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DPW Woman of the Year Ronda Brown (left) with DPW's Amanda Boykin.

Brown named DPW Woman of the Year

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Darlington Professional Women honored Ronda Duke Brown as "Woman of the Year Award" during a luncheon held Wednesday, April 18 at the Darlington Country Club.

Since moving to Darlington just over five years ago, Brown has involved herself in numerous revitalization and beautification efforts. She's worked with the Darlington Garden Club to enhance the entrances to the city, beaten the bushes to drum up donors for potted plants, ceramic pots and benches which now grace the

Public Square, and she now serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce.

"Rhonda is always working to promote our little town, to make it better, nicer, prettier, and to increase business to this area," said DPW president Amanda Boykin, while presenting the award.

"Hands down one of the best things to happen to Darlington in the last five years is Ronda moving to town. She has picked up and ran with project after project to enhance our city. She has stepped into numerous roles,

including the City Planning Commission, President of the Garden Club, member of the Beautification and Tree Boards, and board member for the Chamber. She researches new opportunities for the City, brings ideas, and will do the legwork to make it happen," said Boykin. "Beyond her professional and City involvement, she is a great friend. She will never turn away someone in need if she can help, no matter how big the favor."

Brown said that when she first moved to town, she regularly saw news articles about local volunteers working in the community and decided

that "this was my time to give back, for all the women who've given their time before me."

She said she was surprised to be singled out for recognition, and observed that all her fellow DPW members meet such great challenges in their daily family and work lives – raising children, working in fields ranging from education to finance to health care – that each of them is deserving of an award.

"Everybody here is a Woman of the Year," said Brown. "But this is a great honor and I really do appreciate it."

Open House Darlington to market local properties

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Next month, local vacant commercial properties will be put on display as Darlington holds its first ever city-wide open house. A member of the Board of Directors for the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce, Ronda Brown says she first warmed to this idea while scouring the Internet for stories of how other small towns remedied the problem of unoccupied downtown businesses.

"I ran across an article about this one little town in the midwest that had a lot of empty properties, and they decided to hold an open house for the whole town," says Brown. "At the end of the article, it said that they had sold one property and had commitments on two others. That kind of stuck in my mind."

She pitched the idea at the

next meeting of the Chamber board, homing in on the potential for recruiting new businesses – and potential Chamber of Commerce members – for downtown Darlington. The board voted unanimously to support the effort, dubbed "Open House Darlington," and Brown received further commitments for assistance and support from Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association and the City of Darlington.

Brown began scouting vacant commercial properties and working with realtors Burt Jordan and Stephanie Benjamin to compile a list of viable retail, restaurant, office, and warehouse options to market. The current list includes ten commercial properties for sale and one for lease, ranging in price from about \$35,000 to \$250,000.

OPEN HOUSE ON 3A

City seeks to regain ownership of property sold in 2015

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Budget season has arrived. The first budget meeting of the Darlington City Council was held April 17 and included presentations by the city fire department and police department, as well as several miscellaneous items relating to past discussions of council. One of those items was the property at 101 Exchange Street.

In June 2015, the City of Darlington sold 101 Exchange Street to Webstar Properties, LLC for \$100 upon the condition that Webstar Properties, LLC shall renovate the building, beginning within one hundred eighty (180) days from the Deed by the City. During the budget session, council members learned that the building was never brought up to a state 'reasonably suited for business or restaurant use within eighteen (18) month period'

agreed upon by the city and Webstar during the purchase.

The agreement signed by the two parties included a stipulation that if the renovations were not completed in the specified amount of time, the city had the option to 'reconvey the property to the City of Darlington...free from all liens and encumbrances.'

City manager Howard Garland shared some background with the council because only councilman John Segars and Mayor Gloria Hines were serving at the time of the agreement.

"We basically gave this building to Victor Webster for \$100," Garland said. "It is the two-story white building at the corner of Exchange and Ward Streets. It is the oldest standing structure in town and was built around 1859."

CITY ON 3A

Project on food waste lands Summers in ArtFields

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When ArtFields opened April 20 in Lake City, one piece hanging in The Rob gallery was from an unsuspected place: a forty-some-year-old Coker College student who lives in Lamar. Robert Summers said that he doesn't consider himself an artist but clearly someone does.

After thirty-years working as a chef, a decade of those years in Costa Rica, Summers said that he got the bug to do something else.

"I was in Costa Rica for about ten years," Summers said. "My wife and I went on a honeymoon and six months later I was like 'We're moving



Robert Summers

to Costa Rica' and my wife said all right. The restaurant there just ran its course. I got tired of the restaurant business and decided to go to school for graphic design."

After enrolling at Florence-Darlington Tech to get some core requirements out of the way, he transferred to Coker College. He is on the way to finishing his Bachelor of Arts

with a concentration in graphic design, even earning honors along the way. During his journey he has tinkered with several aspects of art, including photography, which is what was accepted to ArtFields.

"For the past two years, I was in the dark room," Summers said. "I started with dark room photography and then I did digital. I kind of did it backwards; though, I guess, the old school way I did it forwards. I learned photography doing that analogue photography. I had the 35 mm; every picture counts. You're spending money on film, on paper; you're taking your time."

SUMMERS ON 3A

Arborist and SCDOT engineers team to save trees

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Last month, representatives from SCDOT and design engineering firm Mead and Hunt met with concerned citizen and arborist Ben Williamson to discuss the upcoming US-52 (North Main Street) bridge replacement project and the effect it will have on nearby trees. Those discussions bore fruit and, thanks to a few design tweaks, most of the endangered trees will be spared.

Williamson had expressed concern that the expanded right-of-ways necessary to construct the new bridge to mod-

ern standards would require the removal of seven live oak trees, which would negatively impact the visual appearance of the North Main Street entrance into Darlington. The trees are located between the bridge and the Darlington Library, on property owned by the Darlington County School District.

Project manager Tony Steffee with Mead and Hunt explained that the new design will save space near the trees by eliminating a grass buffer between the sidewalk curb and the road.

"I think we'll be able to save all the trees but one along the south side of the road," said Steffee, adding that the one tree they can't save could be replaced after construction (slightly further back from the road) if the City of Darlington or DCSD wishes.

ARBORIST ON 3A

Miss All-America City spreads message of resilience

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At the age of 7, Hartsville's Miss All-America City Danielle Cottingham suffered a serious – and scarring – injury to her face. Though the accident left her with a lingering q-shaped scar, it did not damage her confidence or self-esteem; in fact, the injury only galvanized her mission to spread a message of resilience through her pageant career.

"My platform for Miss South Carolina is called 'Bounce Back,'" says Cottingham. "It is all about story telling and begins with my story: at 7 years old I was run over by an all-terrain vehicle, resulting in me having to get 40-plus stitches in my face as well as plastic surgery. Thanks to my amazing support group (parents, family, teachers at school, etc.), I learned how to bounce back from this tragedy, and



Danielle Cottingham holds up journals that she has distributed as part of her Journal zproject. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

became resilient. I learned how to cope with the event, still have self confidence, and continued to have a positive self image and overall outlook on life."

Danielle initially began sharing her story and views by creating a blog about resilience, which can be

found online at www.bouncebackwithdanielle.tumblr.com.

"While researching the steps to developing resilience for my blog and to begin conversation in the community, I came across the process of journaling. I felt like this would be a perfect way to not

only better promote my platform in the community, but to also make a larger impact. I felt that journaling would be a great tool for people dealing with tragic circumstance and hardship in our community," Cottingham says.

She then teamed with the United Way of Hartsville and executive director Joann DeLong to distribute paper journals so others might experience the cathartic benefits of expressing their stories and feelings in written form. Danielle says the United Way seemed like a natural collaboration to get the word out.

"Ms. DeLong comes in contact with so many different people and their stories. I'm proud to say she was just as excited about the project as I am, and agreed to being the point of distribution for the journals," says Cottingham.

MESSAGE ON 3A





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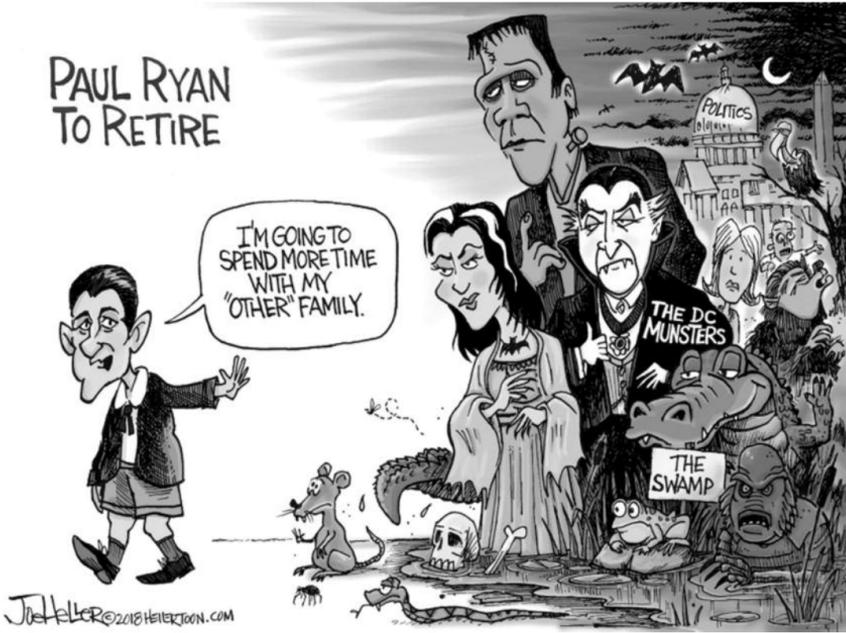
Word of the Week

onomatopoeia: the naming of a thing or action by a vocal imitation of the sound associated with it (such as buzz, hiss)

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OP-ED

Shadows on the Wall

By Bill Shepard

(The story behind the Poem)

God had given Angel and me three beautiful children - forgive me, if I brag a little! Morris, our firstborn was a beautiful baby boy. He was the first grandchild to both sets of grandparents. He was dearly loved and as expected, spoiled from the moment he entered into the world. Seventeen months later, a little girl was sent to take her place beside her brother. Sharyn was just as welcome, and as beautiful as her brother had been. Maybe not as spoiled, a lesson had been taught and learned. Morris and Sharyn were a beautiful pair and loved each other with a close love that was noticeable to all who observed them. The third child, a boy, was born approximately five years later, just as welcome, loved and beautiful. I will continue my bragging-

Few parents have ever been blessed with children that were more respectful to their parents than Angel and I. They were all and more than we could ever have thought. They were like three peas in a pod! We loved them dearly, beginning the first day they came into our lives. Then, all too soon, the nest was empty! They had left the nest in the same order in which they arrived- Morris left first, Sharyn followed, and then Darrell. They were off to college! The same schedule was followed into their marriages. Each finished college, married and chose their careers.

The nest was not only empty, but lonely. One night, while sitting in my den, silence prevailed the atmosphere, and the following lines began to play through my mind. Angel must have been busy at something in another part of the house. I slipped from my chair and took a seat at my nearby desk. As words began to flow through my mind, it seemed shadows danced on the office wall, and my hand picked up a pen and began to write-

Shadows on the Wall

At evenings when night shadows fall,
Across the floor and upon the wall,
Three smiling faces appear to me,
Shining and laughing with childish glee.

All around these shadows come creeping,
From every corner their faces come peeping,
Faces of children happy at play,
Faces that bring memories of yesterday.

Three tiny faces from out of the past,
Come dancing around to make me laugh,
And sometimes even causing a tear,
To fall upon my cheek, here and there.

There's Morris with his timid eyes of blue,
With his arms around my neck saying, "I love you."
With a squeeze and a hug, he's off to bed,
And long after he's gone, I ponder the things he said.

There's shy little Sharyn, with her trusting eyes,
That sparkle and dance over the smallest surprise,
A doll, a dress, a new pair of shoes,
And she'll squeal and prance, and drive away my blues.

There's Darrell with his chubby little fingers and hand,
Saying so proudly, "I'm Daddy's little man."
And my heart just swells with pride and joy,
As I pat the head of my baby boy.

Then one by one the shadows disappear,
And I realize I've just been dreaming, in my old arm chair,
But they'll come again when the night shadows fall,
And run and play on my bedroom wall.

I'll see them again as in Yesterday,
When life was young and merry and gay,
Far from the burdens, heartaches and strife,
That seem to pile up as we live our lives.

Bill Shepard

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OP-ED

Alone in an age of total connection

By Danny Watson

It mystifies me how many people can feel alone in the world that we live in today. Never in human history have people been more connected than at this very moment. Ignorance of what is going around you can no longer be an excuse when information is so readily available to people of all walks of life. Practically every man, woman and child has a cellphone. It rings, beeps, chirps or plays the tune of your choice when it is notifying you of a Snapchat, a Facebook notification, a text message, an email or whatever the next new big social media manifestation is or is yet to come. People will share things on

social media that they could never share with another person were they in that person's actual presence. Our inhibitions for the harm that we cause can be somehow diminished by the fact that we do not see the looks on peoples' faces when whatever combinations of hurtful words fly from someone's fingers on a keyboard or device. Fact and fiction become melded into some monstrosity where you can no longer tell the difference between the two. It has become a game of sorts where you start a fire and see how many others will add fuel to it or simply pour gasoline upon it for the pure unadulterated delight of watching it burn. The world has changed; there

is certainly no way back from the path that we were once on. That path no longer exists. So how do we move forward in this brave new world of information without end that truly has no limitations, no sense of propriety, morality, or care for the harm it causes to others? Don't play the game. Don't message when you are angry. Don't text or put something out there you are not absolutely sure that you want the entire world to see for better or worse. Open warfare upon these sites will continue on until the end of time no doubt. The choice not to involve yourself in such frays is yours, however. In this current age of information and connection we should not

feel alone; we should feel that we always have someone to reach out to. The reality of this is that far too many people are alone and languish in that loneliness when so many avenues of human connection are now available. So, has the social media generation ushered in a new age of connection or something entirely more sinister? People who have always been reluctant to put themselves out there are even more terrified to do so because now the audience is not just among our friends, our family and our close acquaintances but the entire world. So the shy and lonely are even more so, which is such a crime in an Age of Total Connection.

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Facebook, privacy and you

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Facebook and its chief executive Mark Zuckerberg are being criticized far and wide for the company's lax privacy practices after it was revealed that the political data firm Cambridge Analytica had used a seemingly innocuous personality test to collect data on 87 million Facebook users, which it combined with data from other sources to develop psychological profiles that were used in support of President Trump's 2016 campaign.

In response, Zuckerberg has apologized that the company had not sufficiently protected its users' data. "We have a responsibility to protect your data," he wrote, "and if we can't then we don't deserve to serve you." He also accepted personal responsibility for the misuse of the data. "It was my mistake, and I'm sorry," he said in a statement before the Senate Judiciary and Commerce committees. "I started Facebook, I run it, and I'm responsible for what happens here."

And Zuckerberg also outlined changes that Facebook has and will take to protect its users' privacy. One of the most significant is his announcement that the site will offer privacy controls that comply with

strict new privacy rules that will go into effect in Europe in May, and will offer these controls to users worldwide, not just in Europe. A number of lawsuits have also been filed against the site over privacy issues and the Cambridge Analytica incident in particular.

You may be concerned about all of this if you have an account on Facebook, or on other sites that follow similar business models of collecting users' data. (Which is virtually all of them, including Google.) But people in the newspaper business should also be concerned about these developments, and the possible consequences, for their businesses.

