trends in worker's compensation injury management and legislation. To register, please contact Jessica Brown, McLeod Occupational Health Coordinator, at 843-777-5736 or [jebrown@mcleodhealth.org](mailto:jebrown@mcleodhealth.org).

### Answers from 2B

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# Tech Stingers sweep USC-Union in 2018 season opener

The Florence-Darlington Technical College Stingers swept USC-Union at Old Cornell Field on Saturday, February 3, 2018 to open up the 2018 baseball season.

Prior to the first pitch being thrown, the 2017 JUCO World Series team received their Eastern District Championship rings. Trent Autry, who was one of the Tech Stingers' starting pitchers last season, appeared on the mound to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Autry now plays in the MiLB for the Arizona Diamondbacks organization.

The Stingers won 4-0 in the first game of the double-header. Starting pitcher

Tanner Myatt earned the win after he pitched the first three innings. While on the mound, Myatt did not allow a hit or run as he struck out six batters. Blake Whiting earned the save as he struck out four batters in two innings pitched.

Reid Hardwick was 3-4 with a homerun and three runs batted in. Harrison Hawkins was also 2-2 in the first game on Saturday.

Game two of the double-header saw a complete dominant performance by the Stingers as they won 10-1. Tradd James earned the victory on the mound as he pitched the first three innings. James only allowed one hit and a

run; however, he struck out two batters.

Cross Holfert led the team in batting in the second game as he hit two home runs, with five runs batted in. Once again, Hawkins kept swinging a hot bat as he was 2-3 with two runs batted in. Ed'zaviah Paul also had two runs batted in as well.

"It was a great crowd, exciting atmosphere for opening day and our World Series ring ceremony," said head baseball coach, Preston McDonald. "We made some mistakes and didn't play our best baseball, but you don't expect to in early February. We played 14 different position players and threw nine



different pitchers which was our goal for the day. We'll have a big challenge this week in Florida. Hopefully this will



give us some confidence as we head down there."

The Stingers baseball team will head to Palatka, Florida to compete in the Capital City Bank Classic, February 9-11, 2018. The next home game will be played on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 4 p.m. at Old Cornell Field as the Stingers host Southeastern Community College.

## Flu widespread across most of the U.S., Red Cross issues tips

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says the number of people seeing their doctor for influenza-like illness is the highest since the pandemic in 2009. According to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 46 people have died from the flu in the state.

According to the latest DHEC report, there have been more than 1,700 influenza-related hospitalizations so far this season. The CDC continues to recommend influenza vaccination for all people six months of age and older as flu viruses are likely to continue circulating for several more weeks. The Palmetto SC Region of the American Red Cross has steps people can follow to help prevent the spread of the flu.

### FLU SAFETY

The flu vaccine is the best available way to protect against influenza. CDC recommends that everyone six months and older get an injectable flu vaccine as soon as possible. To help stop the spread of influenza:

- Stay home if you're sick.
- Wash hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand-sanitizer.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing, and throw the tissue away after use. If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If traveling, handle your own belongings. Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Carry hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes with you. You can use them to wash your hands or wipe down surfaces such as armrests.
- Bring your own pillows and blankets if traveling

– they can act as a shield against the seat itself.

### DOWNLOAD FIRST AID APP

The Red Cross First Aid app includes safety tips on influenza. Download the free app from the app store for your mobile device by searching for "American Red Cross" or by going to [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps).

### THE FLU AND GIVING BLOOD

The Red Cross currently has an urgent need for blood and platelet donors of all blood types to give now to help address a winter blood donation shortage. Donors who are healthy and feeling well are urged to schedule donation appointments and invite others to do the same as soon as possible.

Individuals who are not feeling well on the day of donation will be deferred from giving blood. Those who have the flu should wait until they no longer have flu symptoms, have recovered completely and feel well before attempting to donate. Blood donors must feel healthy and well on the day of donation.

You can give blood after receiving the influenza vaccine if you are symptom-free and meet all other eligibility requirements. Neither the flu shot nor the intranasal vaccine is cause for a blood donation deferral, because there is no risk of transmitting influenza after receiving the vaccines.

### CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH THE FLU

If someone in your household does come down with the flu, the Red Cross wants you to know the best way to care for them:

- Designate one person as the caregiver and have the other household members avoid close contact with that person so they won't become sick.
- Make sure the person stays at home and rests until

24 hours after the fever is gone.

- Designate a sick room for the person if possible.
- Keep the following either in the sick room or near the person: tissues, a trash can lined with a plastic trash bag, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, a cooler or pitcher with ice and drinks, a thermometer and a cup with straw or squeeze bottle to help with drinking.
- Keep everyone's personal items separate. All household members should avoid sharing pens, papers, clothes, towels, sheets, blankets, food or eating utensils unless cleaned between uses.
- Disinfect doorknobs, switches, handles, computers, telephones, bedside tables, bathroom sinks, toilets, counters, toys and other surfaces that are commonly touched around the home or workplace.
- Wash everyone's dishes in the dishwasher or by hand using very hot water and soap.
- Wash everyone's clothes in a standard washing machine as you normally would. Use detergent and very hot water, tumble dry on a hot dryer setting and wash your hands after handling dirty laundry.
- Wear disposable gloves when in contact with or cleaning up body fluids.

