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

EDMUND BURKE

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County Council welcomes newest member

by Samantha Lyles
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Darlington County Council convened their first meeting of 2019 on Jan. 2 and started the evening by swearing in the new representative for District 6 (Hartsville), Albert Davis III.

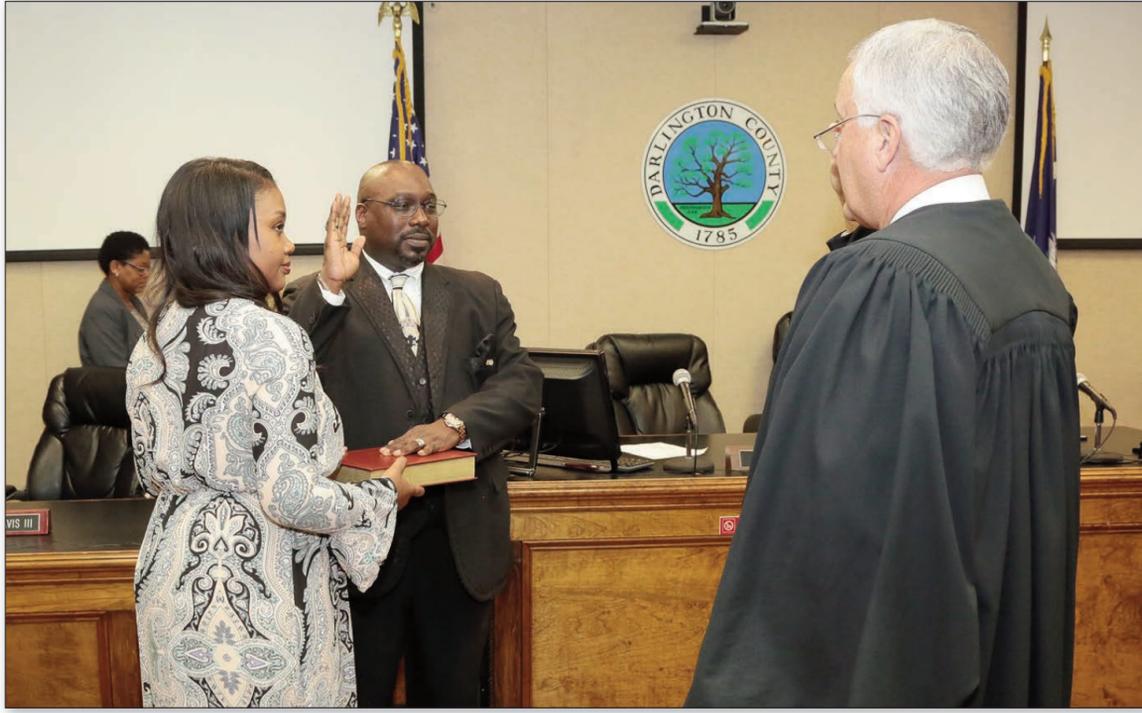
"Thank you to the citizens of Darlington County for giving me this opportunity to serve you in District 6," said Davis, adding special thanks to his family and to Senator and Mrs. Gerald Malloy for their advice and support. Davis expressed eagerness to work with other members of County Council in the coming years.

Davis takes over for the retired Mozella "Pennie" Nicholson, who represented District 6 for 15 years.

Returning Council members Dannie Douglas (District 2, Society Hill), Bobby Hudson (District 4, Lamar), and David Coker (District 8, Hartsville) also took the oath and resumed their duties for another four-year term.

Probate Judge Marvin Lawson, who also won re-election in November, officiated the swearing-in ceremony.

Council then elected officers for the year. Bobby Hudson resumes his role as chair, with Lewis Brown (District 7,



New Darlington County Council member Albert Davis III, accompanied by his wife, being sworn in by Judge Marvin Lawson

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Hartsville/Kelleytown) as vice chair and Dannie Douglas as chaplain.

On the regular agenda, Council held three public hear-

ings and readings for lease agreements.

The first renews a one-year agreement with Louene Baker to serve as caretaker at Lake

Darpo. The agreement allows the caretaker to reside in a house by the lake in exchange for performing maintenance services. The lessee pays their

own utilities and receives \$100 per month from the county. The agreement passed without objection.

The second renews a \$600

per month rental agreement with Linda Faircloth to lease space in Lamar's Robert L. Grooms Building to host the Prosperity Child Care Center. The lease expires on Dec. 31, 2019.

The agreement passed without objection.

The third agreement, leasing space in the Society Hill Neighborhood Center to Jacqueline Dubose for a Jumping 2 New Heights Double Dutch program, was carried over at the request of the county administrator.

Council also approved third reading for Ordinance No. 18-14, which amends the FY 2018/19 budget to add two new employee positions. The ordinance extract explained that revenues collected by the Darlington County Treasurer's office would be used to hire an additional tax clerk and provide an additional position for a deputy/assistant administrator. This includes a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$70,174.

Also at this meeting, Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Miller and George Cannon, all citizens from the South Hartsville community, asked for help with persistent flooding problems.

COUNTY ON 3A

Mental Health expands crisis intervention to Darlington, other Pee Dee counties

The S.C. Department of Mental Health has launched its Community Crisis Response and Intervention (CCRI) program in Darlington, Florence and Marion counties.

In partnership with all three counties' law enforcement, emergency management services, 911 dispatch, and probate courts, the program will provide on-site emergency psychiatric screening and assessment to individuals experiencing mental health emergencies within 60 minutes of contact with the CCRI team.

The service will be available 24 hours per day, seven

days a week, 365 days a year, and can be reached, toll-free, at (833) DMH-CCRI (364-2274).

"We are excited to begin providing services to the Pee Dee Region," said CCRI Director Amanda Gilchrist. "Our goal is to quickly link people in crisis to appropriate levels of care and divert them from unnecessary hospitalizations and incarcerations."

CCRI, a program of the SCDMH Division of Community Mental Health Services, launched services in multiple South Carolina Counties in 2018: Berkeley County in May, Beaufort and Horry counties in July, and

five Midlands counties in December. Jan. 3 marked the launch of services in Aiken, Barnwell and Lexington counties.

The program, initiated to address emergent psychiatric crises in the community by means of assessment and referral, aims to provide statewide coverage by late summer 2019.

CCRI provides clinical screenings to both adults and children in one of several ways: in person at the location of crisis, in person at a community mental health center, or by phone. In addition to accompanying team members to on-site screenings, Law

Enforcement will access CCRI for consultation or request the dispatch of a clinical team to a scene as needed, allowing for a more efficient use of resources as well as a "warm hand-off" for individuals in need of hospitalization or further evaluation.

"The goal of SCDMH is for CCRI to eventually be able to provide 24/7 crisis intervention services to those in psychiatric crisis across the entire state," said SCDMH Deputy Director of Community Mental Health Services Deborah Blalock.

In addition to assessing individuals in crisis, CCRI clinicians will educate individu-

als on available community resources, coordinate appropriate transfers and referrals, match patients to the most appropriate care, and serve as liaisons to the local SCDMH mental health centers. The team will accept referrals from any community partner or individual reporting a psychiatric crisis.

"I am truly grateful for the efforts of the hard-working folks at Pee Dee Mental Health Center and other cooperating groups in implementing CCRI here in Florence County," said Florence County Probate Judge Jesse S. Cartrette Jr.

"This program will provide

emergency assistance 24 hours a day to folks in Florence County who are dealing with mental health concerns, and I believe it has the potential to save many lives."

Florence County Central Dispatch Manager Mitchell Fulmore added, "Florence County Central Communications is looking forward to working with the SCDMH and our public safety providers. I believe Community Crisis Response and Intervention is an important step in helping our first responders to address mental health in our communities."

Sole survivor: Simon retires from shoe biz at 91

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The new year traditionally marks a series of beginnings, but the close of 2018 saw the end of a very long Darlington tradition as Simon's Community Shoe Repair shut its doors for good.

Proprietor Perry Simon, 91, says he decided to shutter the business for several reasons. You might think his advanced age would be tops on the list, but that's not necessarily true. While Simon admits that he has a bit less pep than he used to, he is still quite capable of running the shop and using the industrial grinding, polishing, and stitching machines to fix broken shoes.

The chief reason for the closure, he says, is that the shoe business has fundamentally changed. Where people once invested in quality leather shoes and maintained them with new soles or replaced broken heels, most shoes that people buy now are relatively dis-

posable. Simon says that he will occasionally get a customer whose prized sneakers are losing their soles, but those simple repairs don't take much time or offer much in the way of compensation.

"Take this here," says Simon, displaying a pristine white pair of Air Jordans recently brought in for some attention. "The sole was coming off, so I glued it back on. You can't charge but a few dollars for that, and that's hardly worth staying open for."

Simon's shop is a testament to the way things used to be, chock full of outsized machines geared to precisely polish a leather upper or specifically scuff a slick sole. Shelves are lined with dozens of shades of shoe polish and dye, all tinted to perfectly match a customer's wingtips or high heels. Actually, figuring out how to match dye and polish colors to an indistinguishable degree was Simon's first step into the business, way back in 1948.

"That was the first thing I learned, was the color of different types of leather. ... When I learned about shoe repair, I learned from the ground up," says Simon.



Perry Simon has retired after more than half a century running Simon's Community Shoe Repair of Darlington PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES



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Word of the Week

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National Parks of the Shutdown



OP-ED

How long are your legs?

By Bill Shepard

Our lives can sometimes be a long, winding road.

It brings us to places and circumstances where often, we do not know which direction to take. We are confronted with questions we cannot answer. At such times, we must call for help! That can mean swallowing our pride and admitting that we are not the “macho” person that we want the world to believe we are.

I read a short story about a boy who was following his dad, as the dad was showing some visitors over the farmland. The boy had not been invited to come along, so he was following at a safe distance behind, not wishing to be discovered.

At times, the group would come to a narrow stream or divide and would make the crossing, rather easily, and then continue on. When the boy would come to those places, he would often have difficulty making the crossing.

As the journey continued, the men came to a rather wide and deep ditch that had been dug to allow a small stream to flow through the pasture land. The men hesitated for a moment and then each, with an effort, leaped across the stream and continued on.

The boy approached the stream and realized it was too wide and deep for him to step over. What was he to do? He did not want to reveal himself, as the father had not yet discovered that he was being followed. He could turn and go back home and never tell anyone that he had followed his dad. He could even blame the ditch for being too wide or the men who dug it.

There were options aplenty, as they often are, in similar situations. The boy thought for a moment, then opened his mouth wide and screamed, “Daddy, my legs are too short!” The boy’s daddy heard and recognized his son’s cry for help; he ran back and lifted the small boy across the stream and allowed him to join the group, as they continued on together.

Whether the story is true or not, there is a lesson to be learned from it. It does seem that the older I get, the wider some of my ditches get and the shorter my legs become! I find myself more often, having to admit that I am not the “macho” man that some might have thought me to be.