Even though Facebook has lately backed away from its content partnerships with news sites—the result of a previous kerfuffle over the company's practices in highlighting stories—many news sites still require Facebook logins for their users. In fact, only a few years ago requiring such logins was seen as a way to tame notoriously disorderly comment sections. By requiring such logins, is a newspapers' website complicit in Facebook's privacy policies—and failures?

Even if news websites eschew Facebook's logons and use their own, there are questions about security of their users' private data. What data is collected, how it is protected,

and how is it used? And if a newspaper's website charges for access, how secure is the users' payment information?

This could also affect any website that has advertisements. How are the ads placed? What personal information about users is used to determine which ads appear? How much personal information do the advertisers get when their ad appears to a particular user? How much do they get if the user actually clicks on the ad?

And what platform hosts your site? Researchers recently discovered that many websites—including of the larger news websites and platforms, such as Wordpress, that host smaller news organization's sites—actually have the ability to track all of users' keystrokes.

It's unclear if there will be any changes in the wake of

Zuckerberg's appearance before Congress. Two senators have introduced a bill to give users more control over their data. Others have suggested adoption of some of the forthcoming European rules.

Anyone that operates online—either as a user or a provider—should stay aware of the debate over internet privacy, and legislative attempts to address it.

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After several years of work, the Trent Hill Center for Children and Families is officially open. The center held a ribbon cutting with the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce April 19.

Trent Hill Center holds ribbon cutting, marks official opening

The Trent Hill Center for Children and Families hosted a ribbon cutting April 19 with the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce.

By working in partnership with families, Darlington County DSS, Guardian Ad Litem, and other community agencies, the Center takes in children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect and will work to develop family-centered plans for safe and healthy reunifications for families. Before, those children would have been moved to places as far away as Rock Hill and Greenville because there was nowhere locally that

could take care of them. Now, Trent Hill will serve as that home.

The Center will employ trained and qualified social workers and counselors to provide trauma-informed treatment to children placed in their care. Their facility has the potential to house up to fourteen children if necessary.

"Usually whenever we have a ribbon cutting, I'll talk about the economic impact of the business that's opening and talk about the number of jobs that a business has created and how grateful we are to have them in Hartsville and Darlington County," said

Quinetta Buterbaugh, President of the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce. "While I am so grateful for the jobs that you have created, I'm more grateful for the impact that you will have on the children in Darlington County. Having a safe place for them to go where they can still go to their own schools and be around their churches and not have to leave the things that are familiar to them just because the adult in their life made a mistake."

Founder Scottie Hill said that she was grateful for everyone who attended the ribbon cutting because many of them

helped the center open.

"Today I see so many faces out there that have been part of the process from the beginning, which sometimes feels like it started ten years ago," Hill said. "It hasn't been that long but it has been a journey to get to where we are today. It is so exciting but even more so it is a privilege. I think many of you know that we officially opened our doors last week and children where placed here two days later and we are expecting five or six more here in the next few days. I feel confident that we are responding to a need. I feel honored and I feel humbled by all of you here today."

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Garland said that Webster's intentions for the building did not pan out.

"He has put probably \$30,000 to \$35,000 into the building," Garland said. "He was supposed to open up something like a delicatessen there or a bakery. Well, he was in partnership with some other folks and he decided to open a bar there and they didn't like it so they pulled out. He doesn't have the funding to finish the project. So, he's put all this money in to the building and

wants to sell it; there is an interested party."

The city came to own the property when it was gifted from an estate and has tried unsuccessfully for more than a decade to make it a viable piece of downtown.

"We've tried for the last thirteen years to have something done to this building," Garland said. "Someone had option on it for five years, didn't do anything with it. Victor Webster's had option on it for the last three years and has made some improvements but hasn't done anything with it specifically. He has someone that wants to buy it. I don't know if they'll tear it

down or not."

Garland said that a resident sent the city a Freedom of Information request seeking information about the sale to Webstar Properties, LLC. He said that that person also inquired about the city's option of taking the property back.

"If we take it back, what are we going to do with it," Garland asked. "I think her thing was, if we take it back why don't we just sell it to whoever is going to buy it? My response to her was that he's put a lot of money into it and he's probably just getting his money back out of it."

Two extensions were given, one to get permits and another

to complete the work. Neither extended deadline was met.

"I don't mind playing hardball and taking it back," said councilman John Milling. "If it gets sold, he can petition the city as to whether or not the city wants to give him some consideration for any added value that he's done. But I don't know that what he's done has actually added value to the building. If it is just money that he's spent, then I'm sorry if he made a bad investment."

Council decided to ask City Attorney Kevin Etheridge to start the paperwork to get the property back from Webstar Properties, LLC.

Summers

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Summers said that having those limited resources helped him hone his skills.

"It isn't click, click, click and then you pick which one," Summers said. "You have to focus on composition and design. That helped with my eye and my composition within digital photography. I still take like 5,000 digital photos, just because I can."

Professor Jean Grosser, who encouraged Summers and others to enter ArtFields, also has a piece in the competition.

"As a senior, really as any art major, getting your work out there, having it seen, the process of doing that even if it isn't shown, that is part of it all," Summers said. "I've entered probably a dozen shows and didn't get chosen but even if you get one accepted that reinforces that you're doing something

right."

The photo that was chosen for ArtFields is off decomposing brussel sprouts and is part of a larger series entitled, Beautifully Wasted. Summers said that the series focuses on food waste.

"It started with very small abstract photos and then I worked my way into larger ones," Summers said. "People take what they want from it but if people can look at it and see the beauty and the magnitude of the visceral response, it might be vested in them and then when they open up their fridge, they have a thought about food waste and then maybe they wouldn't waste that food. Maybe it makes people more aware. I grew up in an orphanage and I knew hunger. We ate but we didn't eat well. At the time it didn't occur to me but that why I became a chef: I was hungry."

Summers' project took a lot of time, everyday, to get the resulting images.

"I put the food in containers and I hooked up a halogen on timers so it would burn like the sun and get all the moisture," Summers said. "That moisture would start the process of the decay and the mold. Everyone asked if I manipulated these but other than what I could do in the dark room, I didn't. I can't do any better than nature does with making these beautiful colors, these shapes, these organic forms. I took pictures everyday and sometimes it wasn't that compelling but you have to find something about it that is."

Starting over, following a new path, Summers said it was his professors who pushed him to get where he is today.

"They saw within me this artist quality and I think in the last three years they've pulled that out of me, except I still don't consider myself an artist," Summers joked. "I guess I am now that I'm in the show. I guess that makes me an artist; I don't know."

Message

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"After gaining that partnership, I realized that a place where I love to volunteer, Morningside Assisted Living of Hartsville, could also benefit from this journal project. I dropped by Morningside and donated a few journals to the director for any specific residents they felt could benefit from journaling. Additionally, I have given out some journals as door prizes at different events which I have either

given presentations on resilience, or my journey to Miss South Carolina."

All journals contain information about building resilience, and instructions on how to journal effectively. So far, Danielle has purchased all the journals that have been donated, but she is currently seeking a journal sponsor for this project so that she can increase its impact and reach in the community.

A Hartsville native, Danielle is currently a junior in the Honors Program at

Coker College, double majoring in history and vocal performance. She is a 2015 graduate of Hartsville High School as an International Baccalaureate Diploma recipient.

Cottingham says she chose Coker because she participated in the PULSE program, and began taking music classes at Coker in 10th grade.

"This early introduction to classical solo singing pushed me to become a professional vocalist. Had I never developed resilience in life, I probably wouldn't have become so

comfortable constantly being on stage!" says Danielle. "I got involved in pageants because I saw it could provide me with more performance opportunities, scholarship money for school, and opportunities to serve my community."

If your church group or civic organization is interested in having Hartsville's Miss All-America City visit for a speaking engagement, or if you wish to make a contribution to the Bounce Back Journal program, email Danielle Cottingham at missallamericacity@gmail.com.

S.C. Students Recognized for their Commitment to STEM Education

The Boeing Company, BMW MANUFACTURING CO. and the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance recently recognized 92 South Carolina high school seniors during the 2018 S.C. STEM Signing Day. Created by The Boeing Company in 2017, S.C. STEM Signing Day recognizes students from across the state of South Carolina who have pursued STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education during their high school tenure and plan to continue their STEM education at two and four-year colleges. Students were identified through the SC Future Makers initiative using the STEM Premier platform.

"Boeing started this event last year to demonstrate our enduring commitment to STEM education and workforce in communities across the state," said Tim Keating, Executive Vice President of Government Operations, The Boeing Company. "We have invested almost \$2 million on tomorrow's innovators across South Carolina, and we make this commitment to early learning so every child has a chance to code – to create – and to innovate."

"Since technology is constantly changing in the automotive industry, now more than ever, we must invest in highly-skilled workers. Investing in STEM education allows us to develop a pool of talented young people who will help sustain BMW's

future," said Christine Petrasch, Vice President of Human Resources with BMW Manufacturing.

"SC STEM Signing day was created because it is important to recognize the fact that there's so much talent and opportunity in South Carolina," said Sara Hazzard, President & CEO of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance. "We are very proud to lift up and recognize the achievements and future steps of some of our state's brightest minds – students who will eventually lead the way as we advance innovation and technology in the 21st century."

Local Students:
Tyler Coleman, Mayo
Kayla Eldridge, Mayo
Alexis Lewis, HHS
True-Allah Liles Mayo
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Marketing materials and invitations went out not just throughout South Carolina, but all up and down the east coast. Brown hopes that somewhere out there, those invites will hit home with people looking to retire to a small town and open a shop or restaurant, or relocate their current business, or move their offices to a welcoming community with interesting and historical property options.

To play up the local history angle, Brown arranged a bus tour (with a bus donated from PDRTA) that will take guests on a trek through several locales of note. Darlington County Historical Commission director Brian Gandy was

sadly unavailable to play emcee for the tour, but Darlington County Council member and noted history buff Bobby Kilgo agreed to pinch hit and play tour guide for guests.

Open House Darlington is scheduled for Thursday, May 10 from 1 until 6 p.m. The day will be capped off with a wine and cheese mixer at the Chamber, and the first Bringing Downtown Alive music concert at 7 p.m., featuring Johnny Glenn and The Chasers playing live on Liberty Lane.

For more information, or to inquire about including your properties in this event (free of charge), contact Harriet Hobbs or Elizabeth Gaine with the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce at 843-393-2641, or visit them at 38 Public Square.

Arborist

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On the opposite side of the road, at the intersection of North Main Street and North Street, designers reconfigured the radii of the curb and sidewalk to save the dogwood trees near the Darlington Library. In the case of one particularly large tree, Williamson said that during construction it may be necessary to install a steel plate underground to protect the tree roots and prevent them from troubling the road and

sidewalk in the future.

SCDOT representatives and Mead and Hunt engineers have also met with Darlington city manager Howard Garland on this issue. Garland said all parties agreed that when the bridge project is bid out, the contractor will consult with the city's arborist regarding the preservation of these trees.

Steffee said that the US-52 bridge replacement project is slated to begin construction early 2019 and could be completed by early 2020. During construction, traffic will be restricted to one lane, but the road will remain passable.

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Do you know Darlington County?
We had several correct guesses for last week's picture. They were: Lacey Keith, Dolores Talbert, Carolyn Abbott, Rusty Strings, Bill Segars, James Powers, Cora Byrd and Joy Sparrow.

Woodrow Campbell
Funeral services for Mr. Woodrow Campbell of Florence were held 11a.m. Friday, April 20, 2018 at New Providence United Methodist Church in Darlington.
Interment with Military Honors was held 1 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2018 in Florence National Cemetery

directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc. of Darlington.
The family received friends at the residence of his daughter and son-in-law, Felicia and Ralph Ward, 3404 Marlinton Road, Florence.



LIVING ON PURPOSE

There are real heroes all around us

By Dr. William Holland

We hear a lot about heroes in this day and age. Accomplished athletes are seen as idols for throwing around a ball along with blockbuster fantasies that portray individuals who can fly and use their incredible super-powers to save the universe. However, in the real world, it's encouraging to know there are humble and hardly noticed heroes all around us. These selfless individuals have no desire to be praised or even recognized. They are a special group of human beings that are not only determined to accomplish what God has called them to do but sincerely willing to sacrifice their life so that others can live. The following story is an example of one of these heavenly secret-agents.

Irena Sendler was a Polish nurse and social worker who worked in the Warsaw health department during World War II. In a short window of time between 1942 and 1943 she, along with a small band of co-workers, led a courageous effort within the Warsaw ghetto to secretly smuggle at least 2,500 Jewish babies and children from facing the certainty of the German concentration camps. She and her team were members of the Zegota, an underground organization established in 1940 by the Polish government for the purpose of rescuing Polish Jews. With permission from the Nazi's to enter the ghetto to help segregate the city's 380,000 Jews, she came up with a plan to secretly smuggle babies and young children to safety. They used every idea possible to rescue the innocent, which included hiding them in toolboxes and under gurneys's, sneaking them into ambulances, taking them through sewer pipes or other underground passageways, wheeling them out in suitcases, and leading them out through an old courtyard which led to the non-Jewish areas. She carefully recorded the names of the children on cigarette papers and sealed them in glass bottles which she buried in a colleague's garden. After the war the jars were dug up and the lists handed over to Jewish representatives. Attempts were made to reunite the children with their families but sadly most of the parents had perished in the Treblinka death camp.

She was arrested in October 1943 and taken to Gestapo headquarters where she was interrogated to surrender information about the leaders of Zegota. She endured severe beatings and as her legs and feet were broken, she was eventually driven away to be executed. With what many consider to be a miracle from heaven, a private deal was made between Zegota and her executioner and she was released. Irena was later found unconscious along the side of the road and had to use crutches the rest of her life as a result of her injuries. One of the names in the jars was Michal Glowinski, a professor of literature. He said, "I fondly think about her and owe my life to her." With tears, Elzbieta Ficowska also agreed as she was smuggled out of the ghetto by Mrs. Sendler inside a large toolbox when she was just five months old. Mrs. Sendler was eventually nominated for the Nobel peace prize in 1997 and announced as the 2003 winner of the Jan Karski award for Valor and Courage.

Unlike the German industrialist Oskar Schindler, who saved more than 1,000 Jews by employing them at his Krakow factory and is widely recognized thanks to an award-winning book and film, Mrs. Sendler's story remained relatively unknown until a few years ago when it was discovered in America by a group of Kansas school children who wrote a play about it, called "Life in a Jar." The word spread very quickly and now the world is aware of her saving many defenseless victims of the Nazi ideology. She spent her last years in a Warsaw nursing home and passed away in 2008. When interviewed, she sternly insisted she did nothing special and is quoted, "I was brought up to believe that a person must be rescued when drowning, regardless of religion and nationality. The thought of being considered a hero irritates me greatly as I continue to have pangs within my conscience that I did so little. My emotions are overshadowed with the fact that my faithful coworkers, who also constantly risked their lives, did not live long enough to receive the honors that are now falling upon me."

Francis Marion professors honored



Several FMU faculty members were honored during the recent Faculty Awards Dinner. Dr. Russell Ward received the Charlene Wages Shared Governance Award, Dr. David M. Malakauskas received the Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship, Dr. Sharon K. O'Kelly received the Award for Excellence in Teaching and Dr. Matthew Turner received the Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

CHURCH NEWS

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Community Garden
God's Garden on Smith Avenue in Darlington is ready for planting. For information call 843-393-3540.

