Another year, another rise in S.C.’s gas tax

By Rachael Bryant rachael@newsandpress.net

With a steady murder rate 7.6 percent higher than the South Carolina average, Darlington County residents need to pay more attention to their health, and the director at the Free Medical Clinic has been trying to get patients to present themselves in need seeking care.

Steven Edwards spoke to Darlington City Council at their July 1 meeting and defended some alarming data regarding local health trends.

“At 24 percent of our population is obese. The 10-year asthma mortality rate was one of the highest in the state because a significant number of cases are born to Darlington County residents,” said Edwards. “That number has increased over the past year, which increases the likelihood of asthma-related problems,” he said.

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“If you don’t have a policy and you have a patient with cancer, that patient will not have access to affordable care,” he said.

With the Affordable Health Act, the clinic has expanded its eligibility and reserve a time as soon as possible. Edwards said the clinic has partnered with the McLeod Mammography Unit to help patients get regular breast cancer screenings so the disease can be caught early.

“They need to make sure that we’re going to follow the rule on that,” Bruce said. “If we follow the rule on the other.”

Bruce told council there was still inconsistency here. He cited the city attorney’s report of the documents from the Affordable Health Act and her assertion that in the 2013 council races, “nobody” put up political signs until a month before the election. Four years ago, according to Kevin, you infringed on my constitutional rights,” Bruce said. “Four years ago.”

In this year’s council elections, Bruce said, “I think the first sign that went up prior to 30 days was (A Motile Foods, Inc.)…” I don’t have a problem with it... But we need to make sure we are being consistent, because we are being inconsistent, and when it comes to inconsistency, consistency is everybody.”

Council ended the discussion without a vote, because there was nothing before them to vote on. If council makes a change to one ordinance, a member will need to submit a plan to the city so that a plan can be voted up or down.

A third candidate running for mayor, businessman Curtis Boyd, says he was told that the city apparently will be following the existing ordinance.

Photo by Rachael Bryant

Free Medical Clinic expanding services to meet expanding needs

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My own paradise lost

By Ken Paladini

The flowers you see here and there are special. Whenever I go for a walk, I will give them some water and trim back the dead leaves. They are the same lilies that were in my parents’ yard when I was a child. The yard was filled with lilies, and I remember helping my mother cut them to add a touch of paradise to my yard. Staring into the sky, they seemed to be saying, “Don’t forget these killed in Korean War.”

Lilies stargazer, a hybrid belonging to the Oriental group. People often label stargazer lilies incorrectly as “Rubrum.” Rubrums’ flowers point north. Rubrums are fancy toward the ground. Stargazers are more floriferous, bigger flowers. In 1974, when my parents were alive, my late Mom used to cut a few of these stargazer lilies each June and send them to me. I rescued the flowers from the yard after her passing. But I want to address the question: Why did we go to war? Was that the right thing to do? What was the outcome of the war? What did we gain from it? What was the cost? And how did we achieve it?

On June 25, 1950, the North Korean People’s Army attacked South Korea, prompting the United States to intervene in an effort to prevent the spread of communism. The war ended on July 27, 1953, with an armistice that established the demilitarized zone between North Korea and South Korea. The war resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people and the displacement of millions more. It also had a significant impact on the global political landscape, contributing to the division of Korea and the strengthening of the United States’ alliance with South Korea.

