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County Council Creates 'Penny Tax' Commission

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At their March 5 meeting, Darlington County Council took the first step toward preparing a 'penny tax' referendum by establishing a Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) Commission. This body would draft the referendum county voters could see on their November general election ballots, proposing

the levy of a one-cent sales tax to finance construction of a new county courthouse.

By unanimously approving Resolution 687 Council voted to create a commission, which will include three representatives appointed by municipalities and three representatives appointed by County Council. If the municipalities have not submitted their chosen appointees within thirty days of this resolution's adoption, the county will choose for

them. Due to dual office holding restrictions, elected officials are not eligible to serve on the CPST Commission.

Members of the commission will review proposals for capital projects within the county – such as new judicial and administrative facilities – and compose a referendum for Council to review. Should Council choose to adopt a one percent sales tax, they would be required to draft an ordinance to that effect and pass

three readings and a public hearing. Then the Darlington County Election Commission would place the referendum on the November, 2018 general election ballot for registered county voters to approve or reject.

Also at this meeting, former City of Darlington Mayor Ronnie Ward addressed concerns that a new courthouse/admin facility might be built outside the county seat, which is Darlington.

Ward stressed the importance of the courthouse to businesses on the Public Square, noting that courthouse traffic comprises a large share of the trade done by downtown Darlington restaurants and retailers. He warned that relocating the judicial or administrative functions "two or three miles away for convenience" could do "immeasurable harm" to the city.

"Darlington has a courthouse; that is its reason for

existing. We don't have a Fortune 500 company in the midst of our city. We don't have a college, we don't have a Governor's School, we don't have a Byerly Foundation. We've got the Darlington courthouse, which is extremely important to our lives and to our welfare," said Ward. "It is our heartbeat...and it's critically important that it stays."

TAX ON 3A



Arborist Ben Williamson and concerned citizens met with representatives from SCDOT and design consultant firm Mead and Hunt about the possible visual impact of the upcoming US-52 (North Main Street) bridge replacement project. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

Arborist expresses concerns over possible loss of trees during bridge project

Representatives from SCDOT and design consultant firm Mead and Hunt met with concerned citizen and arborist Ben Williamson last Thursday to discuss the upcoming US-52 (North Main Street) bridge replacement project and the effect it will have on nearby trees. Williamson expressed concern that the expanded right-of-ways

necessary to construct the new bridge to modern standards would require the removal of seven oak trees, thereby negatively impacting the visual appearance of this entry route into Darlington.

Later that day, the representatives met with Darlington city manager Howard Garland and agreed to make

every effort to save four of the seven trees. Garland said SCDOT agreed that when the project is bid out, the contractor will consult with the city's arborist regarding the oaks. The bridge replacement project is slated to begin in December of 2018 and be completed by mid 2019. During construction, traffic will be restricted to one lane,

Newman to lead DCSD

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After a short executive session meeting March 5, the Darlington County Board of Education voted unanimously to offer Dr. Tim Newman the position of DCSD Superintendent. Newman was one of four finalists the board brought to the district in recent weeks to meet with community and district stakeholders.

Newman was present in the meeting via conference call and accepted the board's offer.

"I am honored and humbled to be offered the position of superintendent in Darlington County School District," Newman said. "I was very impressed with the process that you (the board) went through to get district and stakeholder buy-in. I accept the position and I am anxious to get started. There are so many great things we are going to accomplish together."

Currently the superintendent of the Orangeburg Consolidated School District 4, Newman will assume the DCSD post July 1.

Board chairman Jamie Morphis said that the board saw Newman as the obvious choice after meeting with him and hearing feedback from his visit to the district.

"Dr. Newman emerged as a clear leader through our research and interviews, as well as in the feedback from our teachers, principals, staff,



Dr. Tim Newman

and community members," Morphis said. "Dr. Newman is knowledgeable about our district. He presented us with intriguing, well-conceived ideas to address the needs of our district and students. Moreover, he has the experience, attitude, and leadership abilities to cross all lines and create a cohesive culture of excellence in our district."

During conversations with local media during his visit, Newman said that he looked forward to the professional challenge that DCSD presented him, coming from a district with similar demographics but a smaller population. He said that he believed his past professional experience would help him come in and learn more about Darlington and its students.

NEWMAN ON 3A

Darlington City Council moves ahead on property purchases

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Darlington City Council approved three property purchase ordinances March 6 during their regular monthly meeting.

The purchase included 17 acres on the corner of Old Florence Highway and Avenue D as well as the acquisition of Virgil Wells Stadium and the accompanying ball-field and tennis courts, owned by the Darlington County School District. All of the land purchased will be used to recreation purposes.

A fourth ordinance, relating to digital signage in the city, was tabled until a public hearing can be held in April to get feedback from the community.

Council heard two requests

for money during the meeting. Harriet Hobbs with the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce asked the city for \$15,000 for the annual Freedom Fest at Darlington Raceway. Council has contributed the same amount for the last four years and approved the request for this year's event. Anna Dewitt with the Darlington Rescue Squad requested \$6,000 to go toward a Christmas Festival in Darlington. Dewitt said that the squad has held the annual Christmas Parade in Darlington for more than a decade. She said that the parade committee wants to start a festival to give people a reason to stick around for the Christmas tree lighting which takes place several hours after the parade ends. Councilman John Milling suggested that council have their first budget meeting to determine how much money was in the Hospitality Tax fund before they approve Dewitt's request.

Pastor shares how church offered forgiveness in the wake of Charleston church shooting

"We have to be invested in the process of forgiving one another."

-- Rev. Eric Manning, Mother Emanuel AME

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Francis Marion University, in conjunction with South Carolina Humanities, recently held the Beyond Mother Emanuel conference exploring the topics of culture, race and faith in America. The three-day conference featured panel discussions and lectures with a variety of speakers.

FMU Professor of English Dr. Jon Tuttle was one of the creators of the event and also served as moderator during panel discussions.

"On the topic of Mother Emanuel there is so much to say that it hard to know where to begin and when to stop," Tuttle said. "We are going to try to have a conversation today that discusses the connection between faith, art, community and race, healing."

During one of the panel discussions



Rev. Eric Manning talked about the role of faith and forgiveness in the wake of tragedies. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Rev. Eric Manning of Mother Emanuel AME in Charleston spoke about his church's movement to forgive the shooter that killed nine members of the congregation, including the senior pastor, during a prayer service in 2015.

"There is one thing that...we wrestle with which stems from the tragedy: dealing with forgiveness," Manning said. "How could the families start to forgive

immediately after such a horrific event? That is something that people throughout this entire country, and dare I say the world, continue to struggle with. When they come to Mother Emanuel, that question is one that I continue to have to field and I always come down on the side of scripture."

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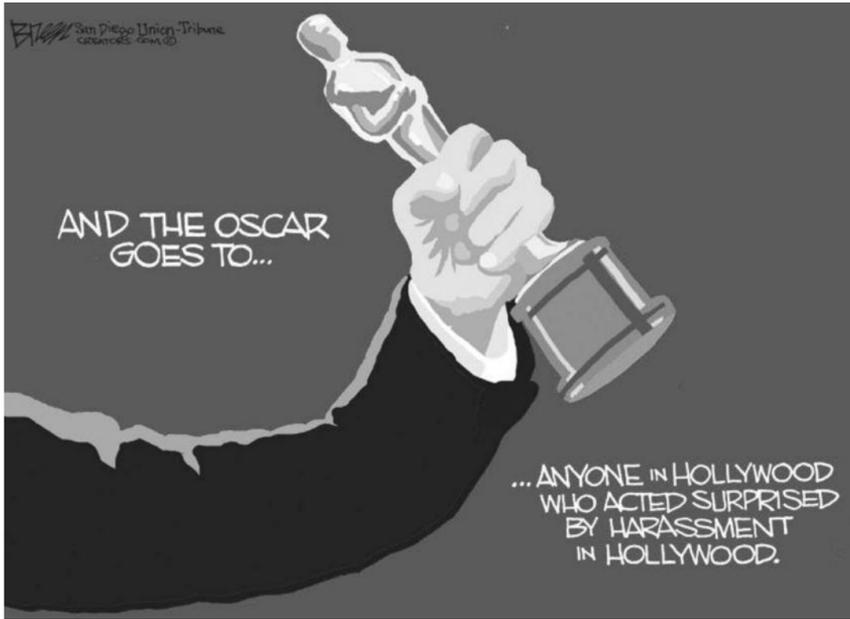
Word of the Week

elucidate 1 : to make lucid especially by explanation
or analysis 2 : to give a clarifying explanation

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OP-ED

Plundering!

By Bill Shepard



I have spent a lot of time lately plundering among my plunder! I would wager that some of you readers haven't heard the words plunder and plundering in a long time, if ever! Perhaps I should have said that I have been searching around in my clutter! We used a lot of words when I was a boy that are seldom heard these days. I am tempted to name some but for the sake of time and space, I will save them for another time.

While searching around in my clutter, it seemed I could hear my mama calling, "Bill,

you better close that trunk and stop your plundering and get yourself here right now!" I knew that when Mama spoke with that tone of voice and used those words "right now," she meant it!

I will be there "the reckon," mill village talk meaning directly, I would answer and close the lid on my little trunk and hasten to the kitchen where I knew Mama was waiting. Mama spent a lot of her time in the kitchen, preparing meals for her family. When she was not in the kitchen, she could be found seated at the old Singer sewing machine sewing garments for her children to wear. Mama was always busy at something! She was a stay-at-homer, cooking, sewing, quilting; there wasn't time for much more. Come summer, Mama would find time to help in planting and harvesting the vegetable garden that grew nearby.

I liked to plunder in my little trunk where I kept my plunder. The little trunk resembled the treasure chest that Long John Silver used to keep his treasure in. I read about Long John Silver in the book about Treasure Island, when I was a boy in school I have read the book several times since, and when the movie was made and I saw the treasure chest that the old pirate kept his gold, loot and plunder in, it reminded me of my little trunk!

I didn't keep gold in my little trunk, but I did have a lot of treasures inside! For starters, I always had a tin snuffbox inside. I called it my money bank! I kept the money in it that I earned working on the nearby farms, picking cotton, working in tobacco, ploughing the fields with a mule or horse, and gathering peas and corn. During the summer and on into early fall, I could find a way to earn my spending money. Each week after being paid, I would go to town and buy the things I needed and wanted and the little that was left after my visit to town, I would put inside my snuffbox! My plan for that to be spent was when the County Fair came to Darlington, in early October. When the fair had come and gone, there wasn't much need for the snuffbox, but I kept it until the next year. It became a part of my plunder! Long John Silver would have referred to it as his loot!

Among my treasures, there would be a roll of grocery twine, left over from my last kite that was used earlier that year. The kite was still blowing in the breeze at the top of a tall cypress tree in the nearby swamp, but the twine was in safe keeping until the next kite season. There would be a few marbles, a knife with one broken blade, a tin whistle attached to a chain, and as many as three St. Regis pocket watches that would not keep time! I bought one or more of the watches each year and when they stopped keeping time, I would purchase another. A dollar each at the dime store on the square was the cost. I never threw one away, even though I knew it couldn't be fixed!

My little trunk was also the place where I kept my wardrobe! We did not have fancy pieces of furniture in which to keep our clothes, and closet space was limited in the small village houses. Of course, we didn't have need for much space in the times of which I write.

I still have my little trunk! It has been mine for as long as I can remember and that is a long time. I think I should go downstairs. remove a lot of the plunder and see what I can find inside my trunk! I would almost wager that there is a slingshot, top, knife, and perhaps, an old watch that won't keep time! Reckon?

Next time, Bill

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OP-ED

My Mother's Lonely Peach Tree

By Tom Poland

The old folks planted fruit trees. Pear, apple, cherry, wild plum, and peach trees. Pecan trees too. Vineyards of wild grapes ... scuppernongs and muscadines. Folks in general don't do that anymore. Why should they? Just go to the store and buy fruit that's waxed and arranged in pretty rows. Nary a tree in sight. Dependent on strangers we are.

