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

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Neptune Island's first season drawing to close

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As Hartsville's Neptune Island Water Park concludes its first season at the end of September, city staffers and park employees are reflecting on a wildly successful debut – with over 60,000 park guests this summer – and planning ways to make next year even better.

Building on the success of the Piratesville Splashpad,

which opened in 2013, the city announced plans for a full-scale water park in spring of 2017. In short order, the project was moving full speed ahead, and Hartsville City Council approved a bond referendum financing the \$8.5 million park expansion.

Karen Caulder, City of Hartsville finance director and Neptune Island department head and Jordan Braddock, City of Hartsville and Neptune Island marketing and events coordinator, took lead on the project. They attended a water

park conference last fall to learn the A to Z of planning and operations, and Caulder did extensive research to find the right vendors and construction company to pull everything together. She feels fortunate that the city teamed with Trident Construction of Charleston, because the company's hard work got the park finished a mere 217 days after the November 3 groundbreaking, despite several weeks of heavy spring rains.

"It was just days and days of pumping out water (from the

site) to continue moving forward with the water park," Caulder recalls.

Despite the wet weather delays, the park was completed in time for its June 18 opening day, and the crowds showed up in unexpectedly high numbers. With a capacity of 1,300 people, the park filled up faster than anyone anticipated.

"We were all in shock that we got to a one-in, one-out situation on the first Saturday," says Caulder.

She notes that the park was

soon seeing over 2,000 people on an average Saturday, with many visiting from out of town or even out of state. Guests were asked for their zip codes to confirm how far they traveled to visit Neptune Island.

Season passes went like hotcakes, with over 4,000 sold for the first season. These unlimited visit plans sell for \$54.99 (with discounts for Hartsville residents) and include three free 'bring a friend' passes.

Daily admissions are \$17.99 for those over 48 inches tall

(no height restrictions, anyone can use all park attractions), and \$15.99 for those shorter than 48 inches. Kids age 2 and under are admitted free with a one-time purchase of a swim diaper cover for \$9.99.

Guests enjoyed several fun and exciting park features, like the quarter mile-long lazy river, a zero entry pool, a wave pool, a speed body slide, a pair of tubular water slides and three mat racing slides.

WATERPARK ON 3A



Darlington County Recreation director Lee Andrews (left) and athletic director Brantley Jett invite football fans back to Virgil Wells Stadium. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES.

Virgil Wells Stadium prepares for youth football season

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Since Darlington City Council purchased Virgil Wells Stadium and the accompanying ball field and tennis courts from the Darlington County School District in March, several improvements have been made and more are on the way.

For years after the 1995

merger of Mayo High and St. John's High schools into Darlington High, Virgil Wells Stadium – named after the legendary Golden Bears football coach – was largely neglected and fell into disrepair. The city invested about \$75,000 in 2011 to make repairs, and kicked in another \$69,000 for lights in 2014.

Now with the addition of new goal posts and a score-

board, more bleachers, a repaired and painted cinder block wall, and plans to add new gates, restrooms, and upgraded concessions, the old stadium is looking pretty great, especially under those bright lights.

The playing surface itself boasts a handsome and hardy stand of turf, which Darlington County Recreation director Lee Andrews says is

better than many high school fields.

"When they did the field, Clemson University actually came in and helped with the crowning of the field and planting of the grass. Even with no rain here lately, this field is better than just about any football field around here," Andrews said.

VIRGIL ON 3A



Council moves ahead with EDA grant

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With a new vacuum truck online, the citizens of Darlington are beginning to see some improvement to storm water issues around the city. During the September 4 council meeting, one of those citizens thanked council for what they have been doing.

"Some of you may remember me...I have the storm water problem on West Broad Street," said Rose Pruitt. "I am here tonight to thank each and every one of you for making that attempt to really get a hold of the storm water issues in Darlington. Clearly, I am not the only location that has those issues. That fine new vac truck that you've got is doing a really good job. Of course we haven't had rain in four weeks so we won't really know how much it's helped, but, we are hope-

ful." Pruitt said that because there have been improvements the city needs to use the momentum to push forward.

"We've had a hundred years of storm water systems that have been neglected," Pruitt said. "It is really going to take an effort to clear that out because it is one big interconnected system. I know at my location they ran into some issues. They'd clear out twenty feet and then it would be totally blocked. There are probably going to be some requests before you in not too long, if they haven't come already, for some additional equipment for that truck to maybe help bore out some of that material. I hope that you'll look favorably on that. I am really here tonight to thank you for making that effort; I really appreciate it."

COUNCIL ON 3A

Seniors learn to outsmart scammers

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If you have a phone, you have probably received a call from a scammer. All over the world, unscrupulous people employed at scam phone banks work day and night placing calls to potential victims, and they often target vulnerable persons like senior citizens. To gird seniors against this threat, Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center hosted a seminar where guests learned how to identify and thwart these criminals.

Financial advisor Brandon Downey of Edward Jones discussed several of the most effective current scams and ran through example scenarios with the seniors.

"The people who do these scams are just evil...they can be individuals or work in call centers and they spend their time trying to fool people and steal from them," Downey said.

He explained that most calls begin with an attention grabber, like a plea for help from a grandchild in trouble, or a claim that you owe back taxes or legal fines. Once you're alarmed and your judgment is impaired by panic, the callers ask for – or



demand – money. They instruct you to go to your bank and wire funds to an account number, or go online and send a gift card to an email address.

Downey outlined popular scams like the phony IRS call, where the caller claims you failed to pay your taxes and you will be arrested unless you settle this debt immediately.

"Remember, the IRS does not collect debts over the phone," Downey said, noting that genuine Internal Revenue Service matters are handled through more traditional and reliable channels, like registered and certified mail.

He spoke about the fake grandchild scam, where callers dupe seniors into thinking that a

beloved relative is in hot water and needs a quick and discreet bailout from grandma or grandpa. Downey advised that you should never reflexively wire money to someone without carefully verifying their identity. Those few moments you spend calling around to check on your real grandchild could save you a lot of money.

Scammers also pretend to be collection agents trying to collect on debts they claim you owe, and these fake collection agency calls can be among the most intimidating and aggressive. Thwarting them can be as simple as requesting their phone number so your attorney or law enforcement officers can speak with them about these alleged

debts.

Other frauds to watch out for: the long-distance relationship scam, where a vulnerable person (like a widow or widower) is plied with romantic gestures and then hit up for money; the sweepstakes scam, where the caller claims you have won a valuable prize but must first pay taxes or delivery charges to receive this imaginary bounty; and the inheritance scam, where you have allegedly inherited something from an unknown wealthy relative, but must first pay taxes, fees, or a security deposit before receiving your fabulous – and fictitious – bequest.

SCAMMERS ON 3A

Local representatives give legislative update during Issues Breakfast

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On August 31, the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce hosted an Issues Breakfast with Representative Robert Williams, Senator Gerald Malloy and Speaker of the SC House of Representatives Jay Lucas.

During the breakfast, the three members of the local delegation talked about upcoming political issues in South Carolina as well as issues that are nearing resolution.

Representative Williams spoke about several bills dealing with issues that are part of the conversation around the nation, including law enforcement misconduct and education.

"House bill 3146, is for a proposed amendment to the South Carolina constitution that the State Superintendent of Education would be appointed by the governor," Williams said. "Based on that

legislation, and upon the advise of the Senate, rather than elected by the state voters the proposed constitution amendment will be placed before the voters as a ballot question at the next general election."

In November, current SC Secretary of Education Molly Spearman will be on the ballot for re-election. Voters will also have a referendum on the ballot, having their say on whether voters elect the Education Secretary after this election.

Williams said that both the House and the Senate have taken up the issue.

"Senate Bill 27 was also approved to establish qualifications for the office of the State Superintendent relating to the educational attainment and professional experience and to make provision for the position to be appointed such as voters approve by the constitutional amendment," he said.

BREAKFAST ON 3A



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Word of the Week

quiddity: 1 : whatever makes something the type that it is : essence
2 a : a trifling point : quibble
b : an unusual personal opinion or habit : eccentricity

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OP-ED Test your memory and reveal your age. Do you remember when?

By Bill Shepard

1. You purchased gas, and the attendant would wash your windshield, check your oil, and sweep out the floor of your car free?
2. The ice-man delivered ice to your refrigerator, after seeing a sign in the window as to how much, that is if you were lucky enough to own a refrigerator?
3. When iced tea was served only in the summer

time, and Sundays only?

4. You had credit without a card and without interest?
5. Cars came in black only, later you were given a choice of blue, then green?
6. A pair of men's socks cost a nickel, and a tie was a dime?
7. When the IRS was unheard of?
8. When you wore the same pair of shoes on Sunday that you wore all week? When a hole appeared in the sole, you covered it with a stik-on patch?
9. The milkman delivered milk to your door, left it sitting on the porch, after picking up the empty bottle with the money in it, five cents for a pint, ten cents for a quart?
10. You could buy a good pair of jeans for forty-nine cents and a matching chambray shirt for thirty-nine cents?
11. When beef steak was fifteen cents a pound and a loaf of bread cost a nickel?
12. When gasoline was fifteen cents a gallon; a quart of oil was a dime?
13. When if you got in

trouble at school, you were in trouble at home, without a question?

14. The doctor made house calls and treated your illness without referring you to a specialist, and the bill was affordable?
15. You slept three to the bed and two beds to the room or more?
16. When the wash tub and the bath tub was one and the same?
17. When Dad's razor strap was used for more than just honing his razor?
18. When loafbread and mayonnaise were luxuries at Sunday's dinner?
19. You could go to the movies for a dime and stay all day if you wanted to?
20. The silent movies; if you couldn't read you were in trouble?
21. Playing marbles for keeps was considered a sin, certainly against the rule?
22. Coco-Cola was called dope, habit forming, sinful to drink?
23. T-Model Fords (used) sold for twenty dollars, a good milk cow could be

bought for fifteen dollars?

24. Nobody went to town on Sunday, except maybe to window shop?
25. White bacon was two-cents a pound (called "fat-back")?
26. A new car cost less than five hundred dollars, a good used one could be had for fifty dollars?
27. A farmer paid twenty cents a hundred pounds to have his cotton picked?
28. You worked in the tobacco field for five cents per hour?
29. You pulled fodder for one cent a bundle, putting 5 hand-ties to each bundle?
30. Do you even know what fodder is?
31. When people were turned out of church for not measuring to the teachings?
32. When preachers preached against sin, weren't afraid to preach about hell, oops! the H word?
33. When Indian head pennies were as plentiful in Sunday School as George Washington bills are today?
34. The war years of the forties when everything was rationed, shoes, sugar, gas, etc.?
35. When a man's handshake was as good as a contract?
36. When you slept at night with your doors unlocked?
37. When you could buy 5 Hershey kisses for a penny, and RC Colas for a nickel?
38. Good hoop cheese was twenty cents a pound, and saltine crackers were a dime a pound box?
39. When you saw oranges only at Christmas, if you didn't live in Florida?
40. When your power bill was less than a dollar a month?
41. Lights hung from the ceiling in each room?
42. Dr. Pepper first came out -slogan 10-2-and-4, find three tops with those numbers and win a thousand dollars. Did anyone ever?
43. Popsicle sticks had FREE printed on some of them? The person lucky enough to get one, received a free popsicle at the store where it was purchased.
44. How many of the following cowboys to you remember seeing? Hoot Gibson, Ken Maynard, Bob Steele, Tex Ritter, Tim McCoy, Buck Jones, everyone's favorites- John Wayne, Gene Autrey and of course don't leave out Hop A.long.
45. When the bathroom was any room in the house with a tin tub sitting in it? The toilet was outside of the house.
46. When toilet paper and newspaper were one and the same?
47. When you could purchase a house for ten dollars a month, furnish it for one dollar a month?

--Bill Shepard

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Down South: The John de la Howe School

A Story About Change

By Tom Poland

When I first heard that aristocratic four-word name, "John de la Howe," I sensed something monumental, a nobleman, perhaps. Later, I heard of the John de la Howe School, not just John de la Howe as locals referred to it. A school for orphans it was, and members of my Georgia church collected Christmas gifts for them. I was glad my church was helping children without homes. John de la Howe was, indeed, noble.

Then I grew up, and the winds of fate blew me deep into the blazing Midlands of South Carolina. Later, another wind blew me into the world of books, magazines, and newspapers, and I underwent a metamorphosis. A desire to better know this region consumed me and I can tell you the one thing that is as true as the sky is blue. Things change.

The first time I stood by John de la Howe's walled, roofless grave, a tree grew up through it. The roof collapsed I thought. Later, I learned his will decreed it have no roof. The second time I stood by his grave, I sensed why it had no roof. Any seed that might drift in stood a chance of growing. The man believed in giving things a chance to grow, and among those things were the homeless seeds of humanity—orphans. He envisioned an agricultural education for them, and on the heavy iron door to his sepulcher you'll see the embossed words "Agriculturalis Seminar." He

saw it through.