I don’t believe Mom knew that her lilies could kill blooming cats. She loved Tiger and Socha more than these flowers and yet she brought the toxic blooms inside. My children are blooming and running into the streets, playing and smiling. I hold my breath that at the same time my dog roams. The war ended. The enemies that had threatened America’s dom is not free. The cost of that freedom was not cheap. It might be good that we enjoy so much, and so often take for granted, did not come cheaply, nor has it been kept at a cheap price. It might be safe to say that there is no place on Earth where freedom has been defeated. Yes, the cost continued and still awaits his summon to follow. History of that time speaks of the high cost paid. Perhaps it is true that no persons have freedoms as we do in America. Is that why that, even as we, there are thousands camping outside of our borders and waiting for a chance to come inside the land of the free? It might be safe to say that there is no place on Earth where the people are as free as those living in America! This freedom that we so much enjoy, so often take for granted, did not come cheaply, nor has it been kept at a cheap price. It might be safe to say that there is no place on Earth where freedom has been defeated. Yes, the cost continued and still awaits his summon to follow. History of that time speaks of the high cost paid. Perhaps it is true that no persons have freedoms as we do in America. Is that why that, even as we, there are thousands camping outside of our borders and waiting for a chance to come inside the land of the free? It might be safe to say that there is no place on Earth where freedom has been defeated. Yes, the cost continued and still awaits his summon to follow. History of that time speaks of the high cost paid. Perhaps it is true that no persons have freedoms as we do in America. Is that why that, even as we, there are thousands camping outside of our borders and waiting for a chance to come inside the land of the free? It might be safe to say that there is no place on Earth where freedom has been defeated. Yes, the cost continued and still awaits his summon to follow. History of that time speaks of the high cost paid. Perhaps it is true that no persons have freedoms as we do in America. Is that why that, even as we, there are thousands camping outside of our borders and waiting for a chance to come inside the land of the free? It might be safe to say that there is no place on Earth where freedom has been defeated. Yes, the cost continued and still awaits his summon to follow. History of that time speaks of the high cost paid. Perhaps it is true that no persons have freedoms as we do in America. Is that why that, even as we, there are thousands camping outside of our borders and waiting for a chance to come inside the land of the free?
At present, a household of one can qualify if they earn less than $37,470; two-person households can earn up to $50,730; three persons - $77,250; five persons - $117,520; and eight-person households can earn up to $130,290 and still qualify for care.

Patients who earn only

100 percent of the poverty level qualify for free medications through the Clinic’s partnership with Walgreens.

All patients must provide proof of household income, a photo ID with current address, a copy of their Social Security card; DSS summary (if receiving food stamps), and a benefit statement if receiving ESI or SSI.

To learn more, visit www.walgreens.com, or call the Darlington clinic at 843-358-0650 or the Hartsville clinic at 843-332-0422.

The 2019 Class 4A state champion Hartsville High School Lady Red Foxes softball team, with Coach Tommy Garrison and Darlington County Council vice-chairman Lewis Brown. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLE.

**Nucor**

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Later, council approved a report issued by hearing exami- ner John Smithing, clearing the way for construction of a new cell tower in the Mont Clare community.

**Clinic**

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Nucor, a steel manufacturer with a plant in Darlington, announced $130,290 and still qualify but do so. Their concern, the study showed, is important to learn as much as possible about the cell tower. One way of doing this is by checking my records. I’m hoping to learn more about the cell tower – whether it will be allowed the signs or not. I should have my decision made to tend to the city ordi- nance issue in an orderly manner, and to 30 days ahead of (an) elec-

Signs

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Boyd supporters have had signs up for months, but Boyd said that by the next two weeks he will obey the ordinance as it’s written and ask sup- porters not to put up signs until 30 days before the election.

On Boyd’s Facebook page, he adds that on June 13, Darlington County and the city codes department “told me in written documentation that we could put campaign signs out in the public’s yard.”

He noted that during an ordi- nance vote July 2, 2019. They brought a back up and were wonders to see the elements of his- tory and push back on the chair of the board but only if the candidates win. “I am not up there to help them. I am there to help them win.”

Boyd continued, “They think that you have to show them that you have a campaign signs in your yard for 30 days before the election. … On Oct. 7, signs can only be up in the yard. Two days after the election. In fact, city codes have already come up in the city where they can start putting up signs.”

George Stoddard said that around 4:45 p.m., an oak tree fell and dropped heavy limbs onto power lines. “The limbs for the lines and pulled down the utility pole across the street, and the weight tore the utility pole. Let me tell you, those people from Duke Energy were unbelievable. They were here within about halfway, said Stoddard.

Through his home lost power and required a new weather head and lines, Stoddard said crews from Duke Energy worked quickly and worked hard to get the limbs off the lines and reset the utility pole.

At the meeting, the council also approved a bid of $244,352 for the construction of a new steel building at Lake Downing. The building will be available for use to rent and will be avail- able for use to rent and will be suit- able for use to rent and will be suit-

**Korean war**

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We didn’t see but now we have an opportunity to really investigate that oversight.