Well, it wasn't always that way. From my deep well of memories rise a small fig tree and one lonely peach tree. I see it now. Lean, green, with tiny peaches. With my back to Mom's hummingbird feeder looking "11 o'clock way" near the wood's edge, I still see where it grew. Try as I might, though, I cannot see it in bloom but I remember peaches. Not much bigger than their pits they were; I picked them too early.

Somewhere down the line that tree died. Died of loneliness I suspect. Bereft of an orchard to comfort it. To show how it looked. It's no more, but memories of it live on and that tree was on my mind when I trekked into Edgefield County a chilly March 1. I got up at 5:15, threw on the cof-

fee, made ready to leave, and arrived in Peach Country just after sunrise. A heavenly sight waited: peach trees in bloom by the scores. Clouds of pink, pale red, coral, a blushing performance of delicate blooms that mesmerize. Case in point. As I was packing up camera gear just off Highway 19, three women pulled in, posed, and began snapping photos of themselves.

"The trees are beautiful," I said.

"We never see anything like this," said a brunette. "We're from Florida."

Well, they have orange groves, but a woman down Florida way tells me orange trees aren't as spectacular as peach trees though they're fabulously fragrant. As I drove off, the women were giggling and hopping around snapping photos. High on peach trees they were.

Mom and Dad were high on them too. They always looked forward to a summer ritual: driving to Edgefield County to buy peaches. Where they went exactly I'm unsure but they went. Down Highway 378 across the Savannah they drove taking a right onto Highway 28 in McCormick and a left onto

Highway 283 in Plum Branch. Plum tickled they were. Across Stevens Creek they went and on to Highway 25 and into Edgefield proper on through to its peach orchards. Back home they came with split-oak baskets overflowing with peaches, fresh sliced peaches, pickled peaches, and homemade peach ice cream blessed family gatherings.

Knowing how Mom loved flowers I'm sure the drive to Peach Country provided double joy. Good things to eat and a profusion of blooms with few equals. Along the way I'm sure they talked about growing up with fruit trees. The seed was in their blood. Granddad Walker had crab apples and a date tree. Most unusual taste ever, sweet, dry ... unworldly ... a tad chemical. On Granddad Poland's farm a fabulous pear tree, heavy with fruit, stood by a barn. Saw my only butchering of a cow at that barn. Once was enough. That pear tree? I'm going to look for it one day, and if it's there, I'll photograph it but there's no going back to photograph Mom's lonely peach tree.

Well, things change, don't they. I'm changing too. From now on, I'll photograph

Edgefield County's pink clouds. Come winter's end I'll keep an eye on the weather and the blooms' progress. Something to do ... something to look forward to. Something to remember, like Mom's lonely peach tree but not its beautiful petals, delicate blossoms that surely drifted across our yard like pink snowflakes. For the life of me, though, I just can't remember.

Tom Poland is the author of twelve books and more than 1,000 magazine features. A Southern writer, his work has appeared in magazines throughout the South. The University of South Carolina Press released his book, *Georgialina, A Southland As We Knew It*, in November 2015 and his and Robert Clark's *Reflections Of South Carolina, Vol. II* in 2014. The History Press of Charleston published *Classic Carolina Road Trips From Columbia* in 2014. He writes a weekly column for newspapers in Georgia and South Carolina about the South, its people, traditions, lifestyle, and changing culture and speaks often to groups across South Carolina and Georgia. "Georgialina." Find more columns at www.tompoland.net.

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A Moment with the Finance Director – Karen Caulder

I joined the City of Hartsville on March 1st, 2017, as Finance Director. I grew up in Chesterfield, SC. After attending college in Columbia, SC, I moved to Greenville, SC for over 5 years. Subsequently, I accepted a job at Sonoco and returned to Hartsville. I was amazed by how much had changed since I was younger. I then moved to a job in Cheraw, which I enjoyed; however, it was not putting to use the public service heart that I had inside. I was searching for a role that would allow me to make a greater impact, using my education and experience to help others.

During my interview for the role of Finance Director, I met the City Manager, Natalie Zeigler, and the Assistant to the City Manager, Mary Catherine Farrell. I saw the team here at the City of Hartsville, and it became apparent that the staff is what created the immense change in Hartsville: the appearance, the traffic, people downtown and so many new retail stores, everything more vibrant. The administration was so driven and passionate, it is hard not to be inspired to make positive change. I walked out of the interview and I called my husband, and I told him, "This is it." This is where I

need to be.

I entered into this position assuming the majority of Hartsville's physical transformation was due to private investment. I quickly learned that wasn't entirely the case. The City had put forth so much effort to facilitate the rapid development of this municipality. I was misinformed about several aspects of what happens in our area.

Working for a municipality is something I wish all people could experience because there is a generous amount that is taken for granted or misunderstood about Hartsville. Not long after I started as Finance Director, I felt a sense of guilt for any time I complained about something not happening in the city. I had never attempted to take a step back to try to better understand how things happen. What I have learned in my time with the city is that numerous steps have to be taken for goals to be achieved; it's not as simple as we might think. Keeping Hartsville moving forward requires combined effort from City staff, City Council, and residents.

There are many practical ways to get to know the city better, to become more informed and to contribute more to our shared goals.

Regularly attending City Council meetings on the second Tuesday of the month is a great way to hear and learn about all of the different projects happening around Hartsville. The majority of key

projects taking place are going to be discussed and voted upon at City Council. Citizens can also learn a great deal about Hartsville's current events

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Bela Family Dentistry of Darlington announces Little Free Library and college scholarship

Bela Family Dentistry of Darlington is excited to announce the Bela Family Dentistry Academic Scholarship, to be awarded to a high performing high school senior. As an additional effort to show their dedication to education and learning, they have built a Little Free Library on their office premises.

The Bela Family Dentistry Academic Scholarship will be awarded annually to one of Bela Family Dentistry of Darlington's deserving patients. To qualify, the applicant must be planning to attend a university or technical college within their state of residence and be a Bela Family Dentistry patient. The scholarship will be awarded to the applicant with the highest GPA, in the amount of \$1,000 to be used towards

college expenses. Applications will be accepted until April 30th.

Bela Family Dentistry of Darlington has also joined the movement to share books, bring people together, and create a community of readers with a Little Free Library located at their office.

This library resembles a birdhouse and will be filled with books available to be shared throughout the community. Little Free Libraries are a great way to share, by taking a book and leaving a book. The community is encouraged to visit as often as possible. Further details about the scholarship program are available at darlington.beladentistry.com/scholarship. Call 843-393-5381 with any questions, or visit 110 Cherry St. in Darlington.

Trio of emergency nurses at Carolina Pines receive certification

The Emergency Department at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce that three registered nurses have passed the Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) exam: Pat Spencer, RN, CEN; Tracy Jacobs, RN, CEN; and Sam Joyner, RN, CEN. The nurses join four others in their department in recent months who have received the additional training required for this certification.

"All three of these ladies are extremely valuable to the overall success of our Emergency Department," shared Frank H. Munn, the Director of Emergency Services at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center.

"Not only do they perform care at the bedside, they are leaders in the Emergency Department. Pat, Tracy and Sam bring many years of experience and dedication to the nursing profession to our community and patient population. We are fortunate to have such great caregivers here and this certification



Pat Spencer, BSN, RN, CEN, Tracy Jacobs, RN, CEN, and Sam Joyner, RN, CEN at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center each received their Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) certification.

just further acknowledges they are three of the best at what they do. This is a great testament to the quality of caregivers in the department."

Pat Spencer has been a nurse for over 26 years, the last 13 years at Carolina Pines. She is a Darlington native, but she and her family have called Lamar home

since 1996. What drew her to the nursing profession is simple: "It was just something I always wanted to do. I love to take care of people."

Tracy Jacobs was born and raised in Hartsville and has been a nurse for 22 years. Although she has worked in other capacities as a nurse including outpatient and hospice, Jacobs calls the ER her

home.

What brings Jacobs the most joy is the acute care; "We fix it, and send you either home or upstairs. It's a very fast pace. I think the variety keeps it interesting."

Sam Joyner has been a nurse since 1989. She hails originally from Lee County, but claims Hartsville as her home community.

Joyner's favorite part about being a nurse is one that resonates with most in her profession: "I love helping people," she said. "And the worst part is charting! I love helping people but I hate charting."

She has worked in ER for most of career, and recalls her early days when she came to Carolina Pines to work. "I was working in a department called Patient First Assessment," recalls Joyner. "But then they were short staffed one day in the ER and they knew I had ER experience from Byerly Hospital... and they made me come down here and they never let me leave!"

Newman

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"I think it is key that you understand how to communicate to communities," Newman said. "I think the more varied experiences that you've had in communities, especially across South Carolina, that that only adds to the ability to be in a new community and know how to communicate to the people there, especially with the kids."

Newman said that educating students is easier when district staff and faculty know them and their needs.

"We need to be able to learn about children's individual needs," Newman said. "It is very important that we differentiate instruction and the individual learning so that we can focus on individual students instead of just broad test scores and broad programs."

Newman said that he had planned out several things he would want to accomplish in the first 90 days on the job should he be hired.

"In my 30/60/90 plan, there are four areas I would focus on initially," Newman said. "The first is my relationship with the school board. Then of course PR and communications and how we put that together for community involvement. The budget process and developing the next school year's budget is important. Lastly is instruction analysis, taking a look at the programs that we have in place, see what's working; talk to teachers, talk to principals, talk to parents, talk to kids. What are our successes right now and what are some of the things we can improve and, again, collaboratively come up with goals and objectives to accomplish for the next school year."

Tax

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Further, Ward said he felt certain that there were no members of County Council who would knowingly vote to damage any of the county's municipalities.

"I know you're trying to do what's best for the county, but the health of its municipalities is extremely important. And if you do anything that's going to harm those businesses in those towns, keep them from growing their quality of life and economic welfare, I think that would be a terrible thing," said Ward.

On the regular agenda, Council held a public hearing and second reading for Ordinance 18-01, adopting the state's penalties for littering. This measure would mandate a minimum \$100 fine for

a misdemeanor first conviction (maximum penalty is \$200), and require those with a second littering conviction to also complete 20 hours of community service. Those convicted will also pay \$25 in court costs.

Council also voted to sell .082 acres located at the Darlington Library to SC DOT to allow for the construction of a new US-52 bridge. The sold property includes 1,775 feet of asphalt, 250 linear feet of curbing, and seven dogwood trees planted on Library property in 2015 by the City of Darlington. The bridge project will include a new 40-foot right-of-way along US-52 Business (North Main Street), a transitional right-of-way at the intersection of Main and North Streets, and a new 45-foot right-of-way along North Street frontage. The property was sold for \$11,029.

Pastor

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Manning said that forgiveness is not something that comes naturally for mankind.

"I tell folks wherever I go that I'm a pastor so I have a Biblical worldview," Manning said. "My Biblical worldview gives me the ability to forgive, against a lot of times the most grievous atrocities that have taken place. Forgiveness is, one that I share with many folks, it is not necessarily a sprint but it's a marathon. It means that you are going to have to continuously work at it. You are going to have to continuously forgive folks for what they have done."

Giving specific examples of the aftermath of the shooting, Manning said that giving forgiveness is often freeing.

"So when you think about the bail bonds and the hearing that was taking place when Dylann Roof was there and the families began to speak, first Nadine (Collier, the daughter of 70-year-old Ethel Lance) spoke and she said 'It hurts me. You took someone I love from me. I forgive you.' I spoke with Nadine and she said that she did plan on saying that but it just felt that that was what needed to be said," Manning said. "Anthony Thompson, the husband of Myra Thompson, came right after her and said 'You need to repent; we forgive you.' He talked about that and said he didn't plan on saying that either but the Holy Spirit ministered to him and instructed him to say these words. After he did, there was such a release that took place. Bottled up anger and hostility was gone and replaced with love and the peace that surpasses all

understanding.

That forgiveness was divinely inspired, Manning said, and the Bible shows Jesus Christ setting that example for his followers.

"I think a lot of times that people the question how in the world we can forgive," Manning said. "Well, we have a wonderful model that is recorded in scripture of Jesus on the cross saying 'Father forgive them, they know not what they do.' In that process, it gives us something to lay hold to."

