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

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Property taxes rise, but the pain isn't the same for all

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Yes, residents of the city and county of Darlington, your property taxes have gone up. And depending on where you live and the house you live in, the effects are going to range from mild annoyance to a painful surprise.

"There is a tax increase," said Darlington County administrator Charles Stewart. "(But) it's different for different people, it really is."

It's all a result of a complex stew of relatively small changes that in some cases are adding up to a painful hit on residents' property-tax bills – and in other cases are barely being noticed.

Bottom line: If you live in the city of Darlington, you're going to notice a hike in your property-tax bills more so than if you live in the county. If you

live in an expensive home, you're going to notice it more than if you live in a modest one. And if you live in an expensive home in the city, it's likely going to sting.

Darlington City Council member Bryant Gardner said his own property-tax bill jumped by an amount he estimated at something near 30 percent. Others told him their tax bills also rose significantly.

"I heard from a few different people," Gardner said. "The people I talked to were like, 'Oh my God, it shot up.' . . . I don't think that anybody was happy about this."

But at the same time, there seems to be little outrage, just confusion. Stewart said Dec. 3 that only three people had asked him to explain how their property-tax bills turned out the way they did.

Here's the explanation, according to Stewart:

-- The city of Darlington raised its tax millage rate as far as possible under the laws that control such financial matters, Stewart said. By itself, that's not much. Officials say local governments' tax millage rates are linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and this year, the CPI is 2.44 percent. Local governments needing more revenue were allowed to raise their tax millage rate by that amount in preparing their new budgets, and the city of Darlington exercised that option, Stewart said.

-- So did the Darlington County School District, he said. District officials also opted for the maximum tax millage rate increase allowed by the 2.44 percent CPI, Stewart said. Again, by itself, not a major hit for taxpayers.

-- The county of Darlington also increased its tax millage rate, but only by about one-third as much as would have been allowed by the CPI, Stewart said. Again, an increase, but not much by itself.

-- And then there was a decrease in the "local option sales tax," or LOST, credit this year. Stewart said that LOST credit dropped significantly for Darlington city taxpayers this time because sales taxes were down; city businesses didn't do as much business.

Those four things primarily drove the property-tax increases that homeowners are seeing, Stewart said. Reassessment – a once-every-five-year event – also took place this year, some officials noted. (Another potentially confusing factor in the mix: Darlington County changed the for-

mat of its annual property-tax bills this year so that they show more information.)

"The city, the school district and the county all raised their millage within the legal limit," Stewart said. "... There were tax increases, and there was less credit given than was given before."

Property owners in the city of Darlington are feeling a bigger pinch, since they pay both city and county taxes. "City residents will feel it harder than non-city residents," he said.

One of the things that makes the property-tax increases harder to explain, Stewart said, is that there is no "average" increase. The amount of the increase depends on many factors.

TAXES ON 3A

'I'll still be up here all the time'

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Gloria C. Hines effectively ended her four-year tenure as Darlington's first black and first female mayor with a fast flurry of awards and hugs at last week's City Council session.

"I'll still be up here all the time," Hines said during her final council meeting Dec. 3 – a quick, 40-minute session with a routine agenda. "You know what? It's in my blood."

When council holds its first regular session in January, Mayor-elect Curtis Boyd will be sworn in and council member-elect Howard Nettles will take the at-large seat now held by Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Bruce.

Hines lost her bid for a second term, and Bruce lost her bid for the mayor's job, in the city's Nov. 5 elections. Bruce also lost her race for re-election to her council seat.

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-

S.C., sent a message congratulating Hines and Bruce for their service on council, and council members also thanked them for serving. Hines was a longtime council member before being elected mayor in 2015, and Bruce has been on council four years.

"At Christmastime, I can't forget about the lights," Hines told council last week. "When I got on council, I went to a beautification meeting and we talked about the lights. They knew at that

time that I loved lights. ... As each year progressed, we added on the lights and we dressed up Darlington around the Square and all the way out to Wal-Mart.

"... Darlington is looking great, because I love the lights," she said.

Hines read from a prepared text during the meeting, highlighting what she described as "some wonderful and great things" that have happened "under my leadership." Among them, Hines said, were \$2.5 million in grant money for Darlington's stormwater fund; completing the first phase of the stormwater project; more than \$800,000 in grants for sewer-line work at the U.S. 52 Bypass; Community Development Block Grant improvements for housing; the opening of Wal-Mart in 2016; the city's purchase of a "Vector Truck" for cleaning clogged storm drains; hiring Kelvin Washington as the city's new police chief (now public safety director); installing new sidewalk on South Main Street.

"Thank you, and may God bless the citizens of Darlington," Hines said. "God sits high and looks low, and can see very well what's happening down here."