A Wall of Remembrance has been approved by Congress and will be located at the site of the Korean War Memorial in Washington. The Wall will have the names of those individuals who conserved in it, restoring its legacy.

The Forbidden Chapter 303 Fund-Raising Committee is raising funds for a new Korean War memorial in Darlington. The committee is asking the residents who lost their lives in the Korean War. Darlington had six and Hartsville had two.

Funding for the monument 1795 (Texas Day), we will be mak- ing a sign goal of $50,000 for the project. In the meantime, the sidewalks and bushes and flowers will still be there. The project has already approved by the Korean War in 1950. July 23 where we will display the signs.

The cost is $35 per name. The goal for South Carolina is 57 names in $820,000. We have raised $17,780 thus far.

Tax-deductible donations of any amount are appreciated. Make checks payable to: WOMEN’S HISTORY CENTER, 103 Franklin Street, Darlington, SC 29532.

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Jane Windham's recipe for Zesty Bread 'n Butter Pickles

I've been making a lot of pickles lately. The garden is giving us lots of cucumbers, and though I don't share this recipe for bread and butter pickles, you'll always get a little kick! If you're a fan of pickles, a little kick is a good thing, wouldn't you agree?

Ingredients:
- 25 cucumbers, cut into 1-inch rounds
- 4 green peppers, diced
- 4 red peppers, diced
- 6 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 1 banana pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup pickling and canning salt
- 2 teaspoons ground celery seed
- 2 teaspoons ground mustard seed
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 3 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons pickle juice
- 2 teaspoons celery seed
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 cloves garlic, halved
- Herbs: dill, thyme, basil, savory, oregano
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 2 teaspoons paprika

Preparation:
1. Bring 5 cups water and 2 cups sugar to a boil. Add the onion and garlic, and let boil for 3 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.
2. In a large, non-reactive pot, combine the cucumbers, peppers, vinegar, salt, and spices. Bring to a boil and let simmer for about 10 minutes. Let cool completely.
3. Place the pickles in water bath canner for 10 minutes. Test if they are processed, and store in the refrigerator.

Utterly delicious and so simple to make! Enjoy these delicious pickles as a snack or a side to your favorite meal.

Bill Windham

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Oastes Baptist Church
Oastes Baptist Church, 3569 Oates Highway, Lamar, celebrates its 20th Anniversary on Saturday, July 21, at 6 p.m. and morning worshipping at 10 a.m.

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Darlington, 1421 E. Larimore St., will celebrate its 150th anniversary with services and events on July 21 and 22. The theme of the weekend is “The Reason Why.”

Savannah Grove A.M.E. Savannah Grove A.M.E. Church, 519 Warren Road, Darlington, celebrates its 112th anniversary on July 21. Church school 9 a.m. and morning worshipping at 10 a.m.

Bill Windham "Henry" Adams

Darlington — William "Bill" Windham, 80, died Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at his home. A native of Darlington and lifelong resident, he was the son of the late Henry Windham and Ada Snow Windham.

Bill served our country in the Navy. He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, St. David’s Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows, the Darlington Moose Club and Jolly Jesters. Bill was an expert at fishing, golfing and enjoying work in his garden.

Surviving are his wife, Martha; two sons, Chris Adams of West Columbia and Scott; grandchildren, William "Bill" Byrd Jr., and wife Rosanell of Darlington, Sowell Adams; great-grandchildren, Aris, Tiffany, Alex, Troy, Adrienne, and Justin; three great-great-grandchildren, Aurora, Harvey Byrd; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held by his pastor, Rev. K. Edward Stone, at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 11 in the chapel of Holy Trinity Holiness Church, 628 Pocket Road, Darlington. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Bill was a big fan of the Carolina Gamecocks and the Carolina Panthers. He enjoyed fishing and cooking in his garden. Surviving are his daughter, Shannon Brown, his siblings, William Lamar (Judson) Stone Linda S. Stone; James Charles Adams; and his brother, David Earl (Stone) Stone; and sister, Mary (Stone) Stone. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Windham and Ada Snow Windham.