Manning said that cultural tradition often has set the tone for forgiveness.

"From the African American perspective, we have had to do a lot of forgiving," Manning said. "We have had to always turn the other cheek. That is something that is within us but there is also a great power, a greater authority that allows us to forgive. I think realistically when we talk about racial reconciliation and we begin to try to move the ball down the field, push the ball down the field, we have to forgive all of the atrocities taking place. Even if you begin to think about the whole plight of slavery in that regard, and you think about how Africans, how blacks were packaged like sardines...it did not kill the race. But instead, it gave us this inherent form of resiliency. But even with all those atrocities and dealing with various aspects of slavery and everything that has taken place, even still to this day, it is the power of forgiveness. Forgiveness is something that we must begin to embrace. As I shared with the others, it is not a cheap form of forgiveness, it is not the cheap form of grace. It is basically saying that we have to be invested in the process of forgiving one another."

Purchase

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Lee Andrews, Director of Tourism and Recreation for Darlington County gave a report to council on what the current numbers were for baseball and softball signups.

"About two weeks ago, we had a press conference announcing that we were going from Dixie and Little League to one league in Darlington and that was Little League," Andrews said. "A week prior to the announcement, there was a lot of stuff on social media about how that was a fail and that we wouldn't get anybody signed up. I just wanted to report the numbers for signups. In the past there have been about 217 kids in Dixie and probably 117, give or take a few, in Little League. At the end of business today (March 6), we had 283 kids signed up just for baseball. We had 135 girls signed up for softball. So, if you do the math, we are over 400. Everybody was worried about people leaving and going to different places and playing. They're here."

Andrews said that this year was going to be different

because of the combined league but that it was going to be better.

"It is going to be fun this year because it is going to be crowded," Andrews said. "They are not going to have to travel this year if they don't want to because we are going to have enough teams. When I did the numbers today, we are probably going to have enough teams for five or six teams in the 3 to 4-year-old group, five or six teams in the 5 to 6-year-old group, five or six teams in the 7 to 8-year-old group. It is unreal how people have come out. (We are) one league right now and we are headed in the right direction. I just wanted to bring you and update because there were people out in the community who said it wasn't going to work, that it wasn't going to happen. Well, so far, so good."

Lisa Chalian-Rock, Director of the DDRA, Planning & Economic Development, talked with council members about the possibility of expanding two of the city's historic districts.

"The City of Darlington Historic Landmark Commission would like to expand our residential Historic

Districts," Rock said. "We have three residential Historic Districts and two commercial Historic Districts. This would extend the protection of the historic district and keep more of the character in our beautiful homes and neighborhoods. They (the commission) feel this will enhance the city by capitalizing on what Darlington has going for it: its place as a charming historic town."

Rock said that the expansion was brought up by a homeowner in the proposed expansion areas.

"This initiative was started by a homeowner's request at the corner of Oak and North Streets; the large brick building, I believe," Rock said. "The research the commission has done is based on the state survey of the properties. We've identified several areas that would like to extend the districts and commission members have been volunteering knocking on doors and physically talking to these neighbors to see if they want to participate. At this time, the commission is proposing to extend the Cashua/Spring District by adding properties along North and Oak Streets. This would be on North Street along

Evangeline all the way to Spring. On Oak Street it would be until you get to the nursing home and then Ms. Carrigan's house. This would add an additional 15 properties to that district."

Rock was seeking the go-ahead from council to send certified letters to property owners detailing the restrictions that will go in to place once the Historic District is expanded.

An ordinance will need to be written and receive first and second reading from council before the expansion goes in to place.

Councilman Bryant Gardner asked Rock to provide a list of addresses that would be affected by the expansion. Other councilmembers seconded Gardner's request, saying that they were unsure from the map provided by Rock what properties would actually be added to the district. Mayor Gloria Hines said that council would look more at the issue before giving Rock the go-ahead.

Finance

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by following the City's social media profiles. City staff does a wonderful job of keeping it up-to-date with local events and different press releases from the City. Hartsvillesc.gov is also constantly updated with new information that can help deepen a resident's understanding of their home.

In addition, knowing your City Councilperson is incredibly helpful. Being able to put a face with the City changes your perspective. Any one of our Council members is more than willing to speak with constituents. City Clerk Sherron Skipper knows Hartsville, perhaps more than anyone, and she's a phenomenal resource. She's on the first floor of City Hall, which is right next door to The Key, Hartsville's Visitors Center. The

Key is a one-stop shop for information on events, attractions and is also the home of Main Street Hartsville, whose social media provides constant status updates about Downtown Hartsville and developments to our city center. From my experiences thus far as a City staff member and recalling my views prior to this job, I would recommend Citizens always striving to gain a better understanding of where they live by utilizing all of our City resources.

Lastly, I regret not being more proactive before I became a City employee. In my position I will continue to strive to ensure that department heads and I are good stewards of City funds. It is important to me as Finance Director that I make a conscious effort of acknowledging where these funds come from and act responsibly when allocating money. Because I was originally misinformed, another

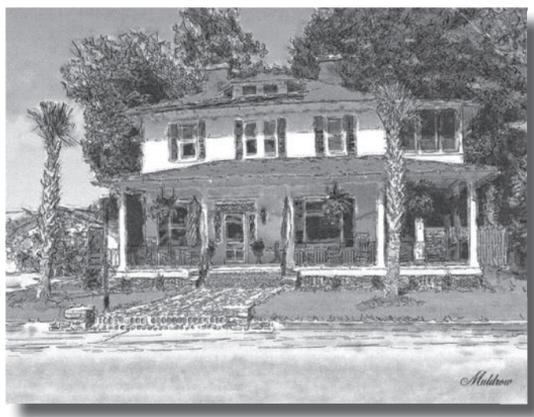
personal goal of mine is to try to enlighten as many residents as I can as to where our funds can come from and how monies are legally allowed to be utilized. As well as, relaying to residents the importance of allocating funds to certain projects that might otherwise seem trivial or unnecessary. While it may not always be obvious as to why we invest in projects, there is much thought and research completed by the City in conjunction with City Council policy initiatives. It is a joint effort, and I will attempt to inform residents of this, so that they may not feel the guilt I did upon taking this position.

I've never felt more passionate about a job because I know, if we put in the effort, the potential here in Hartsville is immense.

Karen Caulder is the Finance Director for the City of Hartsville.

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Allen "Hutch" Hutchinson

Allen "Hutch" Hutchinson, 61, of Darlington, passed away Friday, March 2, 2018, at his residence, surrounded by the love of his family.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018, at First Church of God, 620 N. Main Street, Darlington. Visitation for family and friends will follow Hutch's service.

Hutch was born July 22, 1956, in Darlington to Frances Erwin and grew up in Southern California.

Hutch served in the United States Army National Guard with the 11th Bravo Unit and went on to actively serve in the United States Navy in Intelligence.

In 1994, Hutch found his niche, graduating Basic Jail from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and worked as a certified correctional officer for the Florence County Detention Center. However, he was looking for something more. Returning to SCCJA in 1997, Hutch received his Basic Law Enforcement certification and began serving with the Florence County Sheriffs Office as a Deputy Sheriff. Hutch spent most of his 23 years devoted to the citizens of Darlington County with the Darlington County Sheriffs Office, carrying the rank of Corporal and Sergeant and was also a field-training officer. During his law enforcement career, Hutch served with the Lamar Police Dept. with the rank of Lieutenant, served with the Georgetown County Sheriffs Office, and served as a Sergeant with the Hartsville Police Dept. However, his heart always belonged to the Darlington County Sheriffs Office until his bittersweet retirement in 2017. Pursuing his life long passion for law enforcement, he excelled in every aspect, receiving numerous certifications, awards and left each and every one of his brothers and sisters in blue a story that can only be told by them.

Hutch loved spending much of his time outdoors, working in his yard, reading and playing his guitar. He strived to learn something new everyday, as he felt you could never learn enough. Hutch also loved attending First Church of God in Darlington.

Hutch was always known to never leave you without a story, told it like it was, shot straight from the hip and was known for his many "Hutchisms."

Hutch is survived by his wife, Dawn Michelle (Darlington), daughters JoDonna Hutchinson (Gatlin) Askins (Hartsville, SC) Debreyana Singleton (Columbia, SC) sons Pierson Singleton (Key West, FL) Jordan Singleton (Fairfield, CA) Travis Hutchinson and Tyler Hutchinson.

Sisters Debra (Sid) Hultquist (Apple Valley, CA) Wanda (Rick) Graham (Clearwater, FL), grandchildren Elias Mietzner (Waldorf, MD) Grace Mietzner (Clinton, MD) Matthew Jai Hiracheta Jr. (Hartsville) and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Hutch was preceded in death by his mother, Frances, an Uncle who was like a father to him (Robert "Uncle Bob" LaFever) and a dear brother in blue (Jim Goins).

The family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Brent Hanks and his team at the Duke Medical University Cancer Center.

The family would also like to thank Agape Hospice in Hartsville.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in Hutch's memory to:

The Hanks Lab
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LSRC, 2nd Floor Box 3819
Room C203
Durham, NC 27708
www.thehankslab.com

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

Robin Matthews Blackman

Robin Matthews Blackman,

49, of Florence died on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at her home in Florence.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Northwood Family Worship Center. Entombment will follow in Florence Memorial Gardens, directed by Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home. The family received friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home and other times at the home in Florence.

Robin was born in Florence, South Carolina on April 12, 1969. She was the daughter of Janice Grooms and Harold Matthews. Robin was a member of Northwood Family Worship Center and was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. The family will always cherish their time together.

Surviving are her husband, Joe Blackman; her children, Dominic Hicks (Mary Ellen), Josie Blackman, and Robby Blackman (Nikki); her grandchildren, Chase Hicks, Grayson Blackman, Madline Coomber, Hayden Hilleary, and Kayla Blackman; her sister, Frances Gaaney (Steven); her brother, Ken Matthews; her nieces, Sissy Stengel, and Kayleigh Matthews; and great niece and nephew, Annbella Grace and Grayson Stengel.

Robin was preceded in death by her father listed above; her brothers, Clark and Harold Matthews; her grandparents, William and Micky Matthews and Frank and Ruby Dodge; and her nephew, Steven Allen Gaaney.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Northwood Family Worship Center.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com.

Heyward Gaaney Sr.

Heyward Walton Gaaney, Sr., age 96, passed away Wednesday, March 07, 2018. Funeral services were held 1 p.m. Friday, March 9th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery. The family

received friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Born February 6, 1922, Heyward is the son of the late James Noland Gaaney and Dale Clark Gaaney. He served in the U.S. Army and worked in maintenance for Darlington County for 38 years. Heyward enjoyed gardening, travelling, and working on cars. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Darlington.

Surviving are his wife of 74 years, Betty Watkins Gaaney; his son, Heyward "Prune" Gaaney, Jr.; his grandchildren, Amy G. Blanks, Katina G. Treadway, Kim G. Eaddy, Larry "Bunky" Gaaney, Jr.; his great-grandchildren, Darian Gaaney, Ashley Blakenship, Sierra Gaaney, and Noelle Harold.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Larry Gaaney, James "Jimmie" Gaaney, and 8 siblings.

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

Betty Jean Brown Locklair

Betty Jean Brown Locklair, age 82, died Friday, March 9, 2018 at her residence. A funeral was held on Sunday, March 11, at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends one hour prior to the service. A private burial followed in Grove Hill Cemetery.

Born in Florence County on July 18, 1935, Betty was the daughter of the late Jack Franklin Brown and the late Alice Juanita Jordan Brown O'Neal. She was a loving housewife who dedicated her life to taking care of her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Renee (Jason) Carraway of Darlington and two grandchildren, Josh and Jake Carraway.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie English Locklair, her son, Stevie Locklair, sister, Jacqueline Mills and a niece, Joan Forthman.

Memorials may be made to Temple Free Will Baptist Church, PO Box 287, Darlington, SC 29540.

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.

Baptist Church. Mt. Calvary is located at 2349 Calvary Rd. Hartsville. For more information call Pastor E.J. Squire 843-332-0503.

