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QUOTE

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

EDMUND BURKE

Two new employees to be added to City of Darlington budget

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During a budget worksession May 21, Darlington City Council discussed budgets for several departments including street and sanitation and planning. They also discussed some challenges that those departments are facing as their employees age.

Before diving into the numbers, Karen Carroll with Street and Sanitation talked about some improvements that have been made since last budget season.

"The Street Department would like to thank Mr. Garland and council for purchasing our new equipment since our last budget meeting," Carroll said. "The department has the two cost effective cherry pickers and the two garbage trucks that has absolutely saved on maintenance and, ironically, tires."

Carroll said that their heavy equipment needs are being met but smaller purchases were also needed.

"Our equipment needs are improving day-by-day but we still need to update our pickup fleet," Carroll said. "We just purchased two pickups; one is a 2008 and the other is a 1999. Buying used pickup trucks can go either way; you can either get a great vehicle or a great lemon."

Several city workers are out on leave for medical issues, Carroll said.

"We are running with the minimum slotted employees and have begun to use a temp service to complement our employees," Carrroll said. "We have one garbage truck driver out for an extended period of time; one garbage truck driver is also out. How long is to be determined; we haven't gotten the results on him yet. A grass crew worker is on chair duty; that length is to be determined."

"Those are the types of challenges that we have had over the years," City Manager Howard Garland said. "Someone will get better and come back (but) they've been out for half a year. Another one goes out and doesn't come back because they haven't recovered from surgery. Some of the other departments we have, a lot of those folks are aging out. It is hard to find folks who want to work outside. If we hire them in the fall, they'll stay sometimes. In the summer time it is hard to find someone to work in grass crew or tree crew. We really have some dedicated people who do those jobs."

One of the biggest changes in the Street and Sanitation budget is in salaries.

"Salaries have gone up because we are putting the person who is going to operate the vacuum truck on there; so there is an extra salary there," Carroll said. "Retirement has also gone up because of that."

Another salary increase in the 2018-2019 budget is in the Planning Department.

"We are planning a new employee who will be someone who can work on the right of ways and the medians," said City Manager Howard Garland.

DARLINGTON ON 3A

Sgt. Sharon Blakney of the Darlington Police Department took part in firearms training simulations held at DPD last week. Photo by Samantha Lyles

Darlington Police host firearms training simulator

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Regular citizens got the chance to virtually step into the shoes of a law enforcement officer last week as the Darlington Police Department invited members of the public to try out a firearms training simulation.

"Through a partnership with the South Carolina Municipal Association, we've been able to conduct FATS (Firearms Training Simulator) training," said Kelvin Washington, Chief of Police for the City of Darlington. "The simulator is interactive, and it shows scenarios that police officers all over the country encounter pretty much every day. We are training and testing officers based on their response to these kinds of situations... sometimes the folks in the simulated scenario will listen to the officers, and sometimes they will not."

DPD Sgt. Sharon Blakney experienced this situation when the simulator dispatched her to a domestic dispute in a public parking lot. While Blakney focused on the male suspect, who behaved aggressively toward both his wife and police, the female suspect took her baby from its car seat and held it to her chest. In a shocking plot twist, she then produced a gun from the baby's blanket and opened fire, killing both her husband and Blakney's simulation avatar.

"It was very realistic. It took my breath away," said Blakney, who serves as the police department's evidence custodian. "I'm not on patrol, and working in evidence I'm kind of sheltered. This was a dose of reality."

Chief Washington also invited members of the clergy, educators, local government officials, and community leaders to try the FATS simulator.

"I'm pretty sure it's going to be nerve-wracking," said Anthony Hall, president of the NAACP's Darlington branch. "I'm not gun enthusiast, but I've seen this sort of training on TV... I won't be surprised if I wind up making a mistake and getting shot or shooting the wrong person."

Darlington City Council member Elaine Reed said she felt compelled to try the simulation because "as an elected official, I feel like it's my obligation to understand what we are asking (our police) to do in order to keep our city safe... and this is the closest I can get to being in their shoes."

Dr. Brian Sherwood, lead pastor at First Baptist Church of Darlington, agreed to try it for reasons both personal and professional. Sherwood's brother is a police officer in Atlanta, and FATS gave him a glimpse into the pressure-filled situations police see regularly. Also, Sherwood noted that in the age of active shooter events, it is increasingly important for church members and clergy to increase their awareness and vigilance.

"We wanted them to come in and experience the training to get an idea of what police officers encounter on a day to day basis," said Washington. "Our hope is that they will get a better understanding and appreciation for what officers encounter."

First responders attend mass casualty training

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Members of the first responder community – including emergency medical, fire, and law enforcement – attended a training session on May 19 and learned valuable techniques to sharpen their performance in the event of a mass casualty event. This day of instruction was presented by Darlington Rescue Squad and Poseidon Air, Land, and Sea training company and hosted by Bethea Baptist Home.

"We're here to learn about the before, during, and after of a mass casualty incident, with a focus today on school shootings," said Anna Dewitt, treasurer for Darlington Rescue Squad. "We'll talk about how to prepare, what to do during an incident – like using tourniquets and performing basic first aid – and the aftermath, like what happens when the media leaves and a town is left to deal with a tragedy."

Speaker Daniel McManus of Poseidon Air, Land, Sea gave tips for improving your chances of surviving a mass casualty event – such as an attack by an active shooter – by pre-planning and being vigilant.

McManus suggested having open discussions among your family or co-workers about what to do in the event of an incident. Practicing situational awareness, learning where the exits are, agreeing on rally points, and packing a go-bag with emergency medical supplies (especially a tourniquet) could increase your chances of surviving a dangerous incident.

In the event of an active shooter, McManus advises against pulling the fire alarm, because this may only serve to increase confusion and flush more people toward the shooter. Instead, try to escape first. If your escape routes are cut off, find a secure room with a lockable door and get out of sight.

If you are able to call 911, try to remain calm and give them relevant and useful information. For instance: "My name is Jane Johnson. I am a teacher at Anytown High School. There is a man with a gun in the Science Lab. There are 12 students hiding in Room 106. I will not hang up." Then silence your phone and stay on the line until help arrives.

McManus said that most gunmen will not spend longer than a few seconds trying to unlock a locked door. After the gunman passes by, assess yourself and your group for injuries and provide first aid if necessary.

TRAINING ON 3A

Hartsville to disburse over $131,000 in A-Tax funds

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The City of Hartsville State-Local Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 22 and heard presentations from applicants whose organizations and events promote local tourism.

Hartsville's A-Tax Committee is charged with disbursing revenues collected through a statewide 2-percent tax on hotel stays and distributing that to entities that bring in visitors from over 50 miles away. The committee received requests from 12 applicants asking for a total of $191,852.

As the city's designated local tourism agency, the Hartsville Community Development Foundation (HCDF) Tourism Office receives the first 30 percent of A-Tax revenue from the initial funding pool of $131,710.

The HCDF Hartsville Tourism Office and Neptune Island Waterpark requested $31,709 for marketing efforts, and the committee recommended an award of $28,832. Neptune Island general manager Juan Encarnacion told the committee he expects the multi-million dollar water park to open in mid-June. Attractions will include a lazy river, a wave pool, and multiple water slides.

"We are expecting to generate about 90,000 visitors to the water park every year," said Encarnacion, noting that he estimates 20 percent of those visitors will be tourists who come to Hartsville and spend multiple days enjoying the park. He added that the city's Piratesville Splash Pad already draws about 20,000 guests per year, and Neptune Island should grow that number dramatically.

Encarnacion said that advertising would focus on billboards and media designed to attract guests driving within about a sixty-mile radius of the park.

A-TAX ON 3A

Forestry Commission adds new equipment to fleet

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Darlington/Marlboro Sector Forest Technician Johnnie Iseman shows off his new firefighting equipment during a Touch-A-Truck event at Darlington Raceway. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Johnnie Iseman has been working with the South Carolina Forestry Commission for over a decade fighting fires, keeping property, people and homes safe. Now, he's got new equipment that will not only guarantee he can get to the fires he needs to but will keep him safe in the process.

"The old equipment was 21-years-old and leaked," Iseman said. "It was a John Deere and it was a good tractor; it still is. They are going to keep it as a spare. The new one is all computerized and air-conditioned."

Iseman said that the new rig's system took some time to learn but that having an air-conditioned cab is a relief.

"The old way, we had to change gears and everything else to get it where we needed," Iseman said. "With this one, you don't; you just drive with your thumbs. The old equipment was not all environmentally safe. This new cab has a special filter system on it to take out all the smoke and everything so we don't have to breathe it in."

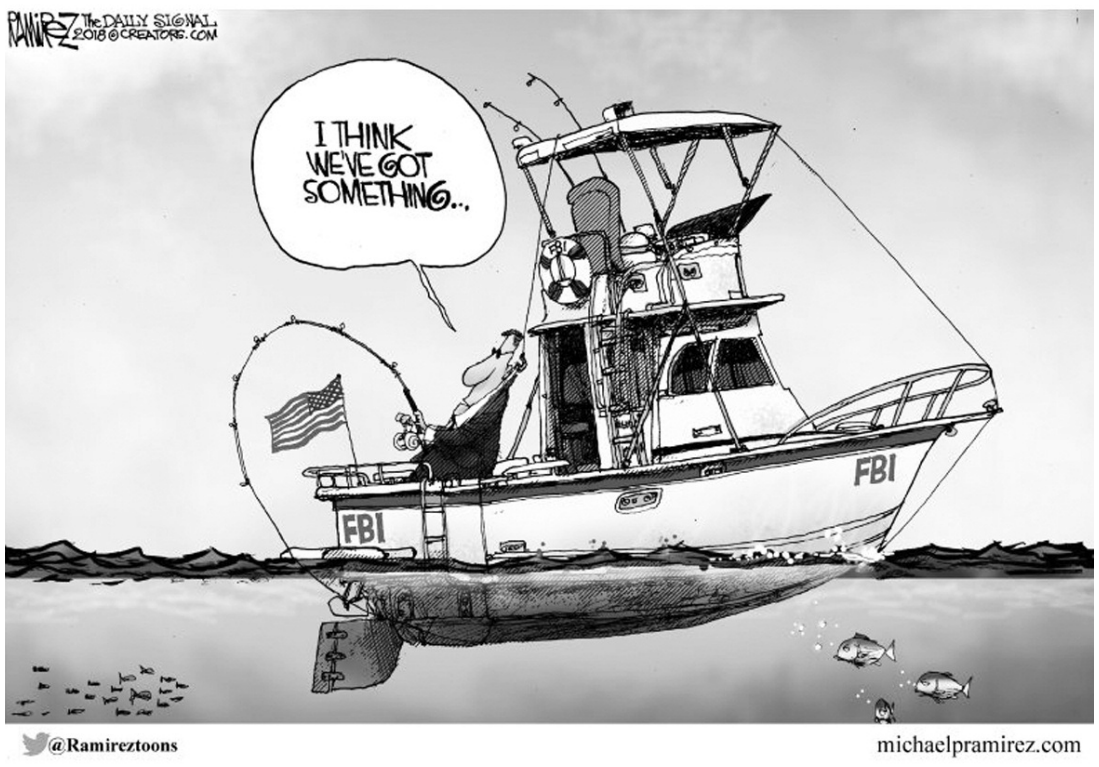
Though other states have been adding this equipment to their fleets for a while, Iseman said that they have a hefty price tag on them.

"Other states have already had some of this equipment but the Forestry Commission is buying twelve a year now and spreading them across South Carolina," Iseman said. "At half a million dollars a clip, that's a lot of money. I was fortunate enough to get one. And thank goodness, because at 61-years-old it was tough breathing in smoke."

Iseman said that depending on the time of year, fires can keep him and other forestry workers on the go.

"This kind of equipment is used regularly," Iseman said. "I got it and within a few weeks it had already been to several fires. Summer, mid-summer, we don't do a lot. We'll catch one every once in a while but during that time the grass is green, its lush, and it doesn't catch fire as easy.

FORESTRY ON 3A



OP-ED

Are You A Lifter Or Leaner? By Bill Shepard

That's a soul-searching question! You probably already know the answer. You can rest with confidence that your closest friends and acquaintances have you labeled. You probably have a tag on them also. I suppose that when most folk look deep inside of themselves they fmd their own label. When I do that I discover that I wear both labels! Sometimes I find myself in the position of a Lifter, and at other times I am Leaning! My best feelings come when I find myself in the position of a lifter! It really doesn't take a lot to be a lifter. It may be surprising as to just how little it take to help someone make it through a difficult time in their day. Sometimes it only takes a smile, a handshake, a pat on the head or shoulder. Just a kind word spoken followed by a warm smile, can lift a heavy load!

When I was a small boy and living on the mill village in Darlington, our backyard had two large trees that had roots extending in nearly every direction and above ground. On the last day of May when I returned home from school my first question was, "Mama, can I go barefooted now?" Usually the answer was yes and I would head for the back porch and become unshod. It wouldn't be too many days before one or more of my toes would be wrapped in a white cloth bandage that had been soaked in kerosene. That was mama's remedy for lost toenails, cuts, and rusty nails in those days. That was the price I paid for going barefoot all summer.

Those bare roots above the ground seemed to be a target for my toes. I can remember the times my mama would find me sitting in the yard crying, holding my little foot in my hands and sobbing. Mama would sit beside me and whisper soft words of kindness. First thing I knew I was up and running, plum forgot I had stumped my toe! Yes, it happened many times when I was a boy. It was surprising what mama's breath could do for a sore toe!

Now, along the road of life I fmd a lot of folk that have stumped their toe.....Go ahead and read the poem.

The Guy Who Stumped His Toe

Did you ever see a youngster who had been and stumped his toe?
He was sitting by the roadside and crying soft and low.
He was holding his rusty foot, so hard and brown and bare,
And trying to hold back the tears that were gathering there.

You hear him sorta sobbing and sniffing at his nose,
You stop and pat him on the head and try to ease his woes.
You treat him sorta kind like and the first thing you know,
He is up and off and smiling- plum forgot he stumped his toe!

Now along the path of life you'll find a fellow going slow,
And like or not he is some poor soul that has been and stumped his toe.
He was making swimming headway til he bumped into a stone,
And his friends kept hurrying onward and left him there alone.

Now he ain't sobbing and a sniffing, he's too old to cry,
But he is grieving and hurting, though he keeps it all inside.
And it does a lot of good sometimes to go a little slow,
And speak a word of kindness to the guy who stumped his toe.

You can't tell yourself, and there ain't no way to know,
Just when it will come your time to slip and stump your toe.
Today you are bright and happy in the world's sunlight and glow,
But tomorrow you may be freezing and trudging in the snow.

The time you think you have the world the tightest in your grip
Is the very time you'll find, you're the likeliest to slip.
So it does a lot of good sometimes to go a little slow,
And speak a word of comfort to the guy who has stumped his toe.
Author Unknown

Note: I did not write this poem but I wish I had. It has been in my possession for years.

Bill Shepard

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OP-ED

Down South: Sentimental Journey

By Tom Poland

This store is along Highway 101 near Hickory Tavern.

I was making my way from Greenville to Lincolnton one Saturday afternoon. I had to take a back road, a blessing. The light was bad at 3:45 p.m. but I had to photograph this old store on Highway 25 between Ware Shoals and Greenwood. I don't know who owns it but I thank this kindred spirit for reminding us of days gone by.

On its right side are reminders of days past, including an icon of the South: the revered RC Cola Moonpie combination, the workingman's lunch. One ad is real but the others are painted onto the boards. Coca Cola has given us memorable images, and this pretty woman on a diving board doesn't diminish that legacy. Red Man Chewing Tobacco, no doubt, gives politically correct, ultra-sensitive kneejerk types a jolt. Well, get over it. Move on ...

The front pairs Lucky Strike cigarettes with that old classic drink, Orange Crush. Lucky Strike came out in 1871 and took its name from the era's gold prospectors. Peer through the windows into the past. Not too much to see in the shadows but vines have invaded the place. Nature reclaims all she can, including quaint reminders of the last century.

For some of us, country stores bring to mind memories such as pouring peanuts into a Coke bottle. As I say in my talks, "I can't see my grandchildren many years from now moaning and groaning, 'Man, they just don't make stores like Walmart anymore.' " You can't miss what you never had.

The store's left side has ads that portray the soft drinks Seven Up, Coca Cola, and Pepsi. Note, I didn't say "sodas." That bit of Northern nomenclature grates on my nerves. Down here some of use "Coke" to indicate we're going to get a drink. "Hey, pull over to that store and let's get a coke." My Granddad Poland called Cokes "dopes," and I've written that Coca Cola did indeed contain cocaine when it was in its infancy, shall we say its baby bottle stages.

Don't you know that old Gulf Dealer sign comforted many a driver watching the needle hover over E. Easy to imagine an old wood-paneled Ford Wagon pulling in. Gulf Oil came to be in 1901. Red Man tobacco in 1904. Crush came out in 1911, and Moon Pies came out in 1917. Coca Cola, introduced in 1886, is the second oldest man in the room, second to Lucky Strike. These products bring to mind my grandparents' heyday. If only they could have seen how stores would evolve, for what strikes me here is what you don't see. No asphalt parking lot out back. Just a field of sheep sorrel and woods. Neither do you see mercury vapor lights. No rack for shopping carts. Paper, not plastic, bags worked just fine.

I am rambling on but some of you know of what I write. We're circling the drain, as younger generations get all excited about the latest app on their phone. Yes, times change. The Gulf Oil sign rusts and vines invade the store. No greeter stood in the door, beneath which a stack of bricks served as steps. You had to open the door yourself. No automatic opening to welcome a swarm of flies winging its way through a fan's downburst, which messes up your hair, ladies.

SENTIMENTAL ON 3A

OP-ED

The Inherent Risk of Sport Specialization

By Bob Gardner, Executive Director National Federation of State High School Associations and Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the South Carolina High School League

One of the responsibilities that parents take most seriously is protecting their children from injury, whether it is buckling seat belts in a car or wearing a helmet while riding a bike. And when their kids become teenagers and want to participate in sports or other activities, parents do everything they can to keep their sons and daughters from getting hurt.

But not all injuries are caused by a twist, fall, collision or accident. Many are caused when young athletes repeat the same athletic activity so often that muscles, ligaments, tendons and bones don't have time to recover—especially among middle school and high school students. These injuries can end promising careers, cost families tens of thousands of dollars, squash dreams and literally change lives.

Examples include elbow and arm injuries to teenagers who play baseball or softball all year long, shoulder injuries to year-round swimmers, wrist and elbow injuries to gymnasts, and stress fractures to soccer players.

The culprit, most often, is what's commonly known as "sport specialization," the process of playing the same sport all year long with the goal of either gaining a competitive edge or earning a college scholarship. It involves intense, year-round training in a single sport.