Memorial donations may be made to Holy Trinity Holiness Church.

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The Upper Room Baptist Church

The Upper Room Baptist Church, 221 W. Washington St., Hartsville, announces hour 8 a.m. early morning worshipping.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

Second Missionary Baptist Church, 216 S. Broadway St., Hartsville, announces hour 8 a.m. early morning worshipping.

Covenant Baptist Church

Covenant Baptist Church, 364 W. 5th Street, Darlington, announces hour 8 a.m. early morning worshipping.

St. Catherine’s Episcopal Church

St. Catherine’s Episcopal Church, 632 S. Main Street, Darlington, announces hour 8 a.m. early morning worshipping.

Lawrence Grove Baptist Church

Lawrence Grove Baptist Church, 296 Pocket Road, Darlington, announces hour 8 a.m. early morning worshipping.

Black Creek Baptist Church

Black Creek Baptist Church, the church, 139 Mt. Clan Drive, Darlington, announces hour 8 a.m. early morning worshipping.

The Lord Care

Please continue to assist The Lord Care in caring for those in need in the Darlington area. T.L.C. Food Pantry at 201 Grove St. in Darlington.

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An obituary for Bill Windham can be found here: www.obituariesnow.net/obituary/obituary-4561251/

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LIVING IN PROSE

All is not lost; God is still firmly in control

By Bill Windham

Everyone knows there is an evil force and corruption and anger and sin in this nation.

I would not be an honest person if I did not admit that the world could not have done without this evil; there is nothing in our culture that God is not currently dealing with. I believe that God is in control and will save us from this evil.

This does not mean we should not be actively involved in any type of work that we desire to do. But it means we need to be on guard against the world, watching for the signs of wickedness and corruption and being ready to act when necessary. Christians may compromise and be caught by the promises of this world; the Almighty Creator of all things, these promises are true, and He has a remainder of holy, sanctified women who love Him and will faithfully represent the holiness of our Lord.

Some today might be concerned that the enemy has been victorious all of God’s people, that we are on the losing side of the war. There are still good people who are showing that they believe in God and do not care about what He is saying.

There are individuals of eminence and security who are seeking evil; but God is taking care of them because they are being led by the Holy Spirit. There are individuals who are praying every single day for those around them and for this nation and they are seeing answers to their prayers. They are praying today just like when Jesus walked this nation.

We realize that much of the world is not responding to the call to turn to Jesus. The nation is filled with people that will not accept what we are saying, people that will not accept the love of Jesus and the promises of this world.

There are Christians who will stand for the Lord no matter what. They are willing to do whatever it takes for them to believe in God and do the right thing. They are close to Jesus and He is looking after them.

There are Christians who are responding to the call to give their life to Jesus and the great commission to share the life-changing gospel. There are faithful followers so filled with the love for Christ that they are even willing to be persecuted for their faith.

There does someone become the person who is not a person like a person who trains in sports or in music. They are not like those who are focused on a hero who is out of control and corrupting and suffering might be a part of our destiny, but we can have hope, hope and confidence in the promises of God that if we choose to allow the Holy Spirit to live in us, we can overcome anything.

Jesus is the light and is the answer to our needs. Someone willing to be his light. “The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?” Isaiah 50:11.
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 or Found Pets. You will be directed to the lostandfoundpets.com Web site where you can register your missing pet.

If you have found a pet, please describe a detailed description of your missing pet, as well as attach a photo. 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

Library Programs

Summer Reading Program, Darlington Library, Thursday, June 13 at 10 a.m.

Family Movie – Thor at 10 a.m.

Accelerated Reader Testing. Available All Summer (ends 7/24).

Monthly Events

Al-Anon Meetings Thursday at the Hartsville Salvation Army, 1103 S. 6th St., Hartsville.

Crochet & Knit

Llama: each Monday at 6:30 p.m. 326-5524. Society Hill: each Monday at 6:30 p.m. 326-5524. Darlington: 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. 843-393-0885.

Pee Dee SCORE Directors will meet at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington. 843-398-4100 or jbishop@darcosc.com.