Church Singing

Oates Baptist Church 3569 Oates Highway, Lamar, is proud to welcome Final Call Quartet of Florence SC, on Sunday March 25th at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great night of music and worship. Admission is free, and open to everyone. If you have any questions you may contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

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

CHURCH NEWS

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Women's Conference 2018

River of Life Christian Church will host a Women's Conference March 16-17. The theme is Empowering Women for the Kingdom of God. March 16, 7 p.m. the keynote speaker will be Pastor Linda Bailey of New Jerusalem Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ Inc., of Darlington. There will be two workshops March 17 at 8:30 a.m.: Praying with a Godly Purpose and Character of a Godly Woman. Speakers are Virginia Samuel and Melissa Fulmore, respectively. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee for the conference and luncheon is \$30. The conference will take place at Hampton Inn and Suites in Hartsville. For more information, call 843-393-6318.

Taste of Africa

Bethany Baptist Church Inspiration Choir will hold a Taste of Africa March 17 at 4 p.m. The event will feature entertainment and food. Admission is \$10. The event will be at Bethany Baptist Church, 205 W. Pearl Street in Lamar.

Concert

Deborah Barnes will be in concert at Bethel A.M.E. Fellowship Hall, 1333 S. Main Street in Darlington, March 17. The event will start at 5 p.m. and will feature the Darlington High School Gospel Choir and the Hebrew Boys. Tickets are \$10 and doors will open at 4 p.m. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 843-496-7279.

Pastoral Anniversary

Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 552 E. Billy Farrow Highway in Darlington, will be celebrating the 55th Pastoral Anniversary of E. B. Burroughs, D. Min. on Sunday March 18 at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Henry B. Peoples, Moderator of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Association and Pastor of Zion Canaan Baptist Church. Fulfillment Hour begins at 9 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m.

Pastor Anniversary

The public is invited to attend and celebrate the Mt Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Edward J. Squire and First Lady Barbara Squire's 19th Anniversary. The anniversary celebration is Sunday March 18 at 4p.m. Guest Speaker will be Pastor Reginald Floyd of Jerusalem

LIVING ON PURPOSE
Fear not, for God is with you

By Dr. William Holland

God has promised in His Word that we will never be alone and I consider this blessed assurance as a foundational pillar that supports our faith in Him. I trust Him completely and shudder to imagine drifting like a ship on the open sea without a sail, a compass, or an anchor. May we be reminded that God is always with us, He knows our situation and always wants the best for us.

When we think about why we are here on this planet and what God's plan is for us, we realize it would be wise to study His holy instruction manual. We observe Jesus in Matthew chapter 28 and verse 10 having a private conversation with His disciples. While trying to encourage and give them final instructions He said, "Teach these new followers to obey all the commands I have given to you and be sure of this: I am always with you, even to the end of the world." This was not just a passing gesture like, "take care and I hope we meet again" this was a literal promise confirming that He was sent to dwell within those who give their life to Him now and forever. Many other passages declare that we are never alone once we invite Jesus to be our Lord such as Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

As a volunteer chaplain for a long-term health care facility for Veterans, I officiate special services and Bible studies, along with visiting and praying with the residents. A sad part of my duties include being on call when a resident becomes very ill. This is when families and hospice are notified that the time is near and unfortunately these are often. I was called the other day and when I stepped into the room, I saw an elderly lady sitting with her back to the door next to the bed. When I moved around in front of her, I introduced myself and noticed she was

holding her husband's hand and patting his arm. He was heavily sedated and, even with oxygen, he was having a difficult time breathing. I pulled up a chair and said a prayer and then she began to tell me how very much in love they were and how happy they had been. They had been married many years and did not have children. He had been in the facility for the last two years and along with visiting him almost every day, she had been trying to manage their affairs. With a brief hesitation, she looked at me with tears in her eyes and said, "When my husband is gone, I will be all alone and I wonder who will take care of me?"

Throughout our life we enjoy the happy times when we are surrounded by friends and family and if we are married we can always depend on our mate being there whatever may come. What a blessing to have a close relationship with our spouse and how attached and dependent we are to them. However, unless the husband and the wife pass away together there will come a time when only one will be left. I've watched both my mom and my mother-in-law walk through this situation and, even though it's been difficult, I've also witnessed a strength within these two remarkable ladies that was no doubt from the Lord. I talk to my mom all the time and she reminds me that we just need to take everything one day at a time. She has given her fears and worries over to God and this is what gives her peace. She believes this life is not the end and that she will be reunited with dad someday. It's a great comfort to know that whatever may happen we will never be alone because God is always with us. Isaiah 41:10 promises, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness."

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Kid Friendly! My name is Dixie and I'm ready to bring love and kisses and tail wags right into your home. Polite and very friendly, I'm sweet and affectionate and have the looks to boot! Just imagine how fabulous my long, velveteen ears will feel. A solid sized girl at 50lbs, I'm easy to manage and would be so very happy to have kids to call my own. 1-2 yrs old; hound; female; 50lbs
 The Darlington County Humane Society is located 0.5 miles from Darlington Raceway off Highway 151 in Darlington.

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

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 appointment by calling the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce at 843-332-6401.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting of big book and traditions studies weekly at 8 p.m. Monday nights at Trinity UMC on Pearl Street. Use Orange Street entrance. Info: 843-395-6897.
 AA meets at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street: 12 noon and 6 p.m. Monday/Wednesday; 12 noon and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; and 8pm Sunday.

Al-Anon Meetings

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

Monthly Events

Hartsville Pilot Club

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

Hartsville Toastmasters

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

Water and Soil 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. Please visit our Facebook page: 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.

March 2018

St. John's 50th Reunion Planning Meeting

St. John's High School Class of 1968 is planning a 50th Class Reunion for May 25-26, 2018. There will be a class gathering of classmates at Takis Diner at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 24th to talk about reunion plans. If you can attend the meeting on March 24th, call Jimmy Sanderson at 843-616-4308. Also, classmates are encouraged to email their updated contact information to Judy Frank Langley at judy.langley99@yahoo.com.

Chamber Connections Breakfast

March 15 at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center 8 - 9 a.m. All Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce members are invited to attend our Chamber Connections Breakfast. Meet the physicians and tour the newly renovated offices of The Medical Group.

Darlington County Airport Commission

March 15, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

League of Women Voters

The Darlington County League of Women Voters will meet on March 15 at 7 p.m. at Mama Mia's restaurant, 114 Ward St., Darlington. Attendees can buy a meal or just enjoy learning and sharing on the topic: Current Activity in Public Transit in Darlington County. Other League hot topics will also be discussed. Everyone invited. For more information contact Sheila Haney at 843-332-6465.

Lunch & Learn

March 15 at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, noon - 1 p.m. in the Education Classroom. Guest speakers are William Martin, III, MD and Brian Sponseller, MD. Come meet our newest family practice physicians! Please R.S.V.P. at 843-339-4563/

St. Patrick's Day Walk

Darlington Area Recreation will hold a St. Patrick's Day Walk in Williamson Park at 10 a.m. on March 16, weather permitting. Info: 843-398-4030.

Basketball Jamboree

The Spaulding Alumni Association will hold their 8th annual Basketball Jamboree

March 17 in the Spaulding Middle School gym. The event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$3. For more information, contact Cynthia Lighty at 843-616-7731.

Kalmia Gardens Oyster Roast

The annual Kalmia Gardens Oyster Roast will be held March 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kalmia Gardens, 1624 W. Carolina Ave. Come enjoy SC Oysters, libations, appetizers, and music. This is a great event that supports the Gardens. For more information, visit kalmiagardens.org or call 843-383-8145.

Planning Commission

Meeting, 9 a.m. March 20, at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

Recreation Trip

March 21, Top Hat Specialties in Florence. Depart at 11 a.m. Cost: \$5 for travel. Lunch 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.

Beautification Board

Meeting, 5 p.m., March 21 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Spring Fling

The Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce and the Darlington County Rec Commission will hold a Spring Fling March 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will include an Easter egg hunt with over one thousand eggs hidden. This event will take place around the Square and on the courthouse grounds. Public parking will be available for all hunters. Call the Chamber for more info: 843-393-2641.

Show Down in the Pee Dee

Presented by One More Round Boxing Team, the event will be held on March 24 at A.W. "Man" Stanley Gym, 100 Allen St. Teams from South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia will compete. Doors open at 3 p.m. with the first bout at 4:15. Weigh-ins will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$10 at the door and free for children ages 8 and younger. VIP seats are available for sponsors. For more information, call Coach Larry Frazier 843-639-0096.

Mid Atlantic Championship Wrestling

The Mid Atlantic Championship Wrestling event will take place March 31 at Darlington High School. The event will feature Buff 'The Stuff' Bagwell, Nikita Koloff, Scott Steiner, Rick Steiner and other MACW superstars. Doors open at 7 p.m. General Admission tickets are \$10 and are available at Fitness World Gym, 1032 Pearl Street in Darlington or 821 South 5th Street in Hartsville, and at the door.

April 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Apr. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or jbishop@darcountsc.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Public Hearing

Darlington City Council will hold a public hearing regarding Ordinance 2018-01 Digital Sign Ordinance at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. Information and a copy of the ordinance can be found online at www.DarlingtonSConline.com or by calling 843-398-4000 x 103.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. April 9 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. April 9 at town hall.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting April 10 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 April 10. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Taste of Darlington

The Taste is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the garage area at Darlington Raceway.

Darlington County Airport Commission

April 19, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

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Dr. Walter D. “Doug” Smith, founding president of Francis Marion University/GSSM, passes away at 99

FLORENCE – Dr. Walter Douglas “Doug” Smith, Francis Marion University’s beloved founding president, has passed away.

Smith, who served the university from its opening in 1970 through 1983, died last weekend in a Columbia, S.C. hospital. He was 99.

Dr. Fred Carter, Francis Marion’s current president, says Smith will be sorely missed by the entire Patriot community.

“The University is in mourning; we’ve lost our father,” says Carter. “Doug Smith was the ideal leader for Francis Marion in the early years of the institution. He began with a pine forest and farmland, hired faculty and staff, constructed buildings, developed a curriculum, and established a very fine college in a relatively short period of time. Doug accomplished all of this with vision, energy and determination.

Smith came to Francis Marion a year before the inaugural school year to oversee preparations for the new college. Smith hired the college’s first faculty and staff, created the campus layout and facilities plan, and put in place the standards that allowed FMU (then FMC) to grow and flourish. That included a commitment to quality education focused on the classroom experience and fiscal prudence that kept tuition low. Both remain FMU hallmarks.

During Smith’s tenure, enrollment grew from 500 to 2,800 and the faculty increased from 20 to more than 130. He presided over the addition of more than a half million square feet of new campus buildings and was part of awarding more than 3,500 degrees.

Smith taught at Eastern Michigan University while completing his graduate studies, and began his full-time teaching career in 1950 at Florida State University, advancing to the rank of Full Professor in 1958. Smith also served as a visiting professor at Western Washington College for several summers in the 1950s.

Smith moved to Winthrop College in South Carolina as Dean of College and Professor of Psychology in 1959. He later became Dean of Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs. While at Winthrop, Smith served on a several committees for the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, and also traveled on a federal grant to Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong to study public schools and colleges there.

In 1968, Smith was hired as president of Salisbury State University (then Salisbury State College) in Salisbury, Md.. Smith was at Salisbury when he was offered the chance to open Francis Marion. The opportunity to create a college from scratch was irresistible, Smith said in interview in 1994.

Ever a humble and affable

man, Smith wrote shortly after beginning his tenure at Francis Marion that sessions on the golf course helped temper potential hubris in the president’s office.

“A middle-aged male’s less than brilliant performance on the golf course prevents him from taking himself too seriously,” wrote Smith. “This lesson is especially desirable for an academic administrator.”

Smith’s tenure at FMU was defined by the natural growth of the college from startup to established institution. But as the university grew under Smith, it, and the region it served, also grew on him.