Also during the session, Hines awarded keys to the city to Darlington Police



Mayor Gloria Hines leaves the council chamber. PHOTO BY BOBBY BRYANT



Carolyn Bruce PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

Department Lt. Steve Buffkin for 42 years of service and to city clerk/treasurer Gloria Pridgen for 40 years of service.

HINES ON 3A

Emergency services cleared for \$2 million in upgrades

By Samantha Lyles
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Darlington County Council convened their final regular meeting of 2019 on Dec. 2, and members voted to make some key purchases for the Fire District, E-911 and Environmental Services.

Without objection, Council approved a \$1.3 million purchase of three new fire trucks for the Darlington County Fire District.

This includes two Pierce Pumper/Tankers with Freightliner chassis (\$698,594) and a Pierce ENCORE rescue vehicle (\$599,016).

One new pumper tanker will replace an older unit at Society Hill Station #11, and the other will be deployed from Dovesville Station #13.

COUNTY ON 3A



Hines chats with a supporter as she leaves the council chamber. PHOTO BY BOBBY BRYANT



Arbor Day in Darlington

By Samantha Lyles
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The City of Darlington celebrated Arbor Day on Friday, Dec. 6, and city officials joined members of the Beautification Board and Tree Board for a cer-

emony on South Main Street.

Lisa Chalian-Rock, City of Darlington planning director, said the ceremony site was near seven newly planted Yoshino Cherry trees, which were placed along this corridor to provide additional color for this main entrance into the city.

Rock added that Darlington has recently received 54 trees from a Palmetto Pride grant, has five new crepe myrtles for West Broad Street, and seven Yoshino Cherry trees for South

Main.

She noted that Darlington has received the Tree City USA award for 21 consecutive years. Four requirements must be met to qualify for this award: The city must have a tree board or department, have a tree ordinance, spend at least \$2 per person living in the city on tree planting and maintenance and have an Arbor Day proclamation and celebration.

ARBOR DAY ON 3A



Darlington's Christmas tree-lighting ceremony: See more photos on 3A. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES





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OP - ED

Christmas parade brings feelings of nostalgia

By Bill Shepard

The announcement of the Christmas Parade in last week's News & Press sent an old man on a nostalgic journey into his past.

Just how far back, I am not certain, but at least more than four score years ago. Just how long Santa has been visiting Darlington on the back of a big red fire truck, I have no idea, but as a boy living on the mill village during that long-ago period, it was one of my special occasions.

From the moment that the event was announced by the kind old principal at St. John's Elementary, my anticipation was on high alert.

The principal, Mr. Daniel,

would always let school out early on that day. In that time, before school became such a regimented affair, the principal could and often would announce short days for most any occasion.

For instance, rainy days were always short days, as well as the day before a holiday.

If the fair or circus came to town, we could count on getting out of school early. Naturally, on the day that Santa was to arrive, we could expect to be dismissed early.

The crowd would gather early at the Town Square, each trying to be at the special place where the fire engine would park with Santa aboard. I was never certain,

but it was commonly believed that Frank Drake, a fireman and the best auto mechanic to ever wear shoe leather, was the one who dressed like Santa every year.

The young, very young, old and not so old would be among the assembled crowd of expectants.

All had one thing in mind -- to have Santa fill their hands with the apples and oranges that he had brought along. I cannot remember ever getting candy, but never mind, the fruits were gifts enough.

It is safe to say that there were some in the crowd who had not seen an orange since the last year at that time. Lack of refrigeration and quick and

easy transportation, along with the lack of money, were the reasons for that.

In those days oranges were not seen in stores, except during the Christmas and early winter season.

My, how time has changed! Santa never arrived until after dark.

I suppose that was so the Christmas lights around the square could be turned on; also, the big Christmas tree that was erected on the courthouse lawn was lit.

When the siren sounded, somewhere on South Main, we knew that Santa was on his way and the crowd grew more tense with the waiting.

The big truck would circle the square a time or two with

Santa on the back, waving to all the children and the children waving back. It was truly a moment in time, like no other.

When the truck came to a halt, Santa and his helpers would get busy handing out the fruit.

Every hand that was extended upward was filled with as many apples and oranges as it could hold.

I had learned from some of my friends to tie a string around my overall legs at the ankle so I could deposit the fruit inside my bosom and it would find its way downward.

Some boys carried bags, but I found the former easier than managing a bag.

At least both hands were

free to reach upward.

I don't suppose Santa had given thought to bagging the fruit and having the folk go through a line and receive it, which would have been a more convenient and orderly way. That came later!

Back at home, later that night, the fruit would be shared with those too young and those too old to endure the strain of waiting in the crowd.