### About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization – not a government agency – and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [www.redcross.org/SC](http://www.redcross.org/SC) or @RedCrossSC

## SCAAHC seeks nominations for "Preserving Our Places In History" Awards

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is seeking nominations for its "Preserving Our Places in History" awards.

The mission of the SCAAHC is to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina and to assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

In order to encourage the preservation of the African American experience in South Carolina, the SCAAHC has established the following annual recognition.

**Individual Award** - This award recognizes a person who has demonstrated or made an outstanding accomplishment in preserving and interpreting African American history and culture in SC during the 2017.

**Group or Organization Award** - This award recognizes a group or organization that has demonstrated or made an outstanding accom-

plishment in preserving and interpreting African American history and culture in South Carolina during 2017.

**Project Award** - This award recognizes a project that has significantly and dramatically influences in a permanent way the preservation and interpretation of African American history and culture in South Carolina during 2017.

**Student Award** - This award recognizes a current college student who has a great interest in, and has done a noteworthy work, towards the preservation of African American history and culture in South Carolina during 2017.

**Legislator of the Year Award** - This award recognizes a legislator who has endorsed the preservation of African American history and culture in South Carolina and/or solicited funding through the South Carolina legislature for causes, groups or organizations that support the preservation of African American history and culture in 2017.

Individuals, groups and organizations can nominate themselves for the awards or be nominated by others who are aware of their work, contributions and achievements in the field. The SCAAHC requires that nominators submit a nomination form and documentation that explains and provides evidence to support the nomination. The documentation should include a one-page statement justifying the nomination along with letters of support and other attachments that verify and support it.

For information or to obtain a nomination form, call Jannie Harriot at 843-332-3589 or visit the SCAAHC's website at: [www.scaaheritagefound.org](http://www.scaaheritagefound.org). Nominations must be received by Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

The awards will be presented at the "Preserving Our Places in History" Awards presentation to be held on Friday, March 16, 2018 at the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia.

## Cobras overpower Warriors in sweep

Coker College battled the Southern Wesleyan Warriors in a non-conference softball doubleheader Feb. 3. The Cobras thrashed the visitors 6-1 in game one and run-ruled the Warriors 10-2 during the second game. Maria Williamson provided the offensive spark for the Navy and Gold, leading the team with three runs, five hits, two dou-

bles, and three runs batted in.

Allyson High provided a consistent line with two runs, two hits, and two RBI. Makayla Shore also added two RBI to the Cobra effort. Mindy North stole two bases to lead the team while crossing home plate twice in the wins. Courtney Boan and Madison King contributed a stolen base each. Kelsi

Bachmann earned a team-high two walks with Hannah Price drawing one as well.

Christine Carver picked up the game one victory. She pitched six innings, giving up five hits, one run, and two walks, striking out five batters. Taylor Forehand earned the latter win. Coker faces Lander Feb. 7 at 1 and 3 p.m.

## Season finale of "This is Us" demonstrates fire safety messages

Over the past few weeks, the NBC television show, "This is Us," has effectively dramatized home fire missteps that can have deadly consequences. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) says these dramatizations turned a spotlight on fire safety, a topic many think little about until it's too late.

"This is Us" showed viewers how characters' actions and oversights led to tragedy and provides a powerful opportunity to talk about what can be done to prevent fire fatalities in real life," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

Generating conversation and increased awareness around home fire safety is more important than ever. While the number of U.S. home fires has declined in recent decades, the likelihood of dying if you have a home

fire has actually increased. This is largely due to the fact that today's home fires burn faster, minimizing the amount of time people have to escape safely.

In the season finale of "This is Us," the Pearson family made critical errors in escaping a home fire. First and foremost, no one should ever re-enter a burning building.

"Getting outside and staying out once you've escaped a burning building is among the most critical take-aways from the show," said Carli. "If a person or pet is still trapped inside, tell the firefighters where you think that person might be. Never ever go back inside a burning building."

Carli notes that it is unlikely that Jack would have been able to re-enter the home, locate the dog and other momentos, and safely exit through the front door with

the fire raging quickly.

In addition, a home escape plan would have been a big help to the family, ensuring that they each knew how to exit the home as effectively and efficiently as possible. They also would have known to call the fire department immediately upon getting out.

Previous "This is Us" episodes highlighted the vital importance of installing batteries in smoke alarms, as well as making sure cooking appliances are in good working order and kept well away from anything that can burn. According to NFPA research, the majority of fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

For more information on these and other home fire safety issues, visit [nfpa.org/publiceducation](http://nfpa.org/publiceducation).

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