Smith’s youngest son Walt completed his education in Florence public schools, and his oldest son, Ian, earned his undergraduate degree in Psychology at FMU (and also worked a summer job on campus, helping to plant Smith’s beloved trees on the newly minted campus). Smith and his wife settled quickly into the Florence community and never left. He lived in the city for almost 50 years, from his assumption of the presidency at FMU until his passing.

Smith was predeceased by his wife of 53 years. He is survived by his two sons, Dr. Ian D. Smith (Jeanie) and Walter H. Smith (Mary Ann) of Columbia, S.C., four grandchildren Loren Smith Carlson (Cory), Ian Brewster Smith (Shaina), Miller Smith and Hayden Smith, and most recently a great-grandson, Rhys J. Britton-Smith.

Also surviving him is one sister, Mrs. Glenna Feller (John) of Signal Mountain, TN, and one sister in law, Mrs. Donna Miller of Everett, WA, and four nieces and 11 nephews from that side of the family.

GSSM Remembers Founding President

HARTSVILLE--Dr. Doug Smith was one of the early champions for GSSM’s creation. At GSSM, we recently celebrated his 99th birthday and the vision and determination he brought to our founding. Dr. Carlanna Hendrick was recruited by Dr. Smith as a history teacher in 1988 and they remained close through the years. Her reflections on Dr. Smith’s leadership in GSSM’s founding are a fitting appreciation of the man whose work continues to impact and inspire us:

“The recent death of Dr. Walter Douglas (Doug) Smith, was a particular loss to the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics. As President emeritus of Francis Marion University, Doug met with Dr. Jim Daniels, President of Coker College, Coker board member Dr. James Rogers, Sonoco Products President Mr. Charles Coker, and SC Governor Carroll Campbell to present the idea and plans for the establishment of GSSM. Their proposal met with leg-



islative approval and Doug was named Interim President of the newly created residential high school for academically gifted juniors and seniors. In February of 1988, recruiters went around the state to find adventuresome students to form the charter class of GSSM and Doug began the search for faculty.

It was my great pleasure that Doug invited me to visit Hartsville, hear the plans for the new school, and join the new faculty. I had worked with him at Francis Marion and with trust in his judgment, answered, “yes.”

It was the best decision of my life.

In the summer of 1988, Dr. Leland Cox (an English Professor) was selected as the first presiding President of GSSM, the remainder of the faculty were hired and the new class arrived – only to find that renovations were not yet complete for the science building and the new residence facilities only just finished. It was a time of experimentation and discovery and building and – thirty years later – can be deemed a great success.

At times like this, it is useful to remember the leaders who made it all possible and whose purpose created a school, which has benefited both Hartsville and the entire state with residential and outreach programs of excellence.

Doug’s passing marks the loss of a rare breed of leader with an inspiring vision of what our state can be when we empower our young people with confidence, understanding, and compassion.”



Top Photo: Smith poses for a picture during his tenure as FMU’s President.

Bottom Photo: Smith returned to campus in recent years, seeing the campus that he helped start in all its new growth.

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State Treasurer Curtis Loftis highlights South Carolina ABLE Savings Program

State Treasurer Curtis Loftis highlighted the growing emphasis on promoting financial independence and quality of life for individuals with disabilities during remarks made in recognition of Disability Advocacy Day, March 7.

“We have come a long way as a state in addressing the needs of individuals with disabilities, and one of the biggest steps we’ve taken is the launch of the South Carolina ABLE Savings Program,” Treasurer Loftis said. “The program provides individuals with disabilities the opportunity to save and invest for their future.”

Treasurer Loftis spoke during the 29th Annual Disability Advocacy Day gathering, presented by the South Carolina Partnership of Disability Organizations and held on the South Carolina State House

grounds.

Treasurer Loftis spoke about the growth, significance and impact of the South Carolina ABLE Savings Program, which launched last year. The program, which is administered by the S.C. State Treasurer’s Office, provides tax-advantaged savings accounts for eligible individuals with disabilities.

“The South Carolina ABLE Savings Program is empowering people with disabilities,” Treasurer Loftis said. “I am proud of the program, the commitment to our citizens with disabilities it represents, and the opportunity for financial independence it provides them.”

The SC ABLE Savings Program provides individuals with disabilities the opportunity to save and invest for their



future without jeopardizing government means-tested benefits. Individuals can open an account online with as little as \$50, and they can contribute up to \$15,000 a year to an SC ABLE savings account.

Account funds can be used for a variety of qualified disability expenses, including rent and housing, transporta-

tion, education, employment training and support, assistive technology and many other qualified disability expenses.

Individuals may also deduct up to 100 percent of the contributions made to an ABLE account from their South Carolina income tax returns.

For more information: www.treasurer.sc.gov.

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Darlington uses Lamar's miscues to beat the Silver Foxes

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

It was a night of redemption for Darlington Falcons this past Friday at home.

After losing at home the night before to Manning, Darlington came right back with its second straight home game and defeated the Lamar Silver Foxes 5-2.

Against Manning a combination of bad defense to go along a lack of offense led to 6-0 defeat.

"We had a tough night at the ball park last night," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said after the game. "We challenged the guys to come out and start the game with a little more energy tonight and I thought we did."

Against Lamar it was the Silver Foxes that were their own worst enemy, committing three errors and throwing two wild pitches that resulted in some way, shape or form in four of the five runs that the Falcons scored in the first two innings of the game.

"I thought we took advantage of some errors, strung some hits together and scored some runs and that is something we haven't

done a very good job of this year, so I was proud of that," Gearhart said, recapping what he thought helped lead the Falcons to the win.

While it was Lamar that was making the majority of the mistakes, the start of the game had to give Darlington fans, players and coaches a feeling that the previous night was about to be repeated.

Against Manning all six runs were unearned and the first run of the game was unearned putting the Falcons down 1-0 quick in the top of the first inning.

Thankfully, for Darlington the defensive woes that were present on Thursday night were few and far between with the one in the first being the only one that came back to haunt the Falcons. With the defense playing pretty sound, starting pitcher Chase Weatherford and reliever Gage Weatherford took care of business against a strong Lamar offense.

"I think our pitchers are always going to give us a shot, we just have to make plays behind them; for the most part



First baseman Anthony Hopkins waits for the ball to tag out the runner but the Silver Fox player beats it back to the bag.

PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON

we did a pretty good job on that tonight," Gearhart said on his team's defensive play and what it means to his pitching staff. "Lamar is a very good baseball team, I'm thankful that we

came and played one of our better games and came away with the win."

Lamar had multiple chances to close the gap and potentially even tie or take the lead, but

each time it was unable to, including the top of the sixth inning with Gage getting the strikeout with the bases loaded and two outs to end the threat.

With the win, Darlington is

now 4-2 on the year as region play begins. The Falcons take on Lugoff-Elgin this week with the first game on the road and the second at home this coming Friday.

Coker splits with Pacers

The Cobra softball team headed southwest to USC Aiken for a clash with the Pacers in non-conference action. Coker took game one, 16-1 (5), and dropped game two, 7-6 (8).

Game One

The Navy and Gold got the scoring started fast and often in game one.

Kelsi Bachmann bunted for a single to start the game and stole second. With Hannah Price reaching first on a fielding error by the first baseman, Bachmann had time to cross home plate. Brianna Strickland singled to the pitcher, which scored Price after she advanced to third after singles from both Maria Williamson and Cacey Simmons.

Five straight batter drove in five consecutive runs in the second inning. Anna Gluhosky walked to open the inning and was driven in from third on a Price fielder's choice. As the next batter, Williamson also reached on a fielder's choice, scoring Madison King from second. Simmons singled to left field, allowing Price to tally another run. Strickland singled to the pitcher yet again with Williamson crossing the plate.

Allyson High singled to right field for a RBI, letting Simmons score.

USC Aiken put their run on the board in the bottom of the third on a RBI double to left field.

Strickland hit another single, this time to center field, and advanced to second on the throw. Simmons hustled from second to grab a run for the Cobras.

The fifth inning is where the Navy and Gold got hot, collecting eight runs. Seven RBI were earned in the drubbing from Bachmann (2), King, Price, Gluhosky (2), and Hannah Goodman.

Christine Carver (11-1, 1.26 ERA) picked up the five inning complete game victory. She only gave up one earned run, one walk, and six hits, alongside a strikeout. Carver threw 48 pitches in the game, 39 of which were strikes.

Game Two

In a back-and-forth contest, the Cobras took the Pacers to extra innings.

Coker scored the first run in the second game off of a Williams single to right field, with Simmons touching home.

The Pacers took over the

lead after a three-run bottom of the first.

The top of the second saw Simmons reach on an error by the center fielder with the bases loaded, sending Bachmann, Diane Servideo, and Makayla Shore home.

The game was tied up after a RBI single to right field in the bottom of the second inning.

Simmons garnered another RBI on a single to center field, scoring Bachmann yet again.

The Pacers added two runs on RBI to give them the slight 6-5 advantage.

In the top of the seventh in Coker's last chance to send it to extra innings, Simmons sent her second home run of the year over the left field fence.

USC Aiken walked it off with a home run to left field to give the Cobras their fourth loss of the year.

With Carver giving up the walk-off homerun, she was credited with the loss in her second appearance of the day. In 3.1 innings of work, it was the lone hit given up and she struck out three batters as well.

The Cobras return to the field Mar. 15 when they will travel to face the North Greenville Crusaders.

Women's soccer signs new Cobras for 2018-19 Class

The Coker College women's soccer program had five recruits sign their National Letters of Intent to play for the Cobras. Each letter represents a new member of the Navy and Gold family and the first signees under first-year Head Coach Thom Jones.

Coker adds **Skyler Jorgensen**, a midfielder and defender from Summerville, S.C. At Summerville High School with the Greenwave, Jorgensen was a three-time soccer captain and was also a state qualifier in cross-country. A member of the Summerville Soccer Club, Jorgensen is a two-time State Champion and has three regional appearances. An AP student on a sports medicine track, Jorgensen holds a 4.0 GPA and is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the Spanish Honor Society, and an athletic trainee. The daughter of Sharon Jorgensen, Skyler intends to major in biology. She has two siblings, a sister Madison, and brother Jakob.

Mikayla Pless also joins the Cobras, hailing from Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, S.C. Coming to Coker as a defender, Pless was a four-year starter for the Trojans. A member of the Discoveries Soccer Club, Pless was a 2017 state finalist and 2016 state quarter finalist. The daughter of Scott and Melissa, Mikayla plans to major in early childhood education. She has one brother, Noah.

Kailee Smith will suit up in the Navy and Gold as well. A defender from Fort Dorchester High School in North Charleston, N.C., Smith was a member of the GPS NASA travel team, where she was a 2017 state champion. Planning to major in early childhood education, Kailee is the daughter of Amy and Randall Lewis. She has one sister, McKenna.

Additionally, **Caelan Colaiacovo** joins the ranks with the Cobras as a defender. Coming to Coker from James River High School in Midlothian, Va., Colaiacovo was a 2017 6-A Regional Finalist, 2017 state quarter

finalist and was voted Most Valuable Rapid her freshman year. With the Richmond Kickers Elite travel team, Colaiacovo was a WAGS Champion. She was named to the Honor Roll all four years, a member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. Caelan plans to major in biology with a concentration in pre-dentistry. She is the daughter of Mike and Kim. She has two brothers Michael and Joey.

Coker also picked up **Alex Brown**, a forward out of Charlotte Christian School in Charlotte, N.C. Brown was named to the Honor Roll and a member of the Young Republicans and Dog Bless You Clubs. The daughter of Alexandra Brown, Alex plans to major in criminology.

"I am certainly excited to bring these great athletes here to Coker," Head Coach Thom Jones said. "We have a lot of excellent talent and we are continuing to build upon our strengths, which helps cultivate the culture we are establishing."

Public Notice of Candidate Filing

Darlington County

Any candidate seeking a political party's nomination for the 2018 General Election must file with the appropriate county board of voter registration & elections or the State Election Commission during the upcoming filing period. Candidate filing opens noon, March 16, 2018 and closes noon, March 30, 2018.