Well, what we know about the man is this. Dr. John de la Howe immigrated to Charleston in 1760 and began a medical practice. He bought land in the Abbeville District, part of which is now McCormick County, and established a farm and home in the wilderness. His will decreed that his estate become an agricultural seminary, a home where orphans could acquire a pragmatic education and skills useful over a lifetime. The years rolled by, decades rolled by, and the John de la Howe School educated thousands of children. And it did something else. It gave young people whose families could not or would not care for them a home. (Hear them tell their story, and you may need a tissue.) They grew up and met success in agriculture, the military, business, education, and fields beyond the green acres of farmland. Mission accomplished.

Blissfully ignorant I was. Growing up on the border, I traveled South Carolina's graveled roads as a young man and all I remember is piney woods isolation and cold beers from a juke joint, which burned. For two summers in the late 1960s I worked at Georgia's Elijah Clark State Park, which sits on Clarks Hill Lake across from South Carolina. I was one of the garbage men. We went from campsite to campsite on a Massey Ferguson tractor pulling a wooden trailer. We'd empty trashcans into the trailer and dump it in a trench in backwoods and set it afire. Now and

then, for lunch, we garbage men would leave dry Lincoln County for icy red cans of Carling Black Label we could legally buy in Bordeaux. With beers and chilidogs in a greasy paper sack, we'd head toward Georgia and eat our lunch on the South Carolina side at a picnic spot no longer there. We'd sit and eat and sip, oblivious to the deep history that surrounded us.

The eyes of the man see things differently. Today, historical markers hold more interest than beer signs. And on Gettys Road you'll see a marker, "John de la Howe School," the oldest state institution in South Carolina and the second oldest in the Carolinas. Those in the know recognize it as America's oldest manual training foundation. Hold onto that thought as I tell you what surrounds this school's 1,310 acres. Indians, pioneers, and French Huguenots walked this land.

Not that far as the crow flies, on February 1, 1760, 100

Cherokee warriors killed twenty-three settlers, the Long Cane Massacre, tragic outcome of a boundary dispute. From here, a few backward twists and turns will spirit you to Badwell Cemetery, the resting place of the French Huguenot Petigru family. You'll not forget the inscription on a four-sided white marble marker of a woman who died at 25. "Her sun went down while it was yet day," Jeremiah 15:9.

Drive to nearby Mount Carmel and step into desolation. In the late 1880s it was a bustling railroad town but time would forget Mount Carmel. The Great Depression, the boll weevil's devastation of cotton, a fire, and a thing called the automobile did in Mount Carmel. I love Mount Carmel and its boarded up, beautiful churches and homes, for here, fate bequeaths us remnants of bygone glory days.

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Waterpark

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Braddock says she heard from many water park guests who had a blast on the slides and floated the day away on the lazy river. Caulder says kids particularly loved the mat racer slide, where three friends could race each other to the splashdown pool.

“Personally, my favorite thing is the little buzzer that goes off at the wave pool before the waves start. The kids just squeal when they hear that buzzer... when I sit there and watch those faces light up, I love it,” says Caulder.

“We do have a ‘no running’ rule, but when the kids hear that buzzer they just take off,” adds Braddock.

Caulder says that she and Braddock and the water park team have learned a lot in the first season, ranging from proper maintenance of equipment to guest relations to the impact of good social media campaigns. They plan to take all of these lessons to heart and use that information to make next season even more fun for park guests – whether that entails offering more umbrellas and fountain drink stations or providing more

opportunities for group outings.

“I want to add more events at the park, because we saw such great turnout for events such as the Mermaid Mondays, the specials like Twilight Hours, so I’d like to focus on more events and special weeks and capitalize on groups like the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts,” says Braddock.

“Another area that we’re learning more about is food and beverage, and I’m interested to see how we can improve that. We take feedback extremely serious, so we review all the comments we receive online, both good and bad, and we take it to heart,” says Caulder.

Neptune Island Water Park is located at 1109 S. 14th Street in Hartsville. To learn more about the park’s attractions, prices, and schedule, visit them online at www.neptuneisland.com or call 843-951-9400.

Scammers

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Phony charities are very popular phone scams, too, so it’s safer to handle your charitable donations by mail or through a charity’s official website. And when you’re online, never click on a link in an email if you’re unsure where the link leads – it could result in a scammer taking control of your computer and demanding ransom to unlock your system.

If you’re suspicious of a link, copy and paste it into <https://wheregoes.com>, a site that will trace the origin of any web address so you can be sure it’s genuine and not a false front for thieves.

Downey also pointed out that everyone needs to check their credit report at least once a year to make sure the information is accurate and to guard against identity theft.

Even though this Carolina Pines seminar focused on pro-

tecting seniors, a recent report by the Federal Trade Commission indicated that millennials reported losing money to financial scams more than any other age group. The FTC reports that persons age 20 to 29 report average losses of just over \$400, while seniors who are scammed lose an average of \$1,000.

In the past year, the FTC received 2.7 million reports of attempted scams, with 1.1 million frauds committed for total losses of \$905 million. The lesson here? Everyone should be on guard against phone scams, regardless of age.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of such fraud, contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-382-4357 or go to www.ftc.gov.

Virgil

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The stadium has a lot of history for local football fans who remember watching clashes between the Mayo Golden Bears and the SJH Blue Devils, and Darlington County Rec is counting on that history bringing fans back to Virgil Wells to support the upcoming youth football season.

“The Pee Dee Vikings (semi-pro football) team has been using this as a home

field, and the neighborhood has responded well. They’ve come out to support them, and I don’t expect it to be any different when the kids play here. They’re going to have a good time,” Andrews said.

Opening day for Darlington County Recreation youth football is September 15 and games are being scheduled now.

“This year, we’ve got about 140 kids playing on nine teams. We’ll play Bishopville, Lamar, and Hartsville on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and some

Saturdays. Most of the games will start at six and seven every night, and admission is free, so please come on out and support the kids,” said Brantley Jett, athletic director for Darlington County Recreation.

Make plans now to attend the Opening Day Ceremony for the 2018 youth football season and enjoy some exciting and fun gridiron action at one of Darlington County’s most historic sports venues.

“We’re going to invite members of Virgil Wells’ family and some people who

were important to the Mayo program, to observe the history, and we’re going to try to make it a big day,” Andrews said.

Virgil Wells Stadium is located at 100 Magnolia Street in Darlington. For more on Darlington County Recreation’s youth sports programs, visit them on Facebook or call 843-398-4030.

Council

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In other business, council revisited a vote for a Rural Infrastructure Grant. In a previous meeting, council members gave their approval to Davis & Brown Inc. to apply for a grant on the city’s behalf for the Joe Louis Lift Station. The vote on who to give the Rural Infrastructure Grant writing to was split, but the majority voted in favor of Davis & Brown. During the Sept. 4 meeting, council learned that a better grant was available through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). If the city were to be awarded the EDA grant they could take care of more of the city’s pump stations, not just the Joe Louis lift station.

“I talked to the state EDA Director and she said that there was \$147 million dollars available in the Southeastern United States,” said City Manager Howard Garland. “EDA money is usually tied to job creation but this money is not. The grant is an 80/20 match and there is no limit as to what you can apply for. As it stands right now, the staff recommendation is that we put in for the EDA grant instead of applying for the RIA simply because there is a larger pot of money available for the EDA grant.”

After some discussion over the fine points of the EDA and RIA grants, council voted to instruct the city manager to pursue the EDA grant, trying to tie four lift stations together, and withdraw the RIA grant.

The application needs to be submitted by the middle of October.

During the council comment portion of the meeting, councilwoman Carolyn Bruce read a letter addressing information being spread on social media about her.

“It has always been, and will continue to be, my intent to do what I believe is best for the City of Darlington. I will continue to review information, ask questions, research and make my decision carefully after doing such. In the last several weeks, there has been false accusations made against me by both citizens and, sadly, some members of council. Tonight I stand before you to set the record straight. After the vote on August 15, 2018 of 4 to 3 to award Davis & Brown the RIA grant, I was approached in a

very aggressive way by someone who questioned my vote and basically expressed her total disappointment...Also, someone who is not a citizen of Darlington took to Facebook and accused me of voting against a black female-owned engineering firm and being paid off. Let me set the record straight, Lathan Consulting, LLC is not a black female-owned engineering firm, nor is Lathan Consulting, LLC licensed to perform any engineering projects in the City of Darlington. It is just what it says, a consulting firm. As I stated earlier, I take my role as Mayor Pro Tem very seriously and I am not bought nor paid for by anyone.”

Breakfast

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One Senate bill was devised to help protect elderly and at-risk people from being scammed.

“This bill deals with criminal and civil penalties for defrauding the elderly and the most vulnerable adults,” Williams said. “This will target those who solicit or obtain by deception, intimidation or undue influence the money or property of a vulnerable adult or their personal information for the purpose of committing identity fraud.”

Williams said that many people locally have been at-risk of falling victim to identity and monetary theft.

“Many folks in this area, certainly in Darlington, have been receiving erroneous calls, calls from predators,” Williams said. “My neighbor, someone called him and said they were from the IRS and evidently they were getting ready to go to the bank, take out \$5,000 and pay someone from that 800-number. There are folks out there who are continually trying to defraud and take advantage of elderly and those who are vulnerable in our community. We are trying to put a stop to that.”

The final bill Williams talked about the handling



misconduct and law enforcement.

“House Bill 4479 revises the process of dealing with law enforcement misconduct and allegations,” Williams said. “Under this legislation, no person who has a pending allegation of misconduct may be employed as a law enforcement officer or a telecommu-

nications operator at any other facility. So if an officer has some issues with his conduct, he can’t go to another police department, sheriff’s department or SLED; they can’t do that. They are going to have to clear all of these charges before they can be hired at other facilities.”

Poland

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You can’t see the nearby site of Fort Charlotte. It’s 50 feet beneath Clarks Hill Lake. There, colonial South Carolinians seized the fort marking South Carolina’s entry into the Revolutionary War.

Another country road or two will lead you to the French Huguenot memorial. Hang a left onto a lengthy dirt road. Deeper into pines you go and then you see it, a granite Maltese cross that marks the New Bordeaux Huguenot place of worship. New Bordeaux, 1764, was the last of seven French Huguenot colonies founded in South Carolina. They planted fruit trees, olive gardens, and vineyards. The village prospered in the 1760s and early 1770s, but the Revolutionary War ruined things and New Bordeaux faded.

Drive down a long, long dirt road and you’ll come to the Noble family cemetery. Within this brick-walled cemetery sleeps former governor, Patrick Noble. He graduated from nearby Willington Academy, an early 1800s prestigious prep school for boys, whose founder, Moses Waddel, became the first president of what would become University of Georgia. Waddel would call boys to class with blasts from his hunting horn.

Horn aside, we see that innovative education is a heritage in the region where John de la Howe sits, and it sits off to itself. Magnificent isolation? That’s one of John de la Howe’s strengths. Nary a stoplight nor congested highway. Imagine that. No screaming sirens, no tacky fast food joints, no urban sprawl, no

light pollution. Here you can set your camera just so in predawn hours and photograph the Milky Way, that neon purple-red, milky white, star-salted river of interstellar light arcing over de la Howe’s fields and forests.

Bathed in Monday morning light, I walked the school’s dew-covered grounds. In front of the Administration building a millstone rests in grass with a large block of stone upon it. A sundial once upon a time, these remnants of the past? Gristmills? Largely gone are those blends of farming and technology but they remind us of something important. Change, which goes by other names ... adjustment, adaptation, and transformation, grinds away the past while reshaping the future.

In the 1990s, the school’s focus changed to helping students with behavioral problems, but such problems existed statewide, and enrollment declined as school districts developed alternative program for students in need. Leadership lost its luster as well. The specter of an uncertain future reared its head and lawmakers grew edgy about allotting state tax dollars to the school.

The sun always rises though. A 2017 feasibility study for the Legislature determined that de la Howe could become a school for agriculture. What a timely turn of events. I write features for South Carolina Farmer magazine, and farming, today, resides in the realm of high-tech science. A few examples ... Down near Cameron, a drone’s high perspective gives farmers a detection technology. “You can pick out where an old homestead once sat,” says Drake Perrow. He’s referring to a square

patch where an old tin roof met its demise. There, peanuts failed to prosper. Tin was often painted with a primer of 80 percent zinc to minimize rusting and the zinc leached into the soil, inhibiting the peanuts’ growth.

In Dillon County, Cullen Bryant operates Bryant Farms. “You’re riding along in your field early in the growing season. You turn on your tractor’s GPS monitor, which pinpoints your exact location to within one meter. Another button displays a series of Geographical Information System maps that show where the soil in your field is moist and where soil factors limit crop growth. You upload remote sensing data, collected yesterday, that shows where your new crop is thriving and where it isn’t. An onboard machine automatically applies fertilizer and pesticides—the right amount exactly where they’re needed. You sit back and enjoy the ride, saving money as the machines do most of the work.”

Today’s agricultural degree sports a bold new look. Today’s farmers wear coveralls and white shirts and ties. De la Howe’s new mission? To become a statewide, residential agricultural school for high school students—to give young students a head start on 1,310 acres of farmland, pastures, forests, residential, administration buildings, and school, an ideal laboratory for multifaceted agricultural education.

Few know much about this school. It has stone buildings any university would covet, nature trails, wilderness camps, cottages, meeting venues, a barn converted to a concert hall, and all those woods and fields. Think of it as a lab-

oratory for pre-college agricultural education that’s sorely needed. Technology changes so fast, it just makes sense to give high school students a jump-start. True to John de la Howe’s vision, the school’s new mission ironically was its original mission: educate children in agriculture and mechanic arts, i.e. farming and technology.