Research shows that sports specialization is putting teenage athletes at risk. According to a study commissioned by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and conducted by researchers from the University of Wisconsin, high school athletes who specialize in a single sport are 70 percent more likely to suffer an injury during their playing season than those who play multiple sports.

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OP-ED

Bills to watch, what passed, what didn't

By The South Carolina Policy Council

By the time the legislative session ended last Thursday, a number of significant bills had either passed or failed. However, due to the sine die resolution which scheduled two special sessions (the first of which lawmakers cancelled) with the possibility of a third this summer to consider specified topics, a number of bills are still in play. Those bills are:

1. The state budget
2. Anything related to the V.C. Summer issue (including any new bills lawmakers may file on this topic)
3. Legislation conforming the state tax code to the recently amended federal tax code,
4. Anything in conference committee
5. Local legislation if it has the unanimous support of the legislative delegation in question

Here is an overview of the bills that could pass in the coming months, the bills that are dead for the year, and the bills that passed into law.

Bills to watch

• H.4950 – State budget (conference committee)

The House and Senate versions of the state appropriations bill are currently in conference committee. Total spending approved by the Senate is $28.5 billion. The final version of the House budget showed an overall decrease of $4 billion due to a reduction in projected Other Fund revenue, making the total House budget $24.5 billion. The two spending packages – along with their plethora of questionable provisos – are currently in conference committee, but the committee has announced that they will not complete the budget before the June 27 special session – days before the next fiscal year begins on July 1. Should that deadline not be met, a continuing resolution will continue to fund fund state government at the previous year's spending level.

• S.954: Temporarily suspending rate hikes (conference committee)

This bill would temporarily lift some or all of the V.C. Summer rate hikes and delay the Public Service Commission's determination of who should pay for the project's debt. The bill is currently in conference committee.

• H.4375 – Retroactively amending the Base Load Review Act (conference committee)

This bill would attempt to retroactively change the state law that guaranteed SCANA's debt by altering the terms of the guarantee – an unconstitutional provision and unlikely to hold up under a court challenge. The bill passed the House, was amended by the Senate, and is now in conference committee.

• H.4379 – Amending the utility consumer advocate function (passed, amended by the Senate)

This bill originally placed the utility consumer advocate function under the Attorney General, but was amended in the Senate to place the function under the Department of Consumer Affairs. The House has not yet voted on the Senate amendment, but could do so in special session.

• H.4009 – Tax incentive for the Darlington Raceway (conference committee)

This bill creates a special sales tax exemption for motorsports entertainment complexes, of which South Carolina has only one. The Senate added language from an unrelated bill that doubles the budget of the South Carolina Research Authority, and the two versions are now in conference committee.

• S.1183: Allowing Richland delegation to change appointment method for special purpose district (waiting on 3rd reading in the Senate)

This local bill violates a Supreme Court ruling, and received second reading without a committee hearing or a recorded vote in the Senate. If the Richland delegation supports the bill, it could pass in special session this summer.

• H.5341 and S.1258 – Income tax conformity legislation

There are currently two bills that addresses the nonconformity between the South Carolina and US tax codes. It is unclear which is most likely to pass, especially since the language of the sine die resolution allows additional bills on this topic to be introduced in special session. Should no conformity legislation pass at all, a proviso in the House budget would require any additional revenue brought in due to nonconformity to be transferred to the Tax Relief Reserve Fund – unless there is a General Fund revenue shortfall.

Bills that passed

• H.3146: Constitutional amendment allowing the Governor to appoint Superintendent of Education

This joint resolution would amend the State Constitution to make the Superintendent of Education a gubernatorial appointment – a much-needed reform. It passed both chambers and will be placed on the general election ballot in November.

• S.805: Creating the Department of Children's Advocacy

This bill creates a new state agency to investigate complaints regarding children under the care of other state departments such as the Department of Mental Health, etc. The bill has numerous due process and privacy issues, but passed both houses, was signed by the Governor, and is now law.

• S.345: Expanded practice for nurse practitioners

This bill would allow nurse practitioners more practice freedom, including less direct supervision and expanded medical authorization. The bill passed both houses and will become law upon the Governor's signature.

• H.3622: Expanded practice for podiatrists

This legislation expands the authorized scope of practice for podiatrists to the ankle as well as the foot. Similar legislation was featured as one of the best bills of the 2017 session in last year's Best and Worst of the General Assembly 2017. The bill will become law upon the Governor's signature.

• S.176: Prohibiting drones near correctional facilities

This bill outlaws the operation of drones within five hundred feet of a correctional facility, and provides penalties for violation. It passed the Senate last year, but stalled in the House until late in the session. The bill will become law upon the Governor's signature.

• H.3653: Protecting manufacturing & industrial facilities from nuisance suits

This bill would prevent individuals from protecting their property against unwanted disturbances through nuisance lawsuits. It passed the House last year and the Senate this year, and was signed into law by the Governor in February.

• H.4729: Reinstituting the three-store limit on retail liquor businesses

This was originally a law struck down last year by the state Supreme Court. Lawmakers promptly re-added the language – with a one-year sunset clause – to another bill that passed last year as a stopgap measure. This year's H.4729 permanently reinstated the three-store limit with narrow exceptions. It passed both chambers and was signed into law by the Governor in April.

Bills that failed

• H.3529: Prohibiting local governments from banning plastic bags

This bill was filed last year to overrule a specific plastic bag ban by a coastal local government, although the legislation would extend to the entire state. It passed the House last year and received a favorable committee report in the Senate, but did not make it to the full Senate.

• H.3038: Creating licensing for locksmiths

This bill would have required licensing for yet another occupation (along with a new revenue stream for state government) – locksmiths. Both the House and Senate passed this bill in different versions, but session ended before the House could vote on the Senate's amendments.

• H.4618: Slightly loosening requirements for car dealership license

Last year, lawmakers lowered the sales threshold for renewing a car dealer license, and this bill would have conformed the rest of state code to that change. The bill passed the House, but did not pass committee in the Senate.

• S.516: Gun control – closing the "Charleston loophole"

This bill started out as a gun control measure and was the only one to move this session. It was amended to only address incident reporting requirements for law enforcement and the courts. It did not pass out of committee in the Senate.

• H.4421: Expanding customer-based solar generation (net-metering)

This bill would have lifted the cap on how many customers could install home-based solar panels (under current law, only 2 percent of a utility's overall power generation can come from customer-based solar panels). The bill failed on its third reading vote in the House.

• S.547 and H.5043: Federal and State Constitutional Conventions

These bills called for conventions to amend the US and South Carolina Constitutions, respectively. The issue, however, is that the most glaring problems affecting both state and federal government are not the result of constitutional shortfalls, and the proposed conventions would likely do more harm than good. The federal constitutional convention bill stalled after passing a Senate committee, and the state bill never received a committee hearing.

• H.5000: "Reforming" the state pension structure

This bill was one of two attempts to overhaul the state's unsustainable pension system. However, H.5000 left in place many elements of the current system that have contributed to the state's multi-billion dollar deficit. The bill was filed late in session and never received a committee hearing. Some form of this legislation will likely be re-filed next year.

• H.3521 and S.212: Authorizing production and use of medical cannabis

This legislation would have given South Carolina patients the option to use cannabis for medical purposes, while guarding against non-medical usage. The Senate bill reached the Senate calendar too late in the process to have a likelihood of passage, while the House bill never received a committee vote.

Forestry

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Come fall, all the leaves and pine straw is on the ground and everything is dead and will carry fire."

Though he enjoys his work with the Forestry Commission, it isn't his only job. Luckily he said, his bosses understand.

"I put in 30-35 hours a week at IGA and they knew when they hired me that if that bell rings, I have to go," Iseman said. "I catch at least one fire a week, sometimes more than that. In the fall, we have one almost every day but you don't hear about all of them."

During a Touch-A-Truck event earlier this month Iseman had his equipment cleaned up and was showing it off to all the kids eager to climb behind the wheel. He also took the opportunity to remind the kids the importance of education.

"If dispatch pages me, I have to use a map because there is no address in the woods," he told the kids. "I have to use the latitude and the longitude and find out where I need to go. That is why you have to learn to read maps; that's why it is important to go to school."

Sentimental

Continued from 2A

What you see here is destined for a place called "Obscurity." But for now it's here and it brings to mind an email a lady sent me about today's kids.

"They miss so much with their faces glued to smart phones and such. Do they ever take notice of the world around them?" No, I doubt they do, and nary a one, I'd wager, realize that the old store would be much more authentic with a rusty tin roof, but, you know, I do love those red shingles.

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Sports

Continued from 2A

The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons says much the same. It reports that "overuse injuries" (injuries caused when an athletic activity is repeated so often that parts of the body do not have enough time to heal) are responsible for nearly half of all sports injuries to middle school and high school students.

There is a solution. Young athletes should be encouraged to play multiple sports.

When student-athletes cross-train, they work different muscle groups and joints which, in fact, results in better overall conditioning. They also develop a new set of athletic skills like hand-eye coordination, balance, endurance, explosion and agility that are transferable to their primary sport. It's no coincidence that 30 of the 32 first-round picks in the 2017 National Football League draft played multiple sports in high school.

Parents can play a key role in preventing these overuse injuries by encouraging their kids to play multiple sports rather than pushing them to specialize in one sport. They will have more fun, will be less likely to suffer burnout and will actually become better athletes.

A-Tax

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"Our goal is to use this (A-tax) money to not only get them to visit for a day, but to get them here for the weekend," said Encarnacion.

The EdVenture Children's Museum requested $20,000 for marketing and advertising of their Hartsville satellite location, and they received $15,000. Nikki Hill, EdVenture executive vice president, said construction on the 6,000 square-foot museum is almost complete and it should be open in early June.

"We will provide a unique, hands-on museum experience for children and families living in and visiting Hartsville, Darlington County, and the surrounding area," said Hill, noting that EdVenture will be "an added attraction" to people visiting the city for other reasons.

• EdVenture is located at 146 West Carolina Avenue in Hartsville.

• Butler Heritage Foundation requested and received $5,000 to do advertising for their annual Heritage Week events, including dinners, dances, parades, sporting events, musical entertainment, and tailgate celebrations.

• The Hartsville Community Center Building Commission / Center Theater requested $60,907 to carry out a major Phase II Stage Lighting upgrade. The committee awarded this applicant $25,407.

• The South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation Player's Championship asked for and received $5,000 for advertising costs. The November event regularly brings in over 150 junior golfers and their families, who stay in Hartsville for two to three days.

• Hartsville Community Organization Inc. asked for $6,500 to do advertising for the Frets & Necks Music Festival, and the committee recommended an award of $500.

• Hartsville Museum Foundation requested $2,265 to advertise their 'A Season of Art' program and received a disbursement recommendation of $500.

• Baylorball Invitational Travel Ball Tournament requested $5,000 to advertising their event and were granted $500.

• Thomas Hart Academy asked for $5,000 to advertise their annual Edwin McCain fundraising concert, and the committee recommended $500.

• YMCA of the Upper Pee Dee requested and received $6,000 to advertising a variety of races and events held throughout the year.

• The Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center asked for and received $7,680 to fund various information and marketing campaigns.

These recommendations will be forwarded to Hartsville City Council for review, amendment, and approval at their June 12 meeting before any funding disbursements are finalized and distributed.

Training

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Emergency medicine specialist Dr. Eric S. Weinstein focused on how everyone from emergency personnel to everyday citizens can provide potentially life-saving care for injured persons by prioritizing "life-threatening bleeding" and applying effective techniques to keep victims alive until they reach a hospital.

"You are the help until the help arrives," said Dr. Weinstein.

Weinstein said these highly dangerous bleeds usually present in the following ways: spurting wounds that won't stop flowing; blood-soaked clothes; loss of part of arm or leg; and victims who are confused or unconscious due to blood loss.

Once you identify the bleed, the first action is to compress and control blood loss by covering the wound (or stuffing the wound with cloth if it is large and deep) and applying pressure. Perhaps the most effective method of applying pressure, said Weinstein, is a tourniquet. Wrap a band or strips of cloth about 2 to 3 inches above the bleeding site (not on a joint, if possible) and twist the band tight until the bleeding stops. By simply halting or slowing blood loss, the chances of a victim making it to the hospital alive drastically increase.

"Studies show that those who arrive alive pretty much stay alive," said Dr. Weinstein.

Also, mark the time the tourniquet was applied and loosen it about every two hours to allow blood flow to resume. Weinstein said that most worries about tourniquets leading to loss of limbs are unfounded, and the benefit of halting of blood loss far outweighs any such concerns.

Rev. Michael Bingham of Darlington Rescue Squad discussed the importance of "keeping gas in your tank" in a psychological and emotional sense. Bingham advised emergency workers to make sure they have people in their lives with whom they can honestly discuss their work, and to take vacations and spend time refilling their personal energy reservoirs so that when an emergency happens, they are sufficiently fueled to perform at their best.

Darlington

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"It will be a beautification person who will work full-time to make sure that medians are kept looking good and that things are being planted and taken care of properly in places such as the rose garden or the median near Mitchell-Josey Funeral Home. We are planning this person to work in City Planner Lisa Rock's department and they will be supervised by the Darlington Garden Club. The garden club has been looking after these entranceways and the right of ways for so many years now that they know what needs to be done so they are going to help us develop the job description and a list of responsibilities that this person will have."

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Lucille Arnette Huggins

Darlington – Lucille Arnette Huggins, age 84, passed away Monday, May 21, 2018.
Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Thursday, May 24 in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Darlington Memory Gardens. The family received friends from 2-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Born December 9, 1933 in Fairmont, North Carolina, Lucille is the daughter of the late Sam Arnette and Vivian Bass Arnette. She worked as a secretary for Huggins Heating and Air. She enjoyed fishing off the pier, sewing, crochet, and enjoyed spending time with her family. Lucille attended Mechanicsville Baptist Church.

Surviving are her sons, Michael (Ruby) Huggins of Hartsville, Ronnie (Jackie) Huggins of Darlington, and Jeff (Geaunita) Huggins of Darlington; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bill Arnett of Dillon and Kelton Arnette of Fairmont, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Zack Huggins; son, Dennis Huggins; and her grandson, Zachery Todd Huggins.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

James Bradley Law

James Bradley Law, 95, of Darlington, SC, passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20 in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery. The family received friends from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born July 22, 1922 in Darlington, SC, a son of the late William Player Law Sr. and Dorothy Conyers Ervin Law. He was a retired rural mail carrier with the USPS. James served in the 7th Army Air Corps as a B-24 bomber pilot in the 392 bomber squadron from 1944 until his release in February 1946. Lt. Law was stationed in the Marianas and Saipan, from where he flew missions over Haka Jima, ChiChi Jima and Iwo Jima in the Bonins, Kazens, and the Carolines. For his service he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, the Asian Pacific Theatre Ribbon, and the WWII Victory Ribbon.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Frank Haskell; his granddaughters, Joella (Craig) Haskell Gaskins and Lucy (James) Haskell Music; his great-grandchildren, James and Cheves Gaskins, Alexa Weatherford, Timothy and Isabel Music. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Law Martin; nephews, nieces, and great-nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his wife, LaVon Campbell Law; a daughter, Anne and a granddaughter, Mary Bradley Haskell Weatherford. He was also predeceased by his brothers, William Player Law Jr. and wife, Dorothy Foster Law, David Ervin Law St and Elizabeth "Betty" Brown Law and Augustus "Gus" Law and Carolyn Blackwell Law; his sister, Louise Law Wilson and Edward L. Wilson; his brother-in-law, Chester Martin; and a nephew, David Ervin Law Jr.

Memorials may be made to the Susan Johnson Scholarship or the Campaign Fund at the Darlington Presbyterian Church, 311 Pearl St. Darlington, SC 29532; or to a charity of your choice.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

South Carolina officials seek help finding one of 'world's worst' invasive weeds

CLEMSON — Just as the weather warms, they pop their ugly heads out of hiding. But thank goodness they do, because now is the best time to find them so they can be destroyed.

The flowers of cogongrass are in bloom now, helping the invasive weed resume its aggressive spread to new fields and forests. Left unchecked, cogongrass will form dense stands over large areas and choke out native plants, doing untold damage to local ecology and to farmers' fields.

"Cogongrass is in its bloom stage right now, so it's in its most easily identifiable period," said Steve Compton, an environmental health manager with the Department of Plant Industry (DPI) in Clemson University's regulatory division. "It's very difficult to destroy and attempts to do so can wind up spreading it further, so we ask that the public alert us to its presence so that we can effectively eliminate it."

Native to Asia, Africa and Australia, cogongrass is considered to be one of the 10 worst weeds in the world. It first was found in South Carolina in 1987 in Hampton County, where it still is active today.

The Department of Plant Industry is charged with the eradication of this plant and has treated all reported infestations, but new sites are found each year.

The insidious species spreads both through small seeds and by creeping rootstalks called rhizomes, making it especially difficult to destroy.

Cogongrass has no natural enemies in South Carolina. Even goats turn up their noses at it. And trying to plow it under is likely just to spread its rhizomes even further.

"We want to take special precautions to make certain that when we find it, we eradicate it," Compton said. "We ask that if a possible cogongrass population is found, landowners shouldn't disturb the plants. If you suspect you have found cogongrass, please contact the Clemson University Department of Plant Industry by email at invasives@clemson.edu or by calling 864-646-2140."

Cogongrass can virtually eliminate indigenous plants that provide food and shelter for birds, animals and insects. Like an assassin, it releases allopathic chemicals that will destroy desirable native vegetation and, if allowed, form large monocultures.

Across the South, some surveys have shown it is as pervasive as kudzu. The pest has an especially tight foothold in the southernmost states in the Southeast, from Louisiana to Florida.

"It disrupts native habitats for other vegetation that is food for livestock and wildlife," said Sherry Aultman, who coordinates Clemson's Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey program.

"Nothing will eat cogongrass, so it has no benefit whatsoever."

It's also a fire hazard, especially when its leaves turn brown in the winter. "This stuff will go up like gasoline," Compton said. "It's a very hot-burning plant."

"It interferes with prescribed burns in forestry," Aultman said. "The economic impact of this pest is extensive."

Cogongrass has been identified in 13 of South Carolina's 46 counties, six of which are now free of the pest. Twenty-three known sites in six counties — Allendale, Beaufort, Charleston, Florence, Hampton and Williamsburg — are still active.

"Alert citizens play a very important part in keeping us safe," Compton said. "We're especially thankful for the volunteers who are willing to learn what cogongrass is, how to identify it and what to do when you find it. They are doing the state — not just its farm and forestry community, but its environmental and wildlife community, too — a tremendous service.

"While most know infestations of cogongrass have been eradicated, a small population still exists and the survey for unknown population continues year-round," he said. "This is a plant we really wish to eliminate from our state."