Singing
Oates Baptist Church, 3569 Oates Highway, Lamar, will welcome The Hodge Family from Ruby on Saturday April 28th at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great night of songs and worship. Admission is free, and open to everyone. If you have any questions you may contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

Friends and Family Day
Darlington Church of God of Prophecy, 920 W. Smith Avenue, welcomes everyone to their Friends and Family Day, April 29. The service will begin at 10 a.m. and the speaker will be Bishop George McLaughlin. Dinner will be served after the service.

Women of G.R.A.C.E. Event
Central Baptist Church, 512 Spring Street Darlington, will hold their 2nd Annual Women of G.R.A.C.E. Event (Godly Reaching Abiding Celebrating Encouraging) May 4-5.
Join us for a weekend of renewal as we learn what it means to exude the sweet Fragrance of Christ and demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit to others as we strive to live for Him. The event Friday begins at 7 p.m. Saturday will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are required for Saturday's lunch and are \$10. The guest speaker will be Gwen Hollingsworth, a graduate of Jacksonville State University with a BS degree in Early Childhood Education. She has been a pastor's wife for over 30 years. For more information, please call 843-393-8581 or email cbcdarlington@bellsouth.net.

Homecoming Service
Bible Truth Holiness Church, 5360 Indian Branch Road in Lydia, will have their annual Homecoming on May 6. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. and preaching begins at 11 a.m. with Sis. Stephanie Nesbitt. Dinner will start around 12:45 p.m. and at 1:45 p.m. there will be a singing with Forever Redeemed from St. Stephens, SC, and local singers. Come celebrate 65 years of church ministry. For more information call 843-332-3442 or 843-858-1209.

Gospel in the Park Series

The first Gospel in the Park event will be May 6, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Pride Park, 630 S.6th Street, Hartsville. The theme is Bringing Unity into our Community. Devotional service will be rendered by Pastor A.D. Robinson and The Ousleydale Missionary Baptist Church Family. Entertainment provided by Trinity Inspirational Choir, Nora & Serenity of Dillon, Willie Lewis & The Gospel Angels, Hopkins S.C., Smithville Adult Choir of Cheraw. Bring your Bibles, lawn chairs and an open heart. For more information, call Barbara Carraway at 843-409-5241.

Revival Service

Bible Truth Holiness Church, 5360 Indian Branch Road, Lydia, will hold a Revival from May 8-10 with Bro. Kenny Morris from Ellisville, MS. Services will begin at 7 p.m. each night. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear him preach. For more information, call Pastor Hazel Mixon 843-332-3442 or 843-858-1209

May Singing

Oates Baptist Church, located at 3569 Oates Highway Lamar, will welcome The Singing Couriers from Bennettsville on Sunday May 20 at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great night of songs and worship. Admission is free, and open to everyone. If you have any questions you may contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

Prayer Service

St. James will hold a Noon Day Prayer Service every Wednesday. Please join us or give your prayer requests to Judy Alexander.

The Upper Room Holy Ghost Mission

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

Bible Study

Bible study at Mt. Zion Tabernacle Believers Church 426 W. Broad St. Darlington, on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Bible study led by Rev. Larry Scipio. Contact Deacon Z. Frierson at 843-992-3158 or church 843-992-8125. Come join us.

Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line

Anyone who needs prayer for healing and deliverance is welcome to call the Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line at

843-393-8555. The prayer line is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

3123 W. Palmetto St., Florence. Worship Time: 11 a.m. (4th Sunday 8:30 a.m.) Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Phone: 843-601-3672
Facebook: St. Catherine's EC Vicar: The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson

Lawson Grove Baptist Church

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

Black Creek Baptist Church

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

Covenant Baptist Church

Covenant Baptist Church, located at 628 Pocket Road, announces their hours: Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11a.m. Spoken Word Service. Wednesday: 6 p.m. Bible Study. Need a ride to church? Call 843-393-7872.

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries

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

The Lord Cares

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

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Quiet and petite, Sweet Darla is your go-to kitty is you are looking for a low key lady to be your new best friend. Sporting a sleek silver jacket with snazzy black and brown stripes, Darla will never say to "no" to a big goofy bed to relax in. Won't you stop by today and see how perfect Darla is? 4-5 yrs old; female; tabby



My book is wide open! I'm a happy, exuberant guy who loves to play, play and yes, play some more. Got dogs? Please, let them meet me and I will teach them a wonderful thing or two about playing! Cats seemed a bit too tempting for me so a cat free home would be best for me and slightly older kids would also suit my style in part due to my size and my wanting to share my love with them! Volunteers called me a "Great Dog" and honestly, does this tag line get any better? 75lbs; 2-3 yrs old; shep mix; male

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

Centennial Farmers Market

This market features fresh, organic gourmet foods, free-range eggs and homegrown, healthy foods including homemade breads and sweet treats and as always, live music and entertainment! Every Thursday from 4 - 7 p.m. Location: Corner of 5th St. and Carolina Ave. in Hartsville.

Darlington Elks Lodge

Tuesdays: Swing/Shag dance lessons, "New" line dance lessons from 8-10 p.m.
Wednesdays: Karaoke from 8-10 p.m.
Thursdays: Bingo at 7:30 p.m.
Darlington Elks Lodge is located at 836 Timmonsville Hwy. For more info: 843-393-1451.

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.

April 2018

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

DSS Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of the Darlington County Board of Social Services will be held April 25 at 9 a.m. in the conference room at the Hartsville DSS, 130 East Camden Avenue.

Taste of Society Hill

The Taste will be Saturday, April 28 starting at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Society Hill Train Depot (near Palmetto Furniture) on Main Street in Society Hill. Tickets are \$20 on the website (<http://longbluff.com/taste.html>) and \$25 at the door. Attendees must be 21 and over. Dress is business casual. For more information, call committee chair Melissa Burch at 813-323-1445.

May 2018

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Relay for Life

Darlington County Relay for Life will take place May 5 from noon until 10 p.m. at Byerly Park. For more information call Holly Froese at 843-309-5483 or Chinel Boateng at 843-245-8538.

Historic Landmarks Commission

A meeting of the City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission will be held in City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Monday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on May 7 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at

the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or jbishop@darcosc.com.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting May 8 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 May 8. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. May 14 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. May 14 at town hall.

Planning Commission

Meeting, 9 a.m. May 15, at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

DCEDP Board Meeting

The Darlington County Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors will meet May 16 at the SIMT building, Executive Board Room, Suite 271 at 8 a.m.

Darlington County Airport Commission

May 17, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

Tree Board

The City of Darlington Tree Board meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 21 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St.

Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

St. John's High Reunion

St. John's High School Class of 1968 will have an informal get-together on Friday, May 25th, beginning at 6 p.m. at Takis Diner. The reunion will take place on Saturday, May 26th, beginning at 6 p.m. at Darlington Country Club. Payment is due by May 10th. If you have questions, please call Jimmy Sanderson at 843-616-4308 or Judy Langley at 843-617-0689.

June 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on June 4 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or jbishop@darcosc.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting June 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. June 11 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. June 11 at town hall.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting June 12 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 June 12. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

Darlington County Airport Commission

June 21, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

July 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on July 2 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington. 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@darcosc.com.

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Local students place in state SkillsUSA competition

During the week of March 22-24, trade and industry students from across the state attended the SkillsUSA state conference in Greenville. Event competitions started in mid-March and concluded during the conference. Students displayed their intelligence, poise, and leadership ability while impressing the judges in a variety of competitive events including Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Electrical Construction Wiring, Job Skill Demonstration, Machine Tool Technology, Information Technology Service, Graphics, Job Interview, and Welding. The SkillsUSA Championship started in 1967 in South Carolina with only three events. There were 54 competitors in the first championship. South Carolina now has more than 80 skill and leadership events and over 1,000 competitors each year.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving people who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. Formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. The South Carolina association includes membership of over 3,500 students, advisors, and professionals throughout the

state. It has been serving students, educators and business and industry by keeping up with both employers' needs and education mandates and trends.

The Darlington County Institute of Technology sent twenty-one competitors to the state SkillsUSA competitive event. James Griggs, Jesse Flowers, Dennis Johnson, Daren McKenzie, Jack Parker, Eric Tew, and Sandra White serve as local chapter advisors.

Several DCIT students placed in the top three in their respective events.

- Electrical Construction Wiring: Matthew Privette (HHS) – 1st
- Information

Technology Service: Joseph Rhodes (DHS) – 1st

- Job Skill Demonstration A: Landon Steen (HHS) – 1st
- Electrical Construction Wiring: Mason Grady (HHS) – 2nd
- Welding: Mason Rogers (DHS) – 3rd

Each student placing in the top three received a certificate and a medallion. Additionally, by placing 1st in their events, Matthew Privette, Joseph Rhodes, and Landon Steen qualify to compete at the national SkillsUSA conference in Louisville, KY in June 2018. More than 16,000 students, teachers, and business partners are expected to participate in the national SkillsUSA conference.



Noble releases his Reform Energy Policy

South Carolina Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate, Phil Noble has released his Radical Better Energy Reform Policy. Noble's plan calls for radical reforms in order to protect consumers and create a sustainable energy future at the lowest possible cost.

"Everything is on the table; we need big, bold and radically better reforms" said Noble. "The guiding principles are: 1) 100 percent refund of consumers' money, 2) sending those guilty of crimes to jail, 3) creating the regulatory and legal structures to prevent another scandal and 4) moving the state to a sustainable, renewable energy future."

What went wrong in SC with VC Summer and Santee Cooper? The underlying reasons were:

Corporate leadership that was fundamentally dishonest, greedy and irresponsible.

The legislature has become a bought and paid for, wholly owned subsidiary of the utility companies.

A regulatory structure unable to put on the brakes when the project went wrong and is still totally unaccountable today.

A system under which utilities make profit based on how much they can spend on hard infrastructure—not based on performance.

A monopoly system devoid of normal competitive pressures to control cost and improve service.

What the governor and all state legislators should do now?

Give back all utility money re campaign contributions

Disclose any 'dark money' payments from utilities in consulting or legal retainers.

Appoint a special prosecutor to investigate for criminal wrongdoing.

Establish an independent investigation, outside of the legislature, to full determine what happened and who is responsible – and develop a radical reform plan to ensure that this never happens again.

"It is way past time to move forward with the radically better reforms we know we need. These reforms should be aimed at insuring abundant and affordable energy for the state's future growth and protecting citizens whose monthly utility bills are 18 percent higher because of the negligence of SCANA, Santee-Cooper, and the regulators and legislators who let it happen. What's happened to energy consumers in South Carolina is a crime," Noble said.

Noble's Key Radically Better

Energy Reform Initiatives, as Governor, would include:

On his first day in office, fire the whole board of Santee Cooper and force the board of SCANA to resign as part of any settlement going forward.

Allowing the governor to appoint Public Service Commission members, with the consent of the Senate, to reduce the likelihood that senior legislators use these appointments to reward friends and to minimize the influence of utility lobbyists in choosing officials who oversee the work of their clients;

Creating a fully independent, adequately-funded utility Consumer Advocate whose office exclusively represents the interests of ratepayers;

Reforming retail rate regulation so the utility makes a profit based on service metrics rather than capital investment (i.e., "Performance Based Ratemaking"). Energy efficiency measures should drive utility profits, which, in turn, should reduce overall system costs;

Prohibit utilities companies, the senior executives and their principle suppliers of professional services from contributing to any political parties, candidates or other political organizations at any level;

Prohibit members of the legislature, state constitutional officers and their staffs and immediate family members from owning stock in utilities doing business in South Carolina;

Prohibit members of the legislature, state constitutional officers and their staffs and immediate family members from working for or on behalf of a utility while in office and for 10 years after they leave state government employment.

Radically expanding use of solar, wind and other alternative energy sources to further support South Carolina's growing infrastructure.

"These reforms would immediately put pressure on the regulators to apply the brakes to projects that go wrong, insure greater public accountability, and control rates and improve service through meaningful consumer representation in a monopoly devoid of normal competitive pressures," said Noble. "But, this is just the beginning and we need to totally and radical reform of our energy policy to make our state a national leader in renewable, responsible and honest policy that can sustain our states' economic future."

Coker College introduces its Corporate Partners Graduate Scholarship in Management and Leadership

Coker College recently added its Corporate Partners Graduate Scholarship, which covers 50 percent of total program tuition for a Master of Science in Management and Leadership. The scholarship is available exclusively for employees of four designated local corporate partners—Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Duke Energy, McLeod Health, and Sonoco Products Company.

Local industries help the Pee Dee region to thrive and

Coker understands that future success depends on a well-prepared, passionate generation of leaders to continue the good work of their predecessors. Coker College's Master of Science in Management and Leadership is an online graduate program offering real-world training for those interested in becoming proficient, innovative leaders in their fields.

The Corporate Partners Graduate Scholarship provides 50 percent off tuition for the

degree, valuing the scholarship at \$9,750. Areas of focus within the program include business strategy and decision-making, finance and business analytics, negotiations, and leadership and team management. The program consists of 10 six-week terms, or 15 months, and is entirely online.

"We focus on preparing our students for success by linking academic knowledge to the foundational principles of effectiveness and developing emotional and social intelli-

gence," says Dennis Burke, business professor at Coker College.

If you are an employee of Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Duke Energy, McLeod Health, or Sonoco Products Company, and are interested in applying for the Corporate Partners Graduate Scholarship, please visit <http://degrees.coker.edu/corporate-partners-scholarship>.

The next cohort starts August 6, 2018 with an application deadline of July 1, 2018.

Templeton unveils BUILD THE WALL Policy

Republican gubernatorial candidate Catherine Templeton unveiled her Build the Wall platform.

Speaking during an event at a retirement community in Oconee County last week, Templeton said she was one of the first people former Governor Nikki Haley asked to help make it "a great day in South Carolina" as the Director of Labor, License, and Regulation.

"Part of the reason was to protect South Carolina jobs from Big Labor unions and Obama's National Labor Relations board," said Templeton. "But also, to protect South Carolina jobs from illegals and those not permitted to work here."

Templeton made reference to her role in writing, shaping, and pushing one of the toughest immigration laws in the nation through the South Carolina legislature. In 2011, Haley held a news conference stating Templeton had "started" the talks.

"Under Governor Haley, I helped write the law that banned sanctuary cities, shut down a business that hired illegal workers, and instituted E-Verify – a program that allows employers to determine an applicant's immigration status," said Templeton.

During her time as the head of two state agencies, Templeton fought big labor and won, stopped the Obama Administration from killing

South Carolina jobs, called out corruption, and fired state bureaucrats who were wasting taxpayer money. She is equally committed to fighting illegal immigration in South Carolina.

As governor, Catherine Templeton will:

Keep Illegal Immigrants Away from SC Jobs:

Equip local law enforcement to help enforce immigration laws, thus keeping illegals from taking South Carolina jobs.

"It's simple, really," Templeton said. "You enforce immigration laws to their fullest extent. I will do that by equipping local law enforcement to help enforce immigration laws, thus keeping illegals from taking South Carolina jobs."

Support President Trump's Immigration Policy:

Criminalize public officials who offer sanctuary city status to illegals or who boycott contractors working on the border wall.

"I stand in 100 percent solidarity with President Trump's immigration policy," Templeton said. "I will act likewise on the state level by criminalizing public officials who offer sanctuary city status to illegals or who boycott contractors working on the border wall."

Templeton will continue to discuss her positions on a variety of issues that are important to South Carolinians.

Notice of Application

A meeting of the City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission will be held in City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Monday, May 7, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of those interested in the Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness, as listed below.