This was the beginning of the Christmas season, and the stores on the square would be displaying their Christmas wares.

I won't be in the parade this year, but I'll do the next best thing. I'll remember!

OP - ED

Deck the concert halls with great musicians

By Tom Poland

You know the lyrics ... "Deck the halls with boughs of holly ..."

Sadly, songs like "Deck the Halls" fall victim to commercialism. This time of year businesses and ad agencies cram the airwaves with cheesy jingles. Yes, this time of year ads hijack Christmas songs to sell everything under the sun. It takes zero creativity to fit ad copy to music. Zero. But, genuine Christmas music lives on.

Let's deck the concert halls with great musicians so we can still hear heartfelt Christmas music, and not just in churches.

Dec. 1, I attended a concert in Charlotte with my daughter, Beth, and her family. It was a long but special evening. We made the five-hour roundtrip from Apex, N.C., to Charlotte to the Dale F. Halton Theater to enjoy the Charlotte Civic Orchestra's Eight Annual "Christmas Extravaganza," a delight for the ears, eyes, and spirit.

Beth's oldest son, Ben, plays viola in the Charlotte Civic Orchestra, so it was especially special. Fifty-five musicians, a conductor, an emcee, 14 ballerinas, 30 dancers, 10 holiday singers, a soprano, a baritone, and my grandson entertained a packed house for well over two hours.

For me the evening ushered in the Christmas spirit and I

caught myself recalling many a Christmas as a child as the orchestra and dancers staged a spectacle. Fabulous costuming, wonderful music, Christmas decorations and a well-organized and -performed concert made for a memorable evening.

No political correctness on this night. We enjoyed a Christmas Extravaganza, not a Holiday Extravaganza.

The word "Christmas" rang out loud and clear. "Christ Is Born," in fact, provided the grand finale.

Leading up to it were

Christmas classics such as Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy" and somewhere among all the strings, brass, and percussions I heard "Jingle Bells," a song that both Savannah, Ga., and Medford, Mass., claim as their own. (The towns feuded over the song written by James L. Pierpont. Upset mayors even wrote tart missives to one another.) "Sleigh Ride," "Wassail," "Fantasia on Greensleeves," Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and other songs provided an evening with something for everyone,

including "The Santa Express," as musical tastes go.

I kept my eyes on Ben as he contributed to the harmonies pouring forth from the stage. I felt like I was in New York City—it was that grand.

For me the concert was more than special. It was seeing just what a good upbringing accomplishes. I've followed Ben's path to adulthood for over 22 years now. I have a photo of him as a toddler wearing his Lion King costume and I have photos of him receiving his college diploma. A

graduate of North Carolina State University, he works as a data scientist for Lowe's. His mom and dad made all the right decisions, sacrificed, and "raised him right" as we say down South.

They raised all three chil-

dren right, and it shows, beau-

tiful music of another kind, music that gives well beyond

Christmas year round, year after year.



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A choir performs at the Darlington Christmas tree lighting while other children play in a giant snow globe. PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES

County

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The vehicles will be bought through a cooperative purchasing contract with funds on hand from the \$4.1 million Fire District GO (General Obligation) bond approved earlier this year.

The vendor is Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus of Roebuck.

County administrator Charles Stewart said the vehicles should be finished, delivered, and ready for service by this time next year.

In other matters, council approved a \$248,749 contract award for a 40' x 40' pre-engineered metal building to serve as a scale house for the Environmental Services department.

The vendor is Sun Construction of Darlington.

Council also approved spending \$822,721 to upgrade the radio dispatch console at the Central Communications/E-911 Department.

The equipment will be provided by Motorola Solutions.

Council also approved final reading of Ordinance 19-22, which authorizes a fee-in-lieu-of-taxes (FILOT) agreement between an as-yet unidentified private industry known as "Project Star" and the multi-county business park owned jointly by Darlington County and Florence County.

The Project Star investment is expected to total \$5 million over 10 years. By approving this FILOT, the county agrees to receive an agreed upon fee instead of property taxes for a period of 30 years. The FILOT payments will be calculated based on the fair market value of land used by the company, with an assessment rate of 6 percent.



Mayor Gloria Hines awards a key to the city to city clerk/treasurer Gloria Pridgen for 40 years of service.



Hines awards a key to the city to Darlington Police Department Lt. Steve Buffkin for 42 years of service. PHOTOS BY BOBBY BRYANT

Hines

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Also during the brief meeting last week, Mayor-elect Boyd told council about what appears to be a way to put a

playground at a softball field the city owns on Old Florence Highway.