When I began this story, my mind traveled back to the place of my childhood. We lived near a large pasture land, owned by a man who operated a small milk dairy. The pasture was the place where his cows grazed freely. A long and wide ditch was dug through the pasture to allow for drainage of a small stream to empty into Swift Creek which flowed nearby.

On Sunday afternoons during the summer, the boys of the village would often gather in the pasture to play. One game often played was “follow the leader.” Usually, the leader was an older and much larger boy.

To remain in the game, whatever the leader did, the others had to follow or drop out of the game. Playing along the ditch, the leader would come to one of the wider places and jump across it. To remain in the game, the others had to follow. I returned home soaking wet many times because I would not swallow my pride and admit to myself that my legs were too short! In trying to follow, I would fall short and land inside the ditch where the water was flowing.

There are some lessons to be learned from both of the above stories. One moment, our lives are filled with sunshine and good happenings and the next moment, we are in situations we cannot handle. At such times, we are put to the test. Swallow our pride and call for help or go home wet. It is a wise person who in such times will admit their weakness and seek help.

Our heavenly father has an attentive ear for all of those who cry – “My legs are too short!” He will walk through the hard places with us and even carry us, if necessary. He will, I know that He will! Do you? How long are your legs?

By Tom Poland

Hollywood props, of all things, took me back to family roots in Georgia.

I was bored, a rare malady, for which the cure is a Clint Eastwood spaghetti Western (so named because Italians directed them). A scene in “Pale Rider” featured a familiar sight, a washbasin and pitcher. Familiar, because I now own my late mother’s washbasin and pitcher.

Mom kept things from the past. Many of the things she kept, I now keep with good reason. They connect me to the past, my family’s past. Outside of visiting family members’ graves, owning some of their possessions remains the best connection.

They turn a bit of my home into a museum of sorts. They add something to my life that’s hard to explain. It’s more a feeling than anything, an awareness, if you will.

In those Westerns something about a washbasin and pitcher seems inviting. They bring a touch of civilization to a Dry Gulch outpost. Add can-

dles or a kerosene lamp and a man has light to shave by. Sharpen that straight razor against leather, lather up the brush and go from a dusty cowpoke coming off the trail to gallant gunslinger. Head to the saloon, toss back a shot, and see if a lady needs company or a bad guy needs dispatching. No doubt both if you’re Clint Eastwood.

A washbasin and pitcher sufficed until tubs came along. Some of you will recall “The Good, The Bad and The Ugly,” where Tuco (Eli Wallach) is taking his first bath in many a week.

A pistol-packing one-armed desperado walks in to wreak revenge on the man who cost him an arm.

He’s got Tuco right where he wants him—in a bubble-filled tub. As he lords over Tuco, gloating, Tuco fires through the bubbles and another bad guy bites the dust. “When you have to shoot, shoot, don’t talk,” says Tuco.

Well, Mom’s pitcher and washbasin never appeared in a Hollywood Western but she

kept them as memoirs. Growing up, she lived in a home without plumbing, something we take for granted in this gilded age of running water and electricity.

Perhaps my grandfather shaved with that bowl. Perhaps it is merely a replica, but an authentic connection nonetheless remains.

Mom also kept two old wooden, bread bowls. I have one. Its scars and scratches confirm how love staved off hunger.

Hands long dead kneaded dough in that bowl and many a loaf of bread and skillet of hot cornbread came out of my grandmother’s old wood stove.

People still make fresh bread, of course, but they seldom use old wooden bowls, opting for stainless steel bowls and electric mixers.

As for candles, they remain in vogue. Those cozy, flickering points of light create ambience in restaurants and add a festive touch to home come winter and special occasions. Paraffin has given way to glass bottles filled with oil, but

unlike washbasins, pitchers, and kerosene lamps, we still find uses for candles.

I view my collection of Mom’s keepsakes with no small degree of feeling. Besides being beautiful, the things she kept remind me of a time when everything was difficult, though folks at that time couldn’t know how easier things would become.

Today, we look at washbasins, water pitchers, candles, and kerosene lamps as relics of primitive days. We’re glad those antiquated times are behind us, still we need to remain aware of how vital they were to our forebears.

I know that my great-grandparents and, for a while, my grandparents didn’t have running water or electricity. Most everything they did required hard labor.

The things Mom kept helped them live; they weren’t props in a movie. They were essential to a way of life, a way of life we can only guess about as we flip switches, turn faucets, and pull a loaf of bread off the shelf.

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The things that we keep

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

social media.

You purposefully ignored my opening comments where I stated that I have faithfully attended City Council meetings and serve on two council committees. You also made no mention that I asked the city attorney and the city administrator (because that is their jobs) to help the members of City Council because there is a huge breakdown in the actions of this body striving to represent the citizens of Darlington.

White councilpersons have consistently been demeaning, boisterous and completely out of order during these meetings. Thus, I surmise that in addition to not having a clear understanding of the governing laws of this body, that it is a white and black issue.

I closed my comments with a plea to involve law enforcement in City Council meetings and to change/update the city of Darlington website with words that correctly reflect the climate of all of the citizens of Darlington.

As this paper’s editor, it is my hope that you will consider the divisive community you report news to. Try (to) consider viewing every story as an opportunity to see beyond skin color to the root of reporting the news without bias.

In this age of instant messaging, your articles appear overlong and do not lend themselves to interest in what you report. Change is difficult for everyone. If you ever experienced the sheer joy in reporting without bias, please

bring that interest to today and realize everyone wants to be accepted, especially in print.

Gladys Wingate Jules,
Darlington

(When the premise is true and the conclusion is false, the conclusion was not in the premise.)

Editor’s note: Ms. Jules made

a formal statement to City Council on Nov. 13 touching on a number of issues. The News & Press quoted some of her comments in its Nov. 21 issue. In our Dec. 26 issue, the newspaper included some of those comments in a feature on “2018: The Year in Quotes.” Ms. Jules felt that it was unfair and “divisive” to print those quotes again. She wrote this letter to elaborate on her view.

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Darlington County Institute of Technology students qualify for state marketing competition

Marketing students who attend the Darlington County Institute of Technology (DCIT) recently joined other students for the Region II DECA competitive event at May River High School in Bluffton.

Thirteen DCIT students placed in the Top 10 of their respective events, which qualified them for the state competition in February.

DECA is an international, nonprofit organization with more than 215,000 members, according to its website. DECA works to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality

and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA also provides opportunities for students to network with industry leaders and earn recognition in competitive events.

There are three DECA regions in South Carolina. DCIT offers the following courses that allow membership in DECA: Marketing, Accounting, Finance, Business Law, Entrepreneurship and Leadership.

DCIT advisors Pam Smith and Latricia Jackson prepared students for the competition by having them complete

sample written and computerized tests, preparing a variety of related classroom assignments, and hosting role-play situations with classmates and community volunteers.

Each student competitor took an online test in November.

During the regional DECA event, the students participated in the role-play portion of their competition.

For role-play students read a situation in their content area, prepared for 10 minutes, and then interacted with judges in business fields such as Apparel and Accessories Marketing,

Quick Service Restaurant Management and Human Resources.

Students who placed in the Top 10 of their events earned a medallion and a certificate. Those honors were handed out during an awards ceremony.

The following DCIT students placed in the Top 10 of their respective events:

- Quenton Baker – Marketing Communication Series
- Emily Blue – Apparel and Accessories Marketing Series
- Jada Coefield – Quick Service Restaurant Management Series
- Tiyonna Dolford – Apparel and Accessories Marketing Series
- Jonicea Fox-Moses – Hotel and Lodging Management Series
- Jaelyn McDonald – Accounting Applications Series
- Auriale Rogers – Quick Service Restaurant Management Series
- Brooklyn Sylvester – Apparel and Accessories Marketing
- Shayla Walters – Accounting Applications Series
- Christopher White – Entrepreneurship
- Annagrace Wilkes – Accounting Applications Series

Entrepreneurship

Jakayla Williams – Food Marketing Series

Martayashia Williams – Accounting Applications Series

All of these students qualify for the state competitive events, which will be held in North Charleston from Feb. 22-24.

If a student places in the Top 3 in a state competition, that student becomes eligible to attend the International DECA Conference in Orlando, Florida, from April 27-30.

Chamber of Commerce seeks nominations for awards

The Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce (including Lamar and Society Hill) is accepting nominations for awards to be given out at its annual banquet Feb. 28 at the Darlington Country Club.

Nominations for these awards should include the person's name or the business, industry or group's name, accompanied by a one-page essay outlining why they should receive the award they are being nominated for. All nominations must be e-mailed, mailed or hand-delivered to Harriet Hobbs, president of the

Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce (hhobbs@darlingtonchamber.com, 803-606-5188).

The awards are:

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: The recipient must have performed a recognizable service or contribution to the community that is above and beyond the call of duty. This service should not be done solely as part of one's job responsibilities, but should easily stand out as being "above and beyond." The recipient's accomplishments should contribute to the well-being of the community

and enhance the quality of life for all citizens. The recipient must have been involved in community activities for at least 10 years.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: The recipient must personify the Chamber's motto, "I love Darlington." The recipient must be active in community affairs for at least five years. The recipient must have performed an outstanding service to the community during the designated year.

COMMUNITY PRIDE: The recipient must be a business, industry or group that typifies

the idea of "Pride in the Community." The idea of "Pride in the Community" is reflected in the appearance of the business, industry or town it represents. The business, industry or group must have made a recognizable contribution to the well-being of the community.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: The recipient must demonstrate strong business involvement in the community, with a history of and a willingness to give back to the community by playing a leadership role in civic activities. The recipient

must be heavily involved in the local community and give generously of themselves and/or staff in time and resources. The recipient must have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. The recipient must promote the economic growth, stability and improvement of the communities that the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce serves.

LEGACY AWARD: The recipient is a community member continuing community involvement and/or service begun by a family member. The award is given posthumously.

Guidelines for the awards: Only Chamber members in good standing may nominate candidates for these awards. Nominees may come from any area of the county served by the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce (Darlington, Lamar, Society Hill). Nominees may be members or non-members. The Chamber Board will vote on the recipients. Nominations without essays, essays not meeting criteria, unsigned nominations or late nominations (after Feb. 1) will not be considered.

County

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Cannon tempered his comments with thanks for the recent efforts made by Darlington County Roads and Bridges to address these concerns.

Darlington resident Gladys Wingate Jules spoke about the possibility of inviting representatives from the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation to make a presentation in Darlington County.

According to their website, www.heirsproperty.org, the Charleston-based non-

profit "protects heirs' property and promotes its sustainable use to provide increased economic benefit to historically under-served families." Wingate Jules said that if even a small group of citizens expresses interest, a presentation could be arranged.

She said those wishing to contact the Center can call

843-745-7055.

"What's wonderful is that all the services are absolutely free," said Wingate Jules.

Council member Bobby Kilgo offered his legal services to help, if needed, and voiced support for the idea and the organization.