Office	Filing Location
Governor Secretary of State State Treasurer Attorney General Comptroller General State Superintendent of Education Commissioner of Agriculture U.S. House of Representatives (All Districts) Solicitor (Circuits 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15) Lieutenant Governor – No longer files in March and is designated by candidate for Governor to be elected jointly. Adjutant General – No longer an elected office.	State Election Commission (SEC) 1122 Lady Street, Suite 500 Columbia, SC 29201
State House of Representatives (file in county of residence) Judge of Probate County Council (Districts) 2, 4, 6, 8	Darlington County Board of Voter Registration and Elections 131 Cashua Street Darlington, SC 29532 843-398-4900

SEC and County Board Filing Hours

March 16	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Other Business Days	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
March 30	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Filing Form: The Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge (SICPP) form required for filing is available in the "Candidate Information" section of scVOTES.org and at the county elections office.

Filing Fee: Filing fees are paid at the time of filing by candidates seeking the nomination of a party nominating by primary. The list of filing fees is available at scVOTES.org. Filing fee checks should be made payable to the appropriate state political party. A candidate seeking the nomination of a party nominating by convention does not pay a filing fee.

State Ethics Filings: Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <http://ethics.sc.gov>. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

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Sheriff recognizes deputy for outstanding service



Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis has recognized Deputy Justin Taylor for his exemplary service on February 2, 2018 during the response to a catastrophic vehicle collision claiming five lives. "Deputy Taylor, a certified paramedic, assisted caring for victims on scene and drove an ambulance to the hospital while EMS personnel provided life sustaining chest compressions to a victim

during the transport," stated Sheriff Chavis. "Deputy Taylor embodies our core values of Integrity, Accountability and Selfless Service, and he is an asset to the people of Darlington County."

Deputy Taylor was sworn in by Sheriff Chavis in 2017 and completed the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in January. Photo Contributed

Applications being accepted now for Camp Imagination

SPARTANBURG – Children and teens who are deaf or blind will have a great time this summer at an imagination camp designed just for them.

Scheduled for June 17-21, Camp Imagination will offer horseback riding, games, music and dance, field trips, technology, art, team building, career exploration, and more! The camp will be held on the campus of the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind and will include activities in the surrounding Spartanburg community.

The camp is open to eligible students ages 8-14 with free bus transportation to

and from the residential camp. A day camp option is available with parent-provided transportation. (No camp-provided transportation for the day camp option.) Registration and camp participation are free, but campers should bring \$40 for field trips and other expenses.

For more information or an application, contact Le'Tesha Gray toll-free at 1-888-447-2732 or go to www.scsdb.org. Space is limited, so be sure to mail your application early.

The SC School for the Deaf and the Blind is the state's specialized school for students who are deaf or

blind. It offers pre K-12 educational programs on its main campus in Spartanburg and specialized vision and hearing services in school districts and homes throughout the state.

The camp is sponsored in part by the school's fundraising arm, the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation. Founded in 1979, the foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to securing resources that enable the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind to achieve its mission and goals. For more information, please visit www.scsdbfoundation.org or call 864-577-7583.

Sen. Scott helps introduce School Safety Legislation

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) recently joined a group of 13 senators to introduce legislation to allow 100,000 public schools to improve school safety by using federal dollars for school counselors, alarm systems, security cameras and crisis intervention training.

The School Safety & Mental Health Services Improvement Act was introduced by Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Roy Blunt (R-MO), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Bob Corker (R-TN), John Cornyn (R-TX), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Pat Roberts (R-KS), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Tim Scott (R-SC), and Todd Young (R-IN).

"Ensuring schools have the resources they need to upgrade their infrastructure is an important step we can take to keeping our students and schools safe. This will allow schools

across South Carolina to use federal dollars for mental health programs, security updates and more. As we continue to work towards solutions on this important topic, I want to thank Senator Alexander and my colleagues on the HELP Committee for their work on this issue," said Sen. Scott.

"We have drafted this legislation to help states and communities keep schools safe. Safe schools are for the most part a local responsibility, but in this case, the federal government can and should help. One way to do this is to give states and local school boards the authority to use federal dollars in different ways to make schools safer. For example, this bill would allow Tennessee to use federal dollars to upgrade school safety procedures, hire school counselors and develop mental health programs," said Sen. Alexander, HELP

Committee Chairman.

There are 100,000 public schools in the United States and state and local governments provide about 90 percent of public schools' funding, but the federal government can and should help create an environment for communities, school boards and states to create safer schools.

Under The School Safety & Mental Health Services Improvement Act, the federal government can help in the following four ways:

- Encourages more school counselors and other mental health professionals
- Encourages school safety infrastructure upgrades
- Encourages the development of mental health programs for crisis intervention training and mental health assessments
- Creates a presidential task force to increase interagency communication

Do You Know Darlington County?



Our prehistoric friend is located at the library in Darlington. Readers with correct guesses were Francis Parnell, Janette Gee, Frances Isaac, Finley James, Pat Melton, Bill Segars and Sonya Garris. This week we've got another photo for you, courtesy of Bill Segars. Do you know where it was taken? Please let us know by sending your guesses to: editor@newsandpress.net or call 843-393-3811. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Good luck!



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Escape Room opens in Hartsville

By Samantha Lyles
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If you've ever dreamed of using your mind to solve a mystery, find a priceless treasure, or crack a code to save a starship in peril, those dreams can become a reality – kind of – thanks to Project EXcape, a new escape room attraction in Hartsville.

Gamemaster Caleb Shuler says his family (which co-owns the business with their friends, the Robinette family) got the idea during family outings where the Shulers and Robinettes checked out escape rooms in Columbia and Myrtle Beach. They had such a blast, Caleb says, that they decided to bring that little jolt of adventure back to their hometown.

For those who are unfamiliar, the escape room experience is basically this: you and a group of teammates (be they co-workers, family, friends, or even strangers) enter a specially designed room decorated to resemble some exotic setting, like the bridge of a space ship, or the tent of an intrepid treasure hunter. The room is packed with clues and puzzles that can help you solve the game's central mystery – provided your group can work together, pooling your knowledge and skills in pursuit of a common goal.

"But even if you're not a puzzle guy or gal, there is still appeal because you get to go into these rooms and work together to solve the clues and escape within sixty minutes," says Caleb. "If you don't work together, you may still make it out in time, but it's much more challenging."

Even though you step into the escape room without a plan or any idea where to start, that doesn't mean you're without help. Each

group has a dedicated Gamemaster who can provide clues to help get your quest on the right track.

Players can book one of two engaging theme rooms: In "Cypherspace," you play as an elite team of NASA astronauts charged with retrieving a probe filled with valuable data before your ship – positioned near a wormhole – is destroyed by radioactivity. In "The Lost Jewel of Zanzibar," your team of 1930s era adventurers must piece together clues and find the missing gem before a dangerous warlord's army closes in and steals your prize.

Shuler notes that although these puzzles and brain-teasers will give your little grey cells quite the workout, the Project EXcape rooms are not physically demanding. Players are not required to crawl or climb or exert themselves. Also, the facility is completely accessible for those with physical disabilities.

The escape rooms are not locked at any time, so you can leave whenever you like. The adventures are appropriate for younger players, too, and Project EXcape does host children's parties for kids aged 11 and older, provided they are accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Groups as small as two people can play the escape rooms, but there is a room minimum charge, and Shuler warns the game can be pretty tough to complete with only two teammates. If you'd like to play the escape room with a group of strangers, Project EXcape can find and assemble a team through their Facebook page.

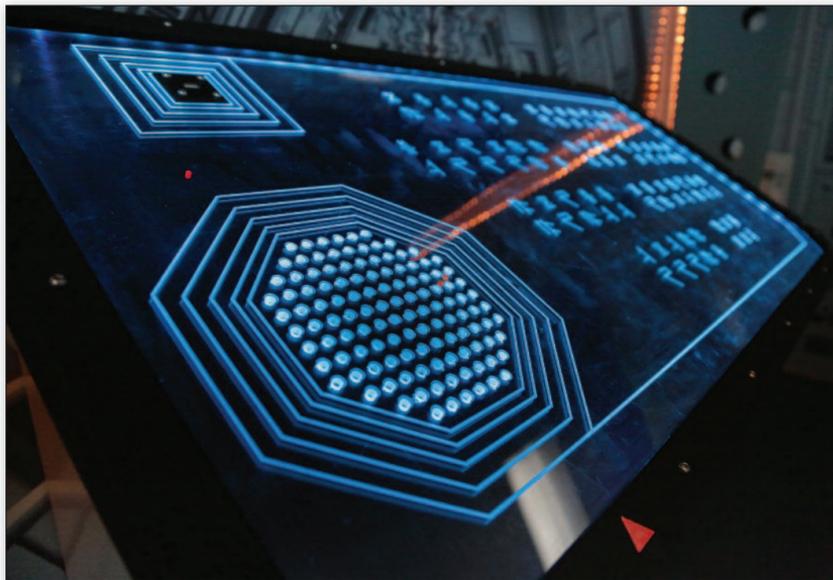
Discounts are available for students and the military, and for groups of 10 or more. The regular cost to play is \$25 per person.



Project EXcape is open Monday through Wednesday by appointment, Thursday and Friday from 4 p.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., and closed on Sunday. They are located at 120 E Carolina Avenue in Hartsville. To book your escape room adventure, call 843-606-0597, visit them online at www.projectexcape.com, or email projectexcape@gmail.com

Top: Gamemaster Caleb Shuler invites you to test your wits and teamwork skills at Project EXcape.

Right: Players must find hidden clues to get their team out safely and before time runs out. Photos by Samantha Lyles



Willis speaks at Women's History luncheon

By Samantha Lyles
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The Democratic Women's Council of Darlington County held their inaugural Women's History Month luncheon on Saturday, March 10 at the Hartsville Country Club, and welcomed attorney and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Marguerite Willis as guest speaker.

Willis focused her stories and comments around a common theme: the importance of equal pay and financial independence for women. She shared some of her own hard-learned lessons regarding money management, and

spoke about being financially exploited early in her career by someone she trusted. Willis stressed that it is crucial for women to be paid commensurate with their male counterparts so they can take care of themselves and their children, and retain the freedom to leave bad relationships.

Presiding over the luncheon, Davita Malloy presented several awards to local women who have worked for the betterment of our community through public service and activism. These women each received a special plaque honoring them as a "Trailblazing Woman."

Among those recognized

were Valencia Thomas, former Mayor of Society Hill; the late Doris Byrd of Lamar; Belinda Copeland, retired Darlington County Treasurer; the late Rosa Hudson, long-time Darlington County Auditor; Wilhelmina Johnson, former member of Darlington County Council; community activist Vermelle McClain; Denny Neilson, former SC House Representative; Mozella Nicholson of Darlington County Council; and retired law enforcement officer Lunella Williams.

Guests enjoyed a buffet lunch, and were treated to musical selections performed by vocalist Anisha Green.

RIGHT: Marguerite Willis, Democratic candidate for SC Governor, was the featured speaker at a Darlington County Women's History Month event.
PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES



Community activist Vermelle McClain was honored as a Trailblazer



Wilhelmina P. Johnson, former member of Darlington County Council, was honored as a Trailblazer



Belinda Copeland, former Darlington County Treasurer, was honored as a Trailblazer

GSSM Eagles bring home state chess trophy for 2nd year

After a strong start in the first two rounds, the GSSM Chess Eagles fought back hard from third round setbacks to regain the lead and capture the State Scholastic Chess Championship among high schools for a second consecutive year. The team defended its title on March 3rd, at the SC State Museum in Columbia in the largest chess tournament rated by the U. S. Chess Federation ever held in the state. According to team coach Dr. Clyde Smith, this is the thirteenth state championship GSSM has won, the first being in 1993.

GSSM's seven-member team included five returning seniors from the 2017 championship team.

Chess team individual scores:

- James Balmediano, Beaufort, Junior, 3.0
- Michael Gresko, Greenwood, Senior, 3.0
- Travis Pence, Fort Mill, Senior, 3.0
- Brennan Ravan, Columbia, Senior, 4.0
- Victor Ruan, Cheraw, Senior, 4.0
- Richard Sandvoss, Fort Mill, Junior, 4.0
- Brian Torreon, Rock Hill, Senior, 3.0

Together, they were among 57 high school players from around the state competing for individual and team honors in the high school section.