Council member Sheila Baccus earlier had expressed interest in turning the site into a playground. Recreation Director Lee Andrews looked

around and found a chance for the city to buy \$41,000 worth of playground equipment that was on sale for half the original price. Council was interested in making the deal, but there was debate over whether the city could use hospitality-tax funds

for the purchase. Meanwhile, time was running out for the half-price deal on the playground equipment.

Boyd said that issue came up while he and Andrews were meeting with Pee Dee Electric CEO Mike Fuller to talk about a

possible sports complex. Boyd said Fuller offered the city a low-interest loan to buy the playground equipment. Boyd said he passed on the offer to the city attorney and city manager, and it will be presented to council for approval in January.

Taxes

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Just as an example, Stewart cited the property-tax bill received by a Darlington city resident who asked Stewart to help explain why his taxes went up. This man's bill went from \$1,426 to \$1,763 – a 23 percent increase in his case. But his case can't be considered "typical" because of all the factors involved. Did someone make improvements in the property? You'd pay more. Was the taxpayer getting a "homestead exemption," an age-linked tax break? You'd pay less.

"There's no way you're

going to be able to say, 'The average increase in the tax bill is (blank),' " Stewart said. "The city of Darlington is going to be different than outside the city limits. If they live in Palmetto Rural Fire District, it'll be different than if they live in the Hartsville Fire District."

In the city of Darlington's case, the city raised its millage rate to finance road-repair work that City Council agreed was necessary. Council member Bryant Gardner was a key advocate for the road work, which he says has been needed for decades.

After being given Stewart's analysis of the property-tax increases, Gardner said it was

unfortunate that all these factors came together at the same time to cause substantial increases for both himself and others. But, he said, the city needed the additional money for the road repairs.

Gardner said it was likely that the city would need to continue finding additional revenues to deal with new or old issues – either by increasing the tax millage rate or by raising fees. But he said that the concerns arising from these property-tax increases that homeowners are seeing now have "taught me a valuable lesson."

The lesson, Gardner said, is that Darlington County's local governments need to commu-

nicate better with each other about their plans for raising millage rates so that we don't have another unintentional cluster of increases.

Gardner said he likely would have hesitated about Darlington raising its tax millage rate to finance road repairs if he had known that other governments were planning to do the same – but he said the city's road repairs must be dealt with.

Warren Jeffords of Lamar, chairman of the Darlington County School Board, said he had not heard complaints or comments about property-tax bills. He said the school district raised its millage rate for oper-

ating revenue.

Jeffords agreed with Gardner about improving communications between local governments. "We all need to communicate better, no doubt about that – the county, the cities."

But he said he couldn't speak for the school board on whether members might be hesitant now to increase the school district's millage rate when working on future budgets.

In Hartsville, officials were able to roll back property taxes slightly because of reassessment, economic growth and a strong LOST credit, said city manager Natalie Zeigler.

Arbor Day

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Mayor Gloria Hines read the Arbor Day proclamation, which included some history on this holiday, which began in 1872 when the state of Nebraska designated a special day dedicated to the planting of trees.

More than 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska on the original Arbor Day, and the holiday is now observed throughout the United States and in many countries

around the world.

"Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife," Hines read. "Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community. And trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal."

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You are a lion's cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness, who dares to rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

genesis 49:9-10

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Frances Godwin Ward

DARLINGTON – Frances Godwin Ward, 94, passed away Monday, Dec. 2, 2019.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Darlington First Baptist Church with burial following at Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

The family received friends Wednesday at the church.

Born Jan. 18, 1925, in Summerton, Frances was the daughter of the late C.B. Godwin and Anna Wilkie Godwin.

She worked for the Darlington County School District and retired from Florence-Darlington Technical College after 25 years as an executive secretary.

She enjoyed time spent with her family and friends.

Frances was a member of Darlington First Baptist Church.

Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Susan Ward of Darlington, Morris and Belle Ward of Mullins; daughters and sons-in-law, Annita and Candler Hunt of Madison, Ga., Susie and Rhame Guyton of Marion; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Mark Godwin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C.M. Ward Jr.; sister, Billie Lou Bradham.

Memorials may be made to Darlington First Baptist Church, PO Box 297, Darlington, SC 29532; or to the Darlington County Humane Society, PO Box 503 Darlington, SC 29540.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Ronnie Lee Porter

GARDEN CITY – Ronnie Lee Porter, 74, passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019.

Funeral services were Dec. 8 at the chapel at Belk Funeral Home with burial at Darlington Memory Gardens. The family received friends Sunday at the funeral home.

Born Dec. 17, 1944, Ronnie was the son of the late Donnie Lee Porter and Ila Mae Frye Hixon. He served his country in the Army as a paratrooper. He worked as a precision tool and die engineer and retired from Wolverine Brass.

Ronnie enjoyed bowling, golf and playing pool. He also enjoyed racing and had raced several times at the Darlington Drag Strip.