New leadership is in place and work will be done. Agriculture is South Carolina’s largest industry, and it makes sense to upgrade campus buildings to meet future students’ technological needs. Renovations will turn brick cottages into modern living-learning environments. A comprehensive curriculum will prepare students for college and careers. Students will gain expertise in agriculture, develop life skills, and discover how molecular biology, technology, robotics, and drones are changing today’s

farms. All accomplished while wisely spending funds to attract the best teachers and students in a sheltered setting soaked in history.

John de la Howe sits deep in the heart of the Sumter National Forest and on the National Register of Historic Places. Its old-growth forest is a National Parks Service national natural landmark, and over 160 acres surrounding Dr. John de la Howe’s tomb are forever protected. Stand by that roofless mausoleum and listen. All you’ll hear are wind, birds, and cicadas. I believe the old doctor would welcome the sound of a drone high above. A welcome sign of change it’d be for a pragmatic mission he envisioned way back in 1797—feeding mankind and turning children into responsible, accomplished members of society.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



This affectionate one-year old loves to be held! Calm in nature and smartly attired in his orange tabby jacket, Wiley is a very curious, sweet kitty! Brother to Willow, he and his BCFF (best cat friend forever) hope to find a home together to roam and be free! Stop by today and see how perfect Wiley and perhaps Willow will be for your new pet companions.



All dressed up and ready to head on home! Meet super sweet, snuggly Monty! Arriving with 3 siblings, this friendly fellow is happy and playful, social and outgoing. He's ready for his first ever full-time pet job and holding interviews now! Get in on the all the fun that surrounds Monty the pup by coming by today to see for yourself just how awesome he is! 4 months old; Shepard mix; male

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

Centennial Farmers Market

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

Darlington Elks Lodge

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

BNI

Meets each Tuesday at from 7:30-9 a.m. at Black Creeks Art Council, 116 W College Ave in 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

Summer Reading Program, Darlington Library, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Family Movie - Thurs. at 4pm
Accelerated Reader Testing, Available ALL Summer
Potluck Club [What the Fork?], Monthly Event, 4th Wednesday at 5:30 pm, bring one dish and feast on many...theme changes monthly, call 843-398-4940 for more information.

Crochet & Knit Clubs

Lamar: each Monday at 4:30 p.m. 326-5524

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

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.

Sept. 2018

GriefShare Small Group

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. This 13-week small group class begins September 5. The classes will be held at First Church of God, 620 North Main Street, Darlington. For more information, contact the Church Office at 843-393-7942

Planning Commission

Meeting, 9 a.m. September 18, at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

DCEDP Board Meeting

The Darlington County Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors will meet Sept. 19 at the SiMT building, Executive Board Room, Suite 271 at 8 a.m.

Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Darlington County Airport Commission

Sept. 20, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

Rosenwald Festival

The Rosenwald Alumni and Elementary/Middle School will host a festival Sept 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be held on the field of St. David's on Main Street in Society Hill. There will be band performances, signing groups, food and games. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

Oct. 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of

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

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Oct. 2 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. Oct. 8 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. Oct. 8 at town hall.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting Oct. 9 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 Oct. 9. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Sweet Potato Festival

The Pilot Club of Darlington will hold the S.C. Sweet Potato Festival from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Public Square in downtown Darlington. Free admission.

Darlington County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission

The Darlington County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission will meet October 15, 6 p.m., at 300 Sanders Street in Darlington.

Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Darlington County Airport Commission

Oct. 18, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

Tree Board

The City of Darlington Tree Board meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday, October 29 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St.

Nov. 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Nov. 5 at 6

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

Historic Landmarks Commission

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

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Nov. 6 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. Nov. 12 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Lamar Town Council

Lamar Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at town hall.

Planning Commission

Meeting, 9 a.m. Nov. 13, at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

Hartsville City Council Meeting

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

Society Hill Town Council Meeting

The Society Hill Town Council will hold their monthly meeting Nov. 13. 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, November 14 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

Darlington County Airport Commission

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

DCEDP Board Meeting

The Darlington County Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors will meet Nov. 21 at the SiMT building, Executive Board Room, Suite 271 at 8 a.m.

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Red Cross readies for Hurricane Florence, releases preparedness tips

The Palmetto SC Region of the American Red Cross continues to work around-the-clock to prepare for Hurricane Florence. The organization has been in close contact with its community and government partners, while mobilizing personnel and material resources from across the country. The Red Cross urges everyone to prepare now by following the tips below.

HURRICANE SAFETY:

- Continue listening to local area radio, NOAA radio or TV stations for the latest information and updates.
- Build an emergency kit that contains food, water and other basic supplies for each family member to last at least three days. Also, don't forget to include essential medications, copies of important documents and special items for your children and pets.
- Follow evacuation orders (know your zone) and do not attempt to return until officials say it is safe to do so.
- If evacuation shelters open, you can find them by visiting redcross.org or by

downloading the free Red Cross Emergency App. The Emergency App also puts real time information about the storm and hurricane safety tips at your fingertips. The app is available in app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

• Don't forget your pets. Bring them indoors and maintain direct control of them. Prepare an emergency kit for your pets, including sturdy leashes or pet carriers, food and water, bowls, cat litter and pan and photos of you with your pet in case they get lost. Additional pet safety tips are available.

• Find more information on preparedness on redcross.org.

SAFE AND WELL:

- The American Red Cross' Safe and Well website is a free public reunification tool that allows individuals and organizations to register and post messages to indicate that they are safe, or to search for loved ones. The site is always available and open to the public and available in Spanish.

• Registrations and searches can be done directly on the website. Registrations can also be completed by texting SAFE to 78876. Messages exist in both Spanish and English. To speak with someone at the American Red Cross concerning a missing friend or relative, please contact 1-800 Red Cross.

FLOOD SAFETY

- Turn around, don't drown. Stay off the roads. If you must drive and encounter a flooded roadway while driving, turn around and go another way.
- If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground. Most cars can be swept away by less than two feet of moving water.
- Head for higher ground and stay there.
- Stay away from floodwaters. If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, stop, turn around and go another way.
- Keep children out of the water.

• Be especially cautious at night when it's harder to see flood danger.

• Continue listening to local area radio, NOAA radio or TV stations for the latest information and updates.

• If your neighborhood is prone to flooding, be prepared to evacuate quickly if necessary.

• Follow evacuation orders and do not attempt to return until officials say it is safe to do so.

About the American Red Cross:

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

Women's soccer held scoreless in season opening loss to Barton

The Coker College women's soccer team opened up their 2018 season at the Coker Athletic Field on Thursday (Aug. 30) against the Barton College Bulldogs. The Cobras were held scoreless with a 2-0 defeat in their season opener.

The Navy and Golf began the first portion of the opening half by controlling the pace of the game. Coker maintained possession on their offensive end and fired off two shots in the opening

two good looks at the cage, but nearly missed putting the Cobras on the board.

The Cobras were led offensively by Reece, who recorded two shots on goal. On the defensive end, pre-season SAC All-Conference selection Samantha Hoffman had an excellent game, gathering six saves in between the pipes.

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Darlington Veneer Company rebrands after 100 years in business

Darlington Veneer Company, a third-generation family owned, hardwood plywood mill located in Darlington, has ushered in their next one-hundred years with a new look. Now simply referred to as DVC, the company has chosen to place the emphasis of their brand on hardwood plywood in an effort to clarify their role in the hardwoods industry.

Founded in 1918 by Sherman Ramsey as a single ply veneer mill and plywood manufacturer, the company has, over the course of time, changed their business model to no longer include the peeling and slicing of wood veneers in-house. The veneer lathes ceased operation in the 1970's and from that point forward DVC became strictly a hardwood plywood mill. Still

referred to as Darlington Veneer Company, the company celebrated its one-hundredth continuous year in operation in April of 2018 and this September, officially launched their new brand name.

"DVC is a business with a long history, not only in the town of Darlington but nationally and globally," said General Manager, Pat Lynch.

"As a company, we feel that this new branding will continue the momentum that has been set by the Ramsey family and generations of employees that have worked to make DVC the industry leader that we are today. We look forward to what the next one-hundred years hold for DVC."

Cobras Take Down Crusaders in Home Opener

The Coker College men's soccer team came away victorious in their home opener on Wednesday (Sept. 5), taking down the Crusaders of Belmont Abbey 2-0.

The match started with a flurry of opportunities for both sides as the Crusaders earned three corners within the first three minutes of play. Coker fired off two shots in the early minutes, with Stephen Husum's effort flying just wide right of the far post. In the 38th minute, the Cobras had their best opportunity of the first half as Husum lofted a ball from the edge of the box that hit the crossbar, just missing the opening goal. In the 41st minute it looked as if Belmont Abbey had taken the lead with a late goal only for it to be taken away due to an offside call by the linesman.

Both squads came out of the halftime break with new life, but it was the Cobras who would strike first as Christian Provenzano's shot deflected in the net for his first goal in the Navy and Gold. Just a minute later Provenzano nearly netted a brace but his shot soared just high over the crossbar. Once

again Provenzano got in on the action as he played a perfect pass across the box to the feet of Joao Silva, who fired his shot by the keeper to pad the lead. Belmont Abbey had a good look at goal in the 81st minute, but Zach Watson made a clutch save to preserve the shutout and add to his impressive performance in goal.

Offensively, the Cobras were led by Provenzano with five shots, three of which were on goal. Husum and Silva also chipped in with three and two shots respectively. Watson earned the win and clean sheet in goal while making five saves on the night.

The Cobras will be back in action on Wednesday (Sept. 12) as South Atlantic Conference foe Anderson (S.C.) travels to Hartsville for a matchup starting at 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer Drops Season Opener on the Road at Mount Olive

MOUNT OLIVE, N.C. - The Coker College men's soccer team opened up their 2018 campaign on the road Thursday (Aug. 30) at Mount Olive, where the Cobras were defeated 2-0.

Chances were hard to come by in the early stages of the first half for both squads, but the Cobras saw a Matt Trimby header saved by the Mount Olive keeper after a 17th minute free kick. In the 28th minute, the Trojans managed to convert from the spot to give them a 1-0 advantage in the first half. Goalkeeper Zach Watson did well to get a hand on the penalty kick but was unable to keep it out of the back of the net. Mount Olive tallied a second goal just six minutes later to take a 2-0 lead

into the half.

The Navy and Gold came out of halftime with plenty of energy and came close to pulling one back in the 58th minute as Lucas Miquel Castrillo just missed scoring the first goal of the season, hitting the crossbar.

Trimby and Kasper Wallstroem combined to lead the Cobras offensively with two shots a piece and one on target. Castrillo, Christian Provenzano, and Joao Silva each fired off one shot on the night. Watson picked up five saves while going the distance in goal.

DCSD student performance on 2018 SC PASS, SC READY increases over 2017

DARLINGTON, S.C. - The S.C. Department of Education released this week the results of the 2018 S.C. Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS) and 2018 S.C. College- and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY).

Darlington County School District (DCSD) students who were tested mostly performed better in 2018 compared to 2017. However, the district still has work to do, according to Superintendent Dr. Tim Newman, who took over as superintendent on June 1.

"While I am pleased we've improved in most areas, it is clear we still have a long way to go," Newman said. "We want our students to be successful, and we are committed to giving them the tools and education they need to do so."

Students in fourth through

eight grades are required to take the SCPASS unless they qualify to take the S.C. Alternative Assessment. SCPASS measures student performance on the South Carolina Academic Standards in science and social studies. Students take the science or social studies once each every other year. SCPASS science test scores translate into four main classifications: "does not meet expectations," "approaches expectations," "meets expectations" or "exceeds expectations." SCPASS Social Studies test scores translate into three main classifications: "not met," "met" or "exemplary."

DCSD's 2018 SCPASS scores indicate that more students performed well on the state Science and Social Studies standards in every category but one than in 2017.

SCPASS

Science (Percentage of DCSD students who scored "Meet Expectation" or "Exceeds Expectations")			
	2018	2017	Change
Fourth grade	43.3 percent	40.1 percent	3.2 points increase
Sixth grade	47.6 percent	39.2 percent	8.4 points increase
Eighth grade	48.3 percent	47.7 percent	0.6 points increase
* District average	46.4 percent	42.3 percent	4.1 points increase

Social Studies (Percentage of DCSD students who scored "Meet Expectation" or "Exceeds Expectations")			
	2018	2017	Change
Fifth grade	61.4 percent	61.6 percent	0.2 points decrease
Seventh grade	62.9 percent	58.4 percent	4.5 points increase
* District average	46.4 percent	42.3 percent	4.1 points increase

The S.C. Department of Education also released this week results of the 2018 SC READY tests, which measures students' performance on the state's ELA and Mathematics standards. Students in third through eighth grades are required to take SC READY unless they qualify to take the

S.C. Alternative Assessment. SC READY test scores translate similarly to SC PASS Science scores with four main classifications.

More DCSD students performed well on the ELA and Mathematics standards in 2018 than in 2017 in all but three categories.