Dance Lessons

“New” line dance lessons, “Now” line dance lessons from 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Lolo’s, 8-10 p.m. Thursdays. Rings at 7:30 p.m. Darlington Elks Lodge is located at 835 Timmonsville Hwy. for information at 843-353-1853.

Centennial Farmers Market

Each Monday from 8-10 a.m. at Black Creek Arts Council, 1103 S. 6th St. in Hartsville.

Hartsville Kiwanis Club

Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the Hartsville Country Club.

Hartsville Lions

Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the Darlington Country Club.

Paws to Read

Paws to Read is a literacy program where emerging and reluctant readers can acquire positive emotional connections while reading. Thayers Drug International with their trainees will come for one-on-one reading sessions on the first and third Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm and 3 p.m., at the Darlington Library Branch.

Story Times

Thursday at 10 a.m. at 10 a.m. Information: 253-394-0418. Hartsville: Thursday at 10 a.m. at Trinity UMC on Pearl Street. Use Orange Street entrance. 843-393-0885. AA meets at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. Main St. Hartsville.

Tuesdays: In search of the 5th St. and Lamar:(843) 393-3922

DCI Reflections and Special Needs Board

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. at 1109 Pearl St. 843-398-4100 or jbishop@darcosc.com.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting, Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at 1109 Pearl St. 843-398-4100 or jbishop@darcosc.com.

Historic Landmarks Commission

5:30 p.m. meeting on 4th Floor of City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington.

Darlington County Council

Darlington County Council Meetings will be held the 1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 1109 Pearl St. For more, please contact the Administrative Office at 843-229-1274.

The Darlington County Council will hold their monthly meeting Sept. 9 at 5 p.m. at the Darlington EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151). The Darlington Council encourages citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk at 843-398-4100 or jshipper@darcosc.com.

Darlington City Council

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Darlington City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District School Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Sept. 17, 2019, in the meeting room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Darlington County Board of Education

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Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District School Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Darlington County School Board of Education

Darlington County School Board of Education Meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Darlington City Council

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151). Darlington County School District School Board of Education 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 at 843-398-4100 or jshipper@darcosc.com.

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Taxpayer rab for Volvo deal far bigger than public pronouncements

By Rick Brundrett
The Nerve

When S.C. officials announced in 2014 that Volvo would locate its first U.S. plant in Sumter County, the community was offered the诱惑 of 2,500 Volvo workers to date near the project site in 2017 while its plant was still under construction. This year, the planned expansion was more than just static cling.

The gap between what the state promised and the actual taxpayer bill is likely to more than double this year, according to an investigation by The Nerve, a Commerce spokesperson said.

The incentives agreement, which likely means millions more in state taxpayer dollars, is now officially behind closed doors.

The Nerve asked the S.C. Department of Commerce for a complete list of all cost benefits analysis of the project before it was directed by the legislature to submit a state Freedom of Information Act request for that information.

The incentives issue is again timely with the Charlotte-based Carolina Panthers' planned move of its headquarter and practice facilities to South Carolina. In announcing the proposal in March, Ken Henry McFarland compared the state's efforts to lure the NFL team to earlier taxpayer-backed deals for BMW, Boeing and Volvo.

Besides tons of millions of dollars in state economic development grants and loans, government agencies and other organizations offered a variety of other tax-advantaged benefits to the Volvo project.

The Nerve found in its review of Commerce records that:

- The incentives agreement directed Berkeley County to build a training center at the $5 million cost of the state.
- Volvo entered into a freedom of information agreement with the state, giving it extensive confidentiality protections.
- A lease agreement directed Berkeley County to spend up to $4 million on lease payments for temporary space.

In a March 26, 2015, letter to Gov. Nikki Haley, the director of the Berkeley County Development Corporation, the department announced the project site.

State and county officials are planning an economic development effort to create an additional 1,600 acres at the project site.

In a May 7, 2015, letter to Commerce, state Sen. Paul Davis, a Columbia Democrat and executive director of the Charleston County Development Corporation, offered a $12.5 million cinch for the area’s June 15, 2015, 400,000-vote primary election.

The letter praised Commerce for its efforts in working with the legislative leadership to secure funding for the primary election.