Surviving are his wife, Janice Bullard Porter; three children, Tammy (Roger) Carlton of Mechanicsville, Va., Rhonda Cromer of Raleigh, N.C., Ben Porter of Manning; grandchildren, Morgan, Meryl, Camden, Porter, Michael, Breanna and Jordanna; great-grandchild, Kinley; sister, Patricia (Carlos) Bailey of Camden.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Billy Porter.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

Carolyn Frances Anderson

DARLINGTON – Carolyn Frances Anderson of Darlington passed away Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019. A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the

chapel of Bethea Retirement Community, with visitation in the fellowship hall, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Mrs. Anderson was born Feb. 5, 1936, in Latta. She was the daughter of the late Raymond Vernon Anderson and Lennie Anderson Chenoweth. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Raymond Charles Anderson, and infant daughter, Angela Lynn Anderson.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Her favorite hobbies were reading, playing cards/board games and spending time with her family and many friends.

Surviving are her husband, Billy Gene Anderson; four daughters, Suzanne (Ross) Lewis of Fort Mill, Dottie Sylvester of Rock Hill, Alva (John) Hoover of Florence, Tracy (Robin) Wood of Fleetwood, Pa.; grandchildren, Rocky Lewis, Seth Lewis, Zach (Kalee) Lewis, Billy (Angel) Sylvester, Pat (Kim) Sylvester, Jack Hoover, Mary Frances Hoover; great-grandchildren, Boston Lewis, Sara Beth Sylvester, Wes Sylvester, Josey Sylvester, Will Sylvester, Hudson Sylvester; step-grandchildren, Gregory and Julie Wood, and step-granddaughter, Lorali Wood.

A special heartfelt thank you to her many caregivers at Bethea Retirement Community, MRCM Renal floor along with Dr. Slingh, MRCM Hospice, and National Transport Service.

Memorials may be made to Bethea Retirement Community, 157 Home Ave., Darlington SC 29532; MRCM Hospice House, P.O. Box 100551, Florence SC 29502.

A guestbook is available

online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Christie Marie Moore

HARTSVILLE -- Funeral services for Christie Marie Moore, 62, will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Chapel of Norton Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Magnolia Cemetery. Visitation was Tuesday at the funeral home.

Christie was born in Hartsville, a daughter of the late Henry Vance and Sadie Yarborough Moore. She was a resident of the Reagan House. She loved music and attending the Hartsville Church of God, where she was a member.

Surviving are one sister, Cindy (Jimmy Lee) Evans, Hartsville; one brother, Carl Vance Moore, Hartsville; one sister in law, Debbie Moore, Hartsville; special nieces and nephews, Vance Evans, Rock Hill, Sarah Evans, Hartsville, Carla Byrd, Hartsville, Steven Moore, Hartsville, Danielle Wallace, Mount Airy, N.C., Danny Moore II, Hartsville, Kim Medley, Darlington, and Ted Kelly, Tennessee; several great-nieces and nephews.

Christie was preceded in death by two brothers, Danny L. Moore and Leland Moore and one sister, Alice Kelly.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff of the Regan House and Bridge The Gap.

Memorials may be made to the Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, 201 North Damascus Church Road, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Norton Funeral Home is honored to serve the Moore family.

Living on Purpose

Do we care about what God wants?

Editor's note: This is a reprint of a Bill Holland column that was published earlier this year.

By Bill Holland

Is God always happy? Well, let me see, this is an unusual question, but I would say probably not.

Since He is not made of flesh we assume that He does not have emotions like us.

But, on the other hand, we read about His demonstrations of compassion and anger so I guess this is still up for debate.

It is my opinion that some things please Him and others cause Him disappointment and most of it is associated with the way people live.

So, what do you think makes Him happy?

Well, again we have the Scriptures, which reveal His thoughts and these explain His desires.

Remember, there was a time He became outraged when the people of Noah's day were living like sinful barbarians and He brought a flood that destroyed the world except for eight people.

So, we can clearly see that when individuals follow sin instead of submitting to His voice this makes Him very upset.

Basically, He's glad when we live for Him and He's aggravated when we do whatever we want.

Here is a two-part question. Do you believe He is happy with you, and do you really care what He thinks about you?

Anyone can take the time and learn about God and what He expects from us.

Yes, there is a problem with the world's lack of spiritual understanding but there is also a huge issue with people who realize what is right but arrogantly refuse to do it.

These individuals walk in the shadows and avoid God's light on purpose because His holy truth exposes more than what they want to deal with.

They know deep down that He is not happy with them and yet they are content to live in denial -- far away from anything that will cause feelings of guilt.