SC READY

ELA (Percentage of DCSD students who scored "Meet Expectation" or "Exceeds Expectations")			
	2018	2017	Change
Third grade increase	34.7 percent	33.7 percent	1 point
Fourth grade increase	30.7 percent	27.8 percent	2.9 points
Fifth grade increase	23.5 percent	29.7 percent	6.2 points
Sixth grade increase	31.4 percent	27.0 percent	4.4 points
Seventh grade increase	30.3 percent	24.9 percent	5.4 points
Eighth grade increase	29.3 percent	31.3 percent	2 points
* District average points increase	29.98 percent	29.07 percent	0.91 points increase

Mathematics (Percentage of DCSD students who scored "Meet Expectation" or "Exceeds Expectations")			
	2018	2017	Change
Third grade increase	49.5 percent	41.8 percent	7.7 points
Fourth grade increase	40.1 percent	35.5 percent	4.6 points
Fifth grade increase	27.5 percent	28.7 percent	1.2 points
Sixth grade increase	35.1 percent	28.1 percent	7 points
Seventh grade increase	25.4 percent	22.1 percent	3.3 points
Eighth grade increase	28.9 percent	23.6 percent	5.3 points
* District average points increase	34.42 percent	29.97 percent	4.45 points increase

While the district did see many improvements over last year's scores on these tests, Superintendent Newman said the district is committed to continual improvements and has a clear plan in place to do so.

"I believe the potential in the Darlington County School District is much greater than we are currently showing with these statewide assessments,"

Newman said. "Our planning for this school year comprises goals and objectives, including professional development, to improve student achievement in all areas. We believe by focusing on student achievement on a more regular basis throughout the year, we will have a better barometer to measure every student's progress and address problem areas as they arise."



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Strong defense and timely running propels Lamar to victory

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Lamar – It was business as usual for the Lamar Silver Foxes this past Friday night.

Despite a slow start that saw both teams scoreless after the first quarter, Lamar rallied behind its defense, starting with a pick-six by Malik Johnson to get the ball rolling and cruise to a 33-7 win over the North Central Knights.

“The defense played lights out; those guys came out ready to play,” Lamar head coach Corey Fountain said after the game.

Johnson’s interception, which came on the very first play of the second quarter, seemed to get things going for Lamar’s offense.

Clinging to just a 6-0 lead Lamar’s Jacquez Lucas was able to hit the big play the Silver Foxes have become so accustomed to over the last few years, running away from the Knights defense for a 79-yard touchdown with 4:57 left before the half.

Following the Lucas touchdown, the Silver Foxes defense struck again with Johnson getting his second interception of

the game giving Lamar’s offense the ball on the North Central 48-yard line.

Seven plays later, quarterback Cameron Galloway ran in from three yards out and with just 1:38 left to go before halftime Lamar held at 19-0.

In the second half Lucas added two more scores for Lamar, an 11-yard touchdown run at the 6:11 mark in the third quarter and a 15-yard touchdown run at the 10:26 mark in the fourth quarter.

“Offensively we just have to start a little faster; we started a little slow tonight and it took us a while to get going,” Fountain said. “Once we got going we kind of hit a rhythm and in the second half we were able to run between the tackles and our guys did a good job finishing out the game.”

But while offense did come around and score four touchdowns, it was the defense that really did all of the heavy lifting for the Silver Foxes.

Lamar finished the night with three interceptions plus it forced two turnover-on-downs when North Central had gotten inside the Silver Foxes’ 30-yard line.

North Central finally scored late in the fourth quarter on a 20-yard touchdown pass from quar-



quarterback Austin Bowers.

Lamar is now 4-0 on the year.

Lamar cruises to win against Darlington

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Things did not go according to plan this past Friday night at home for the Darlington Falcons against the Lamar Silver Foxes.

From the outcome of the game to an over 30 minute delay because of the lights going out at halftime, this was just not the night for the Falcons.

While Lamar is talented and favored to win the 1A state title for the second straight year and third time in the last four years, Darlington, who is 4A, was hoping to be able to use its size as an advantage in wearing down the 1A powerhouse.

That, however, did not happen and Lamar cruised to a 26-0 victory over the Falcons.

“I am just proud of our guys coming out tonight,” Lamar head coach Corey Fountain said. “We had a little bit of adversity, had the lights go out, a big pause in the game, but our kids stayed focused and we finished strong.”

Lamar, led behind the running of Jacquez Lucas, have become quite the juggernaut on offense and while 26 points might seem like a lot to some, that is not necessarily the case for the Silver Foxes.

A team that has become accustomed to running whatever they want was instead forced to run mostly between the tackles, due to Darlington’s defensive approach.

“I don’t know, different formations gave us different things,” Fountain said. “We were trying to see what they were going to give us and then call the play. Offensive line blocked

good early then we had some guys get injured, backups come in then it kind of got dicey quick, had some starters at running back start to cramp up a little bit just because the pace of the game, it’s a long, grueling game. They’re a physical team; it was a good game. They are a well-coached team.”

Lamar methodically scored throughout the game, with the Silver Foxes scoring one touchdown every quarter.

Lucas, who finished the night with two touchdowns, got the scoring going for the Silver Foxes in the first quarter with an 11-yard touchdown run and then scored his second in the second quarter on a 76-yard run.

Quarterback Cameron Galloway scored the other two touchdowns; a 16-yard run in the third quarter and a 75-yard run in the fourth quarter.

For Darlington, however, nothing went right offensively. Going into the game, the Falcons were averaging 31 points per game. Against Lamar, however, the Falcons put up a big goose egg on the scoreboard. “We didn’t play very well offensively,” Darlington head coach John Jones said. “We didn’t practice very well all week, offensively. We’ve had two good outputs offensively, two good games and two good weeks of practices. We have to understand that it translate to the field. We didn’t do a good job tonight offensively.”

This was a tough pill to swallow for Darlington, who going into this game had struggled defensively, giving up an average of 48 points per game.



“Our defense played lights out and they had to stay on the field the whole night because we weren’t generating offense and when we generated something we had a missed assignment that put us in long yardage and we are not the type of team that can overcome long yardage especially against a team like Lamar,” Jones said. “They have a good football team and those are things that you just can’t do.”

A big problem with Darlington’s offense was the performance of the offensive line.

“They (Lamar) gave us a lot of trouble up front tonight,” Jones said. “We got beat at the line of scrimmage and you can’t

win football games when you get beat at the line of scrimmage.”

Darlington now heads into the bye week and looks to regroup after dropping to 0-3 on the year.

“We are going to stay the course of what we are doing,” Jones said. “We just have to get better at what we do during the bye week and another thing that we have to do is make sure that we get healthy. No excuses, but we were down three starters on defense and one on offense tonight and now we are probably down two more starters on offense. We have to try and find a way to get healthy.”



Coker Field Hockey Drops 2-1 Battle to Wolves in Season Opener

The Coker College field hockey team competed in their first competition in 40-plus years on Wednesday (Sept. 5) afternoon on the Coker Athletic Field. The Cobras dropped a 2-1 battle to the visiting Newberry College Wolves in SAC Carolinas action.

After an evenly contested start to the first half of play, the Wolves jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the 35th minute, and the Cobras headed into halftime trailing Newberry 2-0. In the second half of action, the Cobras controlled possession on the offensive side of the field and outshot the visiting Wolves 8-2.

Trailing by two scores with less than four minutes remaining, the Navy and Gold recorded their first goal of the season. Carla Deuble created the scoring opportunity with a heads up defensive play near midfield, gaining offensive possession for the Cobras. Next, Deuble rocketed a pass through a couple of defenders and found Alyssa Baronella-O’Toole on the left post of the goal. Baronella-O’Toole did the rest, maneuvering her way towards the center of the field and burying her shot in the bottom right corner of the cage.

Statistically, the Cobras

outshot the Wolves 15-6 and created the same amount of penalty corners with six apiece.

Offensively, Baronella-O’Toole led the Navy and Gold with five shots on goal and added a score to her stat line. In the cage, Kelsey Gibbons collected one save off of three shots on goal.

The Cobras will be back in action when they head to Pennsylvania and take on Millersville on Sunday (Sept. 16). Game time is scheduled for 12 p.m.

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How to recognize potential brake problems

Maintaining a vehicle is more than just a way to protect one's financial investment. Vehicle maintenance can protect against accidents and make the road safer for drivers and their passengers as well as their fellow motorists.

Fully functioning brakes are an important component of automotive safety. In its 2015 Crash Stats report, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that brake-related problems accounted for 22 percent of crashes where vehicular failure was cited as the cause of the collision. Bad brakes are particularly notorious for rear-end collisions. Faulty, worn brake lines, antilock brake system malfunctions and worn brake pads and discs are some potential brake problems.

It is important that motorists learn to recognize the first symptoms of brake trouble so they can address issues before they put drivers,

their passengers and other motorists at risk of accident or injury.

- **Unusual noises:** Screeching, grinding, rubbing, and high-pitched sounds are common indicators that brake pads, rotors and other parts of the braking system need attention. Worn pads can cause damage to other vehicle parts, resulting in more expensive repairs if they're not addressed promptly.

- **Pulling:** If the car pulls to one side when applying the brakes, this may indicate brake pad linings are wearing down unevenly. A brake adjustment may be necessary. Pulling also may be indicative of an object or debris caught in the brake fluid.

- **Less responsive:** If when pressing on the brake pedal the brakes just do not seem to be as effective as they once were, or it is necessary to press the pedal harder for the brakes to engage, there may be a brake

fluid leak or an air leak. Check under the vehicle to see if any fluids are pooling.

- **Pungent odors:** Firestone Tire Company says a burning smell may be indicative of worn out brake pads and friction on the tires. Each of these issues requires immediate attention.

- **Vibrations:** Certain vibrations may indicate brake issues. Rotors can become warped from metal-on-metal rubbing,

potentially leading to a failure of the vehicle to brake properly. Vibrations also may indicate tires are misaligned; these problems can be properly assessed by a trained mechanic.

Do not let potential brake problems go unchecked. Keeping brakes in good working order helps drivers stop more readily and avoid collisions.



How to prepare for an out-of-town breakdown



Road trips make for excellent getaways. Whether you're embarking on a weekend excursion or a lengthy vacation, driving yourself to your destination is a great way to travel, especially for families looking to save money.

Though no one wants to think about the possibility of a vehicle breakdown while out of town, such things do happen. How prepared drivers are can go a long way toward determining how affected they and their passengers will be if this happens.

- Get a checkup before skipping town. It sounds simple, but many drivers may overlook the importance of vehicle

checkups before departing on weekend getaways or longer trips. A full checkup (including an oil change if the recommended interval has passed or is approaching) can uncover any problems that might derail a trip.

- **Examine your options** in regard to emergency roadside assistance. Insurance providers typically offer emergency roadside assistance to policyholders for a nominal fee, and memberships in clubs such as AAA also are inexpensive. That's especially true when drivers compare the cost of extra coverage or AAA membership to the potential price tag of a tow truck and out-of-town repairs.

Drivers should note that out-of-town repairs may require costly overnight shipping of parts so travelers can get back on the road as quickly as possible. Roadside assistance offered through an insurance company or motor club may include tow trucks free of charge up to a certain number of miles, allowing travelers to get their cars back home without breaking the bank.

- **Inspect tires**, including your spare. Many a road trip has been derailed or thrown off schedule due to a flat tire or tires. Before departing, check the condition of your existing tires, including the spare, as well as the air pressure in each one. Firestone notes that many vehicle manufacturers recommend replacing tires at six years, regardless of tread wear. Tires that get heavy usage should be replaced even more frequently. To determine if tread wear is something to worry about, Firestone recommends the penny test, which involves placing a penny head first into several tread grooves across the tire. If the top of Abraham Lincoln's head is always visible, then your tires are shallow and worn and need to be replaced. But if part of Lincoln's head is always cov-

ered, your tires can probably withstand the trip. Worn tire treads can make it hard for tires to safely navigate roads in inclement weather, so don't discount the importance of this simple step.

- **Bring along some basic tools.** Pack some basic tools, such as screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers, a trolley jack, a battery charger, and, of course, duct tape, which may help you temporarily solve some issues on your own. This is especially important for drivers who intend to visit remote locations where mobile phone networks may be inaccessible and the nearest tow truck might be far away. Hone your tire-changing skills before hitting the road and make sure tools are still capable of performing the kind of basic maintenance that might help your vehicle safely return to civilization.

Vehicle breakdowns happen, even while on vacation. Some advance preparation can help drivers avert out-of-town disasters.



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Life-long NASCAR fan finally visits Darlington Raceway

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Thousands of fans filled Darlington Raceway over Labor Day Weekend, perhaps none more excited than Jeannette Good. A fan since before her teenage years, 72-year-old Good visited the track courtesy of Wish of a Lifetime, a nonprofit that grants life-enriching wishes to isolated seniors.

Her brother-in-law Stacey Timmerman served as her chauffeur as the pair traveled from Greenville to the Track Too Tough To Tame for the Bojangles' Southern 500 on September 2.

Arriving around lunchtime they began their visit with a tour, seeing cars going through inspection in the Cale Yarborough Garage in preparation for the race.

Timmerman said that Good was not briefed on any of the visits itinerary so that everything was a surprise for the life-long NASCAR fan.