Simon

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He recalls that he apprenticed with shoe repairman Carley E. Ervin after World War II, when the government sponsored veterans to learn new trades. Simon worked with Ervin until the late 1960s, and bought the business when his mentor retired. Simon relocated from Jessamine Street to Dargan Street in 1976, and Community Shoe Repair has been there – right next door to Simon's house – ever since.

Over the years, Perry Simon has salvaged too many damaged shoes, purses, and leather goods

to count. But he says he has enjoyed all the work, and feels good to know that his shop has served a valuable purpose in the community.

"I would like to thank the citizens of Darlington for their support in keeping this little shop going, to keep us operating. The neighbors nearby have always been very nice and kind, and whenever I needed their help, they were very helpful," says Simon.

Asked what he will do in retirement, Simon wryly observes that at the age of 91, after working so hard for so long, he has probably earned the right to not do much of anything.



Returning Darlington County Council members (from left) Bobby Hudson, Dannie Douglas, and David Coker being sworn in by Judge Marvin Lawson PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES



Mr. and Mrs. James Miller spoke about persistent flooding in South Hartsville PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

The Board of Directors of Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority will meet in the Conference Room at 131 Industrial Way, Darlington SC at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

January 22, 2019	February 18, 2019
March 18, 2019	April 15, 2019
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July 15, 2019	August 19, 2019
September 16, 2019	October 21, 2019
November 18, 2019	December 16, 2019

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Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit will reap eternal life."

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Dell Jordan Wallace
 Dell Jordan Wallace, age 99, of San Diego passed away Dec. 21, 2018. She was born March 14, 1919, in Timmonsville and was a longtime resident of Darlington County. She was married for 47 years to her childhood sweetheart, the late Bernie Wallace, a local civic leader and president of Darlington Raceway. She is survived by her son, Bernie Wallace Jr., his wife, Peggy, granddaughter Megan, great-granddaughters Anastasia and Avaiah and numerous nieces and nephews. Interment was at Darlington County Memory Gardens. A celebration of life was planned for early this year. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Darlington or the American Cancer Society.

Stella Hudson Borders
 Stella Hudson Borders, 70, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018. She was born in Florence, daughter of the late Jim and Sarah Bailey Hudson. She is survived by her son, Michael L. Borders Jr. of Myrtle Beach, two brothers, James (Doris) Hudson and William (Jeannie) Hudson, all of Florence, and her brother-in-law, Roger Sawyer. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death her husband, Michael L. Borders Sr. and a sister, Edith Hudson Sawyer. All services were held privately and conducted by Belk Funeral Home.

Joshua Macdonald
 DARTINGTON -- Joshua David Macdonald, 26, died Dec. 31, 2018. A funeral service was held Friday, Jan. 4, at Darlington Presbyterian Church. The family received friends Thursday evening at Belk Funeral Home. Born in Seneca Aug. 13, 1992, he was the son of Allan R. and Echo-Leigh Bertolini Macdonald. Raised in the shadows of Clemson University, Joshua was a home-schooled student and sports enthusiast, especially when it came to Clemson football and baseball. He was recently named "Fan of the Year" by Clemson University's Florence Area Prowl and Growl. Joshua also enjoyed being outdoors playing golf, hunting, shooting bicycling, and going on adventures with his brother, Eddy. He was well known in the hallways of Darlington Presbyterian Church, where he was quick to greet you with a smile and friendly "Hey." He was honorary head usher of the church, and looked forward each week to serving with his "League of Extraordinary Gentlemen." Joshua also sang on the praise team for Darlington Presbyterian and was active in the College and Career group. Always cheerful despite many adversities, he was an inspiration to many, at McLeod Health

and Fitness Center and elsewhere. In addition to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allan Macdonald of Darlington, he is survived by his siblings, Andrew (Sarah) Robertson Macdonald of San Francisco, Edward Daniel Macdonald of Colorado Springs, Colo. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and other extended family. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Somerled Donald St. Maur Macdonald and Myrta Robertson Macdonald and maternal grandparents, Eleanor Lucille Bertolini and Edward Joseph Bertolini. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Joshua's name to either the Susan Johnson Memorial Fund at Darlington Presbyterian Church, or to the Clemson Life Program, ("Clemson University Foundation"). In the Memo line write "Clemson LIFE Foundation Account" or "Grace Clements Scholarship" and mail to Clemson University Foundation, PO Box 1889, Clemson, SC 29633. A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Clyde Squires
 DARTINGTON -- Clyde Squires, July 19, 1935-Jan. 1, 2019. Clyde has been reunited with his love of his life, Deana Bell Squires, who passed away Dec. 31, 2016, and now reside in Heaven. He was the son of the late Clyde Squires and Rose Markley Squires. Also preceding him in death are his siblings, Charles (Chuck) Squires, Donald Squires, Joseph Squires and Shirley Squires Buchta. He was a very loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a veteran of the Korean War, Navy ship USS Antietam. He also served in the Army Reserve. He worked in the coal mines of West Virginia.



He sold Singer sewing machines door to door. He mostly worked in the oil business, Standard Oil and Quaker State, until retirement. He kept busy, always into something, such as the Boxing Club in Chester, W. Va., in the 1970s. He loved the boxers and loved keeping the kids busy. He had greenhouses and loved plants. He loved drag racing at Friendship Park in Winterville, Ohio, and Darlington and several other tracks. He was a wonderful artist, drawing cartoons, painting and airbrushing to say the least. Surviving him are his siblings, James William Squires of Philadelphia, John (Dorothy) Squires of Mt. Morris, Pa., Claudia (Larry) Moser of Chesnee, Jacquelin Squires Moore of New Castle, Pa. Also, his children, Clyde, Jay (Donna) Squires, Florence; Susan (William Jr.) Blinn (formerly of Chester, W. Va.), Darlington; and Janis (Randy) Morrell of East Liverpool, Ohio. Also his grandchildren, Misty (Robert) Davis of Cutcutta, Ohio; Ben Frazier of Chester, W. Va.; James Hayes Cleveland, Georgia (active duty Army); Jeremiah Squires of Chester, W. Va.; Kelsey White of Florence; and Timothy Toothman Jr. of East Palestine, Ohio. He has 10 great-grandchildren. Our parents, Clyde and Dee, have nurtured so many, have touched so many lives, have given so much laughter, kindness and joy to so many of us. They were so very giving. Per their request, no services will be held at this time. We will have a memorial service to honor both parents together at a later date to better accommodate our family and friends. A very special thank you to Amedisys Hospice and the many people who supported us. This is the most thoughtful organization. Cremation arrangements are being handled by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home and Crematory in Darlington.

Donald Huggins
 LAMAR -- Donald "Don" Huggins, 77, passed away Monday, Dec. 24, 2018. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 29, at Lamar United Methodist Church, with burial at Lamar Memorial Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends at the church. Born April 8, 1941, Don was the son of the late Charlie Huggins and Marie Johnson Huggins. He served in the Army and worked for ESAB for 43 years. Don was a St. Louis Cardinals fan and enjoyed watching Fox News. He attended Lamar United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Liz D. Huggins of Lamar; his sons, Darian (Chanda) Huggins of Florence, Donnie Huggins of Lamar and Daniel "Danny" Huggins of Florence; grandchildren, Lee D. Huggins, Erin Huggins, Rachel Huggins and Megan Huggins; his half-sister, Wanda Wallace of Society Hill. Memorials may be made to Lamar United Methodist Church, PO Box 555 Lamar, SC 29069. A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Living on Purpose
A wonderful time to begin anew

By Bill Holland
 A brand-new year is here and I'm excited to see what the Lord has for us! Keeping Christ at the center of our thoughts takes a great deal of discipline and determination but so does everything else we really care about. It comes down to how serious we are about knowing God and how willing we are to give him total control of our life. Whatever we become involved with, He simply wants us to listen and obey his instructions, which is the reason we are here. If we abide under the shadow of His wings, we will walk in the peace and joy of his Spirit but if we choose to live our own way, we will remain empty and miserable. Matthew Chapter 22 gives us the meaning of life, "Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment."



Actually, the Bible contains many passages where God declares how much He loves us and wants to save us but most of the time we're so busy making our own decisions that we hardly ever consider the distractions that are preventing us from serving Him. In the book of Revelation, Chapter Two, He's disappointed with how the Ephesians had left their "first love" and today is a perfect time for us to examine our heart and think about this important decision. The incarnation, crucifixion and the resurrection is all about God's passion to have a personal relationship with us. At this time of year, we start planning our resolutions and it's the perfect occasion to start developing spiritual lifestyle changes. You notice I used the word "developing" because drawing closer to God is a process of patience much like losing weight, exercising or any other type goal in which we are working toward a goal. For example, eating a salad today is not going to automatically fix our weight problem but it's a positive first step and the same is true with learning how to become a follower of Christ. There have been many adaptations from the original Al-Anon credo that warns everyone to be realistic about trying to change everything all at once because personal transformation is a lifestyle change that will require serious concentration and perseverance. It's great to have long-term goals and we should release

our faith into accomplishing our destiny, but it's also important to focus on our mission one day at a time. It would be much better to go slow with permanent results than to rush and become overwhelmed with frustration and disappointment. Philippians 3:14 says, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus" and this reveals a critical truth that no one else can do this for us. Personal change is always between us and God! A great place to begin would be to dedicate a few minutes each day simply talking with God. Daily Bible reading is another excellent place to give our attention because His words are spiritual nourishment to our soul and will help fill our mind and heart with strength and confidence. A new way of thinking will require courage and a fierce tenacity because our old nature hates to be disciplined and to surrender control. Also, as many of you know, the Christian life is a serious challenge because of the added resistance from the dark side. Long story short; it's not easy but absolutely worth it! I've recorded an 80-minute CD where I narrate over 100 encouraging Bible passages and it includes prayers, and several original songs that are filled with hope, joy and faith. This is an encouraging resource for those who would like to fill their mind and soul with God's promises. Contact me and I would be glad to send you a free copy. God is always faithful, and if we look at the past year, we will notice that He has been working in our lives even when we did not realize it. This coming year, may you discover the wonders of God's love and receive the peace and contentment you are searching for. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become brand new" (II Corinthians 5:17). To learn more visit: billyhollandministries.com

Chur Ch News
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Winter Summit
 The Winter Summit of the Woman's Pee Dee District Department of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Association will be held Jan. 12 at Chaney Grove Baptist Church, 649 Chaney Grove Road, Timmonsville, at 10 a.m. Registration starts 9:40 a.m. Rev. Michael A. McMillan Sr. is the pastor. Workshop presenter will be Thelma Alexander.

MLK March
 Bethany Baptist Church, 205 West Pearl St., Lamar, will hold a Martin Luther King Day march and service Jan. 21. The march will begin and end at the church. Gather at 8:15 a.m., line up at 8:40 a.m.; march begins at 9. Van service will be provided for elderly and disabled participants. In case of bad weather, the march will be called off and the celebration service will begin at 9 in the church sanctuary.