You see, the Bible was given to us so that we could understand right and wrong and how much God wants us to be good.

He is also not shy about explaining the consequences that will happen when we choose to be bad.

One reason why it is so important to read His word (and exactly why many do not even open it) is that it empowers us to live up to God's standards while eliminating our excuses.

Charles Stanley is quoted: "To discipline ourselves is to simply say no to our desires when they conflict with God's



will." With God being the creator and judge of all things, our soul being priceless, and eternity just a breath away, why are so few interested?

I am not necessarily a single-minded, hellfire and brimstone preacher, even though there is nothing wrong with presenting much-needed biblical truth, but my desire is to emphasize and relay the message of God's great love.

He has a beautiful and wonderful plan for everyone but the problem is that many sadly do not care.

How can I make such a statement?

Look around; do people look interested in God to you?

The Lord desires to give us all we could ask or imagine but instead of us living for ourselves, He is calling us to live for Him.

Until we turn away from our selfish independence and realize that He created us and bought us with a great price, we will not really be concerned with our allegiance to Him.

How can we take our spiritual life seriously until we refuse to be controlled by our own will?

Good news! We can be transformed into a new person with a new lifestyle when we ask Jesus to change our mind.

We realize that what and how much we know is the heart of the matter; as Luke Chapter 12 says, "To whom much is given, much is required."

This means the more we discover about what God wants from us, the more responsibility we have to obey Him and the amount that He is pleased with us will be measured by how committed we are to His instructions.

Knowing His plan is one thing but demonstrating our knowledge is something completely different.

When we choose to take that first step of faith to live for Jesus we are accepting the basic fundamentals of salvation and can sincerely pray, "Lord, all things are possible with you. Please save me, renew my mind, fill me with your Spirit and whatever you tell me to do, may I react according to your will -- not mine, amen."

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Mechanicsville Baptist Church

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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 Fashioned 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 at 7 p.m. at 109 Main St. in Darlington.

Trinity UMC Youth Center Yard Sale

Trinity UMC Youth Center is holding a yard sale Dec. 13-14 on Orange Street across from Carolina Bank.

Christmas Cantata at Black Creek Baptist

Black Creek Baptist Church on Dec. 15, 6 p.m., presents

Christmas Cantata -- "His Name is Jesus" -- with food and fellowship following in the DuRant Building.

Dec. 22, 6 p.m., Children's Christmas Program with cocoa and cookies following in the DuRant Building.

Public prayer at the Courthouse

Restoration Outreach Ministries of Darlington plans a public prayer at the Courthouse Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. More, 843-230-5140.

Church Prayer Line

Anyone who needs prayer is welcome to call Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line at 843-393-8555.

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.

Lawson Grove Baptist Church

3585 Lawson Grove Rd., Hartsville. Sunday - Church School at 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Wednesday.

Black Creek Baptist Church

The church, 139 Mont Clare Road, Dovesville, announces 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

Second Missionary Baptist Church

Second Missionary Baptist Church, 212 W. Washington St., Hartsville, announces hours. 8 a.m. early morning worship service, 9 a.m. church school service, 10 a.m. morning worship.

Stuckey Plumbing and Supplies

and Mrs. Meta R. Stuckey, wish to announce that Stuckey Plumbing and Supplies is no longer operating in business due to the death the late Milton Mack Stuckey, Jr. and the late Milton Mack Stuckey, III, who are now both deceased.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Living the life of Riley? Riley may not be living a luxurious existence right now but she certainly has a carefree attitude and as healthy as she is, has had a relatively easy life. She would love to continue down this path and as terrific as she is in getting along with other dogs and humans, one would think her new home is just a tail wag away! Riley is nicely sharing her shelter kennel with a shy male dog and was very respectful in giving space and picking up on cues in meeting a shy female on our walk today. A very well balanced girl, Riley nicely sits when asked and if she is feeling a little more froggy, will run and chase after balls. A skilled leash walker, Riley seeks and gives affection and would be very much in her element caring for kids and hanging out with other dogs in her new home. Riley hopes to continue to lead a charmed life. Think you can give her a new home and the life of Riley that she so deserves? Bull mix; 2 years old; 50 pounds; female

Hounds are just the best and Ronald fits perfectly into this mold. If you are looking for a more mature, mellow, accepting doggy friend than Ronald would love to meet you. Never meeting a stranger, Ranger is softly affectionate and happy to go and do and spend time equally with humans and other dogs. An excellent, skilled leash waler, he's a fixer upper of sorts but certainly worth every dime and minute devoted to helping him regain a perfect bill of health. A home with kids and other dogs would perfectly suit this gentle natured, most capable pet! Ask for Ronald today, won't you? 50 pounds; 9 years old; male hound



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

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. 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.