"Over the years, I've kept up with the sport so that I could talk with her about it," Timmerman said. "She just loves it."

After the tour, Good made a stop at the Driver's Meeting Tent where she listened to a Q&A Session with two big names in NASCAR, retired drivers Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace. She got to meet both drivers and get her picture with them; both men also signed her shirt. Good

joked that she would have to find a way to wash the shirt without washing the signatures away.

Having spent a lifetime attending races and listening to broadcasts of them, Good said that visiting the Lady in Black this year was especially meaningful.

"We just lost daddy in April," Good said. "He would have been 95 in May. I like to say he was just a spring chicken and I just broke out of the egg last week. Coming to Darlington was always our dream. This was probably one of the more interesting wish requests that Wish of a Lifetime got."

NASCAR provided a special connection for Good and her father.

"I have wanted to come to the Southern 500 since I was 12 so this is extremely special to me," Good said. "Back when it was on Labor Day,

daddy and I used to go outside with a portable radio and we'd wash cars and clean the carport. My mother hated racing. I was very close with both of my parents but for some reason mother just hated racing so we'd listen to it outside."

With the throwback theme at Darlington Raceway, many of the colors schemes that Good knew many years ago were once again decking out the cars and car haulers. She recalled some of her favorite drivers of years past as well as some of the newer drivers that she sees promise in as she walked around the track. After a quick meal Good and Timmerman were ready for the race. As for the stifling heat, Good didn't mind, "That's just Labor Day in Darlington."



After more than two decades as a band, Hanson tries something new with 'String Theory'

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During Labor Day Weekend at Darlington Raceway, pop group Hanson sat down and talked about what it meant to them to be able to perform the National Anthem, celebrating more than two decades as a band and their upcoming release String Theory.

The trio, known to many for their infectious hit 'MMMBop', is ready to embark on a world tour later this year to support the album.

Though Darlington Raceway was a fun venue for them to perform in, the Southern 500 performance was far from their first National Anthem performance.

"We've been lucky, I think, that we've gotten to do the National Anthem in some cool places," Zac said. "From local college basketball, the World Series, the Thunder basketball games."

"We sang at the Women's World Cup the year that the U.S. won," Taylor said. "That was unbelievable."

As anyone who has used YouTube can attest to, the national song of the United States is not an easy one to tackle.

"The National Anthem is a really hard song to sing for a lot of reasons," Zac said. "One, the range is huge. Two, there is a lot riding on it. You really don't want too much of your own fingerprint on it. And like Isaac said earlier, it is almost like a national hymn. You have to keep in mind that you are holding it; it isn't yours. You want to respect it because it does represent a lot of things to a lot of people. It is not just the love of your country it is also the people who have died for your country, the people who have invested their ideas and their

life in making this a great country. You want to walk out remembering that, make it as beautiful as possible and then give it away."

Taylor agreed, saying that he and his brothers intended to lead more than perform.

"One thing that is really interesting is that a lot of people sing it like everybody is there to watch them sing it," Taylor said. "What you are really doing is leading people in a song that they are supposed to sing with. The way that we've always sung it is the way we originally heard it, which is having a cadence to it and people can join in on it. Ultimately, it is one of the great gifts of being a musician: you get invited into some of the holy of holies for everyone else from sporting events, to the military and events of the state."

"It really is the other way around from the way most people look at it," Isaac added. "It is an honor for us to get to sing the song, not an honor for people to listen to us."

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of their first album, the guys of Hanson said that they can appreciate the historical aspects of NASCAR and Darlington Raceway.

"We are lucky that we have been a band long enough to understand the value of history and that very few people to get to do something that they love for a really long time," Zac said. "When you get to see the history of NASCAR, the fandom of NASCAR, the multiple generations of drivers and owners, as someone who has been around and has been able to do what you love, you have a real respect for that. You like being around it and seeing how it comes to be."

Isaac said that all success comes with a little bit of luck. Zac agreed, saying that he and his brothers were grateful for

all the luck they've received.

"People ask us did we think when we started that we would still be doing it; I was six when we started, twelve when people started to know the band in places like South Carolina," Zac said. "The truth is it wasn't outside of our consciousness to think 25-years later we'd be doing this but that doesn't mean that is within your power. All you are doing is taking it one concert, one day, one recording session at a time and trying to earn that fandom, that relationship, that trust

with people so they say 'Okay, I'll keep coming back' We are not the best band in the world but we might be the most grateful. That's our goal."

With a new record on the horizon, the guys of Hanson said that they are excited for fans to hear the songs they've been crafting for several years.

"Our new album comes out later this year and it is called String Theory," Zac said. "The thing is you have to keep pushing yourself; you can't sit back and just coast. You have to keep finding things that keep you engaged and excited and keep you pushing your own skill set."

Sometimes the biggest part of pushing yourself is getting out of your comfort zone. String Theory is proof that Hanson isn't coasting; the double album features classical musicians and is something they take a lot of pride in.

"As many things as we've gotten to do as a band, arraigning a 50-piece orchestra is not one," Zac said. "It was a challenge that we all had a mixture of reverence and fear of. It was so exciting to face that mountain. It was about two years of concept and a little over a year of arraigning. Now, getting to travel around and play with some of the greatest classical orchestras in the world is really cool. We just played with the National Symphony in Virginia and they're amazing. I was born in Virginia so we actually went there when I was a kid and watched performances. Now we're on the other side and we're performing with the orchestra. It's cool; it's special. That is another time where history becomes your motivation."



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Darlington County School District announces finalists for 2018-19 District Teacher of the Year

Darlington County School District (DCSD) announced today the five finalists for 2018-19 District Teacher of the Year. These "Honor Roll Teachers" will serve on both the DCSD Teacher Forum and the DCSD Leadership Council and will be invited to leadership activities throughout the year.

The five finalists are:
· Amber Atkins, Spaulding Elementary School
· Rhonda Bailey, Washington Street Elementary School
· Christina Ewing, Carolina Elementary School
· Nancy Fletcher, Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology
· Laura Privette, North Hartsville Elementary School

Teacher of the Year will be named at the annual Teacher of the Year Banquet later this month.

Judges selected the five finalists from the pool of 23 School Teachers of the Year for 2018-19. All 23 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

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For more information about the Teacher of the Year Program, please contact the DCSD Office of Communications at 843-398-2284.



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Local Student News

Cadets and students named to The Citadel's spring 2018 dean's list

CHARLESTON-- The following local cadets and students were named to The Citadel's dean's list for their academic achievements during the 2018 spring semester:

- Jack Henry Beasley of Florence
- Robert Brown of Florence
- Logan Carpenter of Hartsville
- Hunter Eason of Florence
- Ryan Hance of Hartsville
- William Martin of Florence
- Aaron Newton of Florence
- Nicholas Pappas of Darlington
- Shykasheali Phillips of Hartsville
- Bryan Santana of Hartsville
- Austin Shumpert of Florence
- Zachary Summerford of Florence

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

About The Citadel
The Citadel, with its iconic campus located in Charleston, South Carolina, offers a classic military college education profoundly focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction. Graduates are not required to serve in the military but about one-third of each class commission as officers in every branch of U.S. military service. Graduates of The Citadel have served the nation, their states and their communities as principled leaders since the college was founded in 1842.

The Citadel Graduate College offers 26 graduate degree programs with 42 concentration options, 25 graduate certificate programs and 10 evening undergraduate programs, through an all-evening schedule with many courses now available online. The Citadel was named Best Public

College in the South by U.S. News & World Report for seven consecutive years, and #1 Best Public College for Veterans in the South as well as Best Value out of all South Carolina colleges and universities by Forbes.

Cadets and students awarded gold stars for spring 2018 academic achievements at The Citadel

CHARLESTON-- The Citadel awarded gold stars to the following local cadets and students who achieved a 3.7 grade point average or higher during the 2018 spring semester. Cadets and students who achieve gold star recognition are also placed on The Citadel's dean's list.

- Marshall Anderson of Hartsville
- Brice DuBose of Florence
- Etienne Fonteneau of Hartsville
- Austin Jowers of Florence
- Christopher Russell of Florence
- William Shugart of Hartsville
- Harry Stone of Florence

The Citadel's most distinguished cadets named to spring 2018 President's List

CHARLESTON-- Members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets were named to the President's List for the 2018 spring semester. The President's List is one of the most distinguished cadet awards presented by The Citadel. The list is a combination of the dean's list and the Commandant's Distinguished List and is composed of cadets who contribute the most to their companies while maintaining excellent military and academic records.

Local cadets that were

named to the President's List include:

- Robert Brown of Florence
- Etienne Fonteneau of Hartsville

Wofford College students study abroad during Fall 2018

Sixty-four students are spending the Fall 2018 semester away from Wofford College as part of the study abroad program. Study abroad is a major component of Wofford's commitment to shaping globally-connected citizens. Since 2007, over 2,200 students have studied in 70 countries on seven continents. Opportunities range from travel/study Interim projects to a full-year at a university abroad. Co-curricular options include service-learning, internships and cultural excursions.

Area students include:
· Jess Collins, a member of the class of 2019, is from Florence. Collins is studying abroad in Milan, Italy.
· Hixon Copp, a member of the class of 2019, is from Florence. Copp is studying abroad in Auckland, New Zealand.

· Curneisha Williams, a member of the class of 2020, is from Darlington. Williams is studying abroad in London, United Kingdom, and Rome, Italy.
Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, S.C. It offers 26 major fields of study to a student body of 1,690 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, study abroad participation and successful graduates, Wofford is home to one of the nation's 283 Phi Beta Kappa chapters. The college community enjoys Greek Life as well as 19 NCAA Division I athletics teams.

Members of the Wofford College Orientation Staff greet the

Class of 2022

SPARTANBURG—On Aug. 29, Wofford College's Orientation Staff greeted first-year students as the college welcomed the Class of 2022. The Orientation Staff leadership team helps plan, organize and manage activities designed to help first-year college students make the transition from high school to college. They foster supportive relationships, serve as role models and offer peer mentoring. Area students include:

- Mattie Weldon, a member of the class of 2019, is from Florence
- Pearson Lewallen, a member of the class of 2019, is from Florence
- Holly Moyd, a member of the class of 2021, is from Hartsville
- Brittany Joyce, a member of the class of 2019, is from Hartsville
- Price Rainwater, a member of the class of 2021, is from Florence

Local residents graduate from Clemson University

CLEMSON-- Area residents graduated from Clemson University Aug. 10, 2018.

They are:
· Emily Anne Choplin of Florence graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management

· Michael J. Culleton of Florence graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

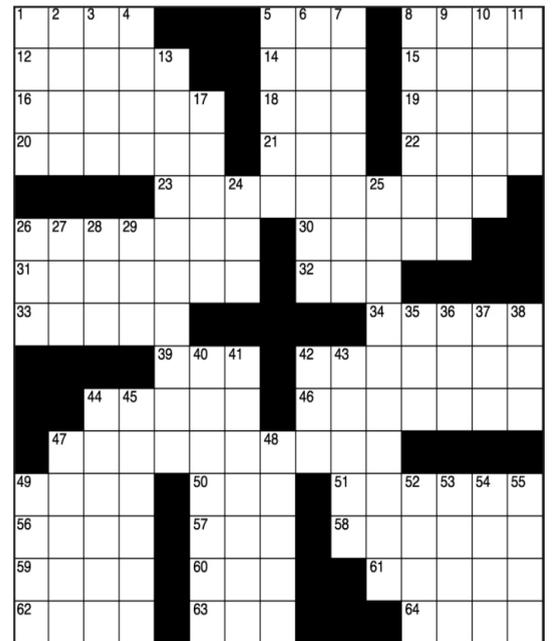
· Morgan Lorraine Finch of Florence graduated with a Master of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management

· Josue David Rivera of Florence graduated with a Master of Engineering in Industrial Engineering

· Kayla L. Haas of Hartsville graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology

They were among more than 1,000 graduates at the summer 2018 graduation ceremony at Littlejohn Coliseum.

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19. Cincinnati ballplayers
20. Of the backbone
21. Car mechanics group
22. Iranian village
23. Canadian peninsula
26. For all ills or diseases
30. Known for his "razor"
31. One who plays the viola
32. Resinlike substance
33. Educational association
34. Inappropriate
39. A team's best pitcher
42. The cost of bus travel
44. Badgerlike mammal
46. Popular sport in Ireland

47. Written works
49. Pop
50. Consumed
51. Something comparable to another
56. Wild goat
57. One-time space station
58. Outline of a plan
59. Actress Petty
60. An electrically charged atom
61. Chewed and swallowed
62. Bones (Latin)
63. Central nervous system
64. Type of pipe

24. Tub
25. Happening
26. Polyvinyl acetate
27. Small island (British)
28. Neither
29. The G.O.A.T.
35. What Goodell oversees
36. One who engages in Dawah
37. Tall, rounded vase
38. Electroencephalograph
40. Made of clay and hardened by heat
41. Great happiness
42. Chinese surname
43. Supposed emulations
44. Travelers
45. Loss of bodily movements
47. Los __, rock group
48. Seabirds
49. Used to store grain
52. Whale ship captain
53. "Joker" actor
54. Portends good or evil
55. Organized group of criminals

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McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit updated with 3D mammography

The McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit has been updated with 3D mammography technology and is now screening patients throughout the region and at McLeod Health Darlington.