Prayer Service
 New Life In Christ Church of Darlington, 119 Chestnut St., Darlington, will hold a Noon Day Prayer Service every Friday.

Prayer Service
 St. James will hold a Noon Day Prayer Service every Wednesday. The church is at 312 Pearl St.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church
 2364 Cashua Ferry Rd., Darlington. 843-393-1029.
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.-Worship Service 4 p.m.-Prayer Closet; 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Services
 Monday
 Monday Night Ministry (MNM)-Youth Fellowship & Meal
 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. - Old Fashion Chapel Service & Fellowship Meal; 6:30 p.m. - Small Group Bible Study (all ages) and Youth Group Meeting

The Upper Room Holy Ghost Mission
 Sunday morning worship is at 11 a.m. Bible study Thursday night is at 7 p.m. at 109 Main St. in Darlington. Call 843-250-0418 for prayer.

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

church 843-992-8125.

Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line
 Anyone who needs prayer for healing and deliverance is welcome to call the Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line at 843-393-8555. The prayer line is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries
 Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington announces their hours: 1st/3rd Sunday Pastoral Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Church Services 11 Elder M. Frierson 2nd/4th Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 by Deacon Z. Frierson Service at 11 a.m. Min. Gerald Green. Philadelphia Southern Methodist; Traditional - Conservative. 1665 Philadelphia St., Darlington. SS 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.

The Lord Cares
 Please continue to assist The Lord Cares in caring for those in need in the Darlington area. T.L.C.'s food bank is at 201 Grove St. in Darlington. They are open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Mail monetary donations to: The Lord Cares PO Box 1457, Darlington, SC 29540.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Short looking man looking for love! Ford is the sweetest, most gentle fellow in the county. Preferring to hang on the side lines vs. bask in the spotlight, he's a quiet, unassuming Basset mix who is fine with other dogs and loves to simply hang close to you as you love on him. A patient human who will help Ford come out his shell and be at his best would be an ideal match for this smaller dog with the big heart. 2-3 years old; male; Basset/beagle mix; 31 pounds

Steady tail wagger! All dressed for success in her sleek cream, slightly dappled jacket, Gabrielle is a friendly, well-mannered lady who loves meeting everyone and making new



friends. Nicely meeting other dogs while out on a walk, when it was time to take a break, Gabrielle was fast to position all 40-plus pounds of herself right in her walker's lap! If a low key love bug is on your bucket list for the new year, ask for Gabrielle. 46 pounds; pointer/hound mix; 2-3 years old.

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

Board of Zoning Appeals

5:30 p.m. on Mondays on an as-needed basis, coordinated through the Codes Enforcement Office.

Hartsville Rotary Club

Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Hartsville Country Club

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

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.

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

Society Hill: each Friday from 2-4 pm 378-0026

Darlington: 2nd Friday of the month 10 a.m. - noon 398-4940

Hartsville: "The Stitches" group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays and 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5 pm.

Pee Dee SCORE

Pee Dee SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) offers Free confidential counseling to America's small business, serving Darlington, Florence and surrounding areas. Existing and start-up businesses can schedule an appointment by calling the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce at 843-332-6401.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting of big book and traditions studies weekly at 8 p.m. Monday nights at Trinity UMC on Pearl Street. Use Orange Street entrance. Info: 843-395-6897.

AA meets at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street:

Sun: 6pm
Mon: noon
Tues: 8pm
Wed: noon, 6 pm

Thurs: 8pm
Fri: noon, 8pm
Sat noon, 8 pm

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon is a fellowship of adult relatives and friends of alcoholics for mutual support. Visitors are welcome. Childcare is not available. Al-Anon meetings:

Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street. Info: 843-992-2981.

Monthly Events

Hartsville Pilot Club

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

Hartsville Toastmasters

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

Water and Soil Conservation Board

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

DDRA Board of Directors Meeting

The DDRA Board of Directors will meet at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main Street, at 8 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, except in July and September.

Darlington County First Steps

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

Williamson Park Committee

The Williamson Park Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street.

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.

DHS Booster Club

The Darlington High School Athletic Booster Club has set meeting times for the next several months.

Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the DHS Media Center.

Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the DHS Media Center.

Monday, March 18, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the DHS Media Center.

Jan. 2019

Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington County Library Board Meeting

Jan. 17 at the Darlington Library located at 204 N. Main Street, Darlington, SC.

Feb. 2019

Coker College Homecoming

Join us on Friday, Feb. 1 for an alumni drop in at Bizzell's and Saturday, February 2, there will be campus tours, class pictures, alumni reception and so much more!

Historic Landmarks Commission

5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street.

Darlington County Council Meeting

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

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Feb. 21 at 8 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building located at 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC.

Darlington Tree Board

Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

March 2019

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 19 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

April 2019

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

May 2019

Historic Landmarks Commission

5:30 p.m. Monday, May 6 at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington Tree Board

May 13 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

May 16 at 8 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building located at 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC.

Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 21 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

June 2019

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting June 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

July 2019

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting July 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 16 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

August 2019

Historic Landmarks Commission

5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5 at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Local Emergency Planning Committee

August 15 at 8 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building located at 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC.

Sept. 2019

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington Tree Board

Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

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FMU launching spring semester with more new programs

Classes for Francis Marion University's spring semester were set to resume on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Students returned to residence halls on Jan. 6. Orientation for new students was Jan. 7.

Students not yet registered for classes, including students entering FMU for the first time, can register on Monday. Contact the FMU admissions

office at 843.661.1231 for more information.

FMU graduated students in two new graduate-level degree programs—Physician Assistant Studies and Doctor of Nursing Practice—in the fall. The university also began three other new academic programs.

That momentum continues this spring. The first students in new Masters of Education Teaching and Learning degree

program will begin classes. And, the first classes in the new Bachelor of Business Administration sports marketing/sports management concentration will begin.

Francis Marion University is a comprehensive, public liberal arts university.

More information on FMU programs, degrees and admissions is available online at www.fmarion.edu.

Get a head start on tax season

The dawn of a new calendar year often marks the end of the sometimes hectic holiday season. This time of year marks a return to normalcy for many families, as the kids go back to school and parents return to work.

The beginning of January also serves as a great time to start preparing for tax season. While the deadline to file returns may be several months away, getting a head-start allows men and women the chance to organize their tax documents so they aren't racing against a deadline come April. The following are a handful of ways to start preparing for your returns now.

- Find last year's return. You will need information from last year's return in order to file this year, so find last year's return and print it out if you plan to hire a professional to work on your return.

- Gather dependents' information. While you might know your own Social Security number by heart, if you have dependents, you're going to need their information as well. New parents or adults who started serving as their elderly parents' primary caretakers over the last year will need their kids' and their folks' social security numbers. If you do not have these numbers upon filing, your return will likely be delayed and you

might even be denied potentially substantial tax credits.

- Gather your year-end financial statements. If you spent the last year investing, then you will have to pay taxes on any interest earned. Interest earned on the majority of savings accounts is also taxable, so gather all of your year-end financial statements from your assorted accounts in one place. Doing so will make filing your return, whether you do it yourself or work with a professional, go more quickly.

- Speak with your mortgage lender. Homeowners should receive forms documenting their mortgage interest payments for the last year, as the money paid in interest on your home or homes is tax deductible. If these forms are not received in a timely manner, speak with your lender. You might even be able to download them from your lender's secure website.

- Make a list of your charitable contributions.

Charitable contributions, no matter how small, are tax deductible. While it's easiest to maintain a list of all charitable donations you make as the year goes on, if you have not done that, then you can make one now. Look for receipts of all contributions, contacting any charities you donated to if you misplaced any receipts.

- Book an appointment with your tax preparation specialist now. As April 15 draws closer, tax preparers' schedules get busier and busier. The earlier you book your appointment, the more likely you are to get a favorable time for that meeting. In addition, if you have gathered all of the information you need by early February, then booking your appointment early means you can file earlier and receive any return you might be eligible for that much quicker.

Tax season might not be right around the corner, but it's never too early to start preparing your return.



Clemson's 'cyborg laureate' finds freedom in words

Clemson University

Jillian Weise is comfortable with words.

She's comfortable with writing them, accepting them and rejecting them. Some words she uses to describe herself: *provocative, disabled and amputee*. Some words she rejects: *inspirational, courageous and brave*.

One particularly significant word she rejects is an official medical term.

"I was born with a disability," Weise explained during an interview in her office on the Clemson University campus. "There's a name for it, but I refuse the medical model and the language used to describe me. First of all, the name is in Latin, and I don't read or speak Latin."

Weise is petite and walks with a careful step, having one bionic leg.

As associate professor of creative writing she spends her days gently encouraging students — many of whom don't consider themselves poets or even writers — to fully open their minds and hearts to words. She accomplishes this partly by leading by example — she produces works of astounding directness and depth that confront the challenges and taboos of living with disabilities.

In her essay "Common Cyborg," which was published in Cambridge University's literary quarterly *Granta* in September, she takes Google to task, claiming the tech giant has done a poor job of identifying and hiring disabled employees.

Last year, Weise met with a group of Google executives and offered to be the company's "cyborg laureate."

"I pitched that position to them in a sort of tongue-in-cheek way just to get them to understand they need to employ cyborgs in tech," she said.

"In that conversation they said to me, 'We don't have any disabled people working for us.' I said, 'How many people work in your department?' They say 60, and I said, 'Um, I hate to inform you of this, but you do. You simply don't know who they are because they're afraid to tell you.' This is the perpetual problem."

Unfortunately, said Weise, the view of the Google execs echoes a public conception that a disabled person can't be an expert.

"I'm really sad that we just lost Stephen Hawking, because he was an expert, not on disability but in astrophysics," she said.

Weise said she's worked

her whole life to be seen as an expert, like Hawking — and as an intellectual. From an observer's viewpoint, she appears to have succeeded in that.

Her first book, "The Amputee's Guide to Sex," recently was reissued in a 10th anniversary edition. It is a collection of poems that are both jarring in their frankness and heart-wrenching in their honesty.

Take this poem, for example, titled "Incision":

*The nape of my neck is a tell.
Otherwise you wouldn't notice
with the layers of clothes:
shirt,
vest, scarf, coat.
Undressed, it's a solitary hole
in the middle of a white wall,
you
can't help but stare, what
picture
hung there, what of, what
color?*

*It gets worse than this, you'll
want to see how far down it
goes.*

*The circular incision top and
bottom,
a line contained by points
The seal of an envelope,
opened.*

"Dr. Weise is, quite simply, an astounding colleague. Her prolific and ever-surprising creativity manifests in everything she does," said Susanna Ashton, professor and chair of Clemson's English department. "She models to her students what it means to be not just a scholar and an artist, but what it means to infuse those identities so entirely with one another that they are inseparable. Making room for art to not just inform research, but to be interrogatory research itself is something we cherish here in Clemson English and no one has taught us better the glorious possibilities for how that can play out than Dr. Weise."