LIVING ON PURPOSE

Nothing can be done without hope and confidence

By Dr. w illiam h olland

We spent some time at Cumberland Falls State Park this past week. It's always refreshing to get away every now and then and behold the breathtaking beauty of nature. The earth is His masterpiece and with all of the magnificent places on the planet, we appreciate the privilege to enjoy His wonderful creation. The trees and flowers are now blooming and we were fortunate to catch a glimpse of many types of birds, a family of deer, squirrels, ground hogs, raccoons, and chipmunks along the trails. The roaring falls is always a spectacular sight and reminds us of God's amazing power and majesty. After spending a day breathing in the fresh forest air and enjoying the peace and quiet, we ate dinner at the lodge and then retired to our room. Out of habit we turned on the television and discovered there had been another deadly school shooting. How suddenly we were snapped back into the sobering reality of more heartache. Evil can only be stopped when it is removed from the conscience of mankind. Until then, we are faced with the consequences of sin.

The serious Christian is troubled by what is going on in the world but they also realize that God is not panicking or surprised – He is in total control. We also know the Bible predicts that before the return of Christ, the days will become more perilous. So, what can we do? Well, we can make ourselves available to help those in need but there is a condition that many Christians tend to forget. Most people do not really want help. They do not want to hear about God and they do not want to change the way they live. The old saying is true, "You cannot help those who will not help themselves." Next, we need to learn how to remain calm. The flood of daily negativity can cause fear and anxiety if we become more focused on the chaos than the hope and peace of God's presence. Yes, there is much wickedness and demonic influence in the world, which is why it's so critical to keep our mind and heart focused on God's still small voice. This is the only voice that really matters. He is our rock, our refuge, and our anchor that can keep us from being overwhelmed with worry and discouragement. Charles Spurgeon said, "Let this one great, gracious, glorious fact lie in your spirit until it permeates all your thoughts and makes you rejoice even though you are without strength. Rejoice that the Lord Jesus has become your strength and your song and has become your salvation."

Another point is the most obvious – we must pray. Prayer is a widely used word and yet we wonder if people are really falling on their knees or is it just a nice thing to say? I am personally convinced that we must ask God to give us a desire to pray or we will never understand our spiritual responsibility. Our human nature rebels so fiercely against us praying that if we do not develop a passionate burden to intercede, we will settle for just talking about it. Since prayer definitely changes circumstances, can you imagine how much good we could do if we did pray and how bad the world would be if the few individuals who are praying would stop? God knew in the last days that His people would choose to spend more time watching television and enjoying life's pleasures than praying and this explains more than we would like to admit. Can we make a difference in the world? Absolutely! Do we really want to make a difference in the world? That is the monumental question. It depends on how dedicated and determined we are to do what God is asking. Helen Keller once said, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." This is a wonderful motivational statement, but we need to distinguish the difference between a natural confidence to do what we want to do and a spiritual faith that is devoted to God's instructions. When reverential respect and honor toward God is removed from education and government, it's like replacing our moral compass with a self-serving philosophy, which justifies our decision to drift aimlessly on a sea of arrogant independence.

Dr. Holland is a Christian minister, author, and community outreach chaplain. Read more at: billyhollandministries.com

Chur Ch News

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Burning Bridges Ministries

One Nation Under God – Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 5 p.m. at The Music Hall, 1945 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington. General admission is $5.00.

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 lawsongrovebaptistchurch.com

Black Creek Baptist Church

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

Covenant Baptist Church

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

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington announces their hours

1st/3rd Sunday Pastoral Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Church Services 11:00 Elder M. Frierson 2nd/4th Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 by Deacon Z. Frierson Service at 11:00 a.m. Min.Gerald Green. The community is invited to attend. Come expecting to hear the anointed Word. Contact Deacon.Z.Frierson 843-229-3158

The Lord Cares

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

CITY OF Darlington South Carolina
The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24, at Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St., Darlington.
The July 17 meeting date is canceled. Other meeting dates for 2018 are Sept. 18 and Nov. 13.
Info: 843-398-4000 x 103 or darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Look at that face and those marvelously long whiskers! Fabulous, fluffy, fun and friendly, Isaac is a 2-3 year old medium-haired orange tabby. He's just delightful and his coat is soft. He would love a home where he could enjoy toys, love, and a family.

Mason has been described by the staff as a very happy go lucky, handsome guy! Mason is eager to play yet still respectful and gentle and had a wonderful intro. Needless to say, Mason is friendly with other dogs! Mason is one of those dogs who looks like he's always smiling, and you can't help but smile back at him. Mason would enjoy having another dog to play with but he would also be fine as your solo companion. Mason is ready to move in with his new family today and bring his own special brand of sunshine to your home. 35lbs; male; 2-3 yrs old; lab mix

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

If you have lost or found a pet, go online to **www.darlingtonhumane.org** 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 home-made 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. April, June, September, and November at Carolina Pines; May, August, October, and December at 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.

Summer Camps

4-H at New Vision Center

Explore food and fitness, launch paper rockets, build and race balloon cars, and much more. Lunch provided.

Who: For all youth ages 5 – 18

June 11-July 27

When: 8a – 1p daily

Where: New Vision Center, Bethlehem Rd, Hartsville

Cost: Free

Contact: Wayne Brown, 843-206-5487, to register.

Fashion Diva Day Camp with Girls University

Home decorating, fashion and modeling, etiquette, food and nutrition!

June 18-22

Who: For rising 6th-8th grade girls

When: 8a-12p daily

Where: Coker College

Cost: $80

Register at Girls University online:

https://girls-university.com/camps/darlington-4h-camp/

4-H Farm Animal Paint Class

Learn to paint a rooster from a professional artist!

June 25

Who: all youth grades 1-5

When: 10a – 12p

Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville

Cost: $25 (+ $10 4-H membership)

Register by: June 18 at eventrbrite.com

Wildlife Wednesday

Fish, peek into bird nests, learn to measure a tree, and identify plants.

Who: For all youth 9 – 13 years old

June 27

When: 8:30a – 4:30p

Where: Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge

Cost: $20 (includes transportation from Darlington/Hartsville, snack, and supplies).

Register by: June 20 at eventbrite.com

4-H Farm Animal Paint Class

Learn to paint a goat from a professional artist!

July 9

Who: all youth grades 1-5

When: 10a – 12p

Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville

Cost: $25 (+ $10 4-H membership)

Register by: July 2 at eventbrite.com

Girls University Summer camps at DCIT

Diva Coding and Video Game Design

July 16-19, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (7:30 a.m. dropoff)

Each camp includes an industry and college tour. The cost is $60 per girl. The camp is for Grades 6-9.

Girls University Summer camps at DCIT

3D World Design and Engineering Innovation

July 23-26, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (7:30 a.m. dropoff)

Each camp includes an industry and college tour. The cost is $60 per girl. The camp is for Grades 6-9.

4-H Farm Animal Paint Class

Learn to paint a pig from a professional artist!

July 30

Who: all youth grades 1-5

When: 10a – 12p

Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville

Cost: $25 (+ $10 4-H membership)

Register by: July 23 at eventbrite.com

4-H Club Camp at Camp Bob Cooper

July 22-26

Who: For all youth ages 7-14

Where: Camp Bob Cooper

Cost: $270 members; $280 non-members

Swimming, hiking, crafts, skits, group games, and plenty of summer adventure.

Register at the Darlington County Extension office.

4-H Farm Animal Paint Class at ArtBug Studio

Learn to paint a cow from a professional artist!

August 6

Who: all youth grades 1-5

When: 10a – 12p

Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville

Cost: $25 (+ $10 4-H membership)

Register by: July 30 at eventbrite.com

June 2018

Health Fair

St. John and Wesley Chapel will hold a health fair June 2, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. John United Methodist Church 214 W. Seven Pines, Oates Community. (Please do not eat before you come snacks available) There will be blood pressure checks, BMI calculations, cholesterol checks, diabetes education, HIV checks, face painting for kids. For more information call Patrycia Streater at 843-230-4567.

Community Health Fair

Darlington County First Steps is hosting a Community Health Fair in conjunction with CareSouth Carolina at the Darlington Recreation Department (300 Sanders Street) on Friday, June 1st from 10am-2pm. There will be free blood pressure checks, free health screenings, free food, and raffle drawings for door prizes.

Pantry Party

Mayo High School Class of 1966 Pantry Party has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. For further information, please contact Shirley Warren.

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on June 4 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting.

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 6:30 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.

Freedom Fest

This family-friendly event is back at Darlington Raceway June 30 for the annual Independence Day celebration. The event, presented by the City of Darlington, is FREE and will include food and beverage vendors, merchandise vendors, kids carnival, live music, and FIREWORKS-- all at the track Too Tough To Tame. The event will start at 5 PM; fireworks will begin around 9:30 PM.

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Collaborative project using new data to combat obesity and get SC children active

As schools wrap up another academic year, findings from a project aimed at improving the health of South Carolina's children highlight the benefit parents and communities can gain by including physical activity in children's schedules over the summer and beyond.

While positive steps have already been taken in South Carolina to address the issue, the state still faces a high childhood obesity rate. According to the SC FitnessGram project, nearly 37 percent of South Carolina's youth are obese or overweight and almost half of them do not meet health-related standards for heart-lung fitness when tested on physical activities such as brisk walking or running.

This statewide effort to evaluate and improve health-related fitness among public school students is funded by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation as part of a partnership that includes the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the South Carolina Department of Education and the University of South Carolina.

"The Foundation's commitment to a healthier South Carolina starts by creating healthy habits in our children," Foundation executive director Erika Kirby said. "We know that healthy students learn better. For the first time, we have statewide health-related fitness data that can be used to shape and support quality physical education efforts in South Carolina. We remain focused on the health of our children and will use these numbers as an example of the continued work to be done."

While it has long been known that South Carolina has an obesity problem, this is the first time our state has compiled comprehensive data of this kind. Thanks to the statewide FitnessGram software and the partners that have collaborated on this effort, there is now a way of tracking the problem and, more importantly, of coming up with ways to combat it.

"The SC FitnessGram project provides important findings that are a great benefit to our state. It's critical that we continue to support greater health-related fitness outcomes for our state's K-12 students," said USC President Harris Pastides.

During the 2016-2017 school year, over 100,000 students from over 700 schools in 60 school districts participated in the project. The program was administered by physical education teachers to students in the second, fifth and eighth grades and high school. FitnessGram assesses components of fitness that are related to health outcomes in children and youth.

"The health and nutrition of South Carolina's students has a strong impact on their future and productivity later in life," said State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman."The collaborative support from both the public and private sectors in the SC FitnessGram project has provided educators and communities with valuable data to make informed decisions about the wellbeing of our young people. I look forward to continuing our work and ensuring that South Carolina students are prepared for success."

Obesity has important consequences on South Carolina's health and economy. The economic cost of obesity in S.C. is estimated at $8.5 billion per year and growing. Obese and overweight children are at risk for several serious health problems such as coronary heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

"Increasing physical activity is a critical strategy to prevent childhood obesity and decrease the risk for numerous adverse health outcomes," said Dr. Lilian Peake, DHEC director of Public Health. "Overcoming obesity is a significant challenge that South Carolinians must tackle together. It will take a concerted effort by parents, schools, community organizations, health care centers and others to help improve the health of our students."

School-age youth need 60 minutes or more of physical activity every day. In an effort to encourage more physical activity among South Carolina's youth, several recommendations have been developed that people can use at home, in schools, and around their communities.

The full SC FitnessGram report as well as other information related to obesity and fitness can be found on the SCaledown website at scaledown.org/fitnessgram.

Longtime Darlington Raceway President Jim Hunter honored with Landmark Award

On May 23 Jim Hunter, Darlington Raceway President from 1993-2001, was honored by his peers as the recipient of the Landmark Award for Outstanding Contributions to NASCAR.

Hunter will be honored during the NASCAR Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in January of 2019.

Hunter, a lifelong resident of Darlington, also served as NASCAR Vice President of Communications for several years following his time at Darlington. His wife, Ann, still resides in Darlington.

"Jim Hunter was a legendary figure at Darlington and in NASCAR and is very deserving of the Landmark Award," Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp said. "He oversaw great expansion projects at Darlington Raceway and helped continue to build the track's legacy throughout a time of tremendous growth in NASCAR. He left an indelible and everlasting impact on the sport and for that we will be forever grateful."

Hunter was a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he played football for the Gamecocks. He was part of the NASCAR community for the better part of six decades, having covered the sport in newspapers, before joining the executive ranks of the sanctioning body. He also authored several books on NASCAR and Darlington Raceway in his career.

The media center at Darlington Raceway still carries his name as the Jim H. Hunter Media Center, which hosts media from around the country every Labor Day weekend for the track's annual Bojangles' Southern 500 weekend. He passed away in 2010 at 71.

Jim Hunter with Dale Jarrett. Photo Contributed

Darlington County School District announces 2018-19 School Teachers of the Year

Twenty-three teachers will serve the 2018-19 school year as their schools' Teacher of the Year after being chosen for the honor by their peers.

The Darlington County Teacher of the Year Program honors and awards those teachers who exceed expectations to provide meaningful and rewarding learning experiences for the students of Darlington County. The program is dedicated to all teachers who work diligently every day.

Teachers are nominated by their peers. Each nominee then completes an extensive application and is interviewed by a panel of judges from his/her school. From these applications and interviews, a School Teacher of the Year is chosen. School Teachers of the Year receive a cash award and become members of the Teacher Forum and the Superintendent's Advisory Cabinet.

The 2018-19 School Teachers of the Year are:

- Allison Geddings, Brockington Elementary Magnet School
- Rebecca Watson, Brunson-Dargan Elementary School
- Peyton Walsh, Cain -Elementary School
- Christina Ewing, Carolina Elementary School
- Daren McKenzie, Darlington County Institute of Technology
- Victor Morales, Darlington County Intervention School
- Frank O'Shea, Darlington High School
- Nicole Grant, Darlington Middle School
- Jaron Sanders, Hartsville High School
- Kim Roos, Hartsville Middle School
- Tina McElveen, Lamar Elementary School
- Kristen Rebollar, Lamar High School
- Nancy Fletcher, Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology
- Laura Privette, North Hartsville Elementary School
- Melissa Morris, Pate Elementary School
- Whitney Williams, Rosenwald Elementary/Middle School
- Melissa McLain, Southside Early Childhood Center
- Amber Atkins, Spaulding Elementary School
- Lamonte Curry, Spaulding Middle School
- Kimm Mack, St. John's Elementary School
- Ellen Blackwell, Thornwell School for the Arts
- Rhonda Bailey, Washington Street Elementary School
- Sarah Davidson, West Hartsville Elementary School

Scott provisions headed to President's Desk will help protect children and families

WASHINGTON, DC – Last week was fantastic for Main Street America as multiple provisions introduced by U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) headed to the President's desk for his signature after passage of the bipartisan Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (S. 2155) by the U.S. House of Representatives. The Senate previously passed the legislation in March.

"As the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act heads to the President's desk for signature, I am excited that four of my provisions to protect American families are included," Senator Scott said. "To be able to strengthen protections for children and families in the fight against identity theft, provide more access for low-income and minority communities that often do not have access to credit and banking, and ensure educational and job training opportunities are available for more families all in the same bill is absolutely fantastic. This legislation is a huge victory for Main Street and will open doors to a brighter future for so many families across South Carolina and the nation."

The following consumer-friendly provisions were secured in S. 2155 by Senator Scott:

- Credit Score Competition Act: The bipartisan Credit Score Competition Act, directs the Federal Housing Finance Agency to create a process by which new credit scoring models can be validated and approved for use by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (GSEs) when they purchase mortgages. Currently, the GSEs are mandated to consider a decades-old credit scoring model that does not take into account consumer data on rent, utility, and cell phone bill payments. The exclusion of these data disproportionately hurts minorities and first-time homebuyers. For example, In South Carolina alone, only 77 percent of adults can be scored under the model currently used by the GSEs. An additional 16 percent of South Carolinians can be scored under newer credit scoring models in the market.
- Family Self-Sufficiency Act: The bipartisan Family Self-Sufficiency Act streamlines the already existing Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program which pairs individuals living in public housing with job opportunities and achieving financial goals. Under the measure, the FSS Act broadens the scope of supportive services to include receiving a GED or other post-secondary training, while eliminating redundant costs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This legislation is supported by the National Association of Public Housing Authorities.
- Protecting Children From Identity Theft Act: A recent study found that one in ten children had their Social Security Numbers stolen and used to open bank accounts and lines of credit fraudulently. This amendment aims to stop this illegal activity by directing the Social Security Administration (SSA) to accept electronic signatures as consumer consent for financial institutions trying to verify customer ID and root out synthetic ID fraud.
- Making Online Banking Initiation Legal and Easy (MOBILE) Act: The MOBILE Act addresses the fact that current laws in regard to identity verification have not kept up with the changing technologies of the Internet era. This amendment would allow banks and credit unions to use a scan or picture of a driver's license to verify a customer's identification when they open an account online. It also specifically stipulates the image must be destroyed after the account is created in order to protect privacy. Approximately 16 million adults live in households without a checking or savings account and an additional 51 million adults live in households that have a bank account but rely on nonbank lenders like payday lenders and pawnbrokers with sky-high interest rates. However, about 90 percent of underbanked adults own a mobile phone, of which 75 percent are smartphones.

Josh Norman, Washington Redskins cornerback and native South Carolinian endorses Robert Williams for congress.

Josh Norman, South Carolina native and Coastal Carolina alumni has endorsed State Representative Robert Williams in his bid for congress in South Carolina's 7th District. Norman, who plays cornerback for the Washington Redskins, is also a finalist on television's "Dancing with the Stars".

"Growing up in South Carolina, I knew it was a special place. And, I know how hard Robert Williams has worked to make it a better place in which to live, work, raise a family and do business. As congressman, I know Robert Williams will work even harder to make our country better for everyone," said Norman.

"I am very excited to have the endorsement of Josh Norman. Josh personifies hard work and dedication. He has achieved so much at an early age and has already inspired so many. We are proud to call him a South Carolinian," said Williams.

Robert, who has served in the Army National Guard for the past 22 years, is married to his wife Janice Ham-Williams and they have three boys Jacobie, Rodrick, and Jarell. He is also the grandfather of two boys and one girl. Williams received his undergraduate degree from Voorhees College and his master's degree from Troy State University. Robert is very active in his community where he serves on numerous boards and advisory committees. He is active in his local church, where he serves on the Administrative Leadership Team. The Primary Election is June 12th.

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New size limits and dates in place for Santee striped bass

Recent changes to state law will extend the period during which striped bass caught in the Santee River system can be kept. The law changes also include additional size/slot requirements for keeper fish.

Anglers planning to fish for striped bass anywhere in the Santee River system between now and June 15 need to be aware of recent changes enacted by South Carolina lawmakers that will affect both the size of legal striped bass they can keep, and the time period during which legal-sized fish can be kept.

Anglers are encouraged to practice the best catch-and-release methods to minimize stress when releasing undersized striped bass, particularly when water temperatures remain above 70 degrees. Fish should be handled with wet hands and returned to the water as quickly and gently as possible.