In addition to the mobile unit, 3D mammography is available at McLeod Regional Medical Center and McLeod Health Dillon and will soon be available at McLeod Health Clarendon.

For more than ten years, the availability of the McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit has made a significant impact on the lives of women across Northeastern South Carolina, screening nearly 28,000 women and detecting a total of 107 cases of breast cancer.

Upcoming mobile unit visits open to the public include:

- McLeod Family Medicine Johnsonville (355 S. Georgetown Highway,

Johnsonville),

Thursdays, September 20 and October 18; 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- The Manor (2100 Twin Church Road, Florence) Friday, September 21; 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- McLeod Family Medicine Timmonsville (755 E. Smith Street, Timmonsville),

Tuesday, October 2; 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Dixies Federal Credit Union (2257 South Irby Street, Florence)

Monday, October 22; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in South Carolina. Studies show that early detection increases treatment options and survival rates are better than 95 percent. The best tool in early detection is the mammogram, which can identify breast abnormalities before

they can be felt.

About the Unit

For many women in the region access to a screening mammogram is being improved by the McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit, which travels each week to businesses, industries, healthcare facilities and health fairs. Typical days of service are Monday through Friday.

The unit provides a convenient, comfortable and private setting in which women can undergo a screening mammogram, a digital X-ray of the breast used to detect breast changes in women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer.

Women may schedule a mammogram on the mobile unit by calling McLeod Reservations and Scheduling at 843-777-2095. Please mention that you are scheduling an appointment on the McLeod Mobile

Mammography Unit and the date of the visit. For more information on appointment criteria or upcoming visits open to the public, please visit www.McLeodRadiology.org.

To schedule the unit to come to your business, please call 843-777-5657.

The McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit is part of the continued commitment of McLeod Health to women from the Midlands to the Coast. The unit is the first of its kind for the northeastern region of South Carolina and was the first digital mobile mammography unit in the state. The unit is accredited by the American College of Radiologists.

The McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit was purchased by the McLeod Health Foundation through funds donated by generous supporters.

Duke Energy adding \$600,000 to program that will help additional South Carolina families pay high seasonal energy bills

GREENVILLE--For 33 years, Duke Energy has partnered with employees and customers to lend a hand to those struggling to pay their energy bills. The company is reinforcing that commitment with an additional \$600,000 contribution to its Share the Warmth program to help South Carolina customers pay their high seasonal energy bills.

Through the Share the Warmth program, the company works with more than 80 local agencies in the Duke Energy Carolinas service territory to aid qualified senior citizens, families and other customers with financial assistance. The company annually matches up to \$500,000 in employee and customer contributions during the heating season.

"We are committed to providing affordable energy to all of our customers, but we know some struggle to keep their homes warm during the winter and cool during the summer," said Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, Duke Energy's South Carolina president. "Traditionally, more customers have sought assistance with high energy bills in the winter, but these funds are being made available now to also assist with high summer energy bills."

The program is administered through local partner agencies in the Duke Energy Carolinas service territory, which primarily serves customers in the Upstate of South Carolina. Since the

program's establishment in 1985, it has provided more than \$35 million to those in need. Duke Energy offers similar energy assistance programs across all of its service territories.

"We are very thankful for our 30 year partnership with Duke Energy," said Kristi King-Brock, the executive director for AIM, a Share the Warmth partner agency in Anderson, S.C. "Their continued support of our work – and the infusion of these much needed funds – will allow AIM to respond to the basic needs of even more families in our community by providing energy assistance."

"Each winter, families in poverty have to try to balance their meager budgets between feeding their families and keeping them warm as temperatures drop," said Traci Kennedy, director of TOTAL Ministries, a Share the Warmth partner agency in Spartanburg, S.C. "With these funds, Spartanburg families can keep warm and feed their families in the colder months."

About Share the Warmth Share the Warmth was established to assist Carolinas residents in need with high seasonal energy bills and is funded by its customers, employees and the Duke Energy Foundation. Contributions are matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000.

Funding for Share the Warmth comes from our customers, employees and the

Duke Energy Foundation. Customers may donate by the postage paid envelope or paperless billing customers may donate online when paying their bill. The Duke Energy Foundation will then match up to \$500,000 in customer contributions during the heating season.

The additional funds to the Share the Warmth program were provided following commitments made to South Carolina in briefings to the Public Service Commission and in coordination with the Office of Regulatory Staff within the context of the 2016 Duke Energy and Piedmont Natural Gas merger.

Duke Energy Carolinas owns nuclear, coal, natural gas, renewables and hydroelectric generation. That diverse fuel mix provides approximately 19,600 megawatts of owned electric capacity to about 2.5 million customers in a 24,000-square-mile service area of North Carolina and South Carolina.

Duke Energy Carolinas is a subsidiary of Duke Energy (NYSE: DUK).

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Duke Energy is one of the largest energy holding companies in the U.S., with approximately 29,000 employees and a generating capacity of 49,500 megawatts. The company is transforming its customers' experience, modernizing its energy grid, generating

cleaner energy and expanding its natural gas infrastructure to create a smarter energy future for the people and communities it serves.

The company's Electric Utilities and Infrastructure unit serves approximately 7.6 million retail electric customers in six states – North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Its Gas Utilities and Infrastructure unit distributes natural gas to approximately 1.6 million customers in five states – North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky. Its Commercial Renewables unit operates a growing renewable energy portfolio across the U.S.

A Fortune 125 company, Duke Energy was named to Fortune's 2018 "World's Most Admired Companies" list and Forbes' 2018 "America's Best Employers" list.

More information about the company is available at duke-energy.com. The Duke Energy News Center includes news releases, fact sheets, photos, videos and other materials. Duke Energy's illumination features stories about people, innovations, community topics and environmental issues. Follow Duke Energy on Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook.

Clemson Pee Dee REC Field Day features aphids, aquaponics, cotton varieties and more

South Carolina farmers can learn the latest research-based information needed to grow bountiful crops at the 2018 Clemson Pee Dee Research and Education Field Day Sept. 13.

The field day gets under way at 8 a.m. at the Pee Dee REC, 2200 Pocket Road, Florence. (For GPS directions, enter this address: 2200 Pocket Road, Darlington). Matt Smith, resident director, encourages everyone who has an interest in agriculture to attend.

"We have a full agenda of various topics to cover during the field day," Smith said. "These topics include crop breeding, variety trials, soil management and more. Participants also will be given a tour of our facilities so that they can learn more about research we do to help South Carolina farmers grow more productive crops."

Topics and speakers for the day include:

- Using Turkey Litter Ash as a Fertilizer – Phil Bauer, USDA research agronomist,
- Aquaponics – Lance Beecher, aquaponics, aquaculture and fisheries specialist,
- Corn Earworm Resistance to Bt Corn – Thomas Bilbo, Ph.D. candidate,
- Breeding Grain Sorghum for High Yield and Resistance to

Pests for Statewide Growers and End-Users – Rick Boyles, small grains breeder,

- Long Term Insurance Coverage for Cotton Production – Todd Campbell, USDA research geneticist,

- Weed ID and Management – Matthew Cutulle, weed scientist,

- Breeding to Improve Soybean Production in South Carolina – Ben Fallen, soybean breeder,

- Identification and Management of Insects Important in Cotton – Jeremy Greene, entomologist,

- Cotton Variety Trials – Mike Jones, cotton specialist,

- Vegetable Production at the Pee Dee REC – Tony Melton, county Extension agent,

- Sugarcane Aphid Management in Grain Sorghum – Francis Reay-Jones, entomologist, and

- Managing Cover Cropping to Improve Soil Structure, Soil Productivity, and Soil Health – Rongzhong Ye, soil scientist.

The field day is scheduled to end at 1 p.m. Admission is free and lunch is provided. For information, contact Jonathan Windham at 843-519-0487 or jwindha@clemson.edu.

DCSD to administer Gifted and Talented testing to all second graders, also available to students in grades 3-11

The Darlington County School District will administer the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test to all second grade students this year and any other grade-level students that have been referred for testing.

The testing is a screening for placement in the district's gifted and talented program for the 2019-20 school year.

The testing will be administered in two areas: achievement and aptitude. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered for achievement and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be administered to determine the aptitude criteria. Students who meet the required criteria (Achievement: 94th national age percentile in reading comprehension or math concepts and problem solving; Aptitude: 93rd national age percentile in either verbal, non-verbal, quantitative, or total) may be eligible to participate in the gifted and talented program beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. Students who meet one-half of the criteria will be

eligible to participate in the STAR Performance Tasks in February and March.

The results from the South Carolina state assessment for ELA and math that will be administered in May 2019 may also be used to meet one-half of the criteria for placement.

If parents would like students in grades 3-11 to be tested, please complete a screening/testing referral form from your child's school counselor by Sept. 27.

The district will notify parents of a student who qualifies for Gifted and Talented by letter in the summer of 2019.

Please discuss the testing with your child so he or she will be prepared to do his or her best on the tests.

- Encourage your child to do his or her best work.

- Ensure that your child has a good night's rest before the test.

- Ensure that your child eats a good breakfast the day of the test.

- Encourage your child to come to school with a positive attitude.

Hartsville Chamber of Commerce to host five-week course on Social Media

The Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce will present a five-week long social media course titled Marketing Through Social Media; the course will be facilitated by chamber board member Jamie Kelly.

Jamie Kelly, a Hartsville native, is the sole owner of Jamie H. Kelly, LLC which operates a consulting group and Indigo Salon and Day Spa. She holds her Bachelor of Business Administration from Francis Marion University and recently received her leadership certification from The John Maxwell Team. Kelly is a member of the Leadership and Entrepreneurship Council at Coker College, a Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce board member and a member of the advisory council for The Florence Darlington Technical College Cosmetology Department.

The five-week course will discuss some of the most frequently asked questions about the ever-changing trends in social media, as well as help participants develop their goals and how to

attain them. The class schedule is as follows: Sept 11- Business Page 101: Navigating & Understanding; Sept 25- Best Practices: Finding your Rhythm; Oct 9 - Goals: Beginning with an end in mind; Oct 23- Groups & Events: Using them effectively; and Nov 6- Wrap Up: Hearing from guest speakers.

The classes will be held at the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce boardroom beginning September 11 and continuing every other Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Participation in the class is \$40 for chamber members and \$80 for non-members. Registering in the class gains access to a private Facebook group where class discussions and videos of the classes will be posted. The group provides students the opportunity to attend the class online as well as in person.

For more information or to purchase register for the class, visit www.hartsvillechamber.org, or call the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce at 843-332-6401.

PalmettoPride, Keep South Carolina Beautiful and Partners Create the Edisto River Adopt-A-Landing Grant

In an effort to encourage behavior change around littering, PalmettoPride, Keep South Carolina Beautiful, Walther Farms and Keep America Beautiful have come together to create the Edisto River Adopt-A-Landing Grant for local governments, community groups and non-profits.

The grant is currently on a rolling deadline and aims to change behavior along the public boat landings of the Edisto River in South Carolina. This grant will cover the costs of litter cleanup supplies, signs for the landings, kayaks to use on the river for litter cleanups, monofilament recycling bins, cigarette waste receptacles and other

items as approved that enforce and prevent littering at public boat landings.

"We wanted this program to expand statewide, but we knew we needed to start small first. So we reached out to a few partners, and honed in on the Edisto River," stated Keep South Carolina Beautiful Director, Mallory D. Biering.

"This grant will assist with local enforcement of the new litter laws, assist in changing the behavior of those that do litter, and create a more beautiful experience of the Edisto River," continued Biering.

Walther Farms, located in Windsor, South Carolina noticed they too have a problem with litter locally. Jeremy

Walther, part owner of the farm said, "It's discouraging to see folks trash our beautiful state. Giving back to our communities is at the core of why we farm. The work that PalmettoPride is doing in our state is very important to our quality of life. [Joining them on the Adopt-A-Landing Grant was a way] to help PalmettoPride make South Carolina as beautiful as it should be."

Keep America Beautiful and PhillipMorrisUSA were able to donate cigarette butt bins to the Adopt-A-Landing Grant, to assist in decreasing the amount of cigarette litter found at landings along the Edisto River.

"We wanted to work with organizations with similar

visions and opinions on behavior change. Keep America Beautiful and Walther Farms share both vision and opinion of creating an even more beautiful South Carolina. This grant will provide just that to those visiting the Edisto River," stated Biering.

To apply for the Edisto River Adopt-A-Landing Grant, visit:

palmettopride.submit-table.com/submit/123398/e-disto-river-adopt-a-landing-grant-proposal.

For more information on ways to get involved please visit PalmettoPride's website or contact Mallory Biering at mbering@palmettopride.org

Brunson-Dargan Elementary staff invited to Charlotte to discuss financial literacy curriculum

Faculty and staff from Brunson-Dargan Elementary School (BDE) recently represented the school in Charlotte, North Carolina, as keynote speakers at an event hosted by the Vanguard Group.

Principal Ada Sindab, along with teachers Regina Parker and Rebecca Watson, spoke about how BDE has implemented the Vanguard Group's "My Classroom Economy" program to teach students financial literacy.