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Board of Zoning Appeals

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

Business Network International

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

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.

Crochet & Knit Clubs

Lamar: each Monday at 4:30 p.m. 326-5524
Darlington: 2nd Friday of the month 10 a.m. - noon 398-4940
Hartsville: "The Stitchers" group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays and 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5 pm.

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.

Darlington 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.

Darlington Kiwanis Club

Every other Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Darlington Country Club. Members often come a little early for fellowship.

Hartsville Kiwanis Club

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

Hartsville Lions Club

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at Mr. B's Restaurant

Hartsville Rotary Club

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

Paws to Read

Paws to Read is a literacy program where emerging and reluctant readers can create positive emotional connections with reading. Therapy Dogs International with their trainers come for one-on-one reading sessions on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm. and 3 p.m. respectively at the Darlington Library Branch.

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.

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

Monthly Events

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington meets second Thursday of each month at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway.

City of Darlington Board of Zoning Appeals

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

Darlington Branch NAACP

The Darlington Branch NAACP meets on the second Tuesday every month, 7 p.m. at 109 Pearl St. For more, please contact President Anthony Hall at 843-229-1274.

City of Darlington Design Review Board

Meets on an as-needed basis, coordinated through the Codes Enforcement Office

Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

The Darlington County

Disabilities and Special Needs Board will meet on the following dates and times in 2019. All meetings will begin at 2 p.m. The agenda and meeting location will be posted monthly.

Meetings: April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26.
No meeting in December.

Darlington County First Steps

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

Darlington County Historical Commission Meeting

Darlington County Historical Commission meets at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Darlington County Historical Commission at 204 Hewitt Street in Darlington.

Darlington Kiwanis Club Board Meeting

The Board of Directors for the Darlington Kiwanis Club will meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Taki's Diner or a board member's home.

Darlington County Humane Society Board of Directors

Darlington County Humane Society Board of Directors meet at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Hartsville Memorial Library at 147 W. College Avenue in Hartsville.

Darlington Downtown Development Association Board of Directors Meeting

The DDRA Board of Directors will meet at City Administration, 410 Pearl Street, at 8 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, except in July and September.

Free Vision Screenings

Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County and the Darlington Lions Club are sponsoring free vision screenings, third Wednesday of each month, 1-4 p.m. at Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County, 203 Grove St. You do not have to be an FMC patient.

Head Start

Darlington County Head Start program policy council meetings, fourth Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at Butler Head Start Center, 1103 S. 6th St., Hartsville. Darlington County Community Action Agency board meetings, 4th Thursday every month at 5:30 p.m., Butler Head Start Center.

Small Business Professionals Roundtable

These monthly Roundtable sessions, held on the second Tuesday of every month from 8-9 a.m. at the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, will give small business professionals an opportunity to explore best practices for tackling day-to-day issues and achieving long-term business goals. The ses-

sions will be facilitated by Coker University's Business Administration Department Chair Melinda Norris.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

The Darlington chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW "GREY/FARROW" Post 3609, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Taki's Restaurant, 609 Pearl St. in Darlington

Dec. 2019

Cookies with Santa

Santa will be visiting the Hartsville Memorial Library on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 12-2 p.m. to see what the little boys and girls would like for Christmas. Join us for cookies, crafts, pictures with Santa, and more!

Hartsville Christmas Parade

The 2019 Hartsville Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

Jan. 2020

Prestwood Polar Bear Plunge

Take the plunge in the Prestwood Pool at the Prestwood Country Club in Hartsville on Jan. 1, 2020 to benefit the Pee Dee Coalition and Darlington County Dancing with the Starts Team #1 Matt & Tracee! \$20 entry fee gets you an AWESOME t-shirt and bragging rights!

Blood Drive at Carolina Pines

Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center in Hartsville. Give blood. Help save lives!

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington

Beautification Board

Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Connections at Breakfast - Habitat for Humanity

Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7:30-9 a.m. at the Darlington County Habitat for Humanity at 120 W. Washington Street in Hartsville. Connections events are held monthly. Chamber members host these events in their place of business so they can promote their products/services. Business cards are also collected from those in attendance and given to the host at the end of the event. Members who attend have an opportunity to be drawn to give a 60-second infomercial about their business.

Darlington County Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Feb. 2020

Darlington County Historic Landmarks Commission

Monday, Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington

City of Darlington Beautification Board

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

City of Darlington Tree Board

Monday, Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Inside GSSM

INSIDE GSSM is a day of imagination, inspiration, innovation, and fun for the whole family on Saturday, Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville.

March 2020

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington

Speed & Feed BBQ Festival

It's back and better than before! Our annual Speed and Feed BBQ Festival has gotten an upgrade (with a new Spring date) and now has become a two-day festival filled with live music, a car cruise-in, entertainment, amusement rides, food trucks, and - the obvious - a BBQ cook-off! Join us Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at the Darlington Raceway.