One of the team's leaders, Victor Ruan '18 said he struggled with nervousness in the opening rounds, "I told myself to relax a little." Reminding himself to have fun at the tournament, Victor finished strong, winning four of his five matches.

Dr. Smith said that, "each member of the team contributed something special," on Saturday. He singled out the efforts of GSSM senior Brian Torreon '18 for his scrappy come-back after a mistake early in the fourth round nearly cost him the game, saying, "He fought his way back and won. It was without a doubt the best recovery I saw a Govie make

on Saturday, and one of the best ever!"

This was Brian Torreon's first tournament as an Eagle. Torreon reflected on the day, "I felt proud that we were able to defend our state chess title. It was a great bonding experience with my teammates and a great chance to face fierce chess competition. Chess is fun."

Victor summed up the team's defense of their 2017 championship, "It felt good to bring home the trophy, especially because it was such a tight finish between our school and D.W. Daniel."

In individual play, Brennan Ravan won the 6th place trophy, Victor Ruan won 7th

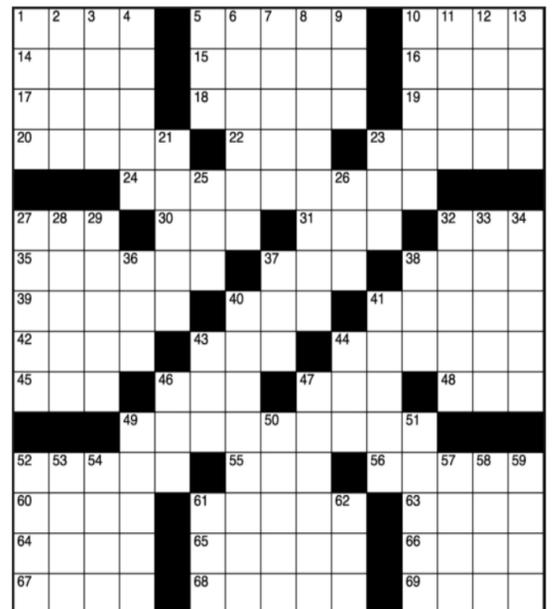
place trophy and Richard Sandvoss won the 9th place trophy.

A computer glitch prevented the awarding of individual honors at the tournament. However, the overall state champion and National Master Mr. Samuel Copland offered to bring the trophies to campus and play an all-against-one chess exhibition match with as many players as wish to take him on simultaneously.

What's next for the Chess Eagles? Getting ready for next year.

Dr. Smith reports, "We'll spend the next few months identifying talent and getting some new juniors ready to compete next year."

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- Unpleasant substance
- Oil group
- One-time Yankees rookie sensation
- Ireland
- Less easily found
- Southeast Nigeria people
- Italian Seaport
- Bridgeline
- Digital stock designation
- Play loudly
- Elegantly fashionable
- Open sore
- Frozen water
- Sacred Islamic site
- "Kokomo" rockers
- Follows sigma
- Cease to exist
- Cool
- Doctors' group
- Less attractive
- Swiss river
- Greek sophist
- Grandmothers
- Afflict
- Russian pancake of buckwheat flour and yeast
- Actress Rachel Wood
- Not bright
- Western Asia peninsula
- Baseball speedster Gordon
- Golf score
- Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cyto-

CLUES DOWN

- Philippine province
- Shallow channel
- Type of acid
- Cygnus' brightest star
- One who buys and sells securities (abbr.)
- Ill will
- Plant of the goosefoot family
- Intellectual
- Mineral
- Shiny silicate minerals
- Ottoman civilian title
- What you wear when eating BBQ (2 words)
- Soul and calypso song

- Advises
- "The Spanish Tragedy" playwright
- Surrounds the earth
- Paddle
- Adjusted
- Succulent plant
- Forearm bones
- Belonging to Egyptian ascetic Apollo's colleague
- Type of mental illness
- One from Asia
- 007's creator
- Direct toward
- Pie mode
- Large terrier
- Hillsides
- Patriotic women (abbr.)
- Connects words
- For each
- Flower cluster
- Closes a deal
- Arabian desert
- Vaccine against poliomyelitis
- American state
- Religion practiced in China
- Type of sediment
- Hall of Famer Ruth
- "Layla" singer Clapton
- Gamble
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Midway between south and southwest

The King's Academy earns multiple SCISA shooting titles



The King's Academy Sporting Clays Team earned a SCISA State Championship in the men's competition and a SCISA State runner-up title in the ladies competition at the Palmetto Shooting Complex in conjunction with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. The competition took place in Edgefield, SC on Saturday, March 3rd.

The team of Carter Parrott, Daylon Mahn, and Hughes Milling earned the SCISA State Championship with a combined score of 278. They out-shot 41 other SCISA teams to claim the title. The team also had the highest score among the 105 school and club teams participating. This is their second straight SCISA State Championship.

The team of Bailey Rabon, Abigail Milling, and Gabriel Finklea earned the SCISA State runner-up title in the ladies division with a combined score of 150. They out-shot 8 other SCISA teams to claim the runner-up title.

Darlington Anchors and Pilots attend state convention

Ten Anchors and six Pilots from Darlington travelled to Conway for the Anchor District Convention on Saturday, February 24. They joined Anchors from across South Carolina for their annual meeting hosted this year by the Anchor Clubs of Carolina Forest High School and Conway High School.

Anchors attending included Kamryn Aldrich, Courtney Gibson, Olivia Vacanti, Kaitlyn Westbrook, Carrie Price Flowers, Caroline Floyd, Lauren McLennan, Logan Reynolds, Claire McLennan, and Tanner Berry. Pilots included Angie Doriety, Brenda Tiller, Melissa Schwier, Mary Scott, and co-Pilot, Bill Dority. All Darlington attendees wore t-shirts designed by the Anchors themselves, which featured an anchor with pearls intertwined

depicting Darlington, the Pearl of the Pee Dee.

Not only did the Anchors get to interact with young people from across the state but they also heard messages from several speakers. Merrily Burns, Pilot International's ECR this year from Hawaii, was complimentary and encouraging to the Anchors. A local police officer shared cautions about using social media and a local youth pastor shared important points for a successful transition into adulthood.

At the Anchor Convention there is always a project for the members to take part in for the good of the host community. This time Anchors brought non-perishable food items for a food pantry in Conway and packed them in bags for later delivery. The convention ended with a guided walking tour of downtown Conway.

The 24-Hour Day

By Colin Henshaw and Graham Cliff

What we are seeing here is something far more insidious than the nuisance caused to our community of astronomers. Astronomers have already pointed out the fact that we can no longer see the Milky Way from our urban areas, because of light pollution. But this is a symptom of a problem that is far more serious—the twenty-four hour day that pervades our society. This results in unrestricted energy wastage from our cities at night that is not only contributing to global warming through CO2 emissions, but is having a devastating effect on our environment by killing off wildlife. Lighting is sucking up insects with concomitant effects on consumers higher up the food chain and it is also having a negative effect on vegetation. Fewer insects mean fewer pollinations resulting in reduced plant diversity, exacerbating an already declining insect population. Continuous exposure to light has a long-term effect on plants by affecting their flowering and abscis-

sion cycles, resulting in reduced longevity. This may well affect crops in areas adjacent to conurbations. Furthermore, the twenty-four hour day has serious biological effects on us, reducing melatonin production by suppressing our circadian rhythms. This, amongst other things, results in an increased incidence of certain types of cancer.

Before we see any improvement a universal culture-change is needed regarding our abuse of energy. Over-lighting has to stop and we should cease installing lighting that does not serve any useful purpose. Only then will the environment recover and the quality of life improves for humans, flora and fauna. In short, only then will we improve the quality of "Life on Earth."

Colin Henshaw independently discovered Supernova SN1987A. The late Graham Cliff was an expert in scanning electron microscopes. Both were long-time amateur astronomers from the UK. Printed with permission from Henshaw.

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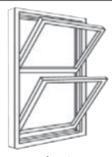
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Drug Enforcement Unit arrests three in Pine Ridge

Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis has announced the arrest of three individuals who investigators allege have been distributing methamphetamine and other drugs in the Pine Ridge area of Darlington County.

"We remain committed to the Pine Ridge community," stated Sheriff Chavis. "Our investigation continues and we encourage the community to reach out to us with any information they have."

Investigators arrested Robert Leverne Hopkins, 51, Staci Lynn White, 44, both of Pacolet Drive, and Dushanbe Akeem Manigault, 24, of Sampit Drive.

Hopkins has been charged with distribution of methamphetamine, conspiracy to distribute schedule III narcotics, and simple possession of marijuana. Hopkins is being held on a \$25,000 bond. White has been charged with distribution of methamphetamine and distribution of schedule III narcotics. White is being held on a \$25,000 bond. Manigault has been charged with three counts of distribution of methamphetamine. Manigault is being held on a \$60,000 bond. The three remain in custody at the W. Glenn

Campbell Detention Center. Sheriff's Investigators were assisted by the Darlington Police Department Drug Enforcement Unit.

If you have any information, you are asked to contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or visit www.p3tips.com. You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

Stabbing investigation update

On March 4, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Autrey St. in the Darlington area in reference to a stabbing. Two victims were transported to an area hospital with extensive injuries. A suspect was taken into custody at the scene and transported to an area hospital.

Samuel Lee McNeil, 42, of Darlington was released from an area hospital today and has been charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of possession of a weapon during a violent crime, one count of domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature and one count of kidnapping.

McNeil is currently in custody at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center and is expected to appear before a Darlington County Magistrate Thursday morning.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER MARCH 5 THROUGH MARCH 12, 2018
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

Apt U, Florence, Driving Under Suspension

• Zoitavius Jabarie Rogers, 31, of 417 Bell Ave, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

• Barbara Danielle Smith, 31, of 1113 N Main St, Darlington, Non Support

• Charles Brandon Barr, 31, of 1141 Bonnoyrt Street, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

• Marcus Dewayne Brunson, 33, of 1019 Nandina St, Hartsville, Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st

• Ben Edward Cotton, 39, of 721 Hudson St, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 2nd; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School;

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• Robert James Ham III, 36, of 2421 Old Lamar Hwy, Darlington, Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st

• Alicia Nicole Hicks, 31, of 12451 Britt Drive, Hartsville, Misconduct in Office

• Toby Lornza June, 52, of 415 Howard Street, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning; Violation of City Ordinance

• Adonis Raymond Lighty, 20, of 1335 Farrow Ridge Ct, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Nyquijah Tierra Lucas, 17, of 515 S Sixth Street, Hartsville, Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License; Receiving Stolen Goods; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation

• Tyler Dominique McDonald, 24, of 221 Ridge Road, Darlington, Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 2nd/Sub; Manuft Poss Sch V Drug W/I to Dist 2nd/Sub

• Dashon Isiah Pendergrass, 18, of 304 Stonewall St, Hartsville, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st

• Davante Kyshaun Robinson, 22, of 505 Johnson St, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Poss 15 Dosage Units MDMA/Ecstasy 1st Offense

• Joshua Laquan Sims, 23, of 3453 Charles Drive, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Michael Antonio Sowell, 27, of 116 Lamar St, Hartsville, Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Weapons/Sale/Poss by Certain Person/Stolen Gun; Weapons/Sale/Poss by Certain Person/Stolen Gun

• Sharon Elaine Thomas, 52, of 312 Jasper Ave, Hartsville, Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School;

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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.