Weise grew up in Houston, where her father was a pharmacist and her mother worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

She attended Florida State University, where she enrolled as a broadcast journalism major. On a whim, she took a poetry workshop. It changed the course of her life.

"I like the freedom from capitalism that poetry provides me with," Weise said. "I like that it's outside of the system and the freedom of working with language any way I want. I knew there would be no giant paycheck at the end of this work — but I would join the legacy of the poets from

the beginning of time. This appealed to me immensely."

She went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts in poetry at the University of North Carolina and a Ph.D. in English at the University of Cincinnati.

Weise then joined Clemson's English department in 2008.

"I was so thrilled to get a job here. I love teaching poetry," said Weise. "I want students to come to poetry with a sense of freedom to tell anything they want to tell in any form. I want them to have fun, really! I want them to play with language, have fun with language, experiment — that's the goal."

Weise's ferocious curiosity and imagination allow her to work within predictable media using unpredictable forms, Ashton said, adding that Weise is so full of creative energy that it overflows and spills into a remarkable range of outlets, including essays, editing projects, manifestoes, opinion pieces, screenplays, artful screeds, journalism, videos and more.

Outside the classroom, Weise turns her skills toward activism and has become an important voice for disability rights.

"My dedication as a disability rights activist is in collaboration with a bunch of artists and writers nationally in what's being called the 'Disabled and Deaf Uprising.' We're tired of stereotypical portrayals of us in the media and we're revolting. That's kind of the crux of what I do outside of teaching."

To that end, Weise aims to take control of the word *cyborg*.

In discussions and on paper, Weise likes to identify herself as a cyborg, which she fully recognizes can take people aback at first.

Aren't those the robots from science fiction movies? Not any more, says Weise. Cyborgs are people who use mechanical or computerized aids, whether a wheelchair, a prosthetic arm or a hearing aid. In today's world, she says, cyborgs are everywhere.

"People think about sci-fi movies and robotics, but we're already robotic. We're already using tech on our actual bodies," Weise said. "I think there's something human missing from the word 'robot,' but as a

person who has a computer for a leg 'cyborg' seems applicable to me. And yeah I like it."

Students who sign up for Weise's writing classes probably don't expect to have a spirited cyborg as a teacher, and truth be told when looking at Weise it's not even close to the first word that would pop into your head.

Regal or stalwart would be more likely. She's comfortable with whatever word you choose — she'll either accept or reject it — but she is very specific when it comes to describing herself.

"I use identity-first language, so I say I'm a disabled person rather than person-with-a-disability," she said. "I'm proud of disability cul-

ture and history and I'm completely happy with that word, but I also claim the word cyborg. It suits me."

As a poet, said Weise, she has the power to attach the words of her choice to herself.

"I love that poetry as a word comes from the Greek for 'to make,'" she said. "We're the original makers, and the original namers."

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Falcons snap losing skid to Wilson;

Lady Falcons lose a close one

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington and Wilson squared off on the hard court this past Friday night in Darlington with the Wilson Lady Tigers winning the girls' game and the Darlington Falcons winning the boys' game.

Darlington (boys) 73, Wilson (boys) 60

The day Anthony Heilbronn was hired to guide the Darlington Falcons boys' basketball team, he made a number known to his new team. That number was 1,119.

You might ask what that number means. That was the number of days since Darlington had beaten the Wilson Tigers in basketball.

That number will now have to start over as the Falcons used a 23-point third quarter to win 73-60 in front of a home crowd thirsting for this victory.

"That third quarter, we should be playing like that all the time," Heilbronn said. "We came out, we did alright, we kind of got in a little slump, got a little low and (Wilson) built up an 11-point lead. We need to play from behind some. We are so used to be frontrunners we need to learn how to come back. I challenged them at halftime. I said we need stops. If we don't stop them they are going to pull away and they responded extremely well."

This was not your typical Darlington game, however. The Falcons have always lived and died by the three-pointer. If shots are falling, the Falcons are soaring and if not, then they are crashing.

Well, on this particular Friday night, the shots did not fall. In fact it was probably one of the worst performances Darlington has had from behind the arc in quite some time, hitting only four three-pointers for the entire game. But through that the Falcons learned a very valuable lesson. They can win without the three.

"That is something I have

stressed to them," Heilbronn said. "I said we are not going to win every game hitting 10, 12 threes; we have to find other ways to win whether it's put backs, free throws; we have to find ways to win. That is what good teams do."

The Falcons trailed by one point after the first quarter and by six points at the half, but that would not last long. After just two minutes into the third quarter Darlington had tied the game and Wilson never led again.

Darlington had a trio of scorers in double-digits with Kenyon Scott leading the way with 17, Ty Johnson finishing with 16 and Daniel Perkins wrapping it up with 12.

With the win Darlington is now 14-2 overall on the year and 1-0 in region play.

Darlington (girls) 38, Wilson (girls) 44

It was close, but it was no cigar.

That was the thought as the Darlington Lady Falcons watched their game against the Wilson Lady Tigers slip right out from underneath them.

Leading by one with less than two minutes to go, Darlington's offense went cold and Wilson went on a 7-0 run to end the game, resulting in a 44-38 victory for the Lady Tigers.

It was a rough start for Darlington in the first half as the Lady Falcons failed to score a single point in first quarter until the 2:17 mark.

The second quarter was almost a mirror image of the first as Darlington once again started off cold, not scoring its first points of the quarter until the 2:10 mark and that was off of two free throws. The Lady Falcons did not make their first field goal of the quarter until a minute before half-time.

Despite such a slow start for both quarters, Darlington was down only seven at the half and in the third quarter it was like a light switch came on for the Lady Falcons.

Darlington outscored



Wilson 9-4 in the third quarter and the Lady Falcons rode that momentum into the fourth quarter going back and forth, trading basket for basket until those final two minutes where the Lady Tigers were finally able to pull away.

The loss, however, is not deterring head coach Brad Knox. In his third year as head coach he has been trying relentlessly to teach his girls that they have to fight night in and night out and he feels like they gave him every bit of that effort on this night.

"First off, I want to give hats off to Wilson; they are still a good team," Knox said. "I am just proud of my girls and how they fought. It's been eight to 10 years since we have even been close with them, to even hang with them."



Class unites students and inmates through song

University of South Carolina

Lee Correctional Institution near Bishopville is the state's largest maximum-security prison and home to some of the most violent offenders. It's also a place where music can make a difference.

Graduate students from the University of South Carolina's School of Music, led by associate professor of music theory Danny Jenkins, are taking their "Rhythm and Meter" class behind bars, working with the prison's music program to help participants better understand music theory.

Jenkins got his students involved in the project when he learned about the Music for Transformation program. Founded by Decoda, an ensemble in residence at Carnegie Hall, the program brings musicians to the Lee Correctional Institution each year for a weeklong residency.

"When Decoda came down and started talking to the inmates, they asked the music leaders what they needed," says Jenkins. "They said they wanted to learn more about music theory. They wanted to understand how music works."

At first, Jenkins donated textbooks to explain how songs are constructed and composed.

But after attending a concert at the prison a few months later, he wanted to do more so he began teaching inmates music theory from the Columbia campus through teleconferencing. In the fall of 2018, he made the philan-

thropic project part of his graduate-level "Rhythm and Meter" class.

To be eligible for the program inmates must be part of the Character Based Unit, a dormitory established within the prison. Inmates apply to be part of the community and, once accepted, must maintain good behavior to stay and enjoy a range of classes taught by leaders from within the inmate population.

"The leaders are inmates," says Jenkins. "Every single thing they're doing, they have to do. They learn how to communicate in the music-making process. What they learn often leads to better communication in the other facets of their life."

For students Caryn Ong and Jacob Wylie, the experience has been a unique form of education.

"It's always a very good opportunity for me to teach to many different people no matter their age or social background," Ong says.

"It's valuable to make music with people who might not be of what you would call the professional level," Wylie says.

"The music you make with them and the experience you have while you're making the music is of equal value."

For Wylie, being involved with inmates has further opened his eyes to the power of music.

"Music is truly the universal language. It helps people express things that are not able to be expressed in words or in any other sort of form of com-

munication."

The inmates and students aren't the only ones who are learning. Since he began teaching his Lee County students, Jenkins has evolved in the way he teaches music theory to School of Music students.

"Our curricula are designed around classical music and a certain kind of music-making," he says. "Popular music, rock or hip-hop is a different kind of music-making, so I had to seek out the knowledge that they needed and figure out how to help them get there."

"That process led me to make changes in how I teach my undergraduate and graduate classes. It led me to reconceive what I think music theory is, and what I think it's supposed to be doing."

As valuable as the program is for inmates, Jenkins believes the program is equally beneficial for students, too. "I wanted this to be in line with community-engaged pedagogy, which is not only about us coming out from the academy and solving people's problems. It is about exchange," he explains.

"I want them to see that you can actually use your musical skills to make somebody's life better and to actually interact with them."

Student Taylor Gable has already taken that lesson to heart and become involved with Killingsworth, a Midlands residential program for women recovering from alcohol or drug abuse, incarceration, mental and emotional problems and other crisis situations.

"The class is showing me what I can do in the community with music," Gable says. "It's helping me see where can I put music and where people want music so I can help them experience it."

The group traveled to Lee County on Dec. 7, a gray, dreary day. It proved to be a stark contrast to what unfolded inside the prison walls when the students and inmates gathered to rehearse and perform their compositions.

The students, who had been looking forward to meeting their collaborators face to face since they began interacting early in the semester, were inspired by the effort, support and community they experienced inside one of the state's most feared places.

"It was such a humbling experience that I will never forget," student Ong says. "It meant so much to me as a musician to witness how music communicates and connects with no boundaries. I gained so much, and I am thankful for their music."

"All of the prisoners, both those attending the concert and those performing, were very warm and welcoming," adds Gable.

"There was no tension; everyone was very supportive. That's a side of Lee that no one sees. There is amazing rehabilitation occurring thanks to all of their community programs."

Coker supports Darlington County students with scholarship aid

In an effort to make higher education even more accessible for members of the community, Coker is awarding up to \$5,000 in need-based scholarship aid to eligible graduates from Darlington County high schools for each of their four years at Coker.

Eligibility requirements for the scholarship include a need for financial aid and the applicant must be a 2019 graduate from one of the six area high schools in Darlington County — Darlington High School, Mayo High School for Science, Math and Technology, Hartsville High School, Lamar High School, Emmanuel Christian School and Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School.

"Coker is invested in Darlington County," said Adam Connolly, vice president for enrollment management at Coker College.

"Providing need-based funding specifically for area students is another way we can make higher education even more accessible and

convenient, which is crucial to the collective success of our community."

Coker offers scholarships and financial aid packages for Darlington County students in need of financial assistance to attend college. Oftentimes, after Coker scholarships and need-based aid are applied, many Darlington County first-year students find that they receive enough scholarship funding to cover their entire tuition.