Item # 1 (Case 04/16/2018) Property of Barry & Janet Clark, located at 210 Cashua St., Tax Map No. 164-15-02-039; bordered on the West by Columbian Street; bordered on the North by Cashua Street; bordered on the East by the properties of Betty M. Kirven Family Trust, Tax Map No. 164-15-02-011, and Lucky Dog Rentals LLC, Tax Map No. 164-15-02-014; and bordered on the South by the property of Kay McCalla Pierson, Tax Map No. 164-15-02-0347.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST TO REPLACE WOOD SIDING ON SOUTH FAÇADE WITH CER-TATRIM.

Item # 2 (Case 04/17/2018) Property of Derrick Watford, located at 385 W. Broad St., Tax Map No. 165-06-02-007; bordered on the West by the property of Christian & Leslie Barnes-Young, Tax Map No. 165-06-02-056; bordered on the North by West Broad Street; bordered on the East by the property of Caswel Miller, Tax Map No. 165-06-02-008; and bordered on the South by the property Helene Morgenstern Colditz, Tax Map No. 165-06-02-060.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST TO INSTALL FENCING.

Individuals may submit comments in writing by Thursday, May 4, 2018, to City Planning Department, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540, or they may provide comments in person at the Commission meeting. Info: 843-398-4000 x 103 or darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Red Foxes keeping winning streak alive against Falcons

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington – History continued to repeat itself this past Tuesday, April 17 as the Hartsville Red Foxes defeated the Darlington Falcons baseball team 8-5 on senior night.

Starting the two-game series in Darlington, the Falcons were looking to snap a five-year losing streak against the Red Foxes and play themselves into third place in the region.

Instead, Darlington fell behind 5-0 after two innings and spent the rest of the game trying to check up; something that it was never able to do.

Starting the scoring off with long solo blast in the top of the first inning by Weider Wilfong, Hartsville pushed three runs across the plate in the inning and added two more in the second inning.

"They took advantage of us early," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said. "We gave them some extra opportunities. Every time we are having a conversation it seems to be when you give good baseball teams

extra outs they take advantage of it, whether it is in our favor or against us. We gave them some opportunities early."

Down by five after just two innings of play and having not beaten the Red Foxes in such a long time, it would have been easy for the Falcons to roll over and quit. That, however, was not the case in this matchup of rivals.

After finally holding Hartsville scoreless in the top of the third inning, the Falcons found offense in the bottom half of the third inning, scoring four runs and cutting the Red Foxes lead to just one.

Mike Dixon and Garrett Knight started the inning off for Darlington with back-to-back hits, a double by Dixon and a RBI single by Knight.

As promising as the start of the inning was, it looked doomed right after Knight's RBI single as a lucky bounce from Keyshawn Taylor's ground ball allowed Hartsville to turn a 6-3 double play, but with two outs and the top of the lineup coming up, Darlington found some rhythm and a little magic.

Malike Cooper, Gage Weatherford and Jake Jones hit back to back to back doubles resulting in two more runs and the Falcons added the final run of the inning when a throwing error on Quay Gandy's grounder allowed Jones to score from second.

Down now only by one, it was a whole new ball game, but that feeling did not last long. Over the next two innings, Darlington's offense went cold again and Hartsville added three more runs to its one-run lead, scoring one in the fourth and two in the fifth.

The Falcons added a run in the bottom of the sixth to bring the deficit back to three, but that is where it would stay as neither team scored any runs for the remainder of the game.

"I'm real proud of the guys fighting back," Gearhart said. "I thought overall we hit ok, but when you dig yourself a hole it's hard to get out of sometimes and we just didn't quite have enough tonight to get out of it."

There was a bit of controversy in the bottom of the seventh, however. Chase Weatherford had hit what looked to be a



Even after trying to stage a comeback, Darlington didn't have what it took to overcome an early Red Fox domination during their game again Hartsville April 17. PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON

two-RBI double down the left-field line, but it was instead ruled foul by the home plate umpire and Weatherford ended up striking out two pitches

later to end the game.

Weekly Recap
Darlington lost its last regular season game of the year this

past Friday on the road to Hartsville.

The Red Foxes were able to walk away with a 2-1 win and third place in the region.

Coker field hockey returns after 40-Year hiatus, inks first signee

Before even stepping onto the Coker Athletic Field, Kaleigh Cordrey's name is in the history books of Coker Athletics as the Navy and Gold's first field hockey signee since discontinuing the sport back in 1977.

"I'm thrilled to have Kaleigh joining our team as our official first member," says Coker's head field hockey coach, Kat Heterbring. "She is an excellent student and will play a role in our success on the field."

Cordrey is from Selbyville, Del., where she attends Indian River High School. She is a member of the field hockey team for the Indians and was named to the honor roll for 11 quarters. On the field, Cordrey earned First-Team South Henlopen All-Conference honors during her junior and senior seasons. Additionally, Cordrey was named Most Valuable Player for the Indian River High School field hockey team in 2017.

"It's extremely exciting to be the first signee for the Coker field hockey program," said Cordrey. "Since I've started playing field hockey, I've known

I wanted to play at the collegiate level."

According to author and staff/provost emeritus, Dr. Malcolm Doubles (2008) in his book titled, In Quest of Excellence: A History of Coker College on its Centennial, Coker offered 'class teams', which included field hockey dating back to 1930. Doubles (2008) states, "By 1955, Coker teams were venturing out to compete against teams within the state. The field hockey team went to Rock Hill to compete against Winthrop". Field hockey was discontinued as a Coker sponsored sport in 1977.

Field hockey becomes the ninth Coker intercollegiate sport added since 2010. The others were men's lacrosse (2011-12), men's volleyball (2012-13), women's lacrosse (2013-14), wrestling (2013-14), men's and women's outdoor track & field (2014-15) and men's and women's indoor track & field (2016-17). Additionally, eSports was added this year and will start competing in the fall of the 18-19 academic year.

Tech Stingers clinch No. 1 seed in Region 10 Tournament

The Florence-Darlington Technical College baseball team clinched the No. 1 seed in Region 10 after sweeping USC Salkehatchie (8-4, 5-2, 3-0 and 3-1) Saturday and Sunday on the road.

The Stingers kicked off the four-game series on Saturday with an 8-4 win. Mullins' Weston Rogers earned the win as he pitched for 4.2 innings, striking out four batters and allowing seven hits and three runs. Latta's Jackson Williams was 3-for-4 with two home-runs. Cross Holfert was 3-for-4 with two doubles. Michael Elijah, Dax Roper and Harrison Hawkins of Bishopville each added two hits.

Mark Leonard earned the win on the mound in the 5-2 victory in the second game on Saturday. Leonard pitched for six innings as he struck out five batters and allowed only two hits. Dillon's Josh Price earned the save. Holfert was 2-for-4 at the plate. Gabe Austin added a homerun, and Florence's Grayson Cottingham had a three RBI double.

During the first game on

Sunday, the Tech Stingers held USC Salkehatchie scoreless in the 3-0 victory. Evan Odum earned the win as he struck out five batters and allowed five hits in four innings. Price earned his second save of the weekend. Connor Pett was 2-for-3 with a RBI. Tanner Mann added a RBI, and Williams had a double.

The weekend ended with the Tech Stingers winning 3-1 in the second game on Sunday. Ryan Smith earned the win on the mound. Smith pitched for five innings, striking out a batter and allowing three hits and a run. Price earned his third save of the weekend. Cottingham was 2-for-3 at the plate. Elijah had a RBI double. Williams and Austin were 1-for-3 with a run and a RBI.

The Tech Stingers are now 40-11, finishing the regular season 19-3.

The Region 10 Tournament will be held at the Lexington County Baseball Stadium, May 5-7. The Tech Stingers will open May 5 at 5 p.m. as the No. 1 seed to play the winner of the No. 4 vs. No. 5 game.

Lady Stingers sit atop Region 10 at season's end

The No. 9 nationally ranked Florence-Darlington Technical College Lady Stingers finished the 2018 regular season first in Region 10. The Lady Stingers beat region rival Pitt Community College 10-9 on the road in the first game of the doubleheader, then lost 6-5.

During the first game on Friday, the Lady Stingers won 10-9 in extra innings. It took 10 innings for the game to come to a conclusion. Pitcher, Marissa Tyndall won on the mound, but she also batted in the game-winning run in the 10th inning with a single. Tyndall was 2-for-6 with three RBI at the plate, and on the mound, she struck out 12 batters and only allowed five

walks and 12 hits.

Shelby Cox was 4-for-6 at the plate. Kristina Lee was 2-for-4 with a solo homerun, a double and three RBI. Lee was also walked and hit by a pitch.

In the second game of the double header, the Lady Stingers lost 6-5 in seven innings. Tyndall lost on the mound. Tori Alexander started the game on the mound and her and Tyndall alternated the workload each inning. Combined, they only allowed four hits and a walk.

Alexander was 2-for-3 at the plate. Riley Boyle was 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBI.

The Lady Stinger finished out the regular season 34-7 overall and 25-2 in Region 10.

Darlington High athletics director announces resignation

Phil Jones, athletics director for Darlington High School, has announced that he will resign his position at the end of the academic year in order to pursue other professional opportunities. Jones joined Darlington High School in 2013 and has worked to provide and advance many positive opportunities for student-athletes. He also worked to improve athletic facilities at the school. The search for a new AD will begin soon.

Darlington High School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Areyana Nicole Henry
Aspen Marie Witherspoon
Caroline Alexis Floyd
Christina Haley Wenteler
Dana Makayla Joe
Deborah Rose Jernigan
Destinee Shabrayah Dukes
Ebony Christine Wingate
Emily Grace Wenteler
Houston Givenchey Pierre
Jacob Cole Anderson
Jacob Joel Jones
Jasmine Millette
Washington
Jessica Rose Matthews
Jonathan Paul Bryant
Jordyn Lee Ekdahl
Joshiya Kiara Durant
Joshua Paul Byram
Katherine Marissa Hudson
Kayla Melissa Turner
KéZiyah Niketa Williamson
Kierra Tionne Alford
Kyra Imani March
Labreshia Moná Samuels
Laine Wilson Ward
Lisa Christine Pulter
Logan Bryce Evans
Mariah Tierra
Hudson
Matthew Jace Watford
Sarah Anne Williams
Selina Fath
Shanelle Ashaya Maxwell
Woodbury
Shannon Denise Edwards
Sidnyah Mauricia Player
Stone Rivers Godbold
Yasmene Kristall Wingate
Za'Layia Chanitta Robinson

A-B Honor Roll

Aalijah Ny'Ree Howard
Aaliyah Samoné Frazier
Abreanna Tylika Jett
Adam Legrand Strickland

Aeryn Paige Cottingham,
Akira Nikendra Dials,
Alexis Nicole Hough,
Alina Celest Munoz,
Alphonso Samuel Josey,
Alyssa Ariel Celia Gee,
Alyssa Renee Graves,
Andrew George Stokes,
Aneilya Keiana Rush,
Anthony Neil Hopkins,
Ar'Tyanna La'enza Quillin,
Ashia Ja'Kayla Vanessa
Hodges,
Ashlee Windham,
Ashonee Ty'Keia Brown,
Ashton Mikaela Truett,
Austin John Chappell,
Austin Tyler Lee Hatmaker,
Avery James Williamson,
Ayreonna Iashja Sellers,
Benjamin Mathison Jordan,
Breanna Monique
McFadden,
Breasia Alexis Timonica
Keith,
Brently Logan Tiller,
Brianna Lacharah Scott,
Brianna Nicole Graham,
Bruno Henrique AraKaki,
Cadasha Pearson,
Cameron Matthew Graham,
Carson Grace Yarborough,
Carson Mabelle Edwards,
Cassy Taylor Lloyd,
Cayci Naomi Smith,
Cesar Gomez,
Ceyana Cammaren Kendall,
Chauncey Ryan Goodson,
Cheleas Ariel Graham,
Cheyanne Lee Edwards,
Chloe Rose Bateman,
Chloe Marissa Street,
Claire Angalee McLennan,
Clinique Lor'rea'l Poole,
Daisha Monik Jones,
Da'Mon Anthony Andrews,
Dantrell Rasheed Douglas,
Darian Braxton Smith,

Deaven Marie Larymore,
DéMarcus Tyshawn Keith-
Graham,
Demeatrius Tyrell Gilbert,
Destiny Renae Sowell,
Devin Thomas Bryant,
Devion Delaunte Brown,
D'Nia Christine Price,
Dravion Dewayne Foster,
Dylan Bryant Munn,
Ella Tindall Watford,
Erionna Wy'Torius Dubose,
E'Yanna Oniqua McElveen,
Gabriel James Luke Howle,
Garrett Brooks Knight,
Gary Benjamin Britt,
Gervonnea Azeonya Mack,
Glady's Sha'Diamond
McDowell,
Gracelyn Hannah Nichols,
Gracie Diane Epps,
Hakeem Rashad Williams,
Heather Colby Emery,
Hope Evyonne Richardson,
Hunter Alexander Odom,
Imani Diamond Edwards,
Jacob David Wiatrowski,
Jacob Gene McKendall
Morris,
Jacques De'Andre' Brown,
Jada Renee Coefield,
Jade Oceanna Rogers,
Jaiden Symone Lyde,
Jaimesha Alise McKenzie,
Jalyse Mo'Nae Harrell,
Ja'Mari Charles,
James Gage Weatherford,
James Ny'Gel Jackson,
Ja'Niqua Shonta McFarland,
Janiyah Arian Rush,
Janyiah Ireona James,
Jarius Chestnut,
Jasmine Keyaria Gilbert,
JáTavia Chaidez Neta
Goins,
Jayla Eden Back,
Jayla Shree Hyman,
Jazalyn Blake Anderson,

Jazmin Dayachia Coe,
Jernay Nasiriyah Foster,
Johnathan David Finnell,
Johnny David James,
Jordan Michelle Blackmon,
Jordyn Carroll Poole,
Joseph Perry Rhodes,
Joshua Malik Jones,
Joshua Max Ward,
Justin Elliott Nicholson,
Kadasia Brianna Evans,
Kadasia Ieshia Damon,
Kaitlyn Denise Callahan,
Kamryn Jhanari Aldrich,
Ka'Naya Barteisa Jones,
Karlyn Marianna Griggs,
Katrina Louise Woodie,
Kavon Jamal Mullins,
Keanna Dalaisa McMillan,
Ke-Ce-Lonta Daymorris
Zackery Russell,
Kelajia Diamond Graham,
Kenynon Vakeim Deaujue
Scott,
Keyonna Tenice Gurley,
Khadijah Niqurya-Johnae
Goodman,
Khlajah Aundrel Goosby,
Kimberlee Madisyn Britt,
Knowledge Aubria Aaro
Carroway,
Konstance MyAsia Cannon,
Laci Lynn Back,
LáDiamond Shaquasia
Reed,
Lar'Quavius Gernard
Gandy,
Larry Jecolby McCall,
La'Shanti Avionna Gattison,
Lillie Thompson Baumbach,
Mackenzie Brooke
Weatherford,
Madelynn Cole Andrews,
Madelyn Kristine Duncan,
Madison Amaya Marie
Smith,
Madison Desiré Grant,
Madison Marche DuBose,