"My Classroom Economy is a program that enables any educator to teach children financial responsibility through fun, experiential learning," the group's

website states. "It's a simple classroom economic system based on the idea that students need to earn school 'dollars' so that they can rent their own desks. By bringing real-world scenarios into the classroom, students see the impact of their decisions to save, spend and budget."

Brunson-Dargan's Sindab, Parker and Watson shared how the school merged Vanguard's "My Classroom Economy" program with the school's already existing "Positive Behavior Incentive System." In unison, the school is using the two programs to operate the "BDE Economy," which aims to teach

student personal financial management through life situations and student employment. In addition to a "salary," students are given various opportunities to earn money throughout the school day. Just like in the real world, students have bills to pay and even the BDE equivalent to a speeding ticket.

Each student learns to manage his or her own money through an online bank account simulator. Each day, students are encouraged to earn enough money to pay their bills and pay admission to special school events.



Brunson-Dargan Financial Literacy – Faculty and staff from Brunson-Dargan Elementary School traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina, recently to act as keynote speakers for an event hosted by the Vanguard Group. They discussed implementation of a financial literacy program at the school.

NFPA and The Center for Campus Fire Safety raise student awareness of fire hazards in student campus housing during high-risk months

September is Campus Fire Safety Month, and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and The Center for Campus Fire Safety (The Center) are working together to promote their national Campus Fire Safety for Students campaign. The campaign, which raises awareness about the dangers of fires among college-aged students who live in on- and off-campus college housing, serves as an important reminder for students, parents, fire safety professionals, and safety educators to review best safety practices and take action to reduce risk. September and October are the peak months for fires in dormitories.

According to The Center, during the 2017/2018 school year, one student lost her life in a Portland, Oregon off-campus fire. The recent fire in San Marcos, Texas claimed the life of four additional students living off-campus during the school break in July 2018. From 2000 through mid-August 2018, 132 students died in 92 fatal fires on college campuses, in Greek housing, or in privately owned off-campus housing within three miles of the campus. Of the 92 fatal fires, 79 of them occurred in off-campus housing claiming 113 victims.

NFPA reports that roughly three of every four fires in dormitory, fraternity, sorority, or barracks began in the kitchen or cooking area. Kitchen fires caused almost half of the injuries in these properties. Fires are more common between the hours of 5 - 9 p.m., and on weekends. To help reduce risk, NFPA and The Center offer the following tips for students:

- Cook in designated areas only, and never leave cooking equipment unattended when in use.
- Test smoke alarms monthly; in an apartment or house, make sure smoke alarms are installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and on each level of the

apartment unit or house. Do NOT remove or disable smoke alarms.

- Keep combustibles away from heat sources and refrain from overloading electrical outlets, extension cords, and power strips. Electrical products like portable heaters and lighting (including halogen lamps) are the source of many fires.
- Learn the building's evacuation plan and practice all drills; know two ways out of the building.

NFPA's latest statistics show that from 2012 - 2016, local fire departments responded to an average of 4,100 structure fires in dormitory, fraternity, sorority, and barracks properties. These fires caused an average of 33 civilian injuries and \$15 million in direct property damage.

"As the school year kicks off and college students settle into housing in dorms and off-campus apartments, it's important they review fire safety tips to learn how to prevent fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA. "Campus Fire Safety Month provides a great opportunity to share materials and action steps, and have important conversations with students about fire safety."

The campaign provides a host of resources for students, parents, and fire safety educators that focus on fire safety in college housing. Many resources are customizable and have been designed for sharing via social media, on college websites, in school newspapers, and for posting in dorms and on common area bulletin boards. They include:

- Videos
- Checklists
- Tip sheets
- Infographics and flyers
- Posters

Michael J. Swain, president of The Center for Campus Fire Safety, says the hope is that students share this information with their friends, because when they do, the message

tends to resonate even more. "Still, there's a great deal of work to be done as a large number of residence halls and dormitories still lack modern fire protection equipment such as fire alarm systems, bedroom smoke alarms, and fire sprinklers. The Campus Fire Safety for Students campaign is one important way we're working to address this problem."

Learn more about campaign and find additional resources at www.nfpa.org/campus or on The Center's website.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

About the Center for Campus Fire Safety The Center for Campus Fire Safety (The Center) is a nonprofit 501C3 organization. The Center is a member-based organization devoted to reducing the loss of life from fire on and off campuses. The mission of The Center is to serve as an advocate for the promotion of campus fire safety. The Center serves as the focal point for the efforts of a number of organizations and also as a clearinghouse for information relating to campus fire safety. Visit us at www.campusfiresafety.org for more information.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Main Street Hartsville presents Downtown Block Party Concert Series

Main Street Hartsville presents the Downtown Block Party Concert Series to launch a fall season full of events in Hartsville. The Painted Man Band based out of Myrtle Beach will be kicking off the event on September 13th under the lights on College Avenue from 6-9 p.m. This band is sure to provide an electrifying atmosphere to concert goers as they perform musical covers by a variety of artists from The Temptations to Bruno Mars.

This is the first in a series of three concerts coming to College Avenue this fall. On September 27th, Hartsville will welcome Wet Nose Dogs, a Florence based band that provides a blues take on vari-

ous genres of music and on October 11th, Dylan Sneed, a Hartsville resident who has recently moved back home to raise his family and bring his music back to the city he loves.

The Downtown Block Party events will be enhanced by the city's new open container ordinance that will allow adult guests over 21 years old to carry beverages purchased downtown while they walk between dinner, shops, and the concert itself.

The street closure on East College Avenue will range from the Fifth Street intersection through the midpoint of the 100 block. Both public parking lots will remain open and accessible from Mantissa Row, North Fourth Street and

East Home Avenue.

The Main Street Hartsville program is a partnership of the City of Hartsville and Main Street South Carolina, a service of the Municipal Association of South Carolina. The organization seeks to enhance downtown revitalization in Hartsville through efforts focusing on the City's master plan, including organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring.

For more information, contact Main Street Hartsville at 843-383-3015 or info@mainstreethartsville.org.

Chamber hosts annual Toast of Darlington

The Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce invites you to be their guest at the 8th annual Toast of Darlington. This Chamber annual event will be held on historic Oak Street in downtown Darlington on October 4 from 6:30 until 9 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to sample wonderful food, beverages, music, twilight dancing and the communities (Darlington, Lamar, and Society Hill) we all love.

Oak Street, with its historic beauty, will be decorated for a wonderful evening of community and celebration. Johnny Glenn and the Chasers will be back in Darlington to provide the evening's entertainment. Guests will enjoy a variety of dishes, prepared and provided by local businesses and organizations, and will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite dish. While organizations will have the chance to show off their culi-

nary skills, they will also be competing for recognition and an award from the stage. After presenting the Toast of Darlington Cook Award, special guests from around the community will make several toasts. This event showcases our businesses and presents the perfect opportunity to celebrate those who make our community great!

Cook and sponsorship opportunities, as well as tickets, are still available for the Toast of Darlington. Tickets are \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from the Chamber office or board members. For additional information, please contact Harriet Hobbs at 843-393-2641 or hhobbs@darlingtonchamber.com.

Hispanic celebrity spotlight

Each year between September 15 to October 15 people observe and celebrate the unique histories, contributions and cultural influences of Hispanics.

Hispanic people are those who hail or whose ancestors hail from South America, Central America, Mexico, Spain, and areas of the Caribbean.

Hispanics have made strides in many fields and professions. Hispanic celebrities have made their mark in music, film, sports, and more. The arts have been irrevocably shaped by the talents of Hispanic artists. The following is a look at some of the many notable Hispanic celebrities.

• Rita Moreno: Rita Moreno has been a star of stage and screen for more than 60 years. Moreno, who is of Puerto Rican descent, is one of the few people to have earned an Oscar, Emmy, Tony, and Grammy award.

• Sophia Vergara: Sophia Vergara quickly made a worldwide name for herself on the popular television show "Modern Family." Vergara, originally from Colombia, has expanded into the fashion world and, according to Forbes, earns \$37 million a year.

• Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll is a singer, songwriter and dancer who entered the English language market in 2001. She has sold millions of records worldwide and is the best-selling South American singer of all time. Like Vergara, Shakira hails from Colombia.

• Javier Bardem: Javier

Bardem is part of a family of performers who have been making films since the early days of Spanish cinema. Bardem is known for his compelling and provocative roles, and earned an Oscar for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role for "No Country for Old Men."

• Alex Rodriguez: Alex Rodriguez, known to many as "A-Rod," is a former professional baseball player who last played for the New York Yankees. Born to Dominican immigrants, Rodriguez is now an analyst for ESPN.

• Salma Hayek: Salma Hayek is one of Hollywood's best-known Hispanic leading ladies. Hayek, who hails from Mexico, is particularly known for a spot-on lead performance in "Frida."

• Bruno Mars: Peter Gene Hernandez, who goes by the stage name "Bruno Mars," is a singer and songwriter who has had a string of pop and R&B hits. Mars rose to fame in 2010 and has been riding the wave ever since. Mars has Puerto Rican and Filipino heritage.

Sen. Scott to host event honoring SC's female veterans

COLUMBIA, SC – The office of Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) is excited to announce he will be hosting an event to recognize and honor the contributions of South Carolina's women veterans this upcoming Veterans Day weekend. The event will take place on Saturday, November 10, at the First Baptist Church in Columbia, SC. Sen. Scott looks forward to announcing an exciting keynote speaker in the coming weeks, as well as more event details. Each veteran attendee will receive a Senatorial Certificate of Appreciation and a lapel pin in commemoration of their service.

"This Veteran's Day weekend, we want to take the time to say thank you to the women veterans who selflessly sacrificed to defend our nation," said Sen. Scott. "Nearly 2 million women have served this nation in our armed forces, and we are eternally grateful for all of their efforts on behalf of this country and the American people."

Women veterans make up almost 2 million of our country's 22 million veterans and that number is expected to grow substantially in the coming years. With South Carolina being home to over 43,000 of those veterans, Sen. Scott wanted to honor the women who have served our country and recognize them specifically this Veteran's Day weekend. Not only have they served with duty, honor and courage but they have overcome great obstacles to become some of our country's finest heroes.

Sen. Scott has hosted similar events for our veterans since being elected to federal office, including a World War II honor ceremony in 2012, Korean War events in 2013, a Vietnam War event in 2014, and a Desert Storm and Desert Shield events in 2016.



Sheriff Announces Promotions and New Deputy

Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis has announced the promotion of three Deputies and hiring of one.

Investigator Clark Epps has been promoted to the rank of Corporal assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. Cpl. Epps is a native of Darlington with 19 years of law enforcement experience.

He served 10 years in the United States Marine Corps.

Investigator Freddie Davis has been promoted to the rank of Corporal assigned to the Special Victims Unit. Cpl. Davis is a native of Florence County with 26 years of law enforcement experience. He served 12 years in the United States Navy.

Deputy Adam Howell has been promoted to an Investigator assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. Inv. Howell is a native of the Oates community and has 4 years of law enforcement experience as a Patrol Deputy and Detention Center Officer.

Laura Casares was sworn-

in by Sheriff Chavis and has been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. Inv. Casares is originally from New York with 16 years of law enforcement experience. She previously served with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

Veterans encouraged to apply for deer hunts

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources and Cowden Plantation near Jackson, S.C., are offering their thanks and appreciation to our military in memory of Spc. Thomas Caughman by hosting two free deer hunts on Nov. 30 and Dec. 14.

Chosen applicants will have lunch before the hunt, as well as the opportunity to tour the Jarrett Rifles Gun Shop and Museum.

Please fill out an application (<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/pdf/ThomasCaughmanCowdenPlantationApplication2018.pdf>) and e-mail it to SCDNR 1ST Sgt. Ben Thomas (thomasb@dnr.sc.gov). SCDNR is accepting the first 20 applications for each hunt until October 30.