In an email to The Nerve, Doug Wetter, spokesman for the tourism organization, said the efforts “did not become a reality,” and that “no funds public or private were used.”

As with other incentive agreements in recent years, the Commerce Department, headed by Bobby Hitt, a former longtime chief spokesman for BMW, took the lead role in developing the Volvo deal, records show, though much of it was done behind closed doors.

For example, for a chairman of the state's Coordinating Council for Economic Development (CCED), an 11-member panel that selects local boards or head chairpersons of state agencies to evaluate economic development. From 2015 to 2017, the CCED quietly approved several board or head chairpersons.

In a May 2015 state incentives agreement directed Berkeley County to build a training center and manufacturing site, and was signed by Commerce, the governor and the state's new Corporation. The agreement directed Berkeley County to supplement its $5 million commitment for the project site.

According to The Nerve, a Commerce spokesperson said the state committed $5 million toward purchase of existing buildings available to Commerce.

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In an email to The Nerve, Doug Wetter, spokesman for the tourism organization, said the efforts “did not become a reality,” and that “no funds public or private were used.”

As with other incentive agreements in recent years, the Commerce Department, headed by Bobby Hitt, a former longtime chief spokesman for BMW, took the lead role in developing the Volvo deal, records show, though much of it was done behind closed doors.

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"We are very excited to be competing in the Peach Belt,” said Coker athletic director Joe Rudy. “I look forward to this new opportunity for Coker and the conference."

Miller will begin his Coker duties on Monday, assuming responsibilities from NCAA media relations director Jeff Short who recently stepped down after 35 years of service in the Peach Belt.

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Miller will work for two years (2015-2017) as an Assistant Sports Information Director at Coker while obtaining his master's degree. He was responsible for coverage of sports, women's cross country, soccer, women's basketball, wrestling, men's and women's track and field, men's soccer and baseball.

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The effects of UV rays on the eyes

The sun can be both friend and foe. A warm, sunny day can improve mood and promote vitamin D in the body. Exposure to sunlight during the day also can help regulate the body’s natural sleep-wake cycle, known as the circadian rhythm. However, overexposure to the sun can be dangerous as well.

Many people recognize that excessive sun can lead to problems such as skin damage, premature aging, and even skin cancer. However, overexposure to the sun can lead to blindness when exposed unprotected.

Sunglasses and other protective measures are essential to keep the eyes healthy. AOA says that sunglasses should be effective, i.e., they should:

- Block 99 to 100 percent of both UV-A and UV-B radiation;
- Allow no more than 5 to 9 percent of visible light;
- Have lenses that are perfectly matched in color and density from eye to eye;
- Be free of distortion and imperfections;
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PAC’s 2019-20 lineup is mightily tempting

Francis Marion University’s Performing Arts Center is offering a diverse range of shows for its 2019-2020 entertainment season.

That includes the annual Temptations, which will bring their famous sound and style to the PAC on Thursday, July 11. Also on the 2019-2020 schedule, just announced by PAC Director Bud Simmons and his team, are Steve Earle and the Dukes and Gin Blossoms, the red-hot Texas Tenors and Gin Blossoms. Simmons said additional shows may be added to the season at a later date.

Tickets for all six shows went on sale July 1.

Ticket prices range from $37 to $57 for student tickets. For a limited time, patrons can purchase a special “Tempting Trio” ticket for $99. The Tempting Trio offer is available through July 15.

The Temptations are an undeniable music icon. They are on Rolling Stone Magazine’s list of the 100 Greatest Artists of all time and are the seasonal stars of the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Their timeless music has produced for decades, with their chart-scaling hits across the decades and remains relevant today. The group is still touring and winning — tempting some might say — today as it ever has.

The new Steve Earle musical “Ain’t No Troubadour,” based on the Temptations’ fascinating story, opened on Broadway March 2019. It was nominated for 11 Tony Awards and won a Tony — no surprise here to Temptations’ fans — for Best Choreography.

Steve Earle and the Dukes and their southern-tinged rock, are a great addition to the PAC lineup. The Gin Blossoms, a Tempe, Arizona-based alternative rock band, recently released their 11th studio album, “The Gin Blossoms.”