Malik DeAndre Giles-Gregg,
Malika Shabazz Depugh,
Maliyah Laquasia Taylor,
Margaret Ravenel Godbold,
Maria Felicita Munoz,
Matthew William
DeMaurice,
McKenzie Allison Jordan,
Michelle Elizabeth
Mayfield,
Monica Faith Johnson,
Mon'Trail Lee Dewitt,
Montrel Carnell West,
Mya Nicole Bess,
Naomi Gabrielle Louis,
Nathaniel Dean Wideman,
Nathaniel Joe,
Nia Imari Harrison,
Ny'Asia Janell Williamson,
NiAsia Lanay Wingate,
Nicholas Isaiah Joyner,
Nikaya Sharde' Wharton,
Niklas Trogrlic,
Nysir Ty'Lik Bailey-
Richardson,
Olivia Raye' Vacanti,
Omega Sue O'Neal,
Patrick Michael Campbell,
Quaineisha Tybrea Mullins,
Quaneisha Ja'Quilla
Harkless,
Quanmesha Nykeya
Hickmon,
Quavion Jaryre McFadden,
Raven Kelli Douds,
Ray Egleston Norwood,
Rebecca Breeann Tyner,
Richard Deleon Turner,
Samone Petrice Green,
Sara Ellen Hanna,
Sarah Page Stokes,
Savannah Elizabeth
Anderson,
Savannah Kathryn Odom,
Sean Aaron Streett,
Seokkyu Yoon,
Shadirah Aaliyah Davis,
Shakima Ta'Karra Dubose,

ShaKira Brionna Mills,
Shaleah Luvenia Foster,
Shania Latasia Reed,
Shaniya Monae Brown,
Shaniya Tierra Jackson,
Sharda Elouise Brown,
Shy'Asia Kanesha Peterkin,
Stephen Andrew Williams,
Sydney Tatum Flowers,
Tacorria Ja'Nea West,
Tamira Zandria-Troy
Partridge,
Tamma Zha-Kyra Cooper,
Tamyia Marionna Bennett,
Tanajia Shavesta
Washington,
Tanner Brooks King,
Tatianna Lee Perry,
Taylor Brionna McKeever,
Taylor Nicole Howard,
Tiara LaFaye Bishop,
Tichera Quantiana Grant,
Tiffany Michelle Evans,
Tiera Lashai Mumford,
Trevion Lavonte Brown,
Trinity Elaine Small,
Trinity Dasani Jones,
Tristen Savannah James,
Tyler Benjamin Berry,
Tyler Kenneth Greene,
Ty'Quel Demetric Graham,
Ty'sha Unique Harmon-
Dubose,
Tyvin Jamarl Jeffery,
Tyvonna Latrice Thames,
Unique Linn Marquita
Echevarria,
Valencia Patrice Alford,
Vishva V Patel,
William Tucker,
William Zackery Morse,
Xavier Tirrell Smith,
Yazmyrn Bre'Yanna Kitt,
Zakiyra Kendra Green,
Za'Layia Alexis Coleman,
Zayah Nicole Davis,
Zikierra Tenée Warren,
Zykell Maurice Madison

Girls of Character Royal Celebration



Girl Scouts celebrate founding of organization

The Girl Scout organization was started 106 years ago on March 12, 1912. In honor of the occasion, Mayor Gloria Hines proclaimed the week of March 11-17 as Girl Scout Week to coincide with similar pronouncements made nationwide.

Local troops participated in a variety of activities. The week began with a kickoff celebration where girls from Troop 423 and Troop 778 met to plan for the upcoming Girl Scout celebration. Girls also studied the history of Girl Scouts and the purpose of Girl Scout Sunday. They did not just learn about Girl Scouts in isolation, but in honor of Women's

History month studied about women in general who exhibit courage, confidence, and character. Courageous women from the Bible studied included Miriam, Deborah, and Esther. They learned about the character of women who put others first by fighting for racial and gender equality such as Harriet Tubman, Eleanor Roosevelt, Susan B. Anthony and Rosa Parks. They were inspired by the confidence of girls and women like Helen Keller, who triumphed despite being deaf and blind and Alex Scott who started raising money for cancer research at age 4 and prior to her death at age 8 had raised \$1 million.

The week was capped off by participating in a Girl Scout Sunday celebration. The girls sang hymns and selections, prayed, read scriptures and poems and both the leaders and girls participated in rededication ceremonies that reminded them of the meaning and value of the Girl Scout organization. Additionally, the girls were able to hear an inspirational message from a true girl of courage, confidence, and character: former Girl Scout, Minister Deidrell Sansbury. She spoke with the girls about Squad Goals. According to the Urban Dictionary, squad goals represent "an inspirational or aspirational term for what

you'd like your group of friends to be or accomplish." She took the letters in SQUAD and encouraged the girls to live up to the following character traits:

- Strong – Don't allow peer pressure to force them into making bad decisions.
- Qualified – Work hard to earn good credits. Continue your education. Do community service to gain experience in area of interest.
- Unique – Don't try to be like someone else. Be the best you that you can be.
- Appealing or Attractive – An emphasis was placed on looking your best without showing too much

- Daughter of God – They were reminded that they needed to always remember that first and foremost, who they were and whose they were.

Though the church service lasted less than 2 hours, service to the community is on-going. Girls were asked to donate canned goods for Girl Scout Sunday and these were donated to Harvest Hope Food Bank. Girls collected donations during cookie season to support their Gift of Caring recipient – the Darlington Sheriff's Department who were gifted 31 boxes of cookies. A call to action was issued however to individuals and groups.

Churches and schools were encouraged to sponsor troops, adults were encouraged to volunteers, girls who were not currently Girl Scouts were encouraged to join and girls who were already Girl Scouts were encouraged to be more intentional about their involvement. Current Girl Scouts were reminded of the badges, awards, scholarships, skill building, career exploration, and community service that are our foundation. For more information on Girl Scouts, please visit <http://www.girlscoutsofsc.org> or contact Benita Jacobs at the Florence Girl Scout Service Center at 843-669-5174.

Darlington Veneer celebrates 100 years

The year 2018 marks the 100-year anniversary of Darlington Veneer Company. DVC is currently under the third generation leadership of the Ramsey Family. Being part of this long heritage and tradition is a source of great pride for our employees, families, customers and community.

1918 Darlington Veneer Company opens a single ply veneer mill with logs purchased from local farms that are peeled on a rotary lathe. One of the first customers was Radio Corp of America/Victor Talking Machine. DVC had 15 employees.

1923 Ford Motor Company chooses Darlington Veneer for their vehicle detailing and running boards.

1930 As veneer furniture becomes more fashionable, Darlington Veneer responds with increased production. American Tobacco Company is a good customer with their need for hardwood plywood to construct their cigar boxes. They also began creating stock panels for the building trade.

1937 On January 5th, a devastating fire destroys Plant 1. The fire began in the dry kiln and was past the point of recovery by the time the firemen arrived. However, the fire department was able to keep the flames from spreading to the other buildings. At the time of the first newspaper publications reporting the fire, it was unknown if Darlington Veneer would rebuild.

1943 Darlington Veneer joins the war effort. With the rampage of World War II, the US Government call on Darlington Veneer to build plywood to be used in the Navy's new Liberty Ships. Darlington Veneer answers the call by shipping railcar loads of the hardwood plywood to aid in the war effort and is awarded for "Excellence in Production" by the United States War Office.

1946 After the war, with machinery easily available again, a complete modernization of the mill begins, just in time to meet the demand of the post-war building flourish taking place across the country. The building boom was so great that letters would arrive at the mill stating, 'send a (train) carload of plywood, any species, any grade,' with no mention or question as to price.

1950 Darlington Veneer Company acquires the trade name 'PermaWood' in reference

to our finished, grooved interior wall paneling.

1955 By this date, Darlington Veneer employs 200 people and is boasting sales by offering pre-finished panels. Three new buildings are added and new equipment is purchased along with purchasing timberland and acquiring new species of hardwood. Darlington Veneer Company emerges as a premier supplier to builders, architects, and craftsmen across the nation who appreciate the quality of our hardwood panels.

1965 To keep up with the ever-growing demand, new plywood presses and sanders are purchased. During this era, Darlington Veneer Company's product offerings ranged from upholstered frame stock and hardwood plywood to pre-finished, grooved paneling and architectural custom doors.

1976 A fire broke out in Plant 3 due to a faulty electric motor. The local city fire department fought the blaze for 24 hours finally bringing it under control in the wee hours in morning the following day. Thousands of veneer faces were lost however, Darlington Veneer was lucky; the skilled firemen were able to keep the flames from spreading and burning the mill to the ground.

1986 Darlington Veneer is named one of the Top 100 Privately Owned Companies in South Carolina. Ranked 24th, based on sales volume, which approached \$100 million annually, they also had the distinction of being the highest ranked in the Pee Dee area of the state.

1991 As technology advances, so does Darlington Veneer with the addition of new saws and sanding equipment.

2000 With the era of the personal computers being ushered in, Darlington Veneer joins the Information Age and installs a PC for everyone in the office. The office staff is sent to Columbia for training. Salesmen take on the responsibility of order entry and no longer rely on assistants for the task.

2017 After 47 years with the company, Reggie Hubbard retires as the General Manager of Darlington Veneer. Pat Lynch is hired as his replacement.

2018 Darlington Veneer celebrates its first 100 years.



John Ramsey, left, with his brother Jim. Old family and company photos contributed by Darlington Veneer Company.

Mayo High School Prom Court 2018



Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology students recently held their "Starry Night" prom at the Darlington Country Club.

The 2018 Prom Royalty were:
Prom Prince: McKinley Gilbert
Prom Princess: Erica Douglas
Prom King: True-Allah Liles
Prom Queen: Morgan Malloy

BACKYARD STARGAZER MAY 2018

By Francis Parnell



With both Jupiter and Saturn becoming evening objects in May, if you own a small telescope, it's time to get it out and do some planet watching. And if you've never seen Saturn with its ring system in a telescope, you will never forget that first-time amazing view!

Looking south one hour before sunrise on the 4th, and above the Teapot of SAGITTARIUS, look for Saturn 6-degrees lower left of the waning gibbous Moon.

Rising at sunset on the 8th and visible all night long, bright yellow Jupiter is at opposition, 409,005,550

miles (37 light-minutes) from Earth. Jupiter is a great telescopic object too with its cloud belts, Great Red Spot, and its four largest moons.

In twilight on the 17th, you can't miss sparkling Venus about 5-degrees to the right of the waxing crescent Moon.

At dusk on the 20th, dazzling Venus is less than 1-degree right of the beautiful open star cluster M35 in GEMINI, the Twins. At 2,800 light-years away, M35 is a neat sight in binoculars or at low power in a small telescope.

Look for Regulus, the brightest star in LEO, less than 1-degree south of the first-quarter Moon on the 21st.

The almost full Moon is just over 5-degrees left of bright Jupiter on the evening of the 27th.

Just before midnight on the 31st, look southeast to spot Saturn about 3-degrees to the right of the waxing gib-

bous Moon.

In March I was shocked to learn that theoretical physicist Professor Stephen Hawking had passed away. The world will surely miss his brilliant intellect and insight concerning all things cosmological. He had one of the best quotes I've ever read, "Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet." Great advice for all; that's why I've always closed with...."Keep looking up!"

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

Aanuke Mounahbi (Boone) was the first place winner of the 25 mile American Endurance Ride Conference race held at H. Cooper Black Memorial Field Trail in Patrick, S.C. on April 7th. Boone, an 8 year old Arabian, is owned by Mark and Marie Sobiski of Darlington, S.C. and was ridden by Erin Elizabeth Hudson of Fredericksburg, M.D. Erin is the daughter of James and Emily Hudson of Cheraw. The race drew 47 entries from Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and all over the southeast region.



Barkins brings home hammer throw record

COLUMBIA- Striding through the wind and rain, the Coker College women's track and field team used split squads and pushed through at the Gamecock Invitational in Columbia, S.C. and at the Johnson C. Smith Invitational in Charlotte, N.C. Friday and Saturday, April 6-7.

Kaylah Ruff and Deonzha Jackson ran in the 100-meter preliminaries and finished in times of 14.76 and 15.17 seconds respectively. Ruff's mark ties her for the second-fastest time for the Navy and Gold.

Meanwhile, Tamara McMichael, Erin Chan, and Caterra Barkins took their talents to compete in the Johnson C. Smith Invitational. McMichael brought home a new Coker record in the hammer throw with a distance of 114' 6", finishing sixth overall in the event. Chan and Barkins placed eighth and ninth overall respectively. Chan's distance of 101' 10" put her second all-time at Coker, while Barkins' toss of 99' 10" ties her for third.

Barkins threw in the discus event as well, claiming the second-best mark at Coker with a distance of 105' 4" placing fifth overall.

McMichael also competed in the javelin throw, finishing sixth overall with a throw of 103' 1", the third-best mark at Coker.

The Cobras will be in back in action on Friday and Saturday, April 13-14, at the Aggie Invitational in Greensboro, N.C. Results from the event can be found by visiting www.cokercobras.com.

City of Hartsville hires Neptune Island Waterpark GM

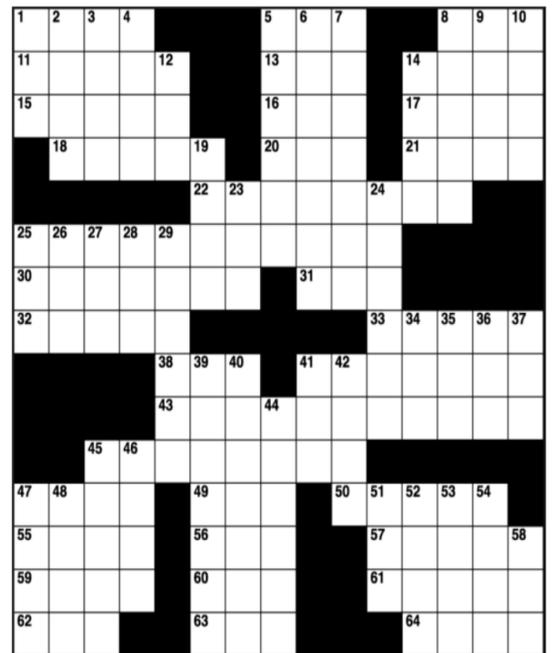
The City of Hartsville is excited to announce the hiring of a General Manager for the Neptune Island Waterpark.

Juan Encarnacion is originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico residing there until 2000, when he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. In March of 2018 he has again embarked on a cross-country move, this time to Hartsville as General Manager of the multi-million dollar expansion project, Neptune Island Waterpark. Neptune Island is expected to open for the summer 2018 season.

In Las Vegas, Encarnacion most recently served as the Senior Manager of Admissions, Revenue and Sales at Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas, a waterpark with a capacity of over seven thousand guests. Encarnacion's experience in aquatic and other similar start-up facilities began over eight years ago.

"This project is very special to me and I am beyond excited to be part of the amazing team," Encarnacion said. "As General Manager, I serve every single guest that comes through our front gate. Their safety, experience, and well being will always be my top priority. Neptune Island Waterpark will create over 100 new jobs, teach valuable life skills to our employees, and generate more tourism and awareness for the City of Hartsville and its residents."