Students interested in applying for Coker College's Darlington County scholarship aid should be sure they fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as FAFSA, as well as a Coker application.

For more information, please contact the Coker College Office of Admissions at admissions@coker.edu.



At the Men's Dance Club of Darlington's Winter Debutante Ball, Dec. 22: Debutantes seated left to right are Abigail Brooke Milling, Simons Lucas Howard, Cary Ashley Hobbs and Katherine Baker Hanna. Sons introduced at the ball, left to right: Prentis Grainger Howle, John Thomas Isgett III, Stephen McKenzie Josey, Stone Rivers Godbold, Edwin Wilson Edmondson Matthews, Matthew William DeMaurice and Joshua Max Ward. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Companies collaborate with USC to prepare students for job market

University of South Carolina

COLUMBIA -- Corporate sponsorships, scholarships, support for grant applications and endowed faculty positions — companies invest in the University of South Carolina in a variety of ways. They also help new graduates prepare for the job market and in return get top-notch talent in the form of interns and full-time employees.

At the Darla Moore School of Business, such interactions have been formalized since 1969 through the Business Partnership Foundation, which helps generate supplemental financial support for the school and acts as an advisory body to ensure the business school is turning out graduates that meet employers' needs.

The business school has also engaged corporate partners through 11 centers that focus on specific areas of research and offer students and faculty

the opportunity to work on real-world projects.

The foundation and the centers are considered key players in the business school's continued growth, both in numbers and in quality.

"In recent years, Moore School centers, with more than 120 companies on their advisory boards, have built on our efforts," says Jean Duke, president of the Business Partnership Foundation. "We provide value to these companies and other corporate partners in South Carolina and beyond, while engaging them to invest in business education and hiring interns and graduates."

Fluor Corp. is a prime example of an engaged corporate partner. The multinational engineering and construction company is based in Irving, Texas, but has extensive operations in South Carolina, thanks to its purchase in the 1970s of Daniel Construction. The com-

pany also has a longstanding relationship with USC.

"We invest with endowments and through various programs. The collaboration also helps us understand where the business school is headed in terms of curriculum and guide that direction with feedback from the industry," says Tracey Cook, president of Fluor's Greenville division AMECO and chief liaison between Fluor and the university. "And we are proud to say our CEO, David Seaton, is a Gamecock."

In addition to partnering with the Moore School, Fluor works with the College of Engineering and Computing, the College of Education and the athletics department. The company's support includes scholarships, endowments for professors and sponsorship of the athletics department's academic honor roll.

In the past year, the company has also worked with the Beyond Sports Program to offer internships to student-athletes pursuing degrees in engineering or business.

"One of the things that Fluor holds as a core value is excellence in execution, whether you're in a classroom or on a client's construction project," says Cook, who is herself a 1989 USC accounting graduate. "Having that core value drives us to deliver solutions to our customers. USC shares that value."

And what's Fluor's return on its investment?

"We get back great interns, we get back great employees — especially in the state of South Carolina. We have 7,500 employees in the state now, and many of those are graduates from USC," says Cook.

Critically, USC also helps the company diversify its work-force.

"Diversity initiatives are really important to Fluor, especially as we focus on attracting talent in the STEM fields," Cook explains.

"I think I had more female interns this year than I had male interns, and that's because USC has such a diverse population of students. That's kind of cool, to see the impact of our work."

"We provide value to

these companies and other corporate partners in South Carolina and beyond, while engaging them to invest in business education and hiring interns and graduates."

Diversity is also important at Dixon Hughes Goodman, one of the 20 largest accounting firms in the country.

The Charlotte-based firm supports the Young Black Leadership Alliance, a program designed to improve the diversity pipeline into USC by identifying black high school students in the Charlotte area who meet a certain GPA criteria and are interested in pursuing higher education.

Trey Ackerman, a client service partner and market managing partner with the firm, is helping lead the initiative.

"We are intentionally developing them from a leadership, academic and community service perspective," says the two-time Carolina alumnus, who holds a bachelor's in business, '97, and master's in taxation, '98.

"We've got this unbelievable group of high school students, 500-plus, that we invest in every year," Ackerman explains.

"If we can help the university attract some of these talented students, we can help create a broader base of diverse talent that can then be drawn on by companies represented in all our markets."

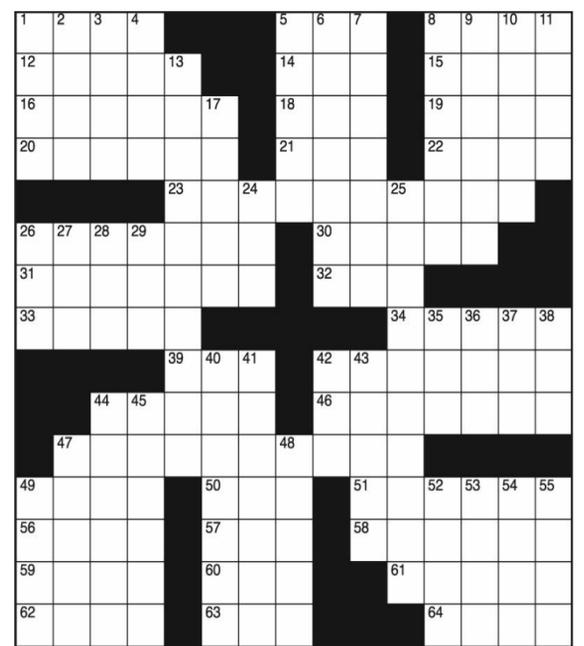
The firm, which employs more graduates from USC than from any other university, also contributes financial support to the university and is a member of the business school's Friends of Accounting group.

But it's the investment in talent and intellectual capital that Ackerman says pays the biggest return.

"We're looking at how can we help the university to be the best that it can be," he explains.

"And we're looking at how the university can help us to be the best that we can be."

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Homestead
- 5. More (Spanish)
- 8. Type of notification
- 12. Approves
- 14. Mandela's party
- 15. "Mom" actress Paris
- 16. Predatory insects
- 18. Where honey goes
- 19. Canadian flyers
- 20. Of an earlier time
- 21. Indigenous people of Australia
- 22. Organize
- 23. All over
- 26. Made it through
- 30. Between-meals food
- 31. A quantity upon which an operation is performed
- 32. German mythological god
- 33. "Heavy" type of rock music
- 34. Pharmacy chain Duane
- 39. First responders
- 42. Mysterious
- 44. Leisurely stroll
- 46. Most naughty
- 47. Plant tissue

DOWN

- 1. Grave
- 2. Alright
- 3. Sharp tooth
- 4. Bird genus
- 5. Important
- 6. One who studies carefully
- 7. Not very big
- 8. Astronomy unit
- 9. A way to open up
- 10. Trap
- 11. Handle of a knife
- 13. Indicates one from a part of W. Africa

- 17. Lucky number
- 24. Doctor of Education
- 25. Legendary Cubs broadcaster
- 26. Female parent
- 27. Mimic
- 28. Connects to the rim
- 29. Small constellation
- 35. Indicates near
- 36. Consumed
- 37. Criticize
- 38. Shock therapy
- 40. Type of cigarette
- 41. The fashionable elite
- 42. Shed tears
- 43. Arm or branch of a bone
- 44. Quell anger
- 45. Where rock and rollers play
- 47. "The Alchemist" author Coelho
- 48. Choppers
- 49. Lacks brightness
- 52. Port in Yemen
- 53. Brood of pheasant
- 54. Approves food
- 55. A type of sign

WORD SEARCH

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 ARCTIC
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 BLIZZARD
 BLOWING
 BRISK
 CLOUDS
 CONDENSATION

CONVERGENCE
 DEPRESSION
 DRIFTS
 DRIZZLE
 FLURRY
 FOG
 FORECAST
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 GRAINS
 GRAUPEL
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ICE CRYSTALS
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 PRECIPITATION
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 TEMPERATURE
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Answers on 11



Justin Burns, 13, son of Travis and Crystal Burns and grandson of Eddie and Gertrude Burns, was recently recognized for academic achievement in Howard County, Md. He was one of several African-American students recognized by the Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County for maintaining at least a 3.0 grade point average during the 2017-18 school year. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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State treasurer's office to city: Where's your audit?

The office of state Treasurer Curtis Loftis is calling out the city of Darlington, along with several other towns in the Pee Dee, for being late filing their audits for fiscal year 2017.

In a statement posted on the treasurer's website, the treasurer's office says Darlington, along with other

Pee Dee towns including Lake City, Latta and Timmonsville, are late filing their audits with the state. The website adds: "The Treasurer by law is allowed to withhold certain funding until an audit is completed within 13 months of the end of the municipal fiscal year."

What does this mean for

Darlington? Very little at this point, it appears.

Darlington City Manager Howard Garland said that the problem began about two and a half years ago, when the city's previous auditing firm, Hill and Jordan, lost some key employees who'd been dealing with Darlington's audit. That

caused delays, and even though the city is now working with a new firm, "We're still playing catch-up," Garland said.

He said the new firm, WebsterRogers of Florence, is working to complete the audit that the treasurer's office needs.

-- Bobby Bryant

Telephone scam targeting churches

Darlington County sheriff's deputies have received multiple reports of a telephone scam targeting local churches.

Individuals are calling churches claiming to be a representative of Duke Power. The callers are telling church leaders the church has failed to pay the power bill and power services will be disconnected. The telephone num-

ber being called from is 877-280-3295. Also, the caller is giving a callback telephone number of 800-777-9898.

If you receive this telephone call, hang up immediately. The customer service telephone number for residential Duke Power customers is 800-452-2777 and for business customers, 866-582-6345.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER DECEMBER 31, 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2019
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

CHARGES

- ABHAN:** Assault and battery, high and aggravated nature
- DUAC:** Driving under unlawful alcohol concentration
- DUI:** Driving under the influence
- DUS:** Driving under suspension
- CDV:** Criminal domestic violence
- CDVHAN:** Criminal domestic violence, high and aggravated nature
- PDC:** Public disorderly conduct
- PWID:** Possession with intent to distribute
- SPOM:** Simple possession of marijuana

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.