Their next album is “Time Is Money,” and Simmons said additional shows may be added to the season at a later date.

Steve Earle and the Dukes are part of this season’s Temptations, which will be at the PAC on April 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. The band has appeared on “The Late Show with David Letterman,” “Saturday Night Live,” and “Live from Daryl’s House.”

Steve Earle, one of America’s legendary songwriters and singers, will be at the PAC on Jan. 25 to present his special show “The Gin Campbell Years.”

Earle is a member of these three different songwriters’ halls of fame, is a two-time Grammy Award winner, and has seen his songs become number one hits on one chart or another an incredible 15 times. He has written songs for diverse acts such as “Up, Up and Away,” “The Righteous Brothers,” and “MacArthur Park.” Some of his biggest hits performed by the late, great Glen Campbell, including “Wichita Lineman,” “Galveston,” and “You’re Going to San Francisco” appeared on the Campbell albums as remakes of those songs during the show.

The Texas Tones, who bring their inspiring three-part harmonies to the PAC on Feb. 15, are the most successful music group in America’s Got Talent!”

Since appearing on the show in 2009, the trio of JC Fisher, Marcus Collins and John Hagen have released four studio albums, two singles, and performed at major events and on television.

Their trio won three Grammy Awards and been nominated for ten others.

She’s released 11 albums, written a critically acclaimed memoir, and maintained a non-stop national and international touring schedule, appeared on countless television and radio programs, has had songs featured in major motion pictures, and created a remarkable career of work.

One of her recent albums is 2016’s “Colvin & Earle,” a collaboration with Steve Earle, another member of this season’s PAC lineup.

Colvin is also the winner of a Lifetime Achievement Trailblazer Award, presented at the 2016 American Music Hall of Awards.

As a companion to that release, Colvin will embark on a “Performing Steady On Acoustic” tour in its entirety, plus other favorites, in November.

The concert at the PAC in April will be a part of that.

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Darlington American Legion names first female adjutant

By Samantha Lake
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As the American Legion celebrated its 100th year this year, Darlington's Post 13 marked the occasion by inducting Brenda Jenkins as its first female adjutant.

A self-described "Marine Girl," Jenkins had always known she would serve her country. After turning her back on the world, Jenkins continued her military career by enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1980. She married her husband, and their complementar- ious jobs as mechanic and statist- ician helped them earn the necessary money to keep their family together.

Jenkins said she served off base while teaching and working in the guidance of Delphine Dean, who taught and enrolled at Old Tidewater Community College and worked at Dollar Tree.

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The scholarship comes from an annual Car Show that Jenkins organized, which benefits the post. Jenkins said she landed her current job with the American Legion because of this scholarship.

The Post's smallest annual fundraiser, the Car Show, brings in about $1,500. Jenkins said she was surprised to find out that there are still so many服务能力 are what they entered.

"I would love to see more volunteers come forward to bring a broader perspective to the group and help with the day-to-day that we could use," Jenkins said.

Locally, American Legion Post 13 has numerous ways, by providing services for veterans who need health care, visiting veterans nursing homes and ensuring that service members who pass away are buried with appropriate military honors. The post also sees patriotic observances, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day at the Darlington County Courthouse. These cer- monies give the public a chance to say thank you to service members, and provide a place for the community to meet and honor veterans.

Jenkins said she wants to be the face of the Legion, sharing the Legion's primary goal to increase the Legion's number of female members. "I hope to increase the Legion's number of female members," Jenkins said.

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The Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County and the Lions Club of Darlington have partnered to provide Darlington County residents with free vision screenings.

Members of the Lions Club will provide the free screenings at the Darlington Free Clinic at 203 Grove St., Darlington, the third Wednesday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. The first screening date will be Wednesday, July 17.

The screenings are available to anyone in Darlington County, but is space limited, so an appointment is required. To make an appointment, contact the clinic at 843-398-0060. The screenings are not a complete eye exam, however the screening will alert the clinic if a more complete eye exam is recommended.

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Hartselle man accused of 3 counts of attempted murder
By Dick Bruner in The Nerve
If you’re wondering why pot-holed roads in your community haven’t been fixed despite paying more state taxes at the gas pump, you’re probably not alone.