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- Genus of beetles (abbr.)
- Time units (abbr.)
- Fiddler crabs
- Remove weapons from
- Express delight
- Energy
- Roman general
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Mortgage group (abbr.)
- Parts
- Leavened bread cooked in a clay oven
- Type of cloth
- Frankness
- Causes disgust or hatred
- A member of the British order of honor
- Folk singer Di Franco
- One's looks
- Provokes
- Partner of flow
- Japanese warrior
- Easy to perceive
- Meet with one's agreement
- Bird's jaw

CLUES DOWN

- Annoy
- Two-toed sloth
- Precipitation
- Barbaric sheep
- Large stinging paper wasp
- Balkan country
- Doherty, actress
- Arm bones
- Women's undergarment
- Genus of dabbling ducks
- Time zone
- Newts

- Sound unit
- Dab
- Puzzlement
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Actress Ling
- Natural solid material
- Burmese ethnic group
- Puts within
- Belonging to us
- They ___
- One of twelve sons of Jacob
- Grab a seat
- Rich fabric
- Fruits
- Very fast airplane
- Large primates
- Flammable jelly
- Less common
- Supplements with difficulty
- Chinese automotive company
- Every one of two or more things
- Swiss river
- Speak incessantly
- Italian Island
- Fighters against authority
- Egg of a louse

WORD SEARCH

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Grant period open for Darlington County Education Foundation teacher grants

With the sole mission to promote quality education in the Darlington County School District, the Darlington County Education Foundation honors exceptional teachers and outstanding students by focusing on three key objectives:

- Recruiting Quality Educators in every classroom in the district
- Retaining High Quality, Experienced, and Passionate Educators
- Rejuvenating Meaningful, Purposeful, and Challenging Student Learning

These objectives will be achieved through grants awarded to district faculty and staff for district-sanctioned activities which are outside the financial support of the school site and/or general operating budget. The purpose is to provide grants to support teachers in enhancing the education experience for students through research-based best practices and activities that would otherwise be unavailable. Educators will be rewarded for making a difference by demonstrating excel-

lence and creativity in Darlington County School District. The Darlington County Education Foundation recognizes teachers' passions and commitment to improve their skills and increase their effectiveness in providing a better learning environment for Darlington County students. It is the intent of the Darlington County School District that these grants continue to inspire teachers and serve as a catalyst for a lifetime of learning.

Priorities

- Grants will favor proposals for specific projects and programs, rather than general operations, that will serve the teachers and students while enhancing the quality of life in Darlington County.
- Proposals should emphasize help to the students to become more productive citizens with sound personal values and the ability and desire to make positive contributions to Darlington County.
- The Darlington County Education Foundation seeks to fund grants that will have sig-

nificant and lasting impacts, and it will give priority to grant applicants for programs that will receive ongoing support from the applicant.

- Prospective grantees are encouraged to provide innovative collaborations and partnerships, which respond to the needs of Darlington County students.

Funding Guidelines

- Individual teacher grants, not to exceed \$500, will fund unique learning opportunities for students and teachers.
- Grants for innovative instructional programs, not to exceed \$1,500, will be funded involving a designated school site group or collaborative team.
- School-based grants for programs with a building-wide impact, not to exceed \$3,000, will be funded.
- Special project grants, not to exceed \$10,000, for programs with a district-wide emphasis will be funded.
- Awards will be granted only to schools and personnel of the Darlington County School District.

• In awarding grants, consideration will be given to the availability of funds and the impact of the amount requested.

Application Guidelines

- Applications should clearly and concisely describe the project, number of students who will benefit each year for the grant's duration, and anticipated positive benefits.
- The Darlington County Education Foundation will acknowledge each grant application it receives. Once grant materials have been received, they remain the property of the Foundation.
- Applications are evaluated according to a weighted scoring process by a committee. During this process, additional information may be requested from the applicant or school administrators. Once scored, the Committee will make recommendations for awards to The Darlington County Education Foundation Board of Directors.
- Grant award notifications will occur via email. Grant award declinations will occur

via letter to the applicant. All applicants may request and receive feedback.

• At the completion of the grant period, any unexpended funds will be returned to The Darlington County Education Foundation.

Accountability

- The Darlington County School District may request a site visit.
- Audits may be required of all grants.
- Grantees will be asked to conduct a formal self-evaluation at the end of the grant period including a written report. Reports may be required at other times during the grant period as well.
- The grant applications are made with the understanding and approval that representatives of The Darlington County Education Foundation may make unannounced visits to your school and/or office to review your records and other operational information.
- The deadline is April 27, 2018. A copy of the grant application can be found at www.thedcef.org/grants.html

McCall Family Reunion to be held

The McCall Family Reunion will be held Thursday, June 28 through Sunday, July 1, 2018 starting at the Florence Hilton Gardens Inn with main activities at the Florence Civic Center and ending at the Mt. Rona Baptist Church.

All descendants of Willie and Henrietta McCall, who raised their family in the Society Hill area during the mid-1800s, are encouraged to participate.

For more details, email mccallfr2018@gmail.com or contact B. B. Lowe or Marie McCall McPhail.

Coker now offering Master of Science in Criminal and Social Justice Policy

Coker College is now offering a Master of Science in Criminal and Social Justice Policy program. This online degree is geared toward those who desire to become policymakers in their communities. Students will be equipped to enter a variety of fields, including community development, policy writing, human services, investigation, and education.

Lacey Rice-Serafin, Director of Graduate Admissions for Coker College, said a key outcome of this program will be the student's growth in communication skills, both oral and written, as well as their ability to write policy.

"This program is for people who see issues in our system and want to make changes, but need an advanced degree to be influential in their role," she explained. "Students do extensive critical thinking and writing in this program to be able to identify social equity issues in the criminal justice system and learn how to draft policies for change."

Gentle Care Adult Day Care holds ribbon cutting ceremony



Members of the Greater Darlington Chamber welcomed Gentle Care Adult Day Care to Darlington County.

The Darlington County Chamber welcomes Gentle Care Adult Day Care to the community. The day care provides a home away from home environment for those in need of supportive care during the day, which include socialization opportunities, arts and crafts, computer games, and much more.

The idea for the day care came out of a need experienced by LeAndria Savage and her family in late 2014. After her grandfather, Burnice Bristow Sr., suddenly took ill, the family discovered the struggles faced when caring for a loved one.

The home care, doctor appointments, and making sure he remained social became challenging. His passion in life was to serve people and help put a smile on their face. He was a source of companionship and encouragement for the many seniors whom he delivered meals to daily while working for Meals on Wheels out of Florence. In his honor, we look forward to serving the community and providing loving, caring, and nurturing support for seniors and disabled persons as part of our Gentle Care family.

Coker Enactus named Regional Champion, will compete at National Exposition

Coker College Enactus was recently named a regional champion at the Enactus United States Regional Competition held on April 16 in Dallas, Texas.

The event is one of five regional competitions and one virtual competition held throughout the country in the spring. As an Enactus U.S. regional champion, the Coker College team will advance to compete at the Enactus U.S. National Exposition in Kansas City, Mo., May 20-22.

"Every day, our Enactus students work to improve the lives of others," says Gabriel Mens, director of Coker College Enactus. "It was awesome to see those same students represent themselves, the people they have impacted, and Coker College in Dallas this weekend. I am very proud of everything they have accomplished and cannot wait for them to represent their work on an even bigger stage in Kansas City this May."

Enactus is an international organization that connects student, academic and business leaders through entrepreneurial-based projects that empower people to transform opportunities into real, sustainable progress for themselves and their communities. Guided by academic advisors and business experts, the student leaders of Enactus create and implement community empowerment projects around the globe. Coker is one of more than 450 active Enactus teams in the United States and currently has 44 participating students.

The regional competition gives teams the chance to represent the collective impact of their community outreach efforts through a combined video and oral presentation. Projects are evaluated by busi-

ness leaders, recruiters and sponsors who rank them on how successful they are at using entrepreneurial concepts to improve the quality of life and standard of living for those in need.

During this academic year, Coker College Enactus is involved with a variety of projects:

- Aquaponics in Myanmar, a sustainable ecosystem where fish and plants are grown together in one environment, has meant improved food security and helped raise much-needed funds for a local non-profit center.

- Clean Water in Myanmar has provided five gallons of clean water every day to 70 families, improving 350 lives.

- Women's Empowerment in Myanmar consists of installing a local business for producing low-cost sanitary napkins, which will reduce the risk of illness, create a new business, empower women with consistent income, and help remove the shame women of the country have surrounding their monthly menstrual cycles.

- Rent-a-Fridge allows Coker students to rent a mini-fridge during the academic year, providing a more affordable and convenient option for students as well as recurring revenues to support ongoing Enactus projects.

- Kids Can partners with Carolina's Kids, a local non-profit, to enhance funding needs and nutritional values of the organization's weekend food bag initiative for local children, as well as created and launched a food pantry at Hartsville High School.

- Summer Business Academy, sponsored by Wells Fargo, jump-starts high schoolers' college education by earn-

ing three credit hours at Coker College, completely free of charge for all participants.

- Ubuntu-Blox is a wooden press that turns recyclables into sturdy bricks that can then be used for construction purposes, including building houses.

The Coker Enactus team that traveled to Dallas for the competition included Olivia Avery, Evan Bachman, Hannah Baird, Gary Baker, Alexa Baughman, Gabriel Castro, Luke Elliott, Destany Gause, Henrik Hellbe, Katie Jordan, Matthew Kron, Kendra Lambert, Edward Leitgeb, Suzanna Mickey, Kyle Ocker, John Peagler, Bethany Prochnow, Jennifer Ruetten, Joao Victor Santos, Sydney Shull, Grayson Seth Spell, William Vanhook, and Frank Velez.

The six presenters for the regional competition were Hannah Baird from Fort Mill, South Carolina, Lexi Baughman from Frederick, Maryland, Gabriel Castro from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Henrik Hellbe from Stockholm, Sweden, Kyle Ocker from Chicago, Illinois, and Joao Victor Santos from Brasilia, Brazil.

Additional Coker Enactus team members include Nicholas Beiers, Ethan Cairns, Bryson Conner, Taylor DuBray, Deanna Faile, Jake Johnson, Mary Kooper, Reilly Hall, Kiisha Hilliard, Chauntress Like, Emma Lindenmuth, Giancarlo Martinez, Brandon Mullins, Jay Novoa-Miralles, Eion Riley, Federico Scaglioni, Anthony Salas, Makayla Shore, Bret Shurina, Tiffany Taylor, Connor Yost.

For more information about Coker College Enactus, please contact Gabriel Mens at gabriel.mens@coker.edu or 843-383-8361.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA - DARLINGTON COUNTY

The Republican and Democratic parties will hold primaries on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Any necessary runoff will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Any person wishing to vote in the primaries and runoffs must register no later than Sunday, May 13, 2018. Voter registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, May 14, 2018.

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at their polling place:

- S.C. Driver's License
- ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport

If you have one of these IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit seVOTES.org or contact your county board of voter registration and elections.

At 9:00 a.m. on June 12, the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at the Darlington County Board of Elections and Registration office 131 Cashua St. Darlington S C 29532. Telephone # 843-398-4900.

At 10:00 a.m. on June 14, the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This hearing will be held at the Darlington County Board of Elections and Registration office 131 Cashua St. Darlington S C 29532.

The following precincts and polling places will be open during the primaries and runoffs from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

Precinct	Polling Place	Address
Antioch	Antioch Recreation Center	2462 Antioch Rd.
Auburn	Centerville Fire Station	2380 N. Center Rd.
Bethel B	Bethel United Methodist Church	2423 Bethel Rd.
Black Creek - Clyde	Lake Robinson Rescue Squad	2364 W. Old Camden Rd.
Burnt Branch	Hartsville Middle School	1427 Fourteenth St.
Darlington # 1	City Hall	400 Pearl St.
Darlington # 2	Pate Elementary School	1010 Indian Branch Rd.
Darlington # 3	High School Ninth Grade Bldg.	501 Spring St.
Darlington # 4	Cain Elementary School	607 First St.
Darlington # 5	Mayo High School Gym	364 Chestnut St.
Darlington # 6	Brunson Dargan Elementary School	400 Wells St.
Dovesville	Dovesville Fire Station	511 Mont. Clare Rd.
Hartsville # 1	First Presbyterian Church	213 W Home Ave.
Hartsville # 4	Outreach Center (Fourth St. Entrance)	404 S. Fourth St.
Hartsville # 5	T. B. Thomas Sports Center	701 W. Washington St.
Hartsville # 6	Old Butler Gym	1103 S. Sixth St.
Hartsville # 7	Scott Center	201 N. Damascus Church Rd.
Hartsville # 8	North Hartsville Elementary School	110 School Dr.
Hartsville # 9	American Legion Hut	135 Society Ave.
High Hill	South Darlington Fire Station	4793 Hoffmeyer Rd.
Indian Branch	Indian Branch Community Center	2070 Indian Branch Rd.
Kelleytown	West Hartsville Elementary School	214 Clyde Rd.
Lake Swamp	Lake Swamp Fire Station	6140 Oates Hwy.
Lamar # 1	Lamar Town Hall	117 W. Main St.
Lamar # 2	Lamar High School	216 N. Darlington Ave.
Lydia	Lydia Community Center	5069 Indian Branch Rd.
Mechanicsville	Mechanicsville Fire Station	1932 Cashua Ferry Rd.
New Market	Pond Hollow Fire Station	2225 Ruby Rd.
Oates	St. Johns United Methodist Church	214 W. Seven Pines St.
Palmetto	Palmetto Fire Station	1304 E. Melver Rd
Society Hill	Society Hill Town Hall	280 S. Main St.
Swift Creek	Swift Creek Fire Station	137 N. Center Rd.

Pilot Club distributes Pick-Me-Up bags



Darlington Pilots assembled Pick-Me-Up bags at their April meeting so that they could be presented to the School Crossing Guards, Sheriff's Department and workers at the Darlington County Emergency Services. This project is done to show appreciation to persons in our community who care for others in their everyday lives. Contributed photos



The team from SteelFab of South Carolina wins the professional division of FDTC's Welding Rodeo. Their winning entry was based on this year's competition theme of the Olympics.

FDTC Welding Rodeo crowns winners during FMU Arts International Festival

The familiar sounds of clanking metal returned to Francis Marion University's Arts International Festival Saturday, April 14 during Florence-Darlington Technical College's ninth annual Welding Sculpture Rodeo. This year's contest featured two new winners in the professional and student division. Florence's SteelFab of South Carolina won for the pros, while the team from FDTC won the amateur rodeo.

For five years, the daylong festival has hosted FDTC's welding sculpture competition. Both the professional and student

teams had nine hours to create their work of art. This year's theme was the Olympics. Competing in this year's rodeo were teams from Dillon County Applied Technology Center, Duke Energy, FDTC, Frazier Industrial of Darlington County, GE Healthcare, Richland County's Heyward Career and Technology Center, SteelFab, Darlington County Institute of Technology and Williamsburg Technical College.

The contest, which was held behind the FMU Smith University Center, started at 7:30 a.m. with teams running in a "scrap

diver." The competitors picked out scrap metal to mold into their Olympic sculptures.

A three-person panel of judges picked the best pieces and the artwork was auctioned afterwards to benefit scholarships for students at Tech. SteelFab's creation was sold for a bid of \$500.

For more information about the ninth annual FDTC Welding Sculpture Competition, contact Lauren Dorton with the Foundation office via email at lauren.dorton@fdtc.edu or 661-8002.

Sonoco ThermoSafe and Cathay Pacific Cargo Launch Global Partnership

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill.- Sonoco ThermoSafe, a unit of Sonoco and a leading global provider of temperature assurance packaging, and Cathay Pacific Cargo, one of the world's largest air cargo carriers, has announced a global partnership agreement for the leasing of the PharmaPort 360 temperature controlled bulk shipping container. The agreement enables pharmaceutical shippers to lease PharmaPort 360 containers directly from Cathay Pacific Cargo.

The PharmaPort 360 utilizes proprietary hybrid technology to provide extremely precise, long duration +5C temperature control for transporting high value cargo for the world's leading biopharmaceutical companies. Once charged, the PharmaPort functions like an active temperature controlled container without the energy consumption, heat discharge or temperature variability of other compressor-based technologies. The PharmaPort's hybrid technology allows it to operate on battery power substantially longer than competing active units used for bulk air shipments, and it also eliminates the need for refrigerated trucks for lengthy truck lanes. Additionally, the PharmaPort 360 is the only container in the industry that contains a fully integrated, FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) approved telemetry system, providing real-time, cloud-based data on payload and ambient temperature and key mechanical components, precisely synchronized with GPS location.