The changes to state law (signed by Gov. McMaster on May 3, 2018 and effective immediately) stipulate that within the boundaries of the Santee River system (including lakes Marion and Moultrie), from October 1st through June 15th, it is "unlawful to take or possess a striped bass less than twenty-three inches or greater than twenty-five inches, provided that one striped bass taken or possessed may be greater than twenty-six inches."

Practically speaking, what this change in law means is that anglers fishing the Santee system from now until June 15 can still keep three (3) fish, but they must be between 23 and 25 inches, or one of the three may be greater than 26 inches. Previously, the limit for striped bass in the Santee River system during the open period was three (3) fish, all of which had to be at least 26 inches.

The law also extends the legal period for keeping fish for two additional weeks – through June 15. Previously, the waters of the Santee system were closed to striped bass fishing between June 1 and September 30.

The seasonal closure was started in 2008 to reduce the stress-related mortality of striped bass during the warm summer months. Length limits alone cannot protect striped bass during the warm season because catch-and-release stress results in a high rate of mortality, even when handling is minimized. Most striped bass anglers who fish the Santee system have closely adhered to the initial regulations and are acknowledging the positive effects of that sacrifice. The 26-inch minimum size limit has increased the number of fish reaching minimum spawning size and age.

"These changes to the Santee Cooper striped bass limits are the result of collaboration between the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Striped Bass Stakeholder Group and the General Assembly," said SCDNR Fisheries Chief Ross Self. "The limits and restrictions imposed on the fishery in 2008 had a significant impact on increasing the numbers of stripers in the lakes. This new change will focus harvest on the size fish that are most abundant in the system, provide increased protection for stripers in the reproductive sizes while still allow anglers to keep a bigger, memorable, fish. We expect this change to provide addition improvements for the striped bass fishery and SCDNR staff will continue to monitor the progress of the population's recovery."

The bill passed by the South Carolina House and Senate in April and signed into law By Gov. Henry McMaster – in addition to the specific change noted above -- includes amendments to current law that will affect other sections of the S.C. Code of Law that pertain to striped bass fishing and to the geographical boundaries of some waterways. The full text of House Bill 3698, sponsored by Rep. Steve Moss of Blacksburg, Rep. Greg Duckworth of North Myrtle Beach, Rep. Cal Forrest of Monetta, Rep. David Hiott of Pickens and Rep. Bill Hixon of N. Augusta, can be read on the "South Carolina Legislature Online" website at:

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/bills/3698.htm

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is in the process of placing signage at boat ramps and other prominent locations to let the angling public know about the new laws.

Falcons look to sharpen baseball tools in junior legion summer baseball

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

The Darlington Falcons baseball season might be over, but it is already trying to get a head start for next season.

As summer gets ready to take the place of spring, Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart gets ready to guide Darlington's junior legion baseball team for another, hopefully, successful season.

But the success that Gearhart is looking for when it comes down to summer ball is not limited to the wins and losses column. Instead, it is more geared to player development.

Of course Gearhart wants to win; every coach, every player wants to win, but when it comes to summer baseball, coaches and players look to really grow and transform their game into what they desire it be next season.

"As always, junior legion is a great opportunity for our guys to work on improving some parts of their game," Gearhart said. "We encourage our guys to have fun."

Getting young teenagers to buy into that philosophy can be difficult at times, however. This year in particular, Darlington had a very low turnout in tryouts.

"Our numbers were very low for tryouts," Gearhart said. "We ended up talking a few more guys into playing."

These low numbers have really turned this into an extremely young team for Gearhart.

"We will be a very young team," Gearhart said. "We have only four returning players from last summer's team, two that were starters in Jacques Mullins and Mike Dixon. Chase Weatherford is playing too; that helps."

With youth comes growing pains and while the wins and losses are not what is the most important when it comes to junior legion, the competitive nature in people still drive them to want to win.

So what does Darlington have to do with a young team to win? The answer is pitchers finding the strike zone and having a solid defense behind them according to Gearhart.

"Pitching will be very thin, but we're looking for some guys to pound the strike zone and hoping we play some solid defense behind them," Gearhart said.

A big reason for the large level of youth on Darlington's team this season is due to the creation of a Lamar junior legion team.

Legion ball, unlike high school baseball, can have players from different towns playing on the same team if they fit into the region and that town does not have a team. Lamar created its own team this year and Darlington is feeling the impacts from that.

"It hurts us to not get players from there or Trinity," Gearhart said.

But with fewer players from other schools and town and more of his own the bright side is Gearhart now has a chance to craft more players who will be coming up through his program and will eventually play on his varsity team.

The success of this season will be best measured by the success of the varsity baseball team over the next couple of seasons as this is the beginning stages for these young players to grow.

"Based on what I've seen thus far there will only be a handful of guys playing this summer on our varsity roster next year, but a lot can happen between now and January," Gearhart said.

So when watching this team, look at it from outside the box because while it might not look like anything just yet, these players could potentially be the next wave of varsity players for Darlington's baseball team.

Lady Cobras add three to 2018-2019 basketball roster

Coker College head women's basketball coach Shannon Johnson has announced the signing of Amanda Cherry, Ashauntee Nelson, and Hope Richardson to the 2018-19 roster.

Cherry, a native of Monroe, N.C., attended Sun Valley High School where she was a member of the women's basketball and softball teams for the Spartans. Cherry had an impressive career on the court for the Spartans, being named a two-time Southern Carolina Conference Player of the Year. Furthermore, Cherry is Sun Valley High School's all-time leading scorer with 1,694 points and assists leader with 433. During her senior season, Cherry averaged 19 points per game, the highest mark in the county, and led the Spartans to a conference tournament championship, the first Sun Valley has captured since the 1996 season. Off the court, Cherry was a member of the National Honors Society.

"Amanda is the high caliber type of player that will be a difference maker in our league," stated Johnson. "She's 5'9 and can play all of the guard positions. I'm looking for her to be a floor general and shoot the three-ball. Additionally, Amanda's IQ is extremely high and will separate her from others."

She plans to major in biology and is the daughter of Donnie and Nicole Cherry.

Nelson comes to Coker from Durham, N.C., where she attended Riverside-Durham High School. She was a member of the women's basketball, women's volleyball, and women's lacrosse teams for the Pirates. Playing at guard, Nelson was a three-year member of the women's basketball team at Riverside-Durham High School, playing in 75 games, accumulating 11.3 points per game, dishing out 1.8 assists per game, collecting 5.0 rebounds per game, snagging 2.4 steals per game, and recording 1.1 blocks per game. She earned 2015-16 Piedmont 4A All-Conference honors, 2016 NC Triangle High School OT Tip-Off All-Tournament team honors, 2016-17 NC Piedmont 4A All-Conference honors, 2017-18 NC Triangle 6 4A All-Conference honors, and 2017-18 NC Basketball Coaches Association 4A All-District Second-Team honors.

"I'm very enthusiastic about signing a player with the talent level of Ashauntee," said Johnson. "Her IQ is unmeasurable and she has the ability to dissect plays before they happen on the court. We are looking for her to play the guard position and be able to defend players twice her size with her length."

She plans to major in sport communication at Coker and is the daughter of Vernelle Massey.

Richardson joins Coker from nearby Darlington where she attended Darlington High School. While attending Darlington High School, Richardson competed for the women's basketball and track & field teams for the Falcons. In the classroom, Richardson earned A-B Honor Roll. Richardson played at the center position for the Falcons.

"Hope is another player I couldn't let leave the Darlington County area," explained Johnson. "She allows us to run a five-out offense because she can play inside and outside. Hope is very athletic and passionate about being productive on the collegiate level."

She plans to major in biology at Coker and is the daughter of Sharon Smith and Ronald Richardson Jr.

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Keeping the legacy of baseball's "second man" alive

By Michael Stewart
Carolina News and Reporter (Used as part of the SC News Exchange)

CAMDEN, S.C. – The small city of Camden, tucked away about 45 minutes northeast of the state capital Columbia, is the birthplace of an often overlooked pioneer in racial integration. Larry Doby, the second African-American player to play major league baseball, was born here and spent the first 14 years of his life in this place he always called home.

Earl Benedict, a lifelong Camden resident, felt the influence of the game-changing second baseman as a child, even though he never saw Doby play in a game.

"Certainly, when I played ball, I thought of Doby as one of the main people to be," Benedict said. "I don't know if emulate is the right word, but he was in my mind at times."

Doby, who died in 2003, was a phenomenon in his time but seemed to fall through the cracks of baseball history in comparison to Jackie Robinson, who broke professional baseball's color barrier in 1947. Robinson's story has been documented in hundreds of stories, books, documentaries and in the popular motion picture, "42."

But the African-American Cultural Center of Camden is trying to pique interest in Doby's story as the first black player in the American League.

On the field, Doby was a seven-time all-star, the first black player to get a hit and homerun in the World Series, and was the first black player to win the World Series in 1948 with the Cleveland Indians. Unlike Robinson, who spent a year in the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system, Doby went straight to the majors from the Negro League's Newark Eagles. He made his debut on July, 5 1947, three months after Robinson played his first MLB game.

These accomplishments, plus the immeasurable social contributions Doby's presence in the league created made him a logical choice for National Baseball Hall of Fame honors. But he dropped off the ballot in 1984 after running out of eligibility.

Doby had to wait until 1998, when he was 74, to get the call that he was a member of baseball's most prestigious club. The Veterans Committee, which looks at long-retired players, managers, umpires and executives, elected him.

Doby opened his induction speech by saying: "I'm from a little town in South Carolina called Camden."

The free museum has been running a comprehensive exhibition of Doby since Feb. 24, complete with photos, memorabilia and an hour-and-a-half long documentary on his life, which ends Aug. 30. Located on York Street, the African-American Cultural Center of Camden is showing an exhibit on the life of baseball great Larry Doby. It will run until Aug. 30.

The exhibit is open Monday, Wednesday Friday, 1-4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gwen Shannon volunteers at the Larry Doby exhibit on Monday's and despite her aversion to baseball, she decided to donate her time to Camden's most accomplished athlete in its history.

"I can't stand baseball!" Shannon laughed. "It's more about the history. I was really unfamiliar with him, but once they decided on the exhibit it intrigued me to come and see someone like Larry Doby, and I've learned so much about him."

Elizabeth Robinson, a former middle school teacher, also volunteers at the African-American Cultural Center of Camden. She hopes it will raise Doby's profile and fill in some of the historical gaps for school children who visit.

"It will be promoted through the schools but it will be hard to have field trips because they normally do whole grades at a time and this is such a small space," Robinson said. "But what they can do is have small groups like gifted classes, special education classes and after-school clubs."

Elizabeth Robinson, like Shannon, was not a baseball fan before she volunteered at museum. But after forgetting her phone and crochet needles one day while volunteering, Robinson toured the exhibit and found herself more absorbed than she thought she'd be.

"I am more interested in baseball now and I have more respect for Larry Doby," Robinson said. "The other night I was flipping through the TV and I stopped at baseball and I never would have done that before."

While he was not as well-known as other pioneering black stars of the mid-twentieth century like Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays, and Don Newcombe, Doby was a player of similar caliber and experienced the same level of racism as his counterparts.

Doby's teammate from 1947 to 1955, Al Rosen told Cleveland Plain-Dealer columnist, Russell Schneider in his 2002 book, Tales from the Tribe Dugout, that Doby put up with everything Jackie Robinson did, and more.

"Jackie was a college-educated man who had been an officer in the service and who played at the Triple-A level. Jackie was brought in by (General Manager) Branch Rickey specifically to be the first black player in major league baseball," Rosen said. "Larry Doby came up as a second baseman who didn't have time to get his full college education, and was forced to play a different position in his first major league season. I think because of those circumstances, he had a more difficult time than Jackie Robinson did. I don't think he has gotten the credit he deserves."

Even Earl Benedict, who has always called Camden home, says Doby was not his ball playing idol.

"I was a fan of Monte Irvin and Willie Mays more than Doby," Benedict said. "Because I liked the Giants and the National League."

Larry Doby's entire baseball career was marked by being second in line to break racial barriers. Not only was he the second black player in MLB, he was the second black manager. Doby became the interim skipper of the Chicago White Sox June 30, 1978. This was almost three years after the Cleveland Indians named Frank Robinson their manager.

Bob Heere, associate professor of sport and entertainment management at USC, was born and raised in the Netherlands and didn't know much about baseball until he moved to the United States. And he had never heard of Doby.

"I know Jackie Robinson. I've seen the movie, I teach him in my intro to sport management class, but here's this other guy who entered the league just a few months later and who was arguably just as successful," Heere said. "So holy crap. Why don't I know about him?"

Heere, coming from a different background on how society views success in sports was able to offer a theory on why Doby has been left behind in the history books.

"America is obsessed with individualism so they're looking for that great individual and they attribute so much to him," Heere said. "We all know who was the first man on the moon but we don't even care about the second man. Anyone outside of the United States would just name the three astronauts collectively."

While he was living, Larry Doby never complained about the lack of attention he receive during and after his playing career, despite his stunning accomplishments. Ten years after his death, Camden unveiled a statue in his honor in front of the city's archives.

"I was never bitter because I believed in the man upstairs. I continue to do my best. I let someone else be bitter. If I was bitter, I was only hurting me," Doby told Fay Vincent, former commissioner of MLB, in a 2003 article published in the New York Times.

One thing Doby was firm on was his South Carolina heritage and he never let anyone mistake his Southern origins.

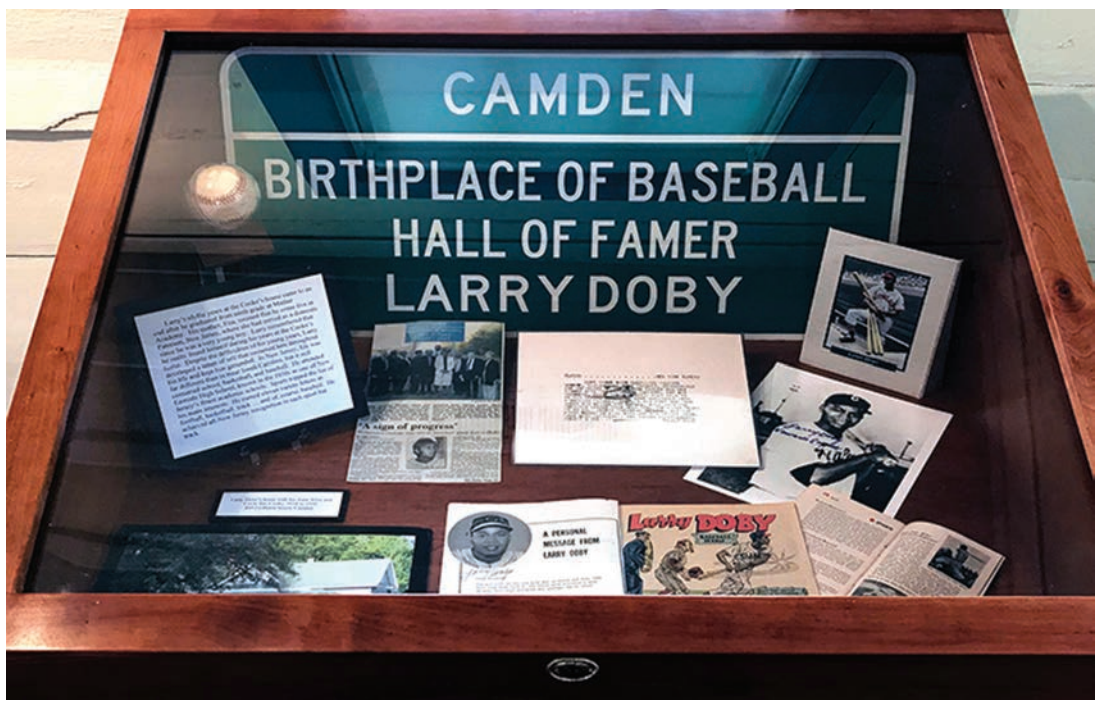
Jerry Izenberg, journalist for the Newark-Star Ledger, followed Doby throughout his career and on multiple occasions he saw him correct reporters on his hometown.

"Larry made sure they knew," Izenberg said in Pride Against Prejudice: The Larry Doby Story, the film on display at the African-American Cultural Center of Camden. "One time I heard him stop a reporter before an interview and say 'I'm not from Paterson, I'm from South Carolina.'"

Larry Doby's pride in his hometown of Camden is being reciprocated by the efforts of volunteers like Elizabeth Robinson. She hopes that Doby's story, and his relative lack of fame can teach young African-American athletes how past sacrifices shape today's society.

What the students have got to learn, she said, "is what they (black baseball players) went through to make your life what it is today."

The U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp of Larry Doby in 2012, honoring his role in pioneering racial integration in Major League Baseball.



Larry Doby was honored as a distinguished native of Camden with this road sign on November 24, 2002. The road marker stood at U.S. 521 and I-20.

Darlington County School District providing free summer meals to children

Darlington County School District will again provide free breakfast and lunch for children this summer at nine locations across the county through the United States Department of Agriculture's Seamless Summer Meals Program.

The program begins June 11. Six of the sites will be open Monday through Thursday, while three will operate Monday through Friday.

Meals will be provided at no cost to anyone 18 years of age or younger. No registration is required.

The program will serve a variety of breakfasts and lunches that meet nutritional standards set by the USDA and the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

At each location, breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Summer meals will be served at the following six locations, Monday through Thursday:

- Darlington High School
- Hartsville High School
- Hartsville Middle School
- Rosenwald Elementary/Middle School
- Spaulding Middle School
- Washington Street Elementary School

Meals will be served at the following three locations, Monday through Friday:

- Brunson-Dargan Elementary School
- Southside Early Childhood Center
- Thornwell School for the Arts

For more information about the Summer Meals Program, please call 843-398-2318.

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DCIT holds completer ceremony

The Darlington County Institute of Technology held its twelfth annual Recognition Ceremony for DCSD students from around the District who have put in over 450 hours of study and completed their career-focused courses at DCIT. Completers in the fields of Agriculture Education, Automobile Collision Repair Technology, Automotive Technology, Business Education / Marketing, Carpentry, Electricity, Engineering, Graphic Communications, Health Science Technology, Information Technology, Machine Tool Technology, and Welding were presented with Completer Certificates and awards acknowledging their achievements. Photos by Samantha Lyles

Mistress of Ceremony Aurelia Burgess, DCIT assistant director

Connell Delaine of the DCSD School Board greeted DCIT completers

Bert Sandifer presented DCIT completers with their National Technical Honor Society cords

DCIT director Robert Smith (left) and instructor Jesse Flowers (right) presented DCIT student Samuel Mason Rogers with the 2018 Director's Award of Excellence

Daren McKenzie (right) presented Landon Steen with his First Place award in Job Skills Demonstration from the State SkillsUSA competition

Aaron Melton, Walter "Trey" Kelley, and Tyquavion Stevenson won First Place honors in Physics at the Sandhills Science Fair

Darlington High School Early College Graduate Spotlights

Zachary Sandifer

Zachary Sandifer is one of 13 Darlington High School Early College Honors Program students will graduate with his Associate of Arts degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College.