- Jarrett Robert Anderson, 31, of 340 Birdnest Rd, Hartsville, Fail to Comply w/Direction of Police/Fireman; Violation of City Ordinance
- Jonathan Paul Anderson, 35, of 2849 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st
- Tyheim Nicholas Brown, 21, of 1514 Jeffords Mill Rd, Darlington, Receiving Stolen Goods >\$1,000
- Shamra Cassidy Felkel, 43, of 928 Hartland Dr, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Emily Jordan Hicks, 19, of 2831 Mount Olivet Road, Hartsville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Jamal Alexander James, 33, of 122 Les Drive Lot 95, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Edward Allen Leviner, 36, of 916 Crestwood Drive, Florence, Altering or Tampering w/Utility Meter 1st Off
- Derrick Terrell McClain, 40, of 104 Porter St, Lamar, Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st; Non Support; Non Support
- Joseph Dylan McClain, 26, of 170 McLaughlin Ln, McBee, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Possess Unlawful Substance Title 44 Chap 53; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Sale/Delivery of Stolen Pistol
- Matthew Fulton McClain, 28, of 1029 Hillcrest Rd, McBee, Manuft Possess Other

- Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Sale/Delivery of Stolen Pistol
- Bryson Dominique Muldrow, 30, of 405 Swift Creek Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Less Than 10 But Greater Than 16 3rd Off
- Anthony Christopher Pooler, 50, of 1103 Myrtle St, Hartsville, Shoplifting >\$50 2nd; Trespassing 1st
- Aaron Michael Puett, 33, of 2508 King Dr, Darlington, DUS License Not Susp for DUI 3rd or Sub; Fail to Surrender Drivers Lic When Required; Open Container of Beer/Wine; DUI/DUI 10 But Less Than .16 1st Offense
- Kevin Alfred Rogers, 40, of 2238 Forest Breeze Dr, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Eric Antwaine Simon, 41, of 1205 Davis St, Lamar, Driving Under Suspension
- Roderick Carlton Watts, 29, of 350 Pleasant Valley Road, Cheraw, DUI/DUI 10 But Less than .16 1st Offense
- Kelli Leigh Weaver, 37, of 330 Creighton Street, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Robert Lavern Cooper, 44,

- of 100 Player Street Apt 5, Darlington, Reckless Driving
- Troy Lance Cooper, 22, of 1215 Osendale Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; Speeding >10 But <15 MPH Over the Speed Limit
- Haley Ashton Davis, 22, of 106 Living Water Dr, Hartsville, Criminal Domestic Violence
- Valandra Ganatra Jackson, 40, of 1029 Martin Luther King Dr, Hartsville, Public Drunk
- Sean Devon James, 25, of 1977 Black Creek Rd, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree; Malicious Inj Real Prop >\$2000 <\$10,000; Kidnapping; Telephone/Unlawful Use of Telephone
- Toby Lornza June, 52, of 604 South Sixth Street, Hartsville, Violation of City Ordinance
- Teddy Mitchell Kelly, 42, of 118 Livingwaters Dr, Hartsville, Criminal Domestic Violence 3rd or Sub
- John Richard Newsome, 34, of 123 Golf Course Rd, Hartsville, MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st
- Breyana Arteya Patterson, 24, of 601 W Washington Street B2, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Child Passenger Restraint Violation; Child Passenger Restraint Violation
- William James Squire, 63, of 301 Sumter Ave, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning; Shoplifting <\$2000
- Vernon Wayne Walters, 41, of 1011 Jerry Drive, Hartsville, Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person; Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Marty Allen Crowley, 53, of 396 Buggy Rd, Chesterfield, Driving Comm Veh w/License Sus Non DUI 1st
- Deadra Ann Davis, 39, of 2203 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Dominique Briasia Mack, 22, of 618 Boss Man Rd, Lamar, Weapons/Sale/Poss By Certain Person/Stolen Gun; RSG Value

- \$2000 or Less
- Jaquasia Miller, 18, of 612 Chestnut Street, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Alford Niquan Shykime, 22, of 512 S Dargan Str, Darlington, Safekeeping; RSG Value \$2000 or Less
- Frequez Zarease Stevenson, 24, of 314 Brewer Ave, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Burglary First Degree
- James Meriman Adams, 52, of 1786 Rayfield Bridge Road, Chesterfield, Driving Under the Influence; Drugs/Attempted Possession Controlled Subs
- Dashawn Jamal Allison, 24, of 1907 Blanding Dr, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Latoya Brunson, 36, of 875 Indian Branch Road, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Tori Lynn Gainey, 21, of 158 Bucks Ln, Hartsville, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 2nd; Speeding
- Justin Noble Harley, 20, of 337 E Church St, Beaufort, Malicious Injury to Real Property <\$2000
- Richard Bradford Horton, 37, of 2133 Lamar Hwy, Darlington, Resisting Arrest; Shoplifting <\$2000; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored; Shoplifting <\$2000; Shoplifting <\$2000; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored
- Lee Sentell Oneal, 35, of 777 Azalea Cr, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Real Property <\$2000
- Vondella Denise Roary, 39, of 408 Howard St, Hartsville, Neglect By Legal Custodian
- Savannah Nicole Shepherd, 32, of 902 Sanfan Dr, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Dianna NMN Smith, 48, of 307 2nd St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct; Non Support; Violation County Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance
- Tony Wheeler, 59, of 1026

- Martin Luther King Drive, Hartsville, Assault/Battery High and Aggravated Nature
- Melissa Ann Atkinson, 54, of 2024 Hawk Dr, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- William Johnathan Brunson, 35, of 1013 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning
- Shaquille Markees Burton, 25, of 1124 Old Ruby Rd, Hartsville, Weekender
- David Eric Chapman, 42, of 1820 Candy Ln, Florence, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree
- Buddy Everette Dillard, 32, of 2937 N Poinsett Dr, Florence, Obtain Sign Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000; Obtain Sign Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000; Petty Larceny <\$2000; Grand Larceny Value \$10,000 or More
- Rochelle Latrice Dubose, 42, of 929 Brentwood Drive, Hartsville, Weekender
- Rashawn Ahree Henry, 27, of 547 Jessamine St, Darlington, Drunken Condition
- Daquan Rasheem Jefferies, 27, of 2128 Peniel Rd, Timmonsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Kenneth Tyron Johnson Jr., 20, of 1325 Lofty Pine Rd, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Calvin Bernard McCall, 47, of 433 Bell Ave, Hartsville, Public Drunk; Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
- Deron Jardell Myers, 29, of 904 East Friendfield Rd, Coward, SCDC
- Dandriques Jaquan Roary, 24, of 417 Sumter Ave, Hartsville, Obtain Sign Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000; Financial Identity Fraud
- Kenneth Samuel, 49, of 1729 Elissa Drive, Darlington, Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor (11-14 Yrs) 2nd Degree; Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor (11-14 Yrs) 2nd Degree; Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor (11-14 Yrs) 2nd Degree; Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor <11 Yrs Old 1st Degree; Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor <11 Yrs Old 1st Degree
- James Bernard Addison,

- 48, of 508 Davis St, Bishopville, Driving Under the Influence; Driving Without a License; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Lee Anthony Berry, 33, of 4421 Pageland Hwy, Monroe NC, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Christopher Lamar Bethea, 41, of 412 Russel Rd, Hartsville, Petty Larceny <\$2000
- Corinthian Little, 49, of 1635 Indigo Dr, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence
- Brandon Alexander Moses, 32, of 305 D Ave, Darlington, DUI <10 1st Offense
- Annette Barefoot Robins, 56, of 1108 Ashland Dr, Darlington, Use of 911 Number Unlawfully
- Tiffani Terry, 26, of 1416 Ashland Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Ryan Jaquell Thomas, 27, of 1341 Davis St Rd, Lamar, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 2nd; Driving Under the Influence
- Montario James Williams, 39, of 128 East Lydia Hwy, Hartsville, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 3rd or More
- Landon Lloyd Ryan Blackmon, 18, of 753 Branham Airport Rd, Darlington, Open Container of Beer/Wine; Purchase/Possession of Beer or Wine by Minor
- Eric Lee Brunson, 41, of 905 Gilbert St, Hartsville, Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Neia Brunson Caine, 30, of 905 Gilbert St, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Real Property <\$2000
- Totsian Hargrove, 49, of 233 Wood St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Lewis Lewlynn Harris, 57, of 925 Collins St, Hartsville, Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person
- Gregory Derk Ward II, 30, of 213 Woodland Dr, Bennettsville, DUS (DUI) 1st Offense
- Jeffery Marquis White, 28, of 2793 Wood Duck, Hartsville, Shoplifting Less Than \$50; Vio Drug Distribution Law, Prohibited Acts C
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How drivers can enhance nighttime visibility

(MS) — Many drivers are considerably less comfortable driving at night than during the day. Even though roads tend to be less congested when the sun goes down, reduced visibility at night can compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers.

Statistics indicate that drivers' fears of driving at night are not unwarranted.

According to the National Safety Council®, traffic death rates are three times greater at night than during the day, and the anxiety many drivers feel when behind the wheel at night no doubt contributes to nighttime driving fatalities. But drivers who take steps to enhance

their nighttime visibility may feel more comfortable driving at night, making the roads safer for themselves, their passengers and their fellow motorists.

- Turn your headlights on earlier. Daytime running lights can make it easier for drivers to be seen during the day, but they are not designed for nighttime driving. If you find yourself struggling to see as evening transitions into nighttime, turn your headlights on earlier or use your car's automatic switch setting if it has one.
- Prioritize headlight maintenance. Headlight maintenance is often overlooked, but properly maintained headlights

can go a long way toward improving driver visibility at night. Check your headlight bulbs. If they are more than three years old or dimming, it would be a good idea to replace them to ensure the best performance. Headlamp clouding is also an issue. Plastic headlamp lenses, which are common on most vehicles, grow hazed and yellowed over time from the effects of sunlight, ozone, road pollution, and wash chemicals. While many motorists accept this as inevitable wear and tear, clouding reduces headlight output and compromises nighttime visibility. Designed to restore plastic lenses in less than 30

minutes, the Philips Headlight Restoration Kit quickly and effectively combats clouding on headlights as well as taillights, turn signals and reflective lens covers, improving driver visibility while also making cars more visible to other drivers. In addition, the Philips Headlight Restoration Kit employs a protective UV coating that produces longer lens clarity while preventing future clouding for up to two years.

- Take steps to fight fatigue. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that driver fatigue contributes to 100,000 reported traffic accidents each year. Drowsiness is a

concern for any motorist driving at night for long periods of time, as heavy eyes can make drivers less alert and less likely to see fellow motorists, pedestrians or animals. When driving at night for long periods of time, take periodic breaks so you can get out of the car and revive yourself with a quick walk and some fresh air. In addition, avoid smoking while driving, as the NSC notes that the nicotine and carbon monoxide from tobacco smoke can further compromise nighttime vision.

- Upgrade your headlights. According to a recent study from the automotive club AAA, the halogen headlights found in

more than 80 percent of vehicles on the road today fail to safely illuminate unlit roadways, even when vehicles are moving at speeds as low as 40 miles per hour. The solution for this problem is simple: Put more light on the road. There is new bulb technology available to help you do just that. Philips Upgrade Headlight Bulbs can deliver up to 100 percent more light on the road than standard halogen bulbs. They also create a better beam pattern for the drive, greatly improving nighttime visibility.