Cathay Pacific Cargo, which is CEIV-certified, is the first carrier in the world to sign a direct

contract with Sonoco ThermoSafe. The PharmaPort 360 will provide another active container solution to the impressive Pharma LIFT portfolio of Cathay Pacific Cargo, offering more choice and service to customers worldwide.

"Sonoco recently topped the list of Fortune's World's Most Admired Companies in the packaging sector. Its reputation for quality perfectly aligns with our own high standards for service delivery," said Frosti Lau, general manager of cargo service delivery for Cathay Pacific Cargo. "We are delighted to have this unique and world's-first partnership with Sonoco ThermoSafe, and we are confident this collaboration will provide our customers with a consistent solution for the transportation of vital and life-saving pharmaceutical products."

"We are delighted to partner with a high-quality and service-oriented carrier such as Cathay Pacific Cargo which has one of the most extensive networks in the world. This partnership enables the pharmaceutical supply chain to now directly lease from Cathay Pacific Cargo the best-in-class PharmaPort 360 temperature control containers on a one-way lease basis across the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific regions," said Vishal Khushalani, director of global marketing & business development for Sonoco Protective Solutions. "Additionally, Sonoco's 300+ global locations allow the Sonoco ThermoSafe division to efficiently expand the depot network for leasing PharmaPort units across the globe." Visit www.thermosafe.com/pharm to learn more.

Representative James Smith critical of actions taken on solar bill

GREENVILLE-- Democratic gubernatorial Candidate Representative James Smith recently met with solar industry employees at Summit Solar in downtown Greenville to discuss the recent events at the Statehouse.

Speaking with reporters, Representative James Smith emphasized that, "We must come together and find a solution that will move South Carolina forward and ensure that its citizens, and

not corporate special interests, are put first. We need to eliminate the subsidies given to the utility companies who have betrayed the trust of ratepayers across the state. This week's critical job-saving legislation was brought down by highly-paid, corporate lobbyists funded by the ill-gotten gains of SCANA and Duke Energy."

"Lifting the cap on solar energy production will not only create - but save - over 3,000 jobs, as well as lower the utility rates for

South Carolinians across the Palmetto State, which we all know are too high," Smith said. "Now is the moment to stand up for South Carolinians. To stand up for the families who are living in fear of losing their jobs. To stand up for the ratepayers and move this state forward by putting the interests of the people ahead of the interests of corporate greed. It's time to put partisan politics aside and put the people of South Carolina first."

Scott statement on Lydon's nomination for U.S. Attorney for the District of S.C.

WASHINGTON --U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) released the following statement after the President announced the nomination of Sherri Lydon for U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina:

"I was proud to recommend the President nominate Clemson and University of South Carolina alumna, Sherri Lydon, to serve as United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina. From establishing her own

law firm to serving as a federal prosecutor, Ms. Lydon possesses an incredible amount of experience that will serve our state and our nation well. I hope to see her nomination swiftly confirmed by the Senate."

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Darlington Veneer's Red Letter Day

With the onset of World War II, Darlington Veneer Co. aided the war effort. The war had brought on shortages of saw-logs which were needed to build trucks, freight cars, freight planes and cargo ships to rush food and supplies to the battlefield. Darlington Veneer placed advertising in the local papers urging timber owners to 'Cut them NOW.' One such ad is quoted as reading, 'Trees cut from farm woodlands will help win the war as much as weapons in the hands of our fighting men.' The local farmers and landowners responded and vast quantities of heavy duty plywood panels were manufactured in our mill for the Maritime Commission. These panels were used as bulkhead panels in the hardy Liberty Ships.

It was for that effort and patriotism that on July 23, 1943 Darlington Veneer Company was awarded the Army-Navy award for Excellence in War Production. It is the highest honor that can be given to a business in war time and was referred to as a 'red letter day' by the local press. DVC was the first and only plant in Darlington to be recognized to this degree, and the first in this region of South Carolina. The ceremony and celebration was described by local papers as being 'outstanding and spectacular' and 'unlike anything which has ever occurred in the Pee Dee (region of South Carolina) prior to this time.'

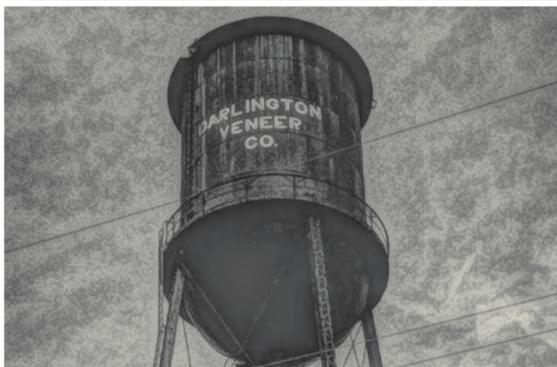
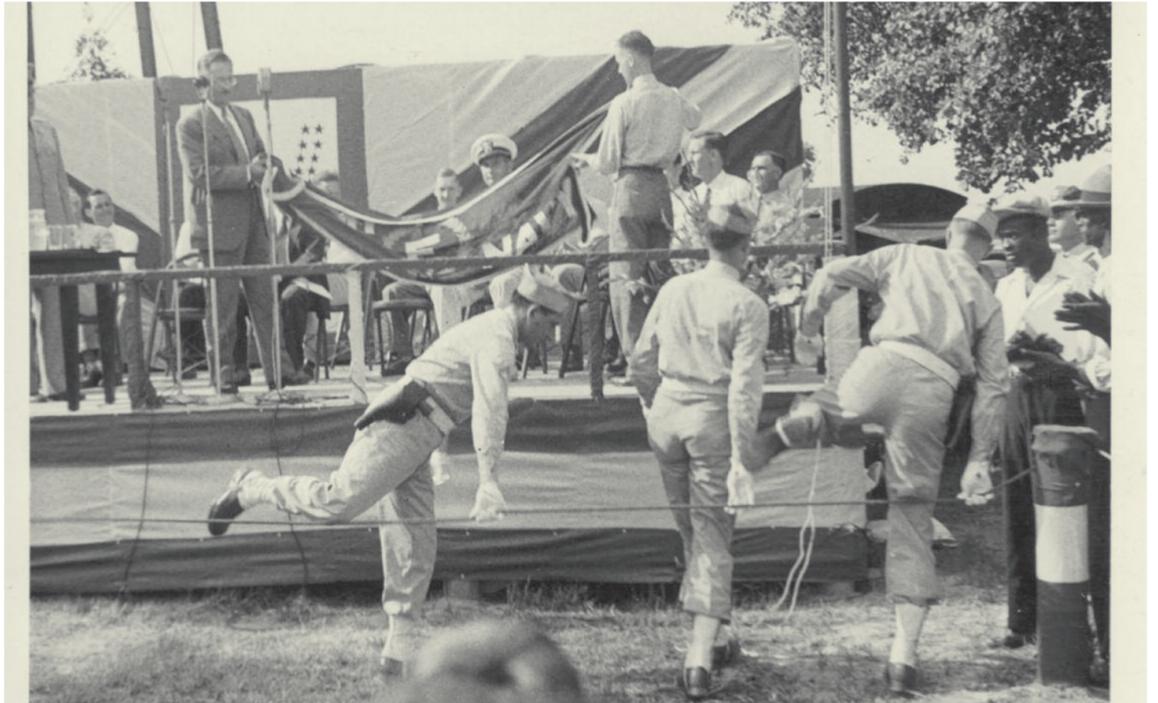
Before the presentation began, a flight of Army Bombers circled the mill while the Florence Air Base Band provided patriotic music for the gathered crowd of well over 250 persons. When the ceremony began, South Carolina Governor Olin D. Johnston spoke to the crowd praising Darlington Veneer for exceptional contributions to the war effort. Sherman Ramsey was awarded the red and blue 'E' pennant by Major Frank Monaghan on behalf of the War Department, Washington, D.C. Lieutenant J. Lyles Boyd, US Naval Reserves of the Sixth Naval District, Charleston, SC, presented Darlington Veneer employee with a coveted 'E' lapel pin.

It was certainly a day of patriotism and pride for the employees and owners of Darlington Veneer Company, a feeling that continues today.

Top Center: On July 23, 1943 Darlington Veneer Was awarded the Army-Navy Award for Excellence in War Production. The celebration included a presentation of pins and pennants to the company and its employees.

Bottom Left: The Darlington Veneer Company water tower

Bottom Right: Sherman and Helen Ramsey



BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER APRIL 16 THROUGH APRIL 23, 2018
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

- Mozelle Blackmon, 41, of 1408 Jasper Ridge Dr. Fort Mill, SC, Driving Under the Influence
- Jermaine Keith Fludd, 28, of 80 Springway Dr., Columbia, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle - 1STOFF, Driving Under Suspension, Operating Unsafe Vehicle
- Lisa Marie Froese, 38, of 1011 Stuckey Bottom Rd., Hartsville, Grand Larceny >\$2,000 < \$10,000 Enhancement 120972, Poss <1 Gram of Meth of Cocaine Base 1st
- Jeremy Demetrius James, 37, of 109 Pine Street, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension, Non Support
- Tony Levern Mason, 48, of 423 Bell Ave., Hartsville, Non Support
- Tony Levern Mason, Jr., 27, of 423 Bell Ave., Hartsville, Non Support, Non Support
- James Quashone Scott,

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

- 34, of 613 Southern Pine St., Darlington, Discharging Firearms Into A Dwelling, Probation Violation
- Jeffery Thomas Tallman, 49, of 4783 Ousleydale Hwy., Hartsville, Driving Comm Veh W/License Sus Non DUI 1ST, Giving False Information
- Teonna Tyshae Tedder, 18, of 121 Sanders St., Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Bacia Jaleen Wallace, 18, of 2752 Welling Farm Road, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Markus Antonio Williams, 23, of 209 Brockington Rd., Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Jermaine Michael Wright,

- 39, of 2166 Ousleydale Rd., Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct, Violation of City Ordinance
- Joseph Robert Brown, 30, of 353 Hawkins Rd., Hartsville, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP only), Violation of Probation (Used by PPP only)
- Emanuel Tony Graham, 25, of 2724 Mt. Olive Rd., Hartsville, Poss 28G or less MariJ/10G or less Hash 1ST, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon, Assault Police Officer While Resisting Arrest
- Willie James Gunnell, 19, of 526 Cornelia Dr., Hartsville, Use of 911 Number Unlawfully
- Michael Dewayne Horton, 48, of 1012 Robinson St., Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- William Wages King Jr., 57, of 1120 Catawba Springs Road, Hartsville, Non Support
- Davijon Khalil McCall, 22, of 328 Bell Ave., Hartsville, Weapon/Sale/Poss By Certain Persons/Stolen Gun RSG Value \$2,000 or Less
- Keanu Michelle Owens-Tingen, 26, of 1164 Hannah Drive, Florence, Non Support
- Angela Michelle Quick, 25, of 1705 N Fifth Street, Hartsville, Financial Transaction Card Fraud >\$500
- Michael Douglas Smith, 26, of 2365 Green Garden Dr., Darlington, Driving Under Suspension, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle - 1STOFF, Improper Vehicle License
- Wyatt Austin Lee Williams, 18, of 26 Pete Knight

- Road, Pageland, Mal Injury To Personal Property >\$200
- Dearis Danielle Crummy, 25, of 3735 Hartsville Hwy., Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence, 1ST Degree, Petit Larceny \$2,000 or Less Enhancement 120972, Malicious Injury To Personal Property <\$2,000, Neglect By Legal Custodian
- Annette Loretta Dixon, 59, of 206 Lawson Road, Darlington, Abuse/Neglect Great Injury Vulnerable Adult
- Tamiym Naqiy-Reya Fox, 30, of 424 Sterling Dr., Florence, Breach of Trust W/Fraud Intent >\$10,000, S t e a l Vessel/Boat/Canoe/Equip>\$2,000<\$10,000
- Frank Dewayne Hamilton, 40, of 4354 Gilbert Rd., Hartsville, DUS (License Not Susp DUI)- 3RD or more, Operate Vehicle W/O Registration And License
- Shaneil Malik McClain, 18, of 1025 Bird St., Hartsville, Poss 28G or less MariJ or less Hash1st, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Joseph Samuel Opalka, 29, of 2900 Patrick Hwy., Hartsville, Safekeeping
- Juquavis Raheyem Bailey, 23, of 103 Anhow St., Darlington, Manuoft, Possess Other Sub SCH I, II, III WITD-1ST, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Paul Bear Bryant, 34, of 1104 Sandwood Dr., Hartsville, Non Support
- Chris Nunn Foxe, 55, of 2404 E. Lydia Hwy., Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Phillip Anton Franklin, 28, of 707 S 8th St., Hartsville, Murder, Attempted Murder, Attempted Murder, Discharging Firearm, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon,

- Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person, Poss Of A Weapon During Violent Crime, Attempted Murder
- Phillip Anton Franklin, 28, of 707 S 8th St., Hartsville, Attempted Murder, Attempted Murder
- Talvin Jerod Robinson, 39, of 403 Jasper Ave., Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2,000
- Ezra Franklin Wallace, 40, of 141 W Laurens St., Hartsville, Assault and Battery 2ND Degree, Assault and Battery 2ND Degree
- Ricky Tramone Brown, 26, of 648 Grooms Dr., Lamar, Poss 28G or Less MariJ/10G or Less Hash 1ST
- Antonio Marquell Wilds, 26, of 3637 Flat Creek Dr., Darlington, Driving Under Suspension, Resisting Arrest
- Richard Mortimer Anderson IV, 38, of 2849 Patrick Rd., Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less MariJ/10G or Less Hash 1ST
- Jacob Whitney Blackstock, 31, of 603 Johnson Street, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- James David Futrell, 51, 741 Patrick Fire Tower Rd., Patrick, Non Support
- Lontae Demarro Hamlin, 40, of 2853 Southborough Rd., Darlington, DUI/DUI 10 But Less Than .16 1ST Offense
- Natalie Holloman, 36, of 1010 W. Billy Farrow Hwy., Hartsville, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle - 1ST Off, Poss 28G or Less MariJ/10G or Less Hash 1ST
- Ellis Ronald Jones Jr., 30, of 10201 Katelyn Drive, Charlotte, NC, Driving Under The Influence, Operating Motor Vehicle W/O License, Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Rhonda Lloyd, 26, of 1220 Broach St., Hartsville,

- Drugs/Man, Dist, Etc of Methamphetamine 1ST, Poss 28G or Less MariJ/10 or Less Hash 1ST
- Mary Carolina McIntosh, 45, of 68 N Collie Loop, Cheraw, Poss 28G or Less MariJ/10G or Less Hash 1ST, Drugs, Man, Dist, Etc of Methamphetamine 1ST
- Sterling Lajuan Stansbury, 39, of 1210 S. 6th St., Hartsville, Driving Under The Influence
- Arndra Jorel Williams, 41, of 847 Bay Branch Road, Lamar, Non Support
- Nicole Dean, 37, of 1424 Indian Branch Road, Darlington, DUI 2ND, Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Cleveland Lee Hudson, 63, of 411 Marlboro Ave., Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension, Driving Under The Influence
- Joseph Bryan Kirven, 51, of 1825 Pinedale Dr., Darlington, Poss 28G or Less MariJ/10G or Less Hash 1St, Public Drunk
- Suzanne Leigh McCauley, 34, of 107 Stonewall Rd., Hartsville, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) -3RD or More, Uninsured Motor Veh Fee Violation 2ND Offense, Fail To Stop For Blue Light, Poss Sched I (B)(C) LSD/Sched II 1ST, Drugs/Man, Dist, Etc of Methamphetamine 1ST, Manuoft, Possess Other Sub Sch I, II, III WITD-1ST
- Cari Renee Shaw, 27, of 112 Stonewall St., Hartsville, Drugs/Man, Dist, Etc of Methamphetamine 1ST, Manuoft, Possess Other Sub Sch I, II, III WITD-1ST
- Jacob Fason Atkinson, 21, of 3121 Crystal Springs Rd., Darlington, Driving Under The Influence

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Researchers to examine what attracts, discourages Black students in engineering education

A team of Clemson researchers is using a \$398,263 award from the National Science Foundation's Broadening Participation in Engineering program to examine factors that both encourage and discourage Black students from pursuing education in engineering fields. Researchers will also examine how different academic pathways in engineering vary by gender and institution type for Black students.