When DHS shared its Associate of Arts Degree program with qualified Early College Honors Program students, Zachary decided to rise to the challenge and take advantage of this opportunity. While only a high school freshman, Zachary committed to spend the next three years, including one summer, devoted to college courses each semester in addition to his other high school classes. His hard work has paid off. Zachary participated in Florence-Darlington Technical College's Spring commencement ceremony on May 10th and will now receive both His college degree and high school diploma during Darlington High School's graduation ceremony on June 7th.

Zachary is an active student at DHS where he was a member of the Robotics Team, Technology Club, and National Honor Society. He was also a member of the Tennis Team. When he is not at school or working his part-time job, Zachary enjoys longboarding and solving Rubiks Cubes as well as volunteering at his church.

Zachary plans to attend Clemson University in the fall where he plans to study software engineering/digital media production. When asked what advice he would give future ECHP students, he said that students need to, "Make sure to take all classes seriously and study well in advance." With the success he has already achieved, there is no doubt that Zachary will be equally successful in his future endeavors.

Congratulations Zachary Sandifer!

Jazmine Elena Robinson

Jazmine Elena Robinson is one of 13 Darlington High School Early College Honors Program students who will graduate with her Associate of Arts degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College.

When DHS shared its Associate of Arts Degree program with qualified Early College Honors Program students, Jazmine decided to rise to the challenge and take advantage of this opportunity. While only a high school freshman, Jazmine committed to spend the next three years, including one summer, devoted to college courses each semester in addition to her other high school classes. Her hard work has paid off. Miss Robinson participated in Florence-Darlington Technical College's Spring commencement ceremony on May 10th and will now receive both her college degree and high school diploma during Darlington High School's graduation ceremony on June 7th.

Jazmine is a dedicated student at DHS where she has participated in numerous community service opportunities and was a member of the Key Club. When not in school, Jazmine works a part-time job at Zaxby's and enjoys spending time shopping and fishing.

Jazmine plans to attend the University South Carolina Sumter to eventually become a certified nurse practitioner. When reflecting on these past three years, Jazmine stated, "I was so close to giving up on work and school and wasn't sure I was going to make it, but I'm beyond happy that I did." With this never-give-up attitude, Jazmine has all the makings for success.

Congratulations Jazmine Elena Robinson!

Backyard Stargazer for June 2018

By f rancis Parnell

It's June, and Saturn takes center stage!

One hour before sunrise on the 1st, look southwest and above the Teapot of SAGITTARIUS to spot Saturn, 3-degrees lower right of the waning gibbous Moon.

On the 3rd, one hour before sunrise, look east-southeast to see the Moon about 3-degrees above bright red Mars.

After sunset on the 5th through the 10th, find Venus in the west with the brightest stars of GEMINI. Pollux is 5-degrees right or upper right of Venus, Castor 4-degrees to the right of Pollux. The brighter star, Pollux, is 10 times the solar diameter, 33 times the luminosity, and 34 light-years away. Castor, 51 light-years away and twice the Sun's diameter, is a 6 star binary system. Castor A+B, both double stars, orbit each other; they're both orbited by Castor C, two Red Dwarfs. Luminosity is 48 times that of the Sun.

Mercury emerges from the glare of the Sun on the 19th and can be found in binoculars far to the lower right of Venus in twilight. By month's end, Mercury sets 1.5 hours after the Sun and viewing it will be much easier.

The Earth reaches the Solstice at 6:07 a.m. on the 21st marking the first day of summer.

After sunset on the 23rd, the waxing gibbous Moon with Jupiter lower right, are 4.5-dgrees apart as they travel westward.

Rising at dusk and visible all night, everyone's favorite, the ringed planet Saturn, is at opposition on the night of the 27th at 841,250,053 miles (75 light-minutes) away. The almost full Moon is less than 2-degrees north of Saturn at midnight.

The stars belong to everyone, so let's "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.

Shayla Samuel

Shayla Samuel is one of 13 Darlington High School Early College Honors Program students who will graduate with her Associate of Arts degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College.

When DHS shared its Associate of Arts Degree program with qualified Early College Honors Program students, Shayla decided to rise to the challenge and take advantage of this opportunity. While only a high school freshman, Shayla committed to spend the next three years devoted to college courses each semester in addition to her other high school classes. Her hard work has paid off. Miss Samuel participated in Florence-Darlington Technical College's Spring commencement ceremony on May 10th and will now receive both her college degree and high school diploma during Darlington High School's graduation ceremony on June 7th.

Shayla is a dedicated student at DHS where she was an active member of the Key Club, National Honors Society, Beta Club, and International Club. She was also on the basketball team and held a part-time job at our local IGA. When she is not busy at school or work, Shayla enjoys going to the movies, watching netflix and anime, and eating.

Shayla plans to attend USC Upstate and then continue her education to eventually become a pediatrician. With her achievements thus far, there is no doubt that Shayla has a great start to her future.

Congratulations Shayla Samuel!

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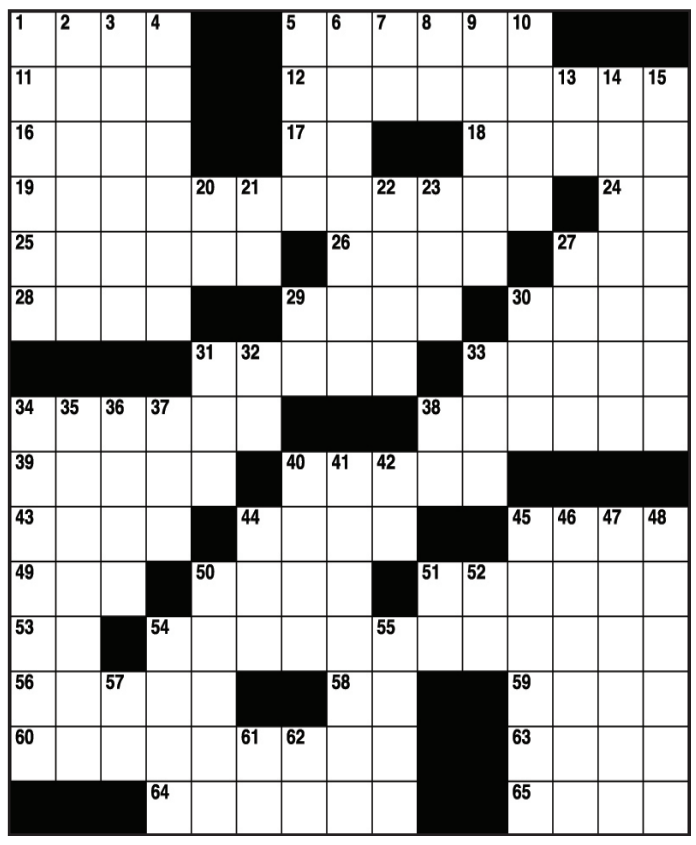

ACROSS
1. In bed
5. Composition headings
11. Close by
12. Cannot be removed
16. Take upon oneself
17. -__, denotes past
18. Denotes ancient Greek dialect
19. "American History X" actor
24. Millihenry
25. Town in Sonora, Mexico
26. Netherlands river
27. Insect associated with honey
28. Adjacent
29. Change shape
30. Pattern in Indian music
31. Genus of finches
33. Australian clover fern
34. Caused to curve
38. Ability to make good decisions
39. King of Thebes
40. Belgian city
43. Basic unit
44. Phonograph recording
45. Flew off!
49. Moved quickly
50. Chums
51. Stick fast to
53. Megabyte
54. Perceives something not present
56. Fitzgerald and Eyre are two
58. Milliampere
59. Remain as is
60. Honors
63. Norse goddess of old age
64. Minimum
65. Rulers of Tunis

DOWN
1. About Andes
2. ESPN hostess
3. Cerumen
4. Perceived
5. A right related to property
6. Blessed with
7. Mendelevium
8. Of I
9. Viscous liquid
10. Suffix
13. Bromine
14. Beverage
15. Level in an organization
20. Star Trek character Laren
21. Bad grades
22. Mars crater
23. Small amount
27. Froth on fermenting liquor
29. Bachelor of Divinity
30. Follows sigma
31. Human foot
32. Commercial
33. Company that rings receipts
34. Experiencing a sudden sense of danger
35. Taxable
36. Alternative credit investment firm
37. Ho-__
38. Gold
40. Will not (obsolete)
41. Supposes without proof
42. Rapper __ Hammer
44. Split lentils
45. Carried out systematically
46. Condition
47. Without restraint
48. Produces reproductive cells
50. One of Washington state's Tri-Cities
51. Spielberg film
52. Elliptic function
54. Pearl Jam song "Hail __"
55. People in a film
57. Lethal dose
61. Root beer maker
62. Tellurium

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Darlington Raceway track drive to benefit scholarship program

On Saturday, June 16, Darlington Raceway will give race fans a unique opportunity to drive their personal vehicles on the high banks of the Lady in Black, and in turn, support our service members and veterans.

For a $30 cash donation per car, Darlington Raceway will allow fans to take three laps around the famed 1.366-mile egg-shaped oval. The Track Drive is scheduled for 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. on June 16.

For their donation, guests will also receive two tickets to the NASCAR Xfinity Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 race (scheduled at Darlington Raceway on Sept. 1) with $10 benefiting the VFW's Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship Program.

"It's been several years since we've had a track drive here at Darlington Raceway and felt this was a great opportunity for our fans to take a few laps around the track and support our service members and veterans through the Sport Clips' Help A Hero Scholarship Program," track President Kerry Tharp said. "We encourage all of our fans to come out that day and participate in a family-fun activity for charity."

Since 2013, Sport Clips has been the primary supporter of the VFW's Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship program, which provides scholarships for service members and veterans for use at post-secondary schools and trade schools. From October 15 through November 11, Sport Clips locations around the country will collect donations in-store to support the scholarship program. To date, 943 scholarships totaling $4.1 million have been awarded.

Scholarship recipients come from every part of the United States and represent every branch of service. Recipients are earning a variety of degrees including engineering, computer science, business, accounting, healthcare, and many more.

TRACK LAPS RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

· Motorcycles will not be permitted. Passenger vehicles only.

· All drivers must present a valid driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance at check-in

· The driver of the vehicle must be 21 years of age or older

· All participants must sign a waiver of liability (including all passengers)

· All drivers and passengers must adhere to South Carolina state laws regarding the usage of seat belts and child safety restraints

· Headlights must be on at all times

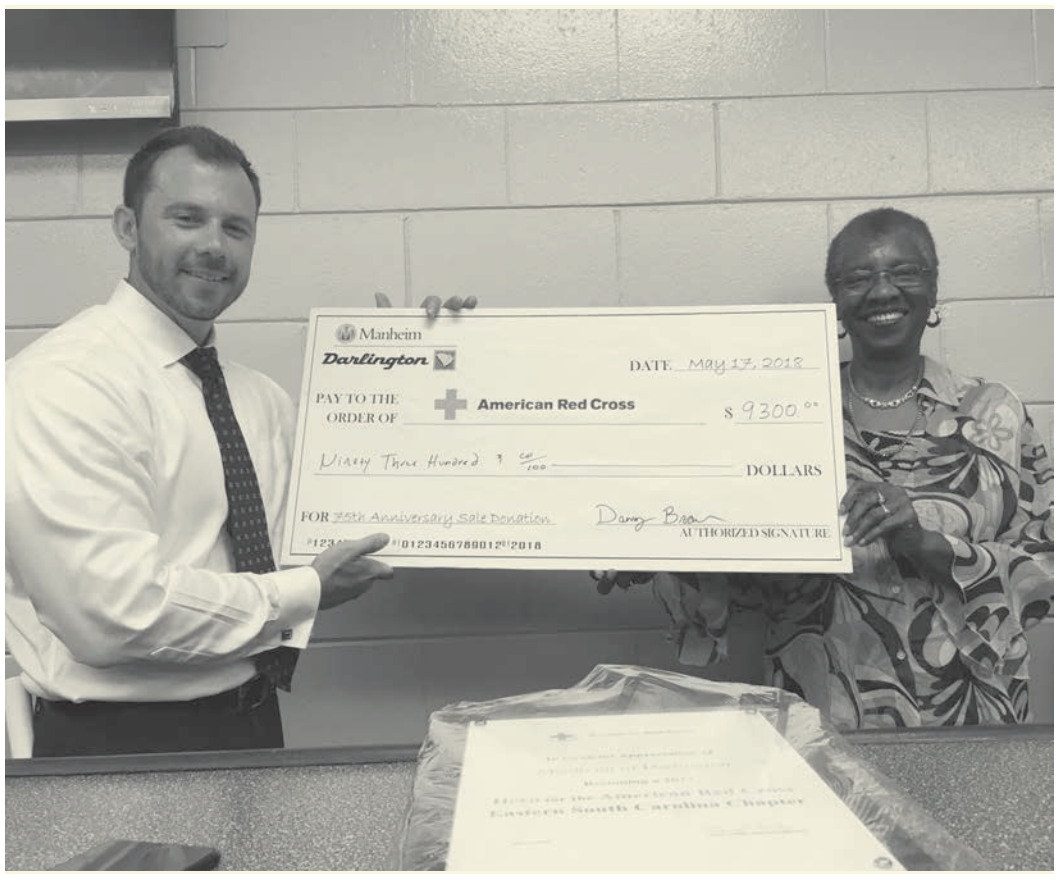
· Fans must enter the track through the Gate 39A tunnel entrance off of Highway 151

· Laps will be held at a maximum speed of 70 mph and regulated by Darlington Raceway personnel with a lead and chase vehicle

· The event is weather dependent. In case of inclement weather, the track will issue an official weather statement on DarlingtonRaceway.com no later than Friday, June 15 and announce an alternate date at that time.

Swim lessons to be offered in Darlington

The City of Darlington, the YMCA of the Upper Pee Dee and the Darlington Area Recreation Department are sponsoring Splash Station Introduction to Swim Lessons at the BP Gandy Pool, June 18 – 21. June 22 will be a rain make-up day. Classes are for non-swimmers ages 5-18 and will be held from 10:30-11:20 a.m. Participants must pre-register with the Darlington Recreation Department. This program is free and limited to 50 people.



Manheim Darlington General Manager Danny Brawn donates $9,300 to the American Red Cross. Photo Contributed

Manheim Darlington celebrates 75 years of service

Manheim Darlington – the longest-running used vehicle auction – celebrated its 75thanniversary on May 17 by hosting a special Diamond Jubilee Sale. The auction, which evolved from Clanton's Auto Auction established in 1943 with a single lane, now operates 12 lanes and digital channels facilitating the sale of 1,200 vehicles per week.

Month-long festivities supporting their 75thanniversary included holding four special sales on May 14, 16, 17 and 21 offering 2,000+ units, hosting a dealer appreciation event, auctioning off a Polaris ATV with $9,300 going to the American Red Cross. To top it all off, Gary's Auto Sales was the lucky recipient of a restored 1975 Chevrolet C-10 pickup truck!

"Our seven decades of success would not be possible without our team members, loyal clients and community support," says Manheim Darlington General Manager Danny Brawn. "This historical milestone allows us to reflect on how it all started, as well as consider the exciting possibilities ahead."

With 125+ acres serving dealer clients across the country, Manheim Darlington is recognized for its growth, innovation and commitment to the community. Its Retail Solutions facility --- spanning 48,000 square-feet and featuring 32 lifts, two four-car paint booths and a state-of-the-art Enhanced Vehicle Imaging Suite --- is one example. And just last year, the location added a roof-top solar installation consisting of 768 panels to the main auction building and Retail Solutions facility. The solar array produces 370,000+ hours of electricity annually powering approximately 30 percent of the location's energy needs.

"Equally as important as the way we serve clients and the industry is Manheim Darlington's commitment to our community and charitable organizations," adds Brawn. "Our operation has supported the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, the Darlington County Schools and Darlington County Fire and Safety."

NFPA underscores pool hazards during summer months

With the start of summer just around the corner, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is reminding people about the potential electrical hazards in swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, on board boats and in the waters surrounding boats, marinas and launch ramps.

Electric shock drowning (ESD) happens when faulty wiring sends an electrical current into the water. The current then passes through the body and causes paralysis. When this happens, a person can no longer swim and ultimately drowns.

"Most people, including boat and pool owners and swimmers, are not aware of the risks of electric shock drowning," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "NFPA is raising awareness of this troubling trend and sharing our water safety resources so that everyone can safely enjoy summer water activities."

Tips for swimmers

• Never swim near a marina, dock or boatyard, or near a boat while it's running.

• While in a pool, hot tub or spa, look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker or work intermittently.

• If you feel a tingling sensation while in a pool, immediately stop swimming in your current direction. Try and swim in a direction where you had not felt the tingling. Exit the water as quickly as possible; avoid using metal ladders or rails. Touching metal may increase the risk of shock.

Tips for pool owners

• If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub or spa, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.

• Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and — where necessary — replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa or hot tub electrically safe. Have the electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

• Make sure any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If you have any doubts, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

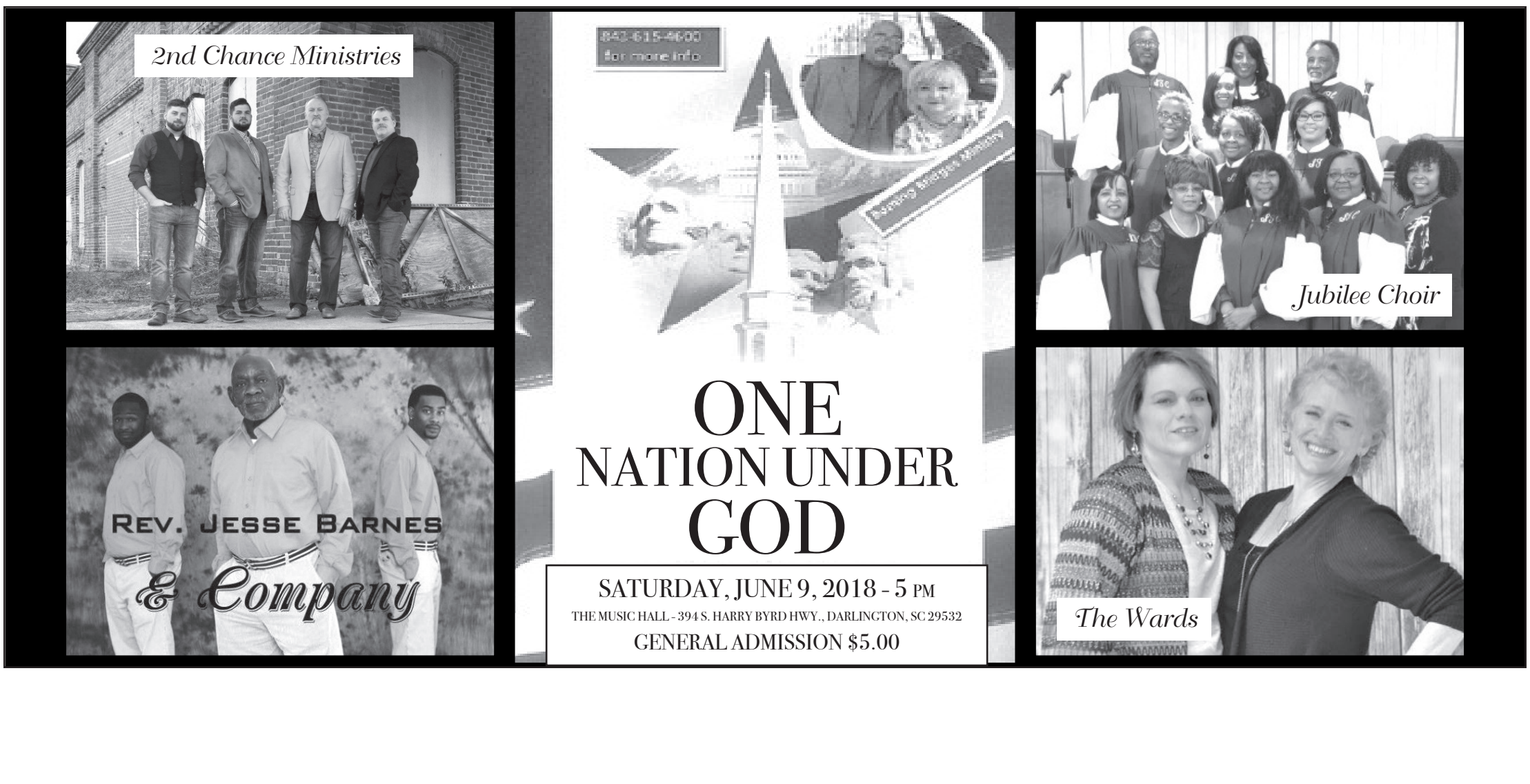
Tips for boat owners

• Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. Docks or boats can leak electricity into the water causing water electrification.

• Each year, and after a major storm, have the boat's electrical system inspected and upgraded by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including the American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC). Check with the marina owner who can also tell you if the marina's electrical system has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical Code® (NEC).

• Have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) installed on the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that are "UL-Marine Listed" when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

NFPA has additional resources for swimmers, boat and pool owners, including tip sheets, checklists and more that can be downloaded at www.nfpa.org/watersafety.



Templeton launches new TV commercial

A new TV commercial from Republican gubernatorial candidate Catherine Templeton rebuts recent false attacks from her leading opponent.

In it, an announcer notes, "The press call Henry McMaster's attacks 'false' and Nikki Haley, quote, 'backs up Templeton'." The commercial concluded with Templeton saying, "It's time for a governor as bold and conservative as the people of South Carolina."

"Henry McMaster and his corrupt cronies are so desperate they will say anything to hang on to power," said R. J. May III, Templeton's campaign manager. "The fact that McMaster became the first incumbent governor in America to go negative before his challengers tells you all you need to know about how desperate and full of yesterday he really is. Sadly, the McMaster attacks are exactly what we've come to expect from a career politician who was fined thousands of dollars by the State Ethics Commission, whose advisers have been indicted and his closest confidants have been hauled before the State Grand Jury in an ongoing public corruption probe. Catherine Templeton is a conservative buzzsaw who is ready to rip into corrupt Columbia and end business as usual for the good ol' boys. She was appointed by Nikki Haley, interviewed by President Trump to serve in his cabinet, and unlike Henry McMaster, as governor she will reduce government, not grow it."

GSSM accepting applications for iTEAMS Summer Camp

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) is now accepting applications for its iTEAMS Xtreme: Next Generation summer camp, which will be held July 23-26 at GSSM. Applications will be accepted until June 1.

iTEAMS Xtreme: Next Generation is GSSM's technology day camp for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Students choose one of two tracks. In Arduino & Robotics, students will explore the world of microcontrollers, electronics, and circuits through Arduino technology, learn how to program their very own microcontrolled robot, and pit it against other students' robots in camp-wide competitions such as Dance Robot Dance and Robot Wars. In Arduino & Games, students will learn how to create game tools such as stopwatches, randomized dice, buzzers and sensors, then use the tools to build and play Arduino games. Tuition is $185. Families registering more than one child, or for more than one camp, will receive a discount. Need-based financial aid is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Learn more and apply online at www.scgssm.org/summer.

2017 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT
CITY OF DARLINGTON WATER DEPARTMENT SYSTEM # 1610001

June 1, 2018

The City of Darlington Water Department is pleased to present this year's annual water quality report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. The City continues its commitment to ensure the quality of your water. Davis & Brown, Inc. of Quinby, S.C. operates our wells and has instituted numerous changes in equipment and procedures relating to water production. With their expertise and a lot of hard work, Davis & Brown engineers and certified operators are producing the highest quality water ever pumped from our wells.

Our source water is the Middendorf Aquifer. In 2017, the system included Hampton Street Well (G16101), North Main Street Well (G16102), Edwards St. Well (G16103) and By-Pass Well (G16104). Our Source Water Assessment Plan is available for your review at www.scdhec.gov/water/html/srcewtr.html. If you do not have Internet access, please contact our customer service personnel at the Darlington Water Department at 843-398-4040 to make arrangements to review this document.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface to land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or your water utility, please contact our customer service personnel at the Darlington Water Department at 843-398-4040. We want our customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have unanswered questions and concerns, you may attend any regularly scheduled Darlington City Council meeting to express those concerns. The City Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the council chambers at the Darlington City Hall at 400 Pearl Street.

The City of Darlington Water Department routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following tables indicate the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

LEAD AND COPPER TEST RESULTS

Contaminant	Violation Yes / No	90th Percentile	Unit of Measure	Action Level	Sites over action level	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper 2017	NO	90th % = 0.091	ppm	1.3 ppm	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead 2017	NO	90th % = 0.810	ppb	15 ppb	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Darlington Water is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Water Quality Test Results

Contaminant	Violation Yes / No	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants						
Fluoride 05/02/2017	No	0.76 Range 0.60-0.76	ppm	4 ppm	4 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive to promote strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Thallium 05/02/2017	No	ND Range ND	ppm	0.5 ppb	2 ppb	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Nitrate 05/02/2017	No	ND	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Organic Contaminants						
Volatiles 05/16/2016	No	ND Range	ppm	4 ppm	4 ppm	By-Products of industrial processes and petroleum products
Disinfectants and Disinfection By Products						
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) 07/10/2017	No	ND Range	ppb	No goal for the total	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (Haloacetic Acids) 07/10/2017	No	ND Range 0.139	ppb	No goal for the total	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine 2017	No	Range 0.66-1.53	ppm	MRDL = 4 ppm	MRDLG = 4 ppm	Water additive used to control microbes
Radioactive Contaminants						
Radium 226	No	1.00	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	No	1.00	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Alpha Emitter	No	ND	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta Emitters	No	ND	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits

Herbicide and pesticide samples were non-detected.

In the tables above, you will find terms and abbreviations with which you may not be familiar. To help you understand the information, the following definitions will apply:

AL - Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, trigger treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level: The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Avg. – Regulatory compliance with some MCL's are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

ND - Non-Detects - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

pCi/l - Pico Curies per liter: A measure of the radioactivity in water.

ppb - Parts per billion: One part per billion is similar to a count of one dollar to one billion dollars ($1.00 to $1,000000000.00)

ppm - Parts per million: One part per million is similar to a count of one dollar to one million dollars ($1.00 to $1,000000.00)

na: - not applicable.

Violations Table

None			
None			
Violation Type	Violation Begins	Violation Ends	Violation Explanation

We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

According to laboratory results from over eighty (80) potential contaminants, our system had no violations in water quality. One series of tests of particular interest involves the detection of coliform bacteria, especially those found in human and animal fecal waste. Each month, the Darlington Water Department conducts microbiological samplings of the system's water to test for coliforms as required by DHEC. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. The substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts, and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, and residential uses.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production, and mining activities.

All drinking water including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effect can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

MCL's are a set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Dead end lines and galvanized distribution lines are major concerns of our water department. The City of Darlington Water Department continually makes plans for improvements to the system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at the City of Darlington Water Department work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. Copies of this report will not be mailed. If you want copies of the report, they are available online at darlingtonsconline.com and will be available at the Water Department at 400 Pearl Street in City Hall. Please call the City of Darlington Water Department at 843-398-4040 or 4041 if you have any questions.

Tim Scott issues statement about opportunity zones, U.S. economy

Every day, we are seeing more and more great news about the current economic expansion in America; a trend that is breaking records and exciting economists and citizens alike. This is currently the third-longest economic expansion since 1854, and on track to be the second-longest on record. After a strong jobs report was released last Friday for the month of April, we should not only celebrate all of the exciting components of our booming economy, but also look forward to the continuation of this growth and success.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, historic tax reform passed last December, gets much of the credit for the most recent economic upswing. And for good reason! Unemployment continues to fall, and we are seeing the lowest national unemployment rate (3.9 percent) that we've seen in 17 years. African-American unemployment is also at its lowest since 1972 - more than four decades ago. Similarly, job expansion continues, with more than 800,000 new jobs added since the passage of the tax reform and more than one million Americans of working age re-entering the work force in the past two years. In response, wages are on the rise as well. Because of the tax reform, millions of Americans have seen increased benefits, higher wages and bonuses.

Looking forward, I am hopeful that economic prosperity will reach every corner of our country, especially those places that are economically distressed and have often been left behind in other periods of economic boom. My Investing in Opportunity Act, part of the recent Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, aims to bring opportunity to exactly those types of communities not only in South Carolina but across the nation. The IIOA creates an avenue for the more than $2 trillion in unused capital gains in our nation to flow into designated "Opportunity Zones."

"Opportunity Zones" are chosen by each state's governor, and composed of low-income communities in that state. Without creating another government program, or utilizing federal dollars, this new model has the potential to revitalize and bring opportunity to distressed communities all across America. More specifically, this initiative aims to bring jobs to these areas by tapping into their unused labor forces- continuing the trend of job expansion we have already been seeing. The IIOA has gained recognition as a key part to the next phase of economic expansion, with its strong emphasis on expanding the labor force- starting by using the untapped resources already in each community across the country.

With rising wages, falling unemployment and job expansion unlike we have seen in years, there are many reasons to be excited about today's economy- and with the passage of the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in December and its components like the IIOA, there are even more reasons to be excited about the economy of tomorrow.

Coker College student drowns in Prestwood Lake

A drowning in Hartsville has claimed the life of a Coker College student.

Moustapha Cisse, 20, of Orangeburg, SC was pronounced dead at the scene by Darlington County Coroner J Todd Hardee. The incident happened on Thursday afternoon, May 24, 2018 at the Coker Boathouse in Hartsville located on Prestwood Lake. This incident remains under investigations by the Darlington County Coroner's Office and the Hartsville City Police Department.

Carolina Exhibit and Photography competition calls for entries

Black Creek Arts Council (BCAC) and Hartsville Memorial Library (HML) invite photographers in the Pee Dee region to submit their images to the 11th annual Carolinas Exhibit and Competition. Images created via any form of photography will be accepted (i.e. shot on film, shot digitally, shot with cell phones, unaltered shots, digital manipulations, alternative processes, mixed media, montages, photograms, etc.), so long as part of the image is photographically created. Amateur and professional photographers of all ages are invited to enter.

ENTRY PROCESS:

Complete the registration form and bring your photograph(s) to Black Creek Arts Center or the Hartsville

Memorial Library between May 14th and June 1st. Three entries per person are allowed. The entry fee is $15 for one entry, $25 for two and $30 for three. The entry fee can be paid by cash or by check (made payable to BCAC). All pieces must be show-ready when submitted.

CATEGORIES:

Carolinas – photos taken in North or South Carolina

Photographers 18 and under

Hometown – wherever feels like home

Portrait – a single person or selfie (animals are people too)

The photographer determines the category for each photograph entered, but HML and BCAC reserve to right change the category to ensure the quality of show presentation.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 14, 2018: Begin Submissions (include registration form and entry fee) June 1, 2018: Last Day for Submissions

June 7, 2018: Show opens with the Opening Reception and Gallery Crawl

July 27, 2018: Last day of the Show

July 31 – August 10, 2018: Pick up your work from BCAC or HML

JUDGING:

Our judges consist of 3 BCAC board members, three Friends of Hartsville Memorial Library board members and a sponsor representative. The judges score each photo on technique, creativity and overall appearance. All photographs are considered for Best of Show and for the category entered. There will be one 1st place and one honorable mention for each category and two People's Choice (one at each location).

PRESENTATION:

Work must be framed or have some form of presentation device and be submitted as "ready to hang". Presentation is very important, so we encourage you to prepare your work in a professional manner for exhibition and sale.

AWARDS:

Best of Show - $150 cash prize

1st Place for each category - $75

Honorable Mention for each category – Ribbon

People's Choice for each location – Ribbon

ELIGIBILITY:

Any person in who lives, works or creates in the Pee Dee region may submit images for consideration. The photography must be original, created by the person who enters that work. Photographs exhibited in a previous Carolinas are not eligible.

USE OF IMAGES:

All entrants agree that any image submitted to Carolinas may be used by BCAC and HML for marketing and promotional purposes. The Best Of Show image will be used for the poster and promotion of the following year's Carolinas exhibit.

OPENING:

June 7th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The opening will be in the form of a gallery crawl between Black Creek Arts Center and Hartsville Memorial Library. The event program will include the location for each photograph on display.

BCAC gallery hours – Tuesday-Thursday 10-1 and 2-5, Friday 10-2

HML hours – Monday-Thursday 9-8, Friday 9-5, Saturday 10-2, Sunday 2-5

For more information, contact Black Creek Arts Center, 843-332-6234, Hartsville Memorial Library, 843-332-5115 ext. 4 or email info@blackcreekarts.org, joer.har@darlington-lib.org visit www.blackcreekarts.org and go to the events tab.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER MAY 21 THROUGH MAY 25, 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.

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

• Edward Lee Hunt, 33, of 1204 Country Ln, Hartsville, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st

• Antoine Jamel Mack, 32, of 314 Pine St, Darlington, Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Violation of City Ordinance

• Sheila Woodham Morrell, 53, of 1609 Morning Side Dr, Darlington, Shoplifting <$2000

• Marquell Larnell Samuel, 21, of 655 W Washington St, Hartsville, Criminal Domestic Violence 2nd Offense; Petty Larceny <$2000

• Tomarcus Donell Swift, 17, of 121 Sanders St, Darlington, Armed Robbery Armed with Deadly Weapon; Criminal Conspiracy; Assault and Battery 1st Degree

• Bruce Bruce Edwards, 35, of 175 E Depot St, Society Hill, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Casey Lee Eldred Sr., 40, of 5007 Fontanelle Rd, Effingham, Shoplifting <$2000

• Donnie Wayne Godwin, 42, of 3908 S Irby St, Florence, Shoplifting <$2000

• Devante Jacob Howie, 25, of 3417 Charles Dr, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree; Resisting Arrest

• Dillon Anthony Howland, 26, of 1860 Ashland Road, McBee, Driving Under the Influence

• Adrianne Dawn Huffstodt, 36, of 5612 Chuck Cir, Effingham, Shoplifting <$2000; Giving False Information; Driving Under Suspension

• Germaine Lide Mason, 40, of 601 W Washington St, Hartsville, Simple Assault

• Edward Lee Matteson Jr., 23, of 1712 Willis Dr, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Violation of Beginner Permit; Hit and Run Accident with Property Damage

• Bobby Dean Shoemake, 31, of 1705 N Fifth St, Hartsville, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only); Grand Larceny Value $10,000 or More; Burglary Second Degree

• Robert Lee Thomas Jr., 26, of 105 Cannon Dr, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree; Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person; Probation Violation

• Brian Howard Watford, 46, of 609 Country Club Rd, Lamar, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

• Julia Leigh Wilson, 36, of 1656 Pacolet Dr, Hartsville, Non Support; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Driving Under the Influence

• Taylor Marie Andrews, 26, of 2608 New Market Rd, Hartsville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

• Jerome James Bonaparte, 50, of 100 Tedder St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Sharon Dadswell Catoe, 56, of 1029 York Cir, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Daniel Quinton Cook, 33, of 405 Race Track Rd, Darlington, Sexual Exploitation of a Minor- Third Degree; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor- Third Degree; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor- Third Degree; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor- Third Degree; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor- Third Degree; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor- Third Degree; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor- Third Degree; Sexual Exploitation of a Minor- Third Degree; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 2nd

• Rochelle Latrice Dubose, 42, of 929 Brentwood Drive, Hartsville, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)

• Robin Renee Llyod, 36, of 49 Bellview Drive, Bishopville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

• Ronnie Oneal McKnight Jr., 28, of 405 Mustang Rd, Darlington, Shoplifting $2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Shoplifting $2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Shoplifting $2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Shoplifting $2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157)

• Timothty Edward Mullis, 35, of 1828 Shadow Hills Rd, Hartsville, Fraudulent Check Under $500; Fraudulent Check Under $500

• Charles Joseph Parker, 35, of 2091 Lazy Pines Rd, Darlington, Fail to Comply

• Gayle Catoe Russ, 69, of 714 Lynwood Place, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Sheena Rene Townsend, 40, of 2546 Rosewood Road, Clio, Driving Under Suspension

• Stevie Jermaine Washington, 29, of 414 North Main St Trlr 9, Darlington, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Trafficking Ice Crank Crack >10G but <28G 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

• Trisha Lynn Brown, 29, of 578 S Scotch Road, Chesterfield, Driving Under Suspension; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Open Container of Beer/Wine

• Ernest Lee Brunson, 64, of 934 Mondora St, Hartsville, Public Drunk

• Curtis Michael Dixon, 26, of 2215 Ashland Rd, Hartsville, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Driving Under Suspension; Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)

• Dazor Perez Douglas, 20, of 627 Marlboro Ave, Hartsville, Parole Violation

• Charles Dumas, 77, of 625 Locust Road, Locust Grove GA, Grand Larceny >$2000 <$10,000

• James Carroll Easterling, 61, of 1106 N Major Road, Belton, Driving Under the Influence; Driving Under Suspension; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Open Container of Beer/Wine

• John NMN Russ, 72, of 714 Lynwood Place, Hartsville, Disobedience; Resisting Arrest

• Latrell Stephens, 30, of 1206 Sopkin Ave, Florence, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine

Trinity-Byrnes holds Baccalaureate service

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School held Baccalaureate services for the class of 2018 on Sunday, May 20 at All Saints' Church. Faculty, students, and families filled the sanctuary to honor the soon-to-be graduates.