In the first 23 months of the state’s gas-tax hike, the S.C. Department of Transportation completed just under 10 percent of $655.5 million in identified projects statewide, according to the agency’s latest records reviewed by The Nerve.

Major repaving or reconstruction projects made up no more than a third of the 87 completed road projects through May 31. The Nerve’s review found. Of 221 miles of completed work statewide, 146 miles, or 66 percent, were labeled solely as “preservation” projects, which, according to DOT’s website, include such things as “crack sealing” and “chip sealing.”

In 15 of the state’s 46 counties, “preservation” or “rural road safety” projects were the only completed jobs under the “pavements” category over the 23-month period, records show.

No “pavements” projects were completed with gas-tax-hike revenues in Chester, Horry County, according to records. In records of another 18 counties, including Spartanburg, Darlington, and Clarendon counties, less than 10 percent of the total miles of roads identified to be fixed were completed in the report period, while no other county completed the 50 percent mark.

Overall, 221, or 35 percent, of the 636 miles of identified “pavements” projects statewide were completed through May 31, which represen-
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Nearly a quarter of the 1 billion in state revenues.

The Nerve in January revealed DOT’s plans to widen shoulders with gas-tax revenues and reported earlier that the agency might not use its 10-year targets for road and bridge work at the end of the report period of completed projects.

In passing the gas-tax hike, which raised the state gas tax 12 cents per gallon over six years – a 75 percent jump from the base 16 cents – and increase other vehicle taxes and fees, lawmakers promised that the money would go toward fixing crumbling roads and bridges in their constituents’ communities.

DOT has said 80 percent of the state’s approximately 42,000 miles of roads needs work. Of those, more than 40,000 have been identified 455 out of 7,800 “structurally deteriorated bridges to be replaced.

The South Carolina Police, the parent organization of The Nerve, has con-
tended that the gas-tax law was writing off 455 “structurally deteriorated bridges” and divert revenues to pay bond holding of the legislatively created Transportation Infrastructure Bank, which funneled several billion dollars over the years to large construction projects in select counties.

For now, the state continues to sit on hundreds of million of dollars in revenues collected under the law, which took effect July 1, 2017.

DOT records show that through the end of May, the pool balance in a special fund created with the gas-tax hike law was $481.7 million, or nearly 60 percent of the total $800 million in total collect-
ed revenues since the law took effect.

Expenditures through May 31 included $173.5 million in vendor payments, $54.6 mil-
lion in transfers to legislative-
y county roads, and $12.7 million in transfers to the

Two people were shot early Sunday morning at a Darlington County nightclub, officials said.

The Darlington County Sheriff’s Office said the shoot-
ing happened at a 1:30 a.m. at the Blue Light Club on the Dewberry Highway.

The victims were taken to a local hospital. Their condition was not immediately known.

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After two years, the state remains

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Among the revenues

The state Department of Revenue

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by Jeanne Leonard

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LEGAL NOTICES

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DOUGLAS, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight (8) months after the date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall forever be barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in writing, and in such form as may be prescribed by the court.

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATION OF INCOMPETENCY

TO THE DEFENDANTS:

Protests must be mailed to: 121 Thompson Street, Hartsville, SC 29550. To object to the issuance of a license under the applicable law, the protest must be filed with the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit issued by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

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Maintaining an AC unit can save money and promote homeowners’ investments. Without regular maintenance, the AC unit will lose its efficiency, needlessly wasting both energy and money as a result. Poor maintenance also can lead to system failure, such as a broken down AC unit, which is a $1500 repair. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the average lifespan of an air conditioner is 14 years. Homeowners may be able to extend this time by saving money and avoiding premature replacement costs.

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The best ways to grill fish

Grilling lends itself well to many different foods. The smoky, flame-licked flavor of foods prepared on the grill is hard to replicate by other means of cooking. Many people turn to grilling each night, especially when the weather is warm and pleasant. Fish is one food that can sometimes cause grilling-related anxiety. The tender, flaky nature of fish makes it seem like a poor fit for the grill, simply because it can fall through the slats. Yet grilling fish is easier than one may think when they utilize these methods of cooking.

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