Catherine Mobley, a professor in Clemson's sociology, anthropology and criminal justice department and principal investigator on the project, said the research will examine institution-

al policies and practices that promote greater retention of Black students in engineering fields. She hopes to emerge with recommendations that higher education institutions can use to recruit more individuals from underrepresented groups into these fields.

Background research has shown that underrepresented groups face continuous barriers to engineering education and the engineering economy, Mobley said. She indicates that if the reasons why aren't fully understood, society stands to lose a significant pool of human and social capital in the engineering workforce.

"It's incredibly important to

expand access to these fields for different student groups," Mobley said. "If we learn what might cause someone to stay in or abandon the path to a career in a STEM field, we can get one step closer to ensuring that diverse groups are successful in these professions."

Instead of solely focusing on success stories from fields including electrical, computer and mechanical engineering, the researchers hope to shed light on factors that contribute to attrition. Mobley said there is little data in the forms of interviews and firsthand accounts from students who opt out of engineering.

The researchers plan to

address this challenge by employing unique data collection tools and identifying individuals who interact with students during the change-of-major process. Mobley said the researchers expect to gain valuable information by talking to students who have either remained in engineering or who have stepped off the engineering path. The team will also collect data from key informants at the four study institutions and through a content analysis of institutional documents and websites.

"We want to paint a full picture by investigating why these students left engineering; was it

interest in other topics or was it a discouraging experience?" Mobley said. "Finding those students will be a challenge, but it will be worth it because it will strengthen our research findings."

The interdisciplinary team will use the Multi-Institution Database for Investigating Engineering Longitudinal Development (MIDFIELD) to examine data from two historically black colleges and universities and two predominantly white institutions in the southeastern U.S. What the researchers learn from their initial analysis will inform how they shape the 100-in-

depth interviews they will conduct with students and college administrators at these four institutions.

Marisa Orr, co-investigator and assistant professor in Clemson's departments of engineering and science education and mechanical engineering, the MIDFIELD data largely motivated the current study. The extensive data set revealed that challenges in attracting and retaining Black students changed depending on the engineering discipline in question. A discipline could simultaneously excel in attracting Black students and struggle with retaining them or vice versa.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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the claim and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Harget D Gainey Date of Death: 12/18/2017 Case No: 2018ES1600063 Personal Representative: Harget David Gainey, Jr Address: 317 Arabian Street, Darlington, SC 29532

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(39c3 leave in thru 4-25-18) NOTICE OF ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

Foreclosure-Deficiency Judgment Waived (NON-JURY) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON C/A #: 2016CP1600129 CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SUSAN H. DUPREE A/K/A SUSAN MARTENZIE HARRELSON DUPREE, DECEASED (including all unknown minors; all unknown persons under other legal disability; all unknown defendants in the military service) YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Amended Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Amended Complaint upon the subscribers, at their office, The Geheren Firm, P.C., 4828 Ashford Dunwoody Road, 2nd Floor, Atlanta, GA 30338, within thirty (30) days after the service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Amended Complaint in the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

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Motion for an Order appointing Marissa Jacobson, Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SUSAN H. DUPREE A/K/A SUSAN MARTENZIE HARRELSON DUPREE, DECEASED (including all unknown minors; all unknown persons under other legal disability; all unknown defendants in the military service), was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for DARLINGTON County. YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SUSAN H. DUPREE A/K/A SUSAN MARTENZIE HARRELSON DUPREE, DECEASED (including all unknown minors; all unknown persons under other legal disability; all unknown defendants in the military service), shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or either of them, a Guardian ad Litem to represent them for the purposes of this action, the appointment of said Guardian ad Litem Nisi shall be made absolute.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED COMPLAINT

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(40p3 leave in thru 5-2-18) NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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(40p3 leave in thru 5-2-18) AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2017-CP-16-0771 Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. Plaintiff, -vs- Nannee Sparks a/k/a Nannee Sparks; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Defendant(s) BY VIRTUE of a judgment heretofore granted in the case of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. Nannee Sparks a/k/a Nannee Sparks; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, I, Martins S. Driggers, as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on May 7, 2018, at 12:30 pm,

at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying, being and situate in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 6, as shown on a map of Converse Court II of Converse Estates dated December 13, 2002, and to be recorded herewith in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. Reference being had to said map for a more complete and accurate description.

This being a portion of the same property conveyed to Nannee Sparks by deed of James E. Atkinson dated 03/31/03 and recorded 04/22/03 in book 1026 at page 9052 in the Darlington County Records. TMS #: 180-00-07-006 (land) 180-00-07-006.001 (mh) Mobile Home: 2000 CLAY VIN: N02011981TNAB SUBJECT TO DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms or the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder).

Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. 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.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.00% per annum. Martin S. Driggers Special Referee for Darlington County B. Lindsay Crawford, III (SC Bar# 6510) Theodore von Keller (SC Bar# 5718) Sara C. Hutchins (SC Bar# 72879) B. Lindsay Crawford, IV (SC Bar# 101707) Columbia, South Carolina Attorney for Plaintiff

(40c3 leave in thru 5-2-18) Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00239 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation vs. Bobbie Jessup; I, the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on May 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land, together with improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being located in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot 5, on a plat of Gilchrist Subdivision, recorded February 5, 2002, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 192 at Page 53. Said property fronts on Gilchrist Road for a distance of 141.66 feet and is bound on the Southwest by said Gilchrist Road; on the Northwest by Lot 4 for a distance of 277.31 feet; on the Northeast by other property for a distance of 51.37 feet and 93.38 feet; and on the Southeast by property of Philip R. Anderson for a distance of 208.11 feet. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is made thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. Be all measurements a little more or less.

THIS BEING the same property conveyed to Bobbie Jessup by virtue of a Deed from Mark Estates, LLC dated March 30, 2016 and recorded April 5, 2016 in Deed Book 1078 at page 1453 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County, South Carolina. 404 Gilchrist Road Darlington, SC 29532 TMS# 145-00-03-125 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 25/100 (4.25%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for

Patel a/k/a Ashmita Maganbhai Patel by Deed of Albert A. Gray dated October 10, 2013 and recorded October 11, 2013 in Book 1070 at Page 6809, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County, South Carolina. 307 West College Avenue Hartsville, SC 29550 TMS# 056-10-01-005 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 25/100 (4.25%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Special Referee for Darlington County Darlington, South Carolina _____, 2018 Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700

(40c3 leave in thru 5-2-18) SPECIAL REFEREE'S SALE

CASE NO. 2017-CP-16-0739 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority against Charles Wright, I, the Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., at the Darlington County Courthouse, Darlington, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina containing 3.54 acres located in Darlington County, South Carolina being that property described as Tax Parcel 126-00-01-008 (ref. DB 670, Page 91), as shown on plat prepared for Charles Wright by Nesbit Surveying Co., Inc. dated July 14, 2006 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 202 at Page 99. This being the same property conveyed to Charles Wright by deed of Kay Y. Matkins and J. Stephen Young dated July 28, 2006 and recorded July 28, 2006 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina in Book 1044 at Page 7203. TMS#: 126-00-01-008 Property Address: 2108 Harry Byrd Highway Darlington, South Carolina 29532

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County at 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. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. 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, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Special Referee for Darlington County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Demanded, the bidding will remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount

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of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.75% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, Darlington County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances. GRIMSLEY LAW FIRM, LLC 1703 Laurel Street P. O Box 11682 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 233-1177 By: _____ W. Haigh Porter Special Referee for Darlington County

Edward L. Grimsley Benjamin E. Grimsley Attorneys for the Plaintiff (40c3 leave in thru 5-2-18)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Across Town, Inc. intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at 117 W. Camden Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than 5/10/2018. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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485 Anderson Drive—Beautiful home with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths in a quiet neighborhood. Patio and pool with brick fencing offers great privacy for outdoor living. Convenient to town and schools.—**\$149,900 MUST SEE!!**

FEATURE LISTING

116 S. Main Street—Commercial building in Downtown Darlington, previously K Sports Bar & Mexican Restaurant. Public Parking lots across the street and behind building - tables, booths and most fixtures to remain. There are some kitchen equipment & ice machine. There are 2 buildings but are connected on the interior.—**\$170,000**

REDUCED

634 Old Georgetown Rd—Large brick executive home on 50 acres in a very private setting - wildlife including deer & wild turkeys are abundant and can be seen drinking from the pond. The custom built home features many extras including a large master suite with his & hers baths, an elevator to the attic, a full basement with fireplace, sub zero refrigerator, central vac, large patio, 2 car garage and a large outbuilding with bath.—**\$495,000**

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123 Erinvine Court—Office building with reception area, 3 offices and lots of storage. Office is located inside the Country Club on Erinvine Court (first turn to the right after turning in DCC). **\$900.00 per month plus security deposit.**

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485 Anderson Drive—3 BR, 3 BA, 1886 SF—**\$149,900**
1200 Drew Drive—3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2,028 SF—**\$120,000**
104 Tennessee Drive—5 BR, 4 BA, 3844 SF—**\$269,300**
2404 Holly Circle—3 BR, 2 BA, 1556 SF—**\$125,000**
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634 Old Georgetown Rd—3 BR, 4 BA, 3620 SF—**\$495,000**
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00 Kershaw Road—9.34 Acres—**\$25,000**
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TBD First Street—37 Acres—**\$12,900**
TBD Lamar Highway—3.81 Acres—**\$16,900**
117.89 Acres New Hopewell Rd—**\$295,000**
TBD S. Main Street—56 Acres—**\$20,000**
TBD Pink Dogwood Street—2 Lots—**\$24,000 Per Lot**
Harry Byrd Hwy—9.62 Acres—**\$110,800**
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TBD Swift Creek Road—60+ Acres—**\$223,900**
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Lot 1 Wyandot—1.35 Acres—**\$45,000**
Lot 17 Wyandot—1.07 Acres—**\$40,000**
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TBD Evangeline—31 Acres—**\$25,000**
Tract A, 52 By-Pass & Rd 409—70 Acres—**\$12,000**
Tract B, 52 By-Pass & Rd 409—1.38 Acres—**\$25,000**
TBD Smith Avenue—7 Acres—**\$325,000**

COMMERCIAL

706 S. 5th Street—**\$420,000**
212 Pearl Street—**\$119,000**
447 W. Broad Street—**\$34,750**
307 Washington Street—**\$34,900**
207 Siskron Street—**\$125,000**
321 N. Main Street—**\$84,900**
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1005 E. McIver Road—**\$129,900**

FOR LEASE

123 Erinvine Court—**\$900.00/Monthly**

UNDER CONTRACT

2404 Holly Circle / **TBD Lamar Highway**
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Lot 56 Kent Avenue—1 acre lot in Jamestown S/D. Mobile home allowed. County water available. **\$9,000**

RESIDENTIAL

2116 Lide Springs Rd—3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2,818 sq ft, 9 acres, 2 large workshops and a cabin—**\$350,000**
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616 W. Smith Ave—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,461 sq ft—**\$137,900**
1145 Whites Circle—3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths, 1,138 sq ft—**\$114,900**
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421 Spring St—2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 964 sq ft, —**\$49,900**
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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**
638 Cartersville—1/2 acre lot with county water and septic tank **\$10,000**
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Lot 19 Jamestown Ave—Mobile home allowed. .46 acres—**\$7,500**
Lot 21 Jamestown Ave— Mobile home allowed .46 acres—**\$7,500**
8.70 acres Mineral Springs Rd—Runs with creek wetlands—**\$6,000**

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**

1110 Lamar Hwy—2,299 sq ft bld currently used as a barber shop. Separate office and workshop with roll up door in rear of bld. New survey done. Includes lot to the left of the building. **\$88,000**

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Richard Eckstrom honored by national comptrollers group

S.C. Comptroller Richard Eckstrom has been honored for leadership in the field of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC) recently presented Eckstrom with its President's Award, which recognizes one of its members annually for outstanding contributions to the group's efforts to improve governmental accounting and reporting practices and to address fiscal management and oversight issues.



The group noted that Eckstrom is an innovator in governmental accounting and often volunteers to mentor new state Comptrollers. "He is always willing to volunteer or share information to help his peers," the NASC said in a news release. As S.C. Comptroller, Eckstrom, a CPA, has worked to continually improve the way the state's financial information is published. He has also taken a stand for higher standards for those in government accounting positions. He was presented the award March 22 by NASC President and Wyoming State Auditor Cynthia Cloud.

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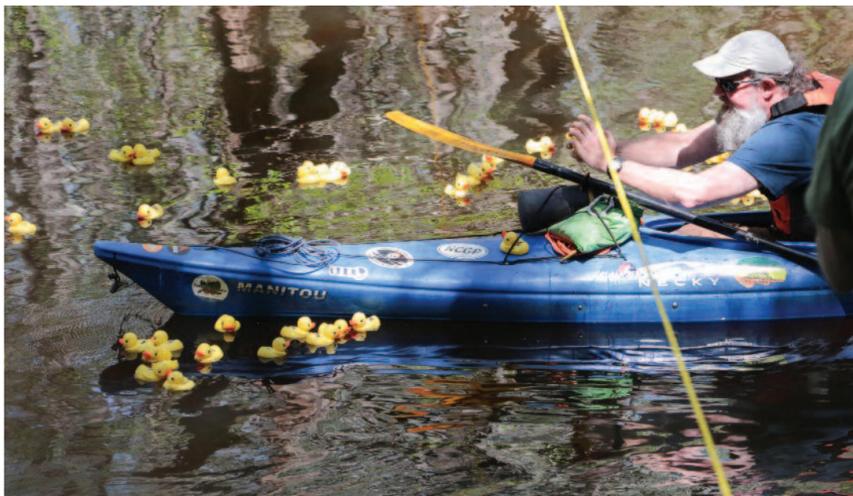
Earth Day celebration at Kalmia Gardens

Kalmia Gardens of Coker College held their annual Earth Day Festival and Duck Cup Race on Saturday, April 21. Offering many fun and educational events for kids and adults, the festival featured live music and arts and craft vendors, games and children's activities, reptile and amphibian displays, guided biology and birding walks, and environmental information booths.

For those with green thumbs, the Darlington County Master Gardeners were on hand to sell beautiful plants and provide all the know-how needed to help them thrive. There was also a Rain Barrel Art Contest, sponsored by The Florence

Darlington Stormwater Consortium, and the day was capped off by the annual Duck Cup Race fundraiser, with each racing duck available for a five dollar donation.

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