Members of the senior class led the services along with Pastor Lacie Jones, father of Lacie Austin Jones (class of 2018). Julia Thompson and Colby Poston set the tone for the sermon by singing a duet Voice of Truth. Darrion Wade, Georgia Clark, and Jake Swartz recited the scripture lessons prior to Pastor Jones presenting the sermon. Pastor Jones spoke to the congregation about placing their trust to God to see them through. A door for their future has opened up for them, but do not be afraid to cross through it. Put your trust in the Lord, and he will guide you as Jeremiah 29:11 says, " For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

A prayer for the school and benediction ended the ceremony.

The fifty-four seniors will graduate on Saturday, May 26 at the Francis Marion Performing Arts Center.

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School is a coeducational, nondiscriminatory, college-preparatory day school serving students in grades seven through twelve located in Darlington, South Carolina.

Trinity-Byrnes fosters development of every student's intellect and character through strong academics, a wide variety of athletics and extra-curricular activities. For more information contact April Munn, Director of Admissions and Communications, at 843-395-9124, amunn@trinity-byrnes.org

Susan Johnson Memorial Fund awards scholarship

The Susan Johnson Memorial Fund Committee has announced that Eden Jordan Wallace has been awarded the 2018 Susan Johnson Memorial Scholarship Grant in the amount of

$4,000. This grant is awarded annually to a graduate or former graduate of Darlington High School (former St. John's High), or a graduate or former graduate from the Darlington Area Attendance Zone of Mayo High School for Math, Science, and Technology, Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School who intends to pursue further educational training leading to a career in health care. Factors considered in the selection of the annual recipient of this award include academic standing, extra-curricular activities, character, and recommendations from the principal and/or faculty of their school.

Eden Wallace lives with her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Author Wallace and is a member of the Trinity-Byrnes Class of 2018.

Eden is active in the community by assisting in the school's blood drive for the American Red Cross, volunteering for a local hospital's benefit telecom, assisted in House of Hope food drive and served as a waitress for House of Hope benefit dinner. Her academic awards include Principal Award, honor roll in every class, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership ambassador, Duke University Creative Writing Camp and Nutrition Academic Excellence Award.

Eden plans to attend Clemson University and major in Food Science and Human Nutrition, as well as double major with their unique Women's Leadership course. The education path of becoming a dietitian is first one has to earn a bachelor's and then complete a required dietetic internship of 1200 hours under the supervision of a professional before being able to take the Registration Examination for Dietitians. Upon successful completion of the Dietitians Exam, she plans to pursue a master degree. She indicates taking a nutrition class was the major reason for her choosing this field of study. "It was in my sophomore year, that I took a Global Perspectives class and the focus was on the United Nation and their extreme humanitarian efforts really increase my interest. As someone who loves to travel and wanted to make a lifelong career out of it, I researched their programs. Thus, I came to the conclusion that my ultimate career goal is to one day work for their World Food Programme: they work to establish affordable nutrition clinics in developing countries and overall aim to end world hunger. I want to be a part of this because not only will be able to utilize my nutrition knowledge, but furthermore I can continue my passion of helping others".

The Susan Johnson Memorial Fund was established in 1968 in memory of Miss Susan Johnson, who at the time of her death was an outstanding senior at St. John's High School and was active in her church and community. Miss Susan Johnson was the daughter-of Mr. and Mrs. W Richard (Dot) Johnson.

This fund is administered by a committee operation under the supervision of the Session of the Darlington Presbyterian Church.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Harry Nathaniel Lambert
Date of Death: 4/12/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600231
Personal Representative: Anne D. Lambert
Address: 1433 Sunset Drive, Darlington, SC 29532

(44p3 leave in thru 5-30-18)

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Estate: Howard L. Jeffery
Date of Death: 4/07/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600230
Personal Representative: Zandra Pamela Jeffrey-McFadden
Address: 11 Pepperwood Court, Columbia, SC 29229

(44p3 leave in thru 5-30-18)

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Estate: Winnie B. King
Date of Death: 4/27/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600237
Personal Representative: Freddie N. King
Address: 1304 Salem Road, Hartsville, SC 29550

(44p3 leave in thru 5-30-18)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to a Judgment granted in the case of Dixies Federal Credit Union v. Estate of Addie Griggs Priest, et al., 2017-CP-16-0539, I will sell at public auction at the front of the Darlington County Courthouse in Darlington, South Carolina, on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 12:00 O'CLOCK P.M. to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

(Darlington County Tax Map Number 128-00-01-044)

All that certain piece, a parcel or lot of land, together with all improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot B on a plat prepared by T. E. Wilson dated January 10, 1963 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 37 at Page 11, whereon the same is shown to be bounded and measuring as follows:

NORTHEAST:By Green Street for a distance of 121 feet;
SOUTHEAST:By Lot A for a distance of 310 feet
SOUTHWEST:By property of R. L. Galloway, now E. G. Melton, for a distance of 125 feet; and
NORTHWEST: B y property of Weinberg or Hyman for a distance of 290 feet.

For a more accurate and complete description, reference is hereby made to plat above referred to.

This being the same property conveyed to Leonard Priest and Addie G. Priest by deed of Earlene Mahon Windham dated December 5, 1980 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 817 at Page 620. The undivided interest of Leonard Priest was conveyed to Addie G. Priest by Deed of Distribution from the Estate of Leonard Priest dated July 2, 2008 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1053 at Page 7432.

Property Address:2509 Green Street Road
Darlington, South Carolina 29532

NOTICE is further given that the successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, at said sale will be required to deposit immediately with the Special Referee an amount equal to five (5%) percent of his bid in cash, and if such deposit is not made, the Special Referee will resell said property on the sales day or some subsequent sales day as may appear advantageous. In case the successful bidder should fail to comply with his bid by payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after acceptance of his bid, his deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold on some subsequent sales day without further Order of the Court, at the risk of the purchaser. The purchaser will be required to pay for the deed, documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale through date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.75%.

Since a deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding shall be closed upon the date of sale.

This property is sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. 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.

Haigh Porter, Special Referee
_____, 2018
Florence, South Carolina

(44c3 leave in thru 5-30-18)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to a Judgment granted in the case of Darlington County Habitat for Humanity vs. LaShanda M. Reddick, 2017-CP-16-0694, I will sell at public auction at the Darlington County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Darlington, South Carolina, on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 12:00 O'CLOCK P.M. to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

(Darlington County Tax Parcel 057-06-04-001)

All those certain pieces, parcels or lots of land with the buildings and improvements, thereon, situate, lying and located in the City of Hartsville, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, known as Lot One (1), as is more particularly shown on a plat prepared for Habitat for Humanity by Nesbitt Surveying Company Inc., dated November 19, 2009, recorded in Plat Book 206 at Page 241 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina. For a more accurate description of the said lot mentioned above, reference is made to said plat which is incorporated herein and is made a part of this conveyance by reference thereto.

This being the same property conveyed unto LaShanda M. Reddick by Darlington County Habitat for Humanity dated June 2, 2011, and recorded June 3, 2011, in Deed Book 1062 at Pages 7723-7726, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County.

NOTICE is further given that the successful bidder, other than Plaintiff, at said sale will be required to deposit immediately with the Special Referee an amount equal to five (5%) percent of his bid in cash, and if such deposit is not made, the Special Referee will resell said property on the sales day or some subsequent sales day as may appear advantageous. In case the successful bidder should fail to comply with his bid by payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after acceptance of his bid, his deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold on some subsequent sales day without further Order of the Court, at the risk of the purchaser. The purchaser will be required to pay for the deed, documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale through date of compliance with the bid at the rate of six (6%) percent per annum.

Since a deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding shall be closed upon the date of sale.

This property is sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. If Plaintiff or 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.

C. Heath Ruffner, Special Referee
In Chambers
_____, 2018

(44c3 leave in thru 5-30-18)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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Estate: Ronnie M. Gainey
Date of Death: 4/23/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600244
Personal Representative: Kenneth Kevin Gainey
Address: 1437 Nottingham Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550

(44p3 leave in thru 5-30-18)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Windham Farms, 1040 East Lynches River Road, Lamar, SC 29069, has applied to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for a Groundwater Withdrawal Permit, under the Groundwater Use and Reporting Act, for one (1) proposed and two (2) existing agricultural irrigation wells in Darlington County, SC. The two (2) existing wells are located at N 34.14823, W-80.10147 off Highway 401 and N 34.11744, W-80.07614 off E. Lynches River Road. The proposed well is located approximately N 34.1467 and W-80.1316 off E. Lynches River Road. A proposed groundwater withdrawal rate of 54.7 million gallons per year for all three (3) wells was developed based on calculations of current and future agricultural irrigation requirements.

Additional information concerning this application may be obtained from Andrea Hughes by calling (803) 898-4318 or email at hughesal@dhec.sc.gov. SCDHEC invites and will receive comments on the application until May 10, 2018, at close of business day, 5:00 p.m. EST. Please submit comments to SCDHEC/Bureau of Water, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, Attention: Andrea Hughes. Interested parties wishing to be notified of the final permit decision must make comment on the application and/or make request to receive notice of the final decision and must provide the SCDHEC with a correct name and mailing address.

(45p3 leave in thru 6-06-18)

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Estate: James McDaniel
Date of Death: 1/22/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600248
Personal Representative: Sarah L. McDaniel
Address: 820 Elion Graham Road, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Schubert McKeiver Page
Date of Death: 12/13/2017
Case No: 2018ES1600241
Personal Representative: Della Page King
Address: 117 Coggeshall Road, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Lavinia James Page
Date of Death: 2/08/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600243
Personal Representative: Della Page King
Address: 117 Coggeshall Road, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Millard D. Rogers
Date of Death: 3/31/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600239
Personal Representative: Ronald Thomas Rogers
Address: 310 Elm Street, Lamar, SC 29069

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Estate: Charlie Lester Bynum
Date of Death: 4/07/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600254
Personal Representative: Retha Williamson Bynum
Address: 1216 Pilgrim Drive, Darlington, SC 29540

(45p3 leave in thru 6-06-18)

NOTICE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the following property will have a title applied for in 30 days if the owner does not make claim:

1984 Sant VIN# FS48S2FK3306GA , abandoned at 1925 Amore Drive, Timmonsville, SC 29161 .

Owner to contact Angela Smith, 843-861-8321.

(45p3 leave in thru 6-06-18)

SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LANCASTER
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NO. 2018-CP-29-00460

Founders Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff
vs. Jack F. Crowley, Defendant

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber hereof at his office within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for a judgment by default to be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TO ANY DEFENDANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE OR ANY OTHER PERSONS UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY OR ANY PERSONS KNOWN OR UNKNOWN WHO MAY HAVE A CLAIM OR INTEREST:

You are hereby notified to apply for appointment of a Guardian ad Litem to represent any minor Defendant or any other persons under any legal disability or any persons known or unknown who may have a claim or interest within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you and if you fail, application will be made by the Plaintiff herein for such appointment.

Philip E. Wright
408 North Main Street
Lancaster, SC 29720
(803) 286-4343
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
March 30, 2018

Cause of Action: Collection
Lancaster, South Carolina
To be tried by: Court

(45p3 leave in thru 6-06-18)

DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 2, 2018
6 P.M.
COURTHOUSE ANNEX/EMS BUILDING
1625 HARRY BYRD HIGHWAY (SC HWY 151)
DARLINGTON, SC 29532
843-398-4100
www.darcosc.com

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing held before the Darlington County Council on the date and time above stated to receive comments on the following proposed lease:

Proposed Lease Authorizing The Entry By the County of Darlington, Lessor, Into An Agreement For The Lease Of T-Hangar No. 9 Located At Darlington County Airport, Hangar Access Road, Darlington, South Carolina, For A Term Commencing July 1, 2018 And Ending On June 31, 2023

Anyone wishing to present an opinion on this proposed lease may do so at this time.

Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of handicapped persons attending the meeting upon request. Special assistance requests should be made to J. JaNet Bishop, Clerk to Council, at 843-398-4100, seventy-two hours prior to the scheduled public hearing.

(46c1 leave in thru 5-30-18)

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Estate: Brenda C. Morrell
Date of Death: 3/18/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600218
Personal Representative: Tyrus Ronnie Morrell
Address: 1726 Blueberry Street, Hartsville, SC 29550

(46p3 leave in thru 6-13-18)

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Estate: Fuller Henry King II
Date of Death: 5/07/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600261
Personal Representative: Fuller Henry King III
Address: 4225 Southborough Road, Florence, SC 29501

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Estate: Uldine B. Freeman
Date of Death: 3/22/2018
Case No: 2018ES1600250
Personal Representative: William G. Freeman, Jr.
Address: 1013 Huntington Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550

(46c3 leave in thru 6-13-18)

HOMES FOR SALE

Homes for Sale

119 Sparks Street, Darlington. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, central heat. Fixer upper - good investment property. Formerly rental property. 843-260-7759 46p2

HOMES FOR RENT

Homes For Rent

674 Stanley Circle, 1 Bedroom MICROHOME, Utilities and furnishings included in rent. $425.00 a month. 843-393-7545. 38ctfn

1129 N Main St., 1 bedroom house with utilities included. $475.00/ month 843-393-7545 40ctfn

547 Jessamine St., 2 bedroom house. Fenced in yard. $400.00/ month. 843-393-7545 40ctfn

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

Mobile Homes For Rent

4 bedrooms, 2 bath doublewide mobile home on Jacks Branch Rd. Timmonsville. Lamar School District. Carport for 3 vehicles, 2 storage buildings, large screened-in porch, handicap ramp, 1 acre lot, no pets, no smoking. Rent $890.00/ mo., $1,000.00 deposit. 843-245-2198 or benton-realestate@aol.com 40ctfn

MOBILE HOME LOTS

Mobile Home Lots

Raceway Estates of Darlington, Under New Management, Lot Rent: $150/month, Located off of Harry Byrd Highway, Call 843-319-5284 for more details 5ctfn

ESTATE SALE

Estate Sale

Tuesday, June 5th and Wednesday, June 6th, 10am until 4pm each day. Furniture and other household items; also large tools. 1009 Rogers Road, Darlington, SC

YARD SALE

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Yard Sale

Friday, June 2, 7am-until. 1009 North Main Street. TVs, beds, table & chairs, dressers, sofa, appliances, baker's rack, microwave, snapper riding lawn mower, hammock, bar stools, much more. Rain cancels. 46p1

Saturday, June 2, 7am-until. Darlington Moose Lodge, 1056 North Governor Williams Highway. Indoor yard - come rain or shine! Call 843-393-2311 46p1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lung Cancer? And Age 60+? You And Your Family May Be Entitled To Significant Cash Award. Call 855-664-5681 for information. No Risk. No money out-of-pocket.

Struggling with hearing loss? Call now and claim your Free Caption Phone today! Your calls are captioned Free! Communicate easier with anyone with ClearCaption. Call 877-611-0317 NOW!

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 is the last day to redeem winning tickets in the following South Carolina Education Lottery Instant Games: (SC972) TRIPLE PEPPERMINT 7s, (SC950) LUCKY DIAMONDS, (SC959) $125,000 BONANZA

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DENTAL INSURANCE. Call Physicians Mutual Insurance Company for details. NOT just a discount plan, REAL coverage for 350 procedures. 855-397-7030 or http://www.dental50plus.com/60 Ad#6118

AUCTIONS

AUCTION - Beautiful House - 4 Mobile Homes - 4 +/- Ac. Antiques, Furniture, Glassware & More! Saturday, June 9, 10 AM, 1672 Cox Road, Pamplico, SC. Damon Shortt Auction Group, 877-669-4005. SCAL2346. damonshorttproperties.com.

AUCTION: Fabulous Darlington Custom Home on 6 Acres. Val $350K+-WILL SELL > $199K! On-Line Only, June 9-15. Preview 6/9. Mike Harper 843-729-4996 (SCAL 3728). www.HarperAuctionAndRealty.com for details.

ADVERTISE YOUR AUCTION in 99 S.C. newspapers for only $375. Your 25-word classified ad will reach more than 2.1 million readers. Call Alanna Ritchie at the S.C. Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

HELP WANTED

INSURANCE AUDITOR, Field Trainee, Part-time, local independent, excellent fees. Auditing, Accounting or Insurance background and computing skills required. Early Retirees welcome. Info/Apply www.rtsltd.net or 980-222-7400.

HELP WANTED - DRIVERS

Owner Operators, Drivers, Fleet Owners for DEDICATED Local/Regional routes. Weekly Settlements. Minimum 12 months 48-53' tractor trailer experience. 800-832-7036 ex 1626, cwsapps@ilgi.com. www.cwsdedicated.com

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HELP WANTED - SKILLS & TRADES

Welders: Three D Metal Works has immediate openings for Welders. 5 years working experience or certification. Must be willing to travel. Send resume to: robinc@3dmetalworksinc.com or fax to 843-221-4898

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REAL ESTATE

443 ACRES - McCormick SC, 320 acres fenced pasture, 5 ponds, metal hay shed, 1,600 sq.ft. cabin. 803-260-0344

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NEW LISTINGS

107 Brittain Road. 2 story home with 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,958 sq ft of living area. Den with fireplace, formal living room, formal dining room, kitchen with breakfast area, and 2-car carport. Hardwood flooring. Freshly painted and new light fixtures. **Priced @ $209,900.**

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**
118 Woodcreek Rd - 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,496 sq ft **$184,900.00**
616 W. Smith Ave–3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,461 sq ft**-- $134,900**
1197-G Waxwing Drive, Florence--2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,402 sq ft**– $107,000**
829 Cashua Ferry Rd– 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,010 sq ft**– $94,900**
2759 Cashua Ferry Rd–2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 983 sq feet**– $89,900**
421 Spring St—2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 964 sq ft, **— $49,900**
2381 Green Street Road– 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,937 sq ft**–$59,900**
443 Phillips Street - 792 sq ft 3 bedrooms and 1 bath **– $49,900**
425 Jamestown Ave—1996 21 X 23 mobile home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sits on .46 acres of land**—$39,900**
133 Grove St - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 874 sq ft **- $24,900**

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LAND AND LOTS

50+/- acres on Cashua Ferry Rd–Great land for hunting. Some wetlands. Close to Great Pee Dee River. **$150,000**
44.30 acres Barfield Rd–Mostly wooded. Great place for hunting or building a cabin. **$124,000**
4+/- acres Cashua Ferry Boat Landing at the Great Pee Dee River–Land is located right beside the boat dock. 3 septic tanks and well. SOLD "AS IS" **$100,000**
3539 Gully Branch Rd–2 acre lot with pond and 32 X 32 shop with full kitchen and bathroom. Septic tank and well. **$45,000**
8.20 acres Medford Drive $25,000
621 Delaware River Rd–.47 acre lot, fenced with septic tank. **$13,500**
Lot 1 Great Pee Dee River–Little over 1/2 acre lot. Water frontage. **$12,000**
Lot 9 Great Pee Dee River–Little over 1/2 acre lot. Water frontage. **$12,000**
Lot 10 Great Pee Dee River–Little over 1/2 acre lot. Water frontage. **$12,000**
Lot 11 Great Pee Dee River–Little over 1/2 acre lot. Water frontage. **$12,000**
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**
Lot 56 Kent Avenue–1 acre, mobile home allowed **$9,000**
motivated seller make an offer
Lot 19 Jamestown Ave–Mobile home allowed .46 acres **$7,500**
Lot 21 Jamestown Ave–Mobile home allowed .46 acres **$7,500**

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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**

Mobile home park located off Billy Farrow Hwy. 8.14 acres of land with 24 mobile home lots. Each lot has a septic tank and Darlington County meter base. 7 mobile homes will convey with the property. If you are looking for a great investment that is generating income this is the property for you. **Priced @ $249,000. Call today to get more information on this property.**

To view these properties visit www.pamsherrill.net

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Appraiser CR-2868
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Local business supports life-saving app

Belk Funeral Homehas announced that they have invested back into the community in order to promote the saving of lives. They recognized a very unique opportunity to assist local first responders through a marketing initiative that could help save lives. The funeral home asks that you download the Vital ICE (In Case of Emergency) app, from either the Apple App Store or Google Play, for your smart phone and enter in their code: #2824. Belk Funeral Home is making this potentially life-saving app available for free to download in the community as a way of showing their gratitude for allowing them to serve you. They ask that you please take just a few minutes to download the Vital ICE app and fill in the information so that you are prepared in case of an emergency. This app is available to the entire community so do not pass up this great life-saving opportunity. Questions about the app can be answered at www.vitalboards.com/vitalice.