Photo from fallenheroesproject.org

Spc. Caughman of Lexington, S.C., was killed in 2004 while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom when his Humvee was struck by rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire in Baghdad.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER SEPTEMBER 3 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

- Matthew Allen Bissett, 26, of 1120 Plowden Mill Rd, Sumter, Habitual Traffic Offender; DUS License Not Susp for DUI 3rd or Sub; Entering Premises After Warning; Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157)
- Vincent Edward Randall Brock, 27, of 1505 Ousleydale Rd, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Ashley Louise Hicks, 33, of 5201 Country Lane, Timmonsville, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Robert James Kennedy, 29, of 229 Angeles Rd, Debarry FL, Driving Under the Influence
- Crystal Rene Liles, 46, of 421 Pinestraw, Hartsville, Use of 911 Number Unlawfully
- Judy Caprice McClain, 45, of 539 Lakeview Blvd, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under the Influence
- Adam Travis Miller, 36, of 1215 Mona Passage Ct, Newburn NC, Public Disorderly Conduct
- William Gary Monroe, 29, of 304 Lane St, Maxton NC, Public Disorderly Conduct
- James Lacy Oliphant, 48, of 119 Calhoun St, Darlington, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 3rd or More; Habitual Traffic

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

- Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under the Influence
- Rasheda Darneshia Bailey, 26, of 433 Tarte St, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Mason Gregory Foster, 21, of 2536 Millbrook, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Victoria Rene Jacobs, 38, of 1212 Myrtle St, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Clint Justin Self, 20, of 1631 Pony Trail, Hartsville, Trespassing
- McKenzie Michael Stevens, 20, of 2428 Eagle Eye Drive, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Brandon Harze, 29, of 911 S Edisto Dr, Florence, Driving Under Suspension; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Habitual Traffic Offender
- Christy Flowers Lawrence, 37, of 2020 Farmingdale Rd, Hartsville, Non Support
- Dorothy Ann Oliphant, 38, of 721 Rio Dr, Darlington, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Charles Joseph Parker, 35, of 2091 Lazy Pines Rd, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Gabriel Allan Wilkes, 31, of 2178 N 5th St, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 2nd Degree
- Darius Grant Dickey, 19, of 535 Clyburn Ave, Hartsville, Armed Robbery Armed with Deadly Weapon; Attempted Murder; Criminal Conspiracy; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Common Law Robbery Strong Arm Robbery; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000
- Krystofer Nicolas Dunn,

- 31, of 1024 Deermoss Dr, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Linda Delores Hawkins, 51, of 323 Chinaberry, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Levan Johnson, 43, of 2756 New Hopewell Rd, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence
- Jason Marvin Munnerlyn, 43, of 1511 Gladys Cr, Florence, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Quincy Montress Scbrown, 25, of 163 Bowens St, Darlington, Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Threatening Life Person or Family of Official
- Shykem Davontae Wright, 23, of 414 N Main St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Jerrod Lee Brockington, 40, of 410 Sumter Ave, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Joseph Robert Brown, 30, of 353 Hawkins Rd, Hartsville, No Charge Data
- Michele Jordan Brown, 39, of 516 Stanley Cir, Darlington, Assault/Battery by Mob (Bodily Inj) 3rd Degree
- William Chad Brown, 42, of 1420 West Carolina, Hartsville, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Shaquille Markees Burton, 25, of 1124 Old Ruby Rd, Hartsville, No Charge Data
- Rochelle Latrice Dubose, 42, of 929 Brentwood Drive, Hartsville, No Charge Data
- Emanuel Tony Graham, 25, of 2724 Mt Olive Rd, Hartsville, No Charge Data
- Reon Lada Helm, 32, of 703 Woodrow Street, Bennettsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Ashley Patrese Jackson,

- 27, of 409 Parrott St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Child Passenger Restraint System Violation
- Boyd Lee Johnson, 40, of 118 Rogers Ave, Hartsville, Non Support
- Quintana Lanise Moses, 40, of 429 Weaver St, Darlington, Non Support; Non Support
- Charles Edward Newcamp, 26, of 519 Wilmore Ave, Hartsville, DUI 2nd
- Daniel Caleb Ross, 24, of 1542 McConnell Road, Greensboro NC, Criminal Conspiracy; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Shoplifting <\$2000
- Shane Ian Tarte, 27, of 600 Pearl Street, Darlington, Use of 911 Number Unlawfully; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
- Susan Kay Tomlinson, 49, of 3330 A Sneed Road, Florence, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- T'Andre La'Quan Allen, 23, of 2734 Welling Farm Rd, Darlington, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Kemon Tyrek Blathers, 17, of 729 Baby Branch Rd, Lamar, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Shrona Louise Bonaparte, 44, of 136 Bacote St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Kyree Christian Brown, 24, of 2321 W Old Camden, Hartsville, Burglary First Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Littering; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Toshia Kelley Brown, 49, of 319 Bacote St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Michael Lyn Cherry, 44, of 1033 Syracuse Street, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence
- Jarean Daquan Council, 19, of 1303 Robinson Street, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less
- Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Cheryl Lynn Egonut, 47, of 2494 S Williamsburg County Hwy, Greeleyville, Shoplifting Less Than \$50; Shoplifting Less Than \$50
- William Christopher Griggs, 27, of 200 Palmetto, Darlington, Neglect By Legal Custodian
- Kayvontay Keshawn Jackson, 18, of 407 Royal Street Florence, Florence, Burglary Second Degree
- Davijon Khalil McCall, 22, of 328 Bell Ave, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Sharina Desteria Denise Pugh, 31, of 411 Well St Apt 140, Darlington, Financial Identity Fraud; Financial Identity Fraud; Assault and Battery 2nd Degree
- Victoria Michelle Williams, 17, of 409 Parrot St #9, Darlington, Burglary Second Degree
- Anthony Blake Winburn, 27, of 712 Pinestraw Street, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Robert David Elvis, 48, of 335 R Bar M Ranch Rd, Florence, Public Disorderly Conduct; Littering
- Ronald Hyde II, 24, of 87 Isgett Circle, Cheraw, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Driving Under Suspension; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Jina Rachelle Smith, 24, of 1871-102 Springsteen Rd, Rock Hill, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Dale Strickland, 43, of 401 West Market St, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence
- Johnny Ray Smith, 37, of 144 Funderburke Lane, Hartsville, Burglary Second Degree

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that LaDrea Gibson intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer, wine at 2858 Underground Branch Road, Hartsville, SC 29550. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than September 13, 2018.

1. the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied;
3. that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
4. that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
5. the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0907; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO. 2018-DR-21-930 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF FLORENCE SYLVIA DAVIS, Plaintiff vs. JAMES E. WIGGINS, Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve copy of your answer upon the undersigned at his office 2301 S. Irby Street, Florence, SC 29505 within thirty (30) days of the service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer as aforesaid the Plaintiff herein will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the Complaint and judgement by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

NOTICE is hereby given that the Complaint in the foregoing action, together with the Summons, of which the foregoing is copy, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County, on the 10th day of April, 2018. Florence SC,

The Law Office of Linward Edwards II August 20, 2018

Linward C. Edwards, Attorney for Plaintiff 2301 S. Irby Street Florence, SC 29505 (843)410-9605

SUMMONS AND NOTICES

(Termination of Parental Rights)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE FAMILY COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Case No. 2018-DR-16-497 South Carolina Department of Social Services, Plaintiff, vs. Katherine Danielle Dority And Male child born in 2015, Defendants.

TO: Defendant Katherine Danielle Dority YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for termination of your parental rights in and to the minor children in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at 203 Commerce Ave, PO Box 269, Chesterfield SC 29709, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the aforesaid, an affidavit of default will be entered against you and the Plaintiff will proceed to seek to terminate your parental rights to the above captioned children.

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a final hearing in this action for termination of parental rights will be held on SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 at

2:30PM. You are hereby notified to be present at this time in the Darlington County Family Court located at 1 Public Square, Darlington SC. Laura Bardsley Houck, SC Bar #13484 Attorney for Plaintiff, SCSS 203 Commerce Ave./PO Box 269 Chesterfield, SC 29709 843-623-5326

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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: 2009 Nissan Altima, Mfr. ID No.: IN4AL24E69C178929, abandoned at 107 Chestnut Street, Darlington, SC 29532. Owner to contact Cadmar Wingate at 843-409-9868.

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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: Betty A. Brown Date of Death: 8/1/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600411 Personal Representative: Paul Anthony Brown Address: 1461 Sherrill's Mill Road, Society Hill, SC 29532

NOTICE OF SALE

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Legal Description and Property Address: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, lying being and situate in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 3 on that certain plat of Rose of Sharon Park Subdivision made by J.E. Tucker, Jr., dated May 9, 2002 and revised May 10, 2002 and recorded in Plat Book 184 at Page 87, Darlington County records. Reference being had to said plat for a more complete and accurate description of metes and bounds. TOGETHER with a 2004 Fleetwood Mobile Home, Serial # GAFL434AB76925 located thereon. This being the same property conveyed unto Carrigan O'Neal by Deed of Shirley A. Carman dated July 22, 2004 and recorded August 2, 2004 in Book 1034 at Page 5604, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County, South Carolina. 2147 Lazy Pines Road Darlington, SC 29540 TMS# 142-00-04-003.001 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Three and 375/1000 (3.375%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Special Referee for Darlington County Darlington, South Carolina _____, 2018 Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700 (9c3 leave in thru 9-26-18)

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Building an emergency preparedness kit

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find, and any one of them could save your life. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets, or seniors.

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit
To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation

- Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Additional Emergency Supplies

Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:

- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Glasses and contact lens

solution

- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper to disinfect water
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Maintaining Your Kit
After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it's



ready when needed:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers
- Replace expired items as needed
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.

Kit Storage Locations

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and vehicles.

- Home: Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.
- Work: Be prepared to

shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a "grab and go" case.

- Vehicle: In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car.

FMU thoroughfare renamed Heyward Drive

One of the primary thoroughfares on the Francis Marion University campus has new name.

At a ceremony last week, university officials held a dedication ceremony for the new Heyward Drive. The naming honors Dr. Joseph E. "Joe" Heyward, who served FMU for more than 30 years as an instructor, administrator and provost.

Heyward Drive is the main east-west street on the FMU campus. It was previously called Patriot Drive.

FMU President Dr. Fred Carter called Heyward "one of

the architects of the development of the university" and said that he depended upon Heyward's sound advice during the early years of his presidency.

During a ceremony in Francis Marion's Thomason Auditorium, Heyward was presented with a citation celebrating the event, and a replica of the street sign bearing his name. Heyward was accompanied by his wife Evelyn and numerous friends and family members.

"I'm still overwhelmed," Heyward said. "This is such an incredible honor."

Heyward, a native of Florence, graduated from Wilson High School, received his BA from Hampton University, his Master of Mathematics degree from Morgan State University and his Ed.D from the University of South Carolina.

Heyward taught math and physics, served as an assistant principal, and an assistant superintendent in Florence School District 1. Heyward served in a variety of roles at FMU during two different stints with the University. From 1983-2006 he was a vice president. Concurrently, he served

as University Provost on three occasions for a total of four years.

During his career Heyward also served as an area representative for Senator Fritz Hollings, and served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserve.

Heyward was active in a number of professional and community organizations throughout his life, including Cumberland United Methodist Church, the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, The South Carolina Housing Authority Board, the Greenwood



Genetics Center Board, the Pelican House Board and of course FMU's African-American Faculty and Staff

Coalition. He and Evelyn have three children and six grandchildren

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SOUTH CAROLINA
By: Bobby Hudson, Chairman

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DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 1, 2018
6 P.M.

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DARLINGTON, SC 29532

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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 ordinance:

Ordinance No. 18-12, To Amend The Allocation Of Multi-County Park Revenues Within Darlington County Under The Agreement Governing The Darlington-Florence Industrial Park Dated April 21, 2016 With Respect To Project Watauga; And Authorizing Other Related Matters

Anyone wishing to present an opinion on this proposed ordinance 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.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Darlington County is accepting proposals for the following:

1. IFB 01-10-04-2018 E911 Carpet Squares

(9c1 leave in thru 9-12-18)

NOTICE OF SALE

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2016-CP-16-0689

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture v. The Personal Representatives, if any, whose names are unknown, of the Estates of James A. Smith and Betty Jean Smith, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devises of James A. Smith and Betty Jean Smith, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in the property subject of this matter; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any

unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on October 1, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

All that one certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, situate, and being located near the Town of Lamar, and being designated as LOT NO. EIGHT (8) on a plat prepared for Ben L. Watford on May 25, 1971, by Lind Surveying Company, and duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 55 at page 93, with further reference being craved to an individual lot plat made for the Mortgagors herein, the same having been made by JE Tucker, RLS on 4/8/96, and recorded likewise in Book 165 page 123; Both said plats reflecting that Lot. No. Eight (8) as having the following metes and bounds:

North: By other lands of Ben L. Watford Estate for 115 ft;

East: By Lot No. 7 on said plat for a distance of 265 ft;

South: Fronting on Jackson Street for a distance of 115 ft;

West: By a 10 foot "reserved strip" for 265 feet.

This lot is a portion of those premises designated as

Darlington County Tax Map No. 90-00-02-001.

This being the same premises conveyed unto James A. Smith and Betty Jean Smith by deed of NANCE, Inc., recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on August 21, 1996 in Book 138 at Page 345.

TMS No.: 090-00-03-008

Property Address: 645 E. Jackson Street, Lamar, South Carolina 29069

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee for Darlington County may resell

the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.250% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title

search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

W. Haigh Porter
Special Referee for Darlington County

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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PUBLIC NOTICE

American Towers LLC is proposing to construct a 199-foot monopole telecommunications tower at 1721 Society Hill Road, Darlington, Darlington County, SC 29540 (Parcel No. 180-00-01-008). The new tower structure will be fitted with no lighting and the tower facility will include a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area and associated easements, along

with a 30-foot buffer surrounding the lease area. American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Interested persons may review the project application pending with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Form 854 File No. A1109023. Interested persons may comment or raise environmental impact concerns about the proposed action by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the FCC. The FCC strongly encourages all interested parties to make such filings

online, following the instructions found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. Paper filings can be sent to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. The Request must also be sent to American Towers LLC, by e-mailing a copy to enviro.services@americantower.com or mailing a copy to: American Tower, 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801 ATTN: Environmental Compliance. Requests or comments should be limited to environmental and historic/cultural resource impact concerns, and must be received on or before October 13, 2018. This invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project.

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