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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: 2003 Ford, VIN # 3FAFP37323R103874, abandoned at 1621 Harry Byrd Highway, PO Box 783, Darlington, SC 29532. Owner to contact: SC Department of Motor Vehicles, PO Box 1498, Blythewood, SC 29016-0024, customer no: 32186201 (25p3 leave in thru 1-16-19)

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

and required to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber, at his office by mail at Post Office Box 11803, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 or by hand-delivery at 1901 Main Street, Suite 1200, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Summons and Complaint were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on July 16, 2018. Christopher Boguski Attorney for Plaintiff Rogers Lewis Jackson Mann & Quinn, LLC 1901 Main Street, Suite 1200 Post Office Box 11803 (29211) Columbia, South Carolina 29201 (803) 978-2836 email: cboguski@rogers-lewis.com

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(Non-Jury) TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has or will be commenced affecting the title of the real property described herein in the Court of Common Pleas between the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendants, bearing the civil action number stated above, and All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying, being and situate in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being designated as Lot 9, containing 0.66 acres, on a plat prepared by Lind, Hicks and Associates, Surveyors, Inc., for James M. Lawhon, Jr., dated April 14, 1999, revised June 22, 1999, and recorded in Plat Book 182, at Page 99, in the Office of the clerk of Court for Darlington County. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete and accurate description.

This being the same property conveyed to Sam L. Lewis and Anne V. Lewis by that certain Deed of Regions Bank, Successor by Merger with Union Planters Bank, N.A., dated October 25, 2006, and recorded in the Official Records of Darlington County in Book 1045, at Page 9533, on October 25, 2006. TMS#: 145-00-01-045, Property Address: 618 Fran Way, Darlington, SC 29532 AND

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Simple tips for successful slow cooking

Slow cookers can be found in many homes. Slow cookers are great for busy individuals who prefer to prepare meals in advance and then arrive home in the evening to a hot, home-cooked meal.

People new to slow cookers may want to gain some knowledge before diving in to improve their chances of preparing tasty meals. The following are some slow cooker tips that can benefit home chefs.

- Treat the slow cooker like an oven and preheat it. Putting food into an already warmed crock can make the difference in cooking time and taste.

- Choose the right cuts of meat to use in the slow cooker. Lean toward chuck roasts, short ribs, pork shoulders, and lamb shanks. Fatty and tougher meats will tenderize nicely with the moist, low heat of a slow cooker. When slow cooking poultry, choose dark meats, which tend to respond

better to slow cooking.

- Take the time to brown meat for a couple of minutes and saute vegetables before adding them to the crock. This will provide a deeper layer of flavor.

- Many manufacturers recommend filling the crocks inside a slow cooker no more than two-thirds full. This helps ensure food is cooked all the way through and prevents potential food-safety hazards.
- Begin with room-temperature meat. As with other cooking methods, let meat come to room temperature rather than using it straight from the refrigerator to ensure juicy, flavorful meals.

- The Food Network suggests layering carefully and first cutting food into uniform-size pieces. Then place firm, slow-cooking root vegetables like potatoes and carrots at the bottom of the crock and pile the meat on top.
- Adjust seasoning as the

meal nears completion. Some seasonings may lose their punch during the slow cooking process. At just the end of simmering, add fresh herbs and salt and pepper to taste. Similarly, dairy can break down in the slow cooker, so stir it in during the last 15 minutes of cooking.

- Do not add frozen ingredients to the slow cooker, as it can keep food in the danger zone where bacteria can flourish (40 to 140 F). Therefore, make sure meat and vegetables are fully thawed before turning the cooker on.
- Use wine judiciously because the alcohol will not evaporate as readily in a sealed slow cooker.



- Resist the urge to take off the lid and peek. This can increase the amount of time the meal will need to finish cooking.

With some handy tips, anyone can become a slow cooking expert.

Improve life expectancy with some healthy habits

"Who Wants to Live Forever" is a song that appeared on the 1986 album "A Kind of Magic" by the rock band Queen. The song often sparks conversation about the potential benefits of immortality.

Immortality may not be possible, but many people aspire to improve their chances to live a long and prosperous life. A study published in the journal Lancet analyzed data from the 2016 Global Burden of Diseases project to generate life expectancy predictions from 2017 to 2040 for most countries. The United States saw the largest decline in ranking among high-income countries, as life expectancies in the United States are projected to fall from 43rd in 2016 to 64th by 2040, with an average life expectancy of 79.8. Life

expectancy in the U.S. has dropped in each of the past two years, according to annual reports by the National Center for Health Statistics.

But there may be hope for Americans yet. Doctors and scientists continually study the lifestyles of people who outlive their life expectancies. While genetics can play a role, so can following healthy habits, which have been identified to promote longevity.

- Don't smoke. Many smokers have been told that smoking trims 10 years off their life expectancies, and that statement is corroborated by a study published in 2013 in The New England Journal of Medicine that tracked participants over a span of several years. The good news is people who quit before the age of 35 can usually regain those lost years.

- Avoid drug use. Accidental drug overdoses contributed to 63,600 deaths in the United States in 2016, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Usage of prescription opioids and heroin has skyrocketed in recent years. Drug use also may exacerbate mental illnesses, potentially making drug users more vulnerable to suicide.

- Maintain healthy body mass. Moderate to vigorous exercise regimens and diets loaded with healthy foods can keep weight in check. Maintaining a healthy weight has a host of positive side effects, including reduced risk of dying from cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is a leading killer in North America. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, nearly four in 10

adults and 18.5 percent of children in the United States are obese. According to the 2015 Canadian Health Measures Survey, 30 percent of adults in Canada are obese and may require medical support to manage their disease.

- Limit alcohol consumption. Some evidence suggests that light drinking can be good for cardiovascular health. However, a paper published in the Lancet suggests every glass of wine or pint of beer over the daily recommended limit will cut half an hour from the expected lifespan of a 40-year-old. The paper says the risks are comparable to smoking.

Simple, healthy lifestyle changes can help people increase their life expectancies.

Meet the stars of Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County

Welcome to the runup to the 2019 edition of Darlington County's Dancing with the Stars, an annual event that benefits the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault. The event will be held Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. at Center Theater in Hartsville.

For the next several weeks, we'll be introducing couples who will be taking part in the event. You can go to the Pee Dee Coalition's website (www.DWTSoFDC.com) to vote your favorite couple for the People's Choice Award.

This week's featured couples:

Lay'Quan Williamson (professional) and Brandolyn Pinkston (celebrity). Dance style: swing; Decade: 1950s. Choreographers: Burnadene Kelley-Newman and Tiffany

Welsh Blade Boulware (professional) and Taylor June Cox (celebrity). Dance style: swing; Decade: 2000s. Choreographer: Brenda Cranford

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Celebrity dancer Brandolyn Pinkston was honored by Columbia Business Monthly in 2018 as one of Columbia's "50 Most Influential People." As former administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, she used her position to improve the quality of life for the "good people" of South Carolina. In 2017, Gov. Henry McMaster appointed her to serve on the State Ethics Commission. This Hartsville native has distinguished herself as a people's advocate, having successfully implemented innovative consumer programs and been featured as a speaker on consumer issues across the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Pinkston also championed legislation which protects the interest of consumers, specifically on predatory and mortgage lending. Since 2011, Pinkston has extended her influence around the state as an advocate for the arts by reflecting the diversity of cultural and ethnic heritages. She currently sits on the board of trustees of the Columbia Museum of Art.

Pinkston also serves on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Hartsville. She is a Dr. Leo Twiggs Art Scholar through the South

Carolina Arts Commission and a Riley Fellow through the Diversity Leadership Institute. She currently serves on the Art of Community: Rural S.C. Advisory Committee and is a member of the Committee of 50 of the South Carolina Arts Commission's 50th Anniversary Celebration 2017-18.

Pinkston is the daughter of the late Rev. Theodore B. and Lovis Thomas of Hartsville. She is married to Jerome L. Pinkston and has two daughters, Paula (Tony) Payton and Joya Pinkston. She is dancing to support the Pee Dee Coalition's clarion call - to help lift the domestic violence issue to prominence and visibility, to help educate the public and victims on resources available, and to raise as much money as she can for relief efforts that can provide a haven for victims and survivors and more than anything, to encourage people to speak out.

Professional dancer Lay'Quan Williamson is a freshman at Coker College where he is a Dance Performance major. Originally from Myrtle Beach, he's been dancing for eight years and been in eight musicals. While attending Carolina Forest High School, he was a part of an award-winning show choir for four years. Lay'Quan looks forward to giving back through his participation in Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County because he does not want any of his family members or anyone else to go through domestic abuse. He is looking forward to showcasing his outgoing personality and energetic dance moves while raising awareness for the Pee Dee Coalition.

Celebrity dancer Taylor June Cox is a native of Darlington County. She graduated from Robert E. Lee Academy in Bishopville in 2011. She is the daughter of Regina Weatherford, owner of the Jeweler's Bench in Darlington, and Bobby June, a partner of the Hartsville Country Club and Tobaccolville.



Lay'Quan Williamson and Brandolyn Pinkston
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She married Jordan Cox in 2018 and resides in Hartsville. Taylor Cox is currently manager of the Call Center of Seneca Tobacco. This call center reaches out to 30,000 stores a month promoting products and growing business. This is her first year involved with Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County.

Professional dancer Blade Boulware is originally from Columbia, but currently resides in Hartsville. Blade graduated from Coker College in May 2018 with a music degree and holds a position as a piano accompanist at the college, in addition to being an organist at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Hartsville.

For the past two years, Blade has participated in Dancing with the Stars as both a profes-

sional dancer and celebrity. This year, Blade is excited to be a professional dancer once again. Blade is honored to help represent the Pee Dee Coalition in hopes of raising necessary funds and to spread awareness for this cause. He states that many times people involved with domestic and sexual assault don't feel as though they have someone they can turn to, and many don't. Blade believes the work that everyone involved with the Pee Dee Coalition does, helps with this and gives people a ray of hope. Blade hopes that by spreading awareness and raising funds, the Pee Dee Coalition will continue doing great work and that they can reach out to anyone going through the struggles of domestic and/or sexual assault.



Blade Boulware and Taylor June Cox PHOTO BY STEVE ROOS

Coker's Cecelia Coker Bell Gallery presents the work of Kathleen Thum

Kathleen Thum has been awarded several fellowships to attend artist residencies, such as the Jentel Artist Residency in Wyoming, the Vermont Studio Center, the Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts and the Women's Studio Workshop.

She has received a Quarterly Support Grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission and was a recipient of the New York Foundation for the Arts Mark Program. She presented her artwork at the 2016 International Petrocultures Conference in St. John's,

Newfoundland, and plans to present new work at the upcoming 2018 Petrocultures Conference in Glasgow, United Kingdom.

Thum received her BFA from Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore and her MFA from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She currently teaches drawing as an associate professor in the art department at Clemson University in upstate South Carolina, where she lives with her husband and son.

The Cecelia Coker Bell

Gallery is located in the Gladys C. Fort Art Building on the Coker College campus, in Hartsville.

Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. while classes are in session.

For more information about the gallery, please call exhibition director, Renny Prince, at 843-383-8156, or email him at artgallery@coker.edu or visit <http://www.ceceliacokerbell-gallery.com/>.

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