In the event of an emergency, first responders can use the Vital ICE app to retrieve the user's vital information. This information can then be easily taken on the ambulance to the hospital, or sent directly to the hospital from the Vital ICE app, where ER staff can further access this critical information. Remember, time is of the essence when saving lives.

Odom's Mini Storage
1009 N. Main St.
Darlington, SC
393-1327 or 393-9071

Mosquito-borne viruses emerge in spring as a threat to S.C. horses

A five-milligram mosquito can slay a 1,000-pound horse in a matter of days. All it needs is the right virus.

But with your help, the horse can survive the attack. All you need is the right vaccine — at the right time.

Now's the time.

"Last year in South Carolina, we had 10 cases of West Nile Virus in horses and another nine of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)," said Sean Eastman, director of field services for the Animal Health Programs branch of Clemson University Livestock-Poultry Health.

"These diseases have a very high mortality rate in exposed, unvaccinated horses — between 30 and 40 percent for West Nile and 90 percent for EEE," Eastman said. "With the emergence of mosquitoes and the appearance of these viruses in nearby states, proper vaccination for horses is essential."

West Nile and EEE are transmitted to horses by mosquitoes, often the black-tailed mosquito, Culiseta melanura, which is a scourge from Maine to Mexico. Reducing mosquito populations around the farm is a good first step, but only vaccination can prevent the disease from developing once a tiny infected assassin buzzes into the barn.

Livestock-Poultry Health, a regulatory arm of Clemson's Public Service and Agriculture unit, recommends at least annual vaccinations for both Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and rabies in consultation with the owner's veterinarian. A diagnosis or symptoms suggesting any of these diseases are required to be reported to the state veterinarian's office within 48 hours.

"These diseases can quickly get out of hand if we don't vaccinate horses," said Boyd Parr, state veterinarian and Livestock-Poultry Health director. "The best defense is for owners to maintain current equine vaccinations for their horses."

Although tetanus is not among the required "reportable diseases," Parr and Eastman highly recommend that horses be vaccinated for tetanus at the same time.

"The first thing they showed us in veterinary school was a video of people who had contracted rabies. I guarantee you, if you'd ever seen that video you would have your horse vaccinated immediately," Eastman said. "And EEE is a quickly progressing disease, but it's preventable with a vaccine. It's not a hard thing to do."

The Palmetto State has made progress in combatting these common equine diseases. In 2013, South Carolina led the nation with 49 cases of EEE in horses, 48 of which died. The numbers have come down gradually, but the state isn't out of the woods yet.

"When I was a commercial veterinarian I would ask my customers, would you like to pay $40 now or several thousand to treat your horse later and hope the treatment works," said Eastman, who now directs Livestock-Poultry Health animal health inspectors who routinely visit sale barns across the state. "It honestly may come down to a choice between a dead horse or spending $40 to keep him safe."

EEE symptoms

Although people are not immune, Eastern Equine Encephalitis is a rare illness in humans, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Most people infected will show no apparent illness, but severe cases begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills and vomiting. It can be fatal. People who are concerned should contact their physicians, Parr said.

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

West Nile symptoms

Most people infected with the West Nile virus, the CDC says, do not show signs of it at all. The rest, about 20 percent, may develop a fever with other symptoms, such as headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash, but most will recover completely, though weakness and fatigue may linger.

A small number, about 1 in 150, develop a severe illness that affects the central nervous system, such as encephalitis or meningitis. About 10 percent of those will die, according to the CDC.

In horses, West Nile infection often produces flu-like signs, including depression and mild anorexia; occasional drowsiness; skin sensitivity and brief, spontaneous contractions of fine and coarse muscle and skin tissue; changes in mental activity, such as lack of attention; weakness and the loss of control of body movements, such as propulsive walking or pushing forward.

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

Information on animal diseases and reporting requirements can be found on the Livestock-Poultry Health website, www.clemson.edu/lph.

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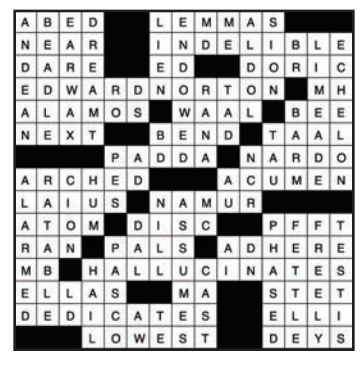
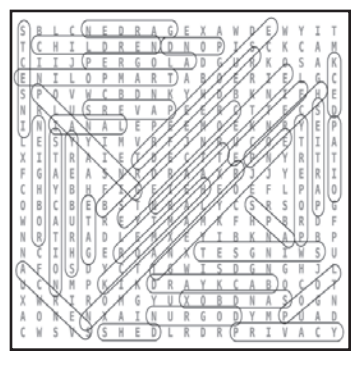




Trinity-Byrnes students honored during award ceremony

Students, faculty and staff, and parents filled the Sonoco gymnasium on the campus of Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School on Monday, May 21 to celebrate the academic achievements of the 2017-2018 student body.

The top graduates for the class of 2018 are:

- Honor graduates - Stephen Josey and Bang Tran
- Salutatorian - Adam Cheng
- Valedictorians - Eddie Buckhouse and Bennet Joyce

The 2018 Junior Marshals and Ushers are chosen for their outstanding academic achievement and grade point average. Serving in the graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 26 will be:

- Marshals: Harrison Corns, Taylor Cunningham, Joseph Desser, Ben Naso, Sam Smith, Madeline Tuck
- Ushers: Trae Buck, Rachael Dauksch, Grayson Jeffords, Carson S. Munn, Morgan Terry, Kayla Winnie

The assembly began with awards students had earned in the community. The Susan Johnson Memorial Award, given to a senior pursuing a career in the medical field by Darlington Presbyterian Church, went to Eden Wallace. Nucor awarded a renewable scholarship of $3,500 to Javontay Robinson. Ryan Florio, founder of the K24 Foundation, presented a check for $500 to Kathleen O'Connor in memory of her son, Justin O'Connor, a member of the class of 2018 who passed away last summer. The yearbook staff also presented a yearbook to Mrs. O'Connor in dedication of Justin.

Academic teams and student leaders were acknowledged for their roles in continuing a high level of academic standards and leadership at Trinity-Byrnes.

Latin students received top scores on the National Mythology exam, National Creative Writing contest, and the National Greek exam. Ninety-five percent of the Trinity-Byrnes students who take Latin earn honors on these exams.

The SCISA George Grice Award honors Dr. George Grice, who was a founding member of the South Carolina Independent School Association. In recognition of Grice's contributions to independent education in South Carolina, SCISA awards a George Grice 8th Grade Scholar certificate. Eighth-graders must score at or above 90 percent on any one of the reading or math subtests of the Stanford Achievement Test and be recommended by the head of school. The TBCS George Grice recipients are: James Bagwell, Maya Chokshi, Caulder Christian, Joe Commander, Gracie Corns, McKenzie Davis, Emiliano Figueroa, Abigail Greenwood, Jacqueline Herbert, Penelope Kremydas, Maddie Lowe, Hampton Munn, Maggie Murrell, Dylan Odin, Claire Peebles, Cate Phipps, Helen Player, Cooper Poston, Jennifer Rials, Carsyn Ridgeway, Sami Rosi, Hugh Runyan, Pearce Scott, Chris Stephens, Josh Sturgis, Barbara Urban, and Amelia Whitehead.

60,581 students nationally were identified by the Duke Tip Talent search this year. Of those 17,466 achieved high enough scores for individual state recognition. Drew Jeffords is one of the 763 in South Carolina to receive this recognition.

The South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) awards graduating Seniors who have a cumulative numerical grade average of 92 or above and a minimum of 24 on the ACT or 1100 on the SAT (math and verbal only). Almost 45 percent of the class of 2018 earned this distinction.

They are: Vanessa Brown, Eddie Buckhouse, Adam Cheng, Georgia Clark, Shea Gregg, Gresham Hindman, Lizzie Johnston, Stephen Josey, Bennett Joyce, Lanie Kirby, Eric Liang, Amy Maistros, Mary Catherine Mitchell, Carson Munn, Colby Poston, John Saverance, Raffy Sto. Domingo, Jake Swartz, Bang Chi Tran, Eden Wallace, Rachel Warr, Kera Wayne, Simeon Zammitt, and Selina Zhang.

Members of the junior class who met an individual college's declared minimum GPA and standardized test scores by a specific date won Junior Fellows and Scholars awards. They are:

- Columbia College – Taylor Cunningham, Rachel Dauksch, Grayson Jeffords, and Morgan Terry.
- Lander University Junior Fellow– Miles Blum, Trae Buck, Taylor Cunningham, Joseph Desser, and Sam Smith.
- Wofford Scholar – Ethan Beasley, Andrew Bernhardt, Miles Blum, Harrison Corns, Carson S. Munn, Ben Naso, and Madeline Tuck.
- Presbyterian College – Ethan Beasley, Andrew Bernhardt, Trae Buck, Harrison Corns, Taylor Cunningham, Joseph Desser, Ben Naso, Madeline Tuck, Sam Smith, Grant Winstead.
- Converse College Junior Scholar – Madison Collins, Ragan Swartz, Hope Wilberger, and Kayla Winnie.
- Furman University – Ethan Beasley, Andrew Bernhardt, Harrison Corns, and Ben Naso.

Faculty members announced awards in each subject. Winners have not only exceptional grades but are also the most engaged and serve as great ambassadors for the subject.

The announcement of special awards followed the distribution of academic honors.

- The Loyalty, Honor, and Perseverance Award is nominated and voted on by the school faculty. This award goes to an eighth-grade girl and boy who best exemplify our school motto. This year the recipients are Helen Player and Joe Commander.
- Students earning more than 125 hours of community service, both on and off campus, demonstrate a student's ability to go above and beyond the required 15 hours per year that Trinity-Byrnes requires. It is a true representation of heart and commitment and service to others. This year's recipients are: Luke Baker, Harrison Corns, Grayson Jeffords, Chandler Jordan, Stephen Josey, William Lynn, and Saviah Miller.
- The Titan award, selected by the faculty, recognizes a student who has shown maturity and exceptional personal growth throughout the school year. The 2018 winner is junior Shamar Byrd.
- The Faculty Award is given to students, usually members of the Junior class, who best represent the mission of Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School. The winners are Carson S. Munn and Madeline Tuck.
- The Mr. Ed Hoffman award is given to Juniors who are welcoming and who promote Trinity-Byrnes throughout the school year. Miles Blum, Henry Brunson, Tymere Ervin, William Lynn, Sam Smith, Ragan Swartz, Morgan Terry, Bethany Weatherford, Kayla Winnie, Angeline Yuan, Micaelis Zhang, and John Zou.
- Special recognition for senior students who have served Trinity-Byrnes in a number of ways, with a positive attitude received the Headmaster's award. Seniors who were recognized are: Georgia Clark, Ryan Frierson, Terence Mack, Colby Poston, Rachel Warr, and Edison Zhai.
- The final award, The Trinity-Byrnes Award, goes to the "best all around" seniors including attitude, character, and academic focus. Voted on by the faculty, the award for 2017-2018 goes to Kera Wayne and Eddie Buckhouse.

Top Honors students Bang Tran, Stephen Josey, Adam Cheng, Eddie Buckhouse, Bennett Joyce

Trinity-Byrnes Latin students

Javontay Robinson receives the Nucor Scholarship from Jack Morris, a representative from Nucor.

Catherine Templeton selects Walt Wilkins as running mate

Republican gubernatorial candidate Catherine Templeton announced Upstate solicitor Walt Wilkins as her running mate.

In the first election where South Carolinians will vote for governor and lieutenant governor as a ticket, Templeton says Wilkins brings valuable experience as a prosecutor where the state needs it most.

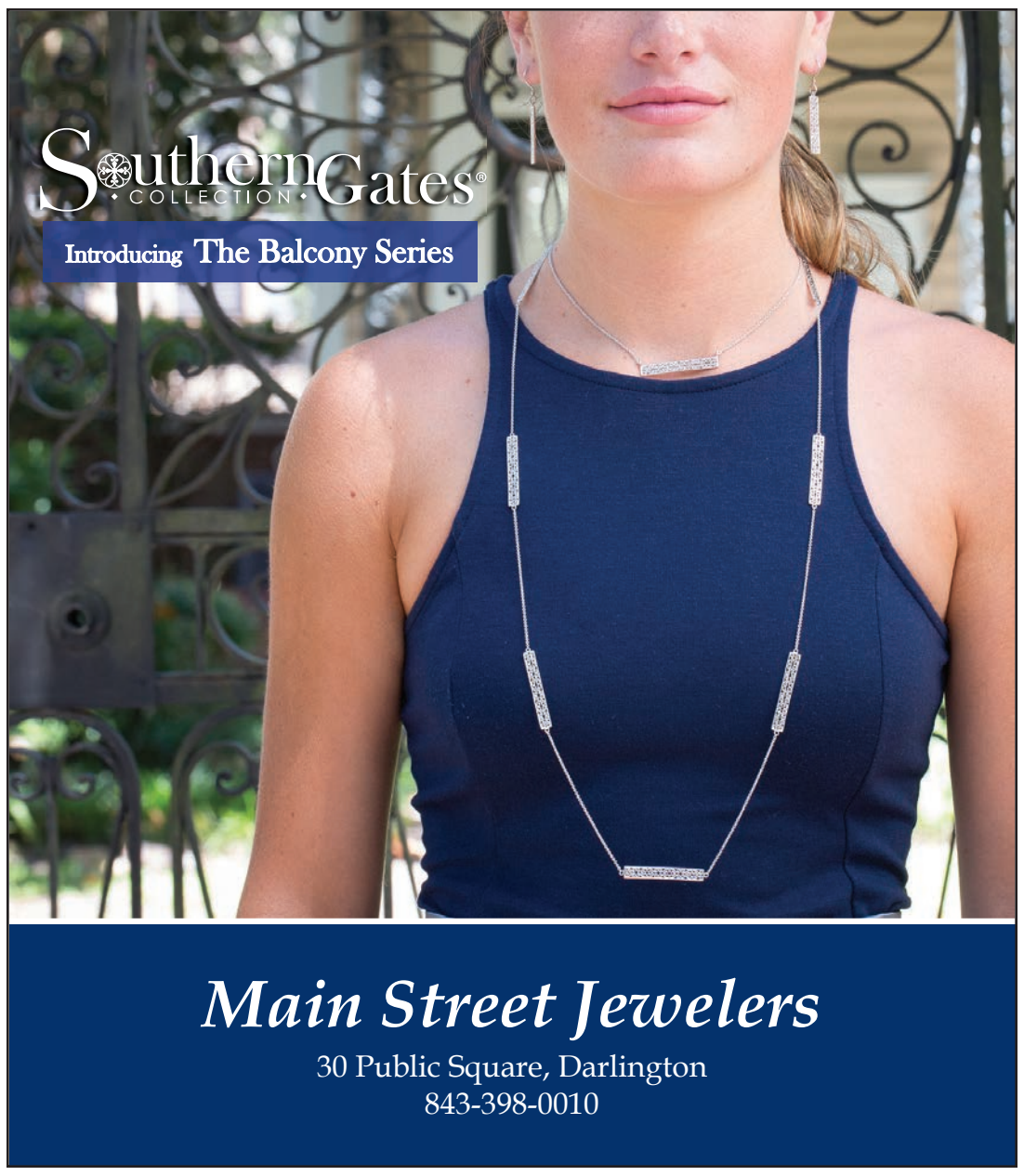
"Two of our state's top problems are corruption and crime," said Templeton. "Walt's wheelhouse is all of the very important things that keep us safe in South Carolina, and we're going to work in partnership on those things."

Wilkins, 44, is a Greenville native and previously served as Assistant U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina before being elected Thirteenth District Solicitor. Throughout his career, Wilkins helped infiltrate and dismantle some of South Carolina's most violent gangs including the Crips, Bloods, MS13, and the Latin Kings; prosecuted and helped deport hundreds of illegal immigrants; participated in the largest illegal immigration raid in South Carolina history; and oversaw the prosecution and imprisonment of convicted radical Islamic terrorist Abdullah al-Muhajir.

Templeton said Wilkins will act as a "crime and corruption czar" in her administration. "Walt doesn't owe anybody anything," Templeton said. "Walt is the law-and-order candidate who can come in and actually crush public corruption."

Templeton is making her first run for public office. She was one of the first people former Gov. Nikki Haley asked to join her in making it "a great day in South Carolina." Templeton served as Secretary of Labor at the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, and later was director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control under Haley. Templeton's time in those positions earned her the nickname of "buzzsaw" for doing what others had been unable to accomplish: cutting reams of red tape, firing scores of entrenched bureaucrats, and saving South Carolina taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

In late 2016, President Donald Trump called Templeton to Trump Tower to discuss a position in his administration. Templeton was described as a "triple threat" by Trump's team for her record of proven accomplishments and reforms.

Now, Templeton is ready to take her "buzzsaw" to all of state government as governor. And she said Walt Wilkins is the perfect partner for helping implement her conservative vision.

"We represent a new generation of conservative leadership," said Templeton. "We're willing to take on the good old boys and the corrupt establishment. We won't back down."