• Savion Antwan Bennett, 20, MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School;

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• Gayle S Munn, 55, of 725 E Carolina Ave Apt 8D, Hartsville, Public Drunk

• Mahenera Kumai Patel, 45, of 312 Warren Street, Lamar, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• Robert Lee Robinson, 55, of 117 Duke Street, Lamar, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Yvonne Short, 51, of 349 Bayview Circle, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning

• Brice Mykel Andrews, 28, of 1441 Cool Brooks Dr, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Brian Lashawn Carraway, 31, of 428 Tarte Street, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Improper Vehicle License; Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken; False Report of Stolen Vehicle

• Joseph Dylan McLain, 26, of 170 McLaughlin Lane, McBee, Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st

• Lori Ann Parker, 50, of 118 Pecan Dr, Hartsville, Poss Controlled Sub in Sch I to V 2nd or More

• Tyrone Darice Pendergrass, 41, of 509 Centerville Road, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Justin Raynelle Williams, 25, of 1868 Candy Ln, Florence, MDP Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 2nd

• Darius Grant Dickey, 18, of 535 Clyburn Ave, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Andrain Demarcus Jacobs, 33, of 201 Ridge Road, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

• Larry Deon Jeffrey, 36, of 413 Redwood St, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Sonja Renee Jeffrey, 54, of 2971 Republic Ave Lot 10, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Delia Shandrica Johnson, 28, of 2205 Sunnyfields Dr, Hartsville, No Charge Data

• Sharonda A Johnson, 24, of 1617 Morrell Dr, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension

• Gregory Curtis Kelly, 25, of 824 Flinn's Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Ginger Faye Lloyd, 29, of 303 N Main St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

• Marqueze Li'Shire Robinson, 20, of 1709 Dixie Drive, Hartsville, Weapon/Sale/Poss by Certain Person/Stolen Gun; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st

• Hykeem Ramel Mack, 23, of 402 Chestnut St, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• William Andrew Walker, 70, of 116 Lee Street, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

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418 Spring Street—3 BR, 1.5 BA, 1300 SF—**\$97,900**
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111 Maryland Drive—4 BR, 3 BA, 2962 SF—**\$189,500**
419 N. Main Street—4 BR, 2F/2H BA, 2689 SF—**\$149,900**
102 Wyandot Street—4 BR, 3 BA, 2589 SF—**\$219,900**
102 Woodcreek Road—3 BR, 2.5 BA, 1896 SF—**\$179,900**
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401 Church Avenue—Hartsville, 5 BR, 4.5 BA, 4783 SF—**\$329,900**

LAND

00 Kershaw Road—9.34 Acres—**\$25,000**
Lot 6 Wyandot Street—1.09 Acres—**\$45,000**
TBD Green Street Road—86.31 Acres—**\$198,513**
TBD Green Street Rd—141 Acres—**\$324,300**
53 Acres Leavenworth Road—**\$79,500**
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TBD First Street—37 Acres—**\$12,900**
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3539 Gully Branch Rd-2 acre lot with pond. 32 X 32 shop with full kitchen and bathroom and 32 X 16 shed. There is a mobile home on this lot that will convey. Mobile home needs some TLC or can be torn down. Lot has a septic tank and well. **\$50,000.00**

RESIDENTIAL

2200 Lides Springs Rd— 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2,000 sq ft— **\$249,900**
121 Woodcreek Rd— 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 2,000 sq ft— **\$174,900**
102 Spring Heights Cr.— 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 1,700 sq ft— **\$145,000**
616 W. Smith Ave— 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,461 sq ft— **\$137,900**
1700 Cashua Ferry Rd— 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,350 sq ft with pond **\$129,900**
1145 Whites Circle— 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths, 1,138 sq ft— **\$114,900**
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, — **\$49,900**
2381 Green Street Road— 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,987 sq ft— **\$59,900**
443 Phillips Street— 792 sq ft 3 bedrooms and 1 bath — **\$49,900**
425 Jamestown Ave— 1996 21 X 23 mobile home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sits on .46 acres of land— **\$39,900**

LAND AND LOTS

St Paul Road— .20 acres of land **\$154,000**
Bobo Newsome Hwy (Hartsville)— 2.33 acres of wooded land **\$66,700**
621 Delaware River Rd— .47 acre lot, fenced with septic tank **\$13,500**
Redwood Drive— Nice lot located off of McIver Road .92 acres— **\$10,000.00**
motivated seller make an offer
Lot 19 Jamestown Ave— Mobile home allowed .46 acres— **\$7,500**
Lot 21 Jamestown Ave— Mobile home allowed .46 acres— **\$7,500**

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. It would make a great church, restaurant, or banquet hall 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**

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Sonoco President and Chief Executive Officer Jack Sanders, center, accepted the award on behalf of the company. Photo Contributed

State honors leadership in rural economic development

COLUMBIA – The S.C. Department of Commerce gathered leaders from across the state on Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 6 for the 2018 South Carolina Rural Summit. Held in Columbia, this year's event featured leadership development sessions, opportunities to share best practices between community leaders, an awards ceremony and presentations from a variety of speakers, including Governor Henry McMaster and Giti Tire's Hank Eisenga.

Now in its 28th year, the Rural Summit provides community leaders, economic developers and state officials the opportunity to come together and learn about innovative methods to improve rural South Carolina. Additionally, the summit serves as a venue to honor individuals for work they've done to advance their respective communities. This year's event was themed Redefining Place, Community and Quality of Life.

"In economic development, our job is to bring opportunities to all corners of the state. With nearly one out of every three South Carolinians residing in a

rural area, the economic well-being of our smaller communities is critical," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt. "That's why the Rural Summit is such an important initiative for Team South Carolina. It's a great way to bring all the players together and have productive discussions on ways to advance the rural communities in our state."

Four awardees were recognized during the awards ceremony portion of this week's conference, among them were: Sonoco; AME, Inc.; and Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School students Dalton Nicholas Compton and Savannah Allen Williams.

The 2018 Rural Manufacturer Award was presented to Sonoco, a global provider of packaging products and services. Headquartered in Hartsville, S.C., the company has been an integral member of the Darlington County business community for 118 years. In fact, Sonoco has grown to become South Carolina's largest publically traded firm, by annual sales. Sonoco President and Chief Executive Officer Jack Sanders accepted the award on behalf of the company.

As the recipient of the 2018 Outreach Enrichment Award, AME, Inc. was recognized during the event for actively participating in S.C. Commerce's supplier development outreach opportunities. AME, Inc. owner Jeff Campbell accepted the award on behalf of the company. The purpose of the agency's supplier development program is to connect South Carolina businesses with in-state suppliers and vendors.

Rural Summit Scholastic Achievement Awards were presented to two Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School students – Dalton Nicholas Compton and Savannah Allen Williams of Bamberg County. The awards recognized the students not only for their academic achievements but also for service to their community and school. Both students received a \$2,500 scholarship.

February Legislative Update from Sen. Kevin L. Johnson

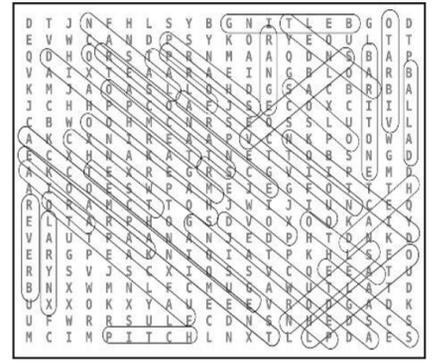
Bills that Received Third Reading in the SC Senate:

- S. 587 provides that a property with a four percent assessment ratio shall continue to receive that assessment rate if its owner dies, until his estate is closed.
- S. 758 extends the time period for hunting waterfowl on Lake H. Taylor Blalock to December 31, 2023.
- S. 793, the Property Tax Procedure Act, requires the Department of Revenue to notify affected counties of its relevant determinations and of property tax appeals, provides for the circumstances for corrected property tax assessments, and provides for department notifications regarding claims for refunds.
- S. 796 creates the American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission of South Carolina to provide for the observance of the Sestercentennial of the American Revolution in South Carolina.
- S. 812 increases the value of noncash prizes allowed and the price of tickets allowed for raffles that are conducted by non-profit organizations for charitable purposes.
- S. 841, relating to animal cruelty and care, provides for continuing education requirements related to animal cruelty, penalties for cruelly tethering a dog, circumstances for turning over litters of puppies or kittens to organizations, the sterilization of stray cats, compensation for taking custody of an animal, grants for spaying and neutering programs, veterinary practice during emergencies or natural disasters, and sheltering standards and the enforcement thereof.

- S. 888 provides that certain public school faculty members may receive payments for unused annual leave and sick leave.
- S. 911 requires each county to allow for a deferment of payment of property taxes for service members who are deployed.
- S. 913 waives the license or tag requirements for a youth hunter during a Youth Hunting Day.
- S. 916 extends the Energy Efficient Manufactured Homes Incentive Program by an additional ten years.
- S. 917 allows the revenue from certain accommodations and hospitality taxes to be expended for the control and repair of flooding and drainage at tourism related lands or areas.
- S. 933 reduces the catch limited for red drum.
- S. 937 extends the devolution of powers, duties, and obligations vested in the Denmark Technical College Area Commission to the State Board for Technical Comprehensive Education to January 1, 2019.
- S. 954 prohibits the Public Service Commission from issuing an order for requests made pursuant to the Base Load Review Act until ninety days after the General Assembly adjourns for the 2018 legislative session but permits an experimental rate order to revise electric rates.
- S. 955 directs the Public Utilities Review Committee to resume screening candidates for the Public Service Commission and to advertise for these positions for an additional time period. For more information visit www.scstatehouse.gov or call 803-212-6024.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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SUMMONS and NOTICE (Termination of Parental Rights)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE FAMILY COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Docket Number: 2017-DR-16-792 South Carolina Department of Social Services, Plaintiff, vs. Brittany Dixon Lamb, Anthony Lamb, Daniel Harrison Wallace, and John Doe, Defendants AND C.L., DOB: xx/xx/2009 M.L., DOB: xx/xx/2012 M.L., DOB: xx/xx/2012 C.L., DOB: xx/xx/2013

Minors under the age of 18. TO: Brittany Dixon Lamb YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint for termination of your parental rights in and to the minor child in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for DARLINGTON County, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina, 29540, a copy of which is hereby attached; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the plaintiff at 107 South Parsonage St. (Post Office Box 47), Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, the plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against the defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you have the right to be present and represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. It is your responsibility to contact the Clerk of Court's Office, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina 29540, to apply for appointment of an attorney to represent you if you cannot afford an attorney (take all of these papers with you if you apply). This is a new action. If you had an attorney appointed in a previous action, that attorney is NOT your attorney for this action. YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR AN ATTORNEY WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT, AN ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE APPOINTED FOR YOU. Refer any questions to the attorney for Plaintiff, (843) 479-6863.

Delton W. Powers, Jr. Attorney for Plaintiff Post Office Box 47 Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512 Phone: 843-479-6863 Fax: 843-479-7222 SC Bar Number: 4549 (35c3 leave in thru 3-28-18)

NOTICE OF SALE

Docket No. 2017-CP-16-00777 By virtue of a decree heretofore granted in the case of U.S. Bank, N.A., as trustee for Mid-State Trust VIII against Patrick D. Mills, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 11:00 A.M., at the Darlington County Courthouse, Probate Courtroom, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, located, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, the same being shown and delineated as Lot containing (1.10) Acres, more or less, on a survey prepared by James H. Hoover, RLS for Hester Freeman dated April 11, 1973 recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 60 at page 129, and having such boundaries and measurements as shown thereon, more or less, which Plat is incorporated herein by reference; and having the following boundaries: North by Property N/F Florie A. Kennedy; East by Property N/F Florie A. Kennedy; South by Property N/F Charles Zimmerman; West by a ditch separating said Lot from the ROW. This being the same property conveyed to Patrick D. Mills by deed from Green Tree Servicing LLC dated May 24, 2014 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on June 23, 2014 in Book 1072 at page 5889. TMS No. 117-00-02-004. Current address of property is 3633 Sandy Flat Road, Society Hill, SC 29593. SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at the conclusion of the bidding, Five percent (5%) of the bid in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder.) No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for preparation of the Special Referee's deed, documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.50% per annum. Eugene P. Warr, Jr. As Special Referee for Darlington County Plaintiff's Attorney: J. Kershaw Spong [SC Bar # 5289] SOWELL GRAY ROBINSON STEPP & LAFFITTE, LLC P.O. Box 11449 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 929-1400 E m a i l : kspong@sowellgray.com (35c3 leave in thru 3-28-18)

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