City of Darlington Beautification Board

Wednesday, March 18 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Joint Meeting of All City of Darlington Boards

Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m., scheduled by the Planning Commission



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Jane Windham's recipe for Baked Brie with Candied Lemon Peel

To make the Candied Lemon Peel:

Slice the rind off 2 lemons. Save the peeled lemons and set aside. Cut the lemon peel into thin slices and trim away some of the pith. Leave a small amount of pith so that the slices will not be too thin. Bring 2 cups of water to a boil in a saucepan and add the lemon peel. Blanch the peel for about 5 minutes. This softens the rind and reduces the bitterness. Drain and reserve. Repeat the process 2 additional times using fresh water each time. In the same saucepan, add 1 cup fresh water and 1 1/2 cups of sugar. Stir to dissolve the sugar. Add all of the lemon slices and bring to a slow boil. Simmer for one hour and then cool for about 15 minutes. Lay the lemon peel across a cooling rack placed over a cookie sheet to dry overnight. Hint: The lemon peel will not totally dry but will firm up after 24 hours. The next day, place 2 tablespoons of sugar into a baggie, add a few pieces of lemon peel, and shake to coat the peel with sugar. Keep adding more peel to the baggie until all pieces are coated with sugar. Store the lemon peel in an airtight container until you are ready to use it.

To make the Lemon Sauce:
Mix 3 tablespoons corn-



starch, 1/2 cup sugar, and 1/4 cup water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and whisk constantly. When thick, reduce heat to low and whisk another minute. Remove from heat, place in a glass bowl, and add 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice and 2 teaspoons lemon zest. Refrigerate until you are ready to use it.

To make the Brown Sugar Pecans:

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add about 1/2 pound pecans halves and stir to coat the pecans with the butter. Cook over medium heat for about 10 minutes, stirring constantly to avoid burning the pecans. Add 2 tablespoons brown sugar and 2 teaspoons

cinnamon to the mix. Cook for an additional few minutes. Pour the pecans onto a paper towel to cool and drain. Store into an airtight container until ready to use.

To make the Baked Brie:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the Brie on a glass pie plate or some other decorative oven-proof plate. Bake the Brie for 10-12 minutes until the center is soft. Remove from the oven and immediately pour the Lemon Sauce over the warm Brie. Add some of the Candied Lemon Peel on the top and garnish with the Brown Sugar Pecans. Serve immediately.

See more from Jane Windham at cottageatthecrossroads.com.

Ties to lawmakers present in judicial screening hearings; records kept secret

By Rick Brundrett
The Nerve

As a sitting S.C. Supreme Court justice, George James was first up Nov. 18 in a series of screening hearings by a legislatively controlled panel that will determine whether he and other lower-court judges will be nominated for election in the General Assembly.

James, who is seeking his first full 10-year term on the state's highest court, was a partner at a Sumter-based law firm where state Rep. Murrell Smith, the chairman of the judicial screening panel known as the Judicial Merit Selection Commission (JMSC), also was a partner, according to online biographies. Besides heading the screening panel, Smith, R-Sumter, is chairman of both the House Ethics and budget-writing Ways and Means committees.

James isn't the only judicial candidate in the latest round of screening hearings, scheduled for December, with ties to lawmakers. For example, Court of Appeals Judge Stephanie Pendarvis McDonald, who is seeking another six-year term, was a longtime attorney at a Charleston law firm where Sen. Sandy Senn, R-Charleston, is a senior partner, according to online biographies.

Administrative Law Court judge Bill Funderburk, who is seeking another five-year term, is the husband of Rep. Laurie Funderburk, D-Kershaw. Former House member Jenny Horne of Summerville, who served from 2008-2016, was a candidate for an at-large Family Court seat, according to a July JMSC release, though she later withdrew from that race.

Forty-eight candidates are scheduled to be screened for 20 court seats statewide. By law, the 10-member JMSC can nominate no more than three candidates for an open seat. Most of the seats will be filled during a joint session of the Legislature in an election tentatively set for Feb. 5.

Of the 19 seats that could attract multiple candidates, 11 are held by unopposed incumbents. Typically in judicial races, nominated candidates who believe they don't have enough votes in the Legislature drop out before the election is held.

South Carolina and Virginia

are the only states where their legislators play primary roles in electing judges. The S.C. Legislature has a long history of electing former colleagues or relatives to judgeships, as The Nerve has previously pointed out.

Senators in June, for example, confirmed former Rep. Mike Pitts, R-Laurens, as a Laurens County magistrate, while the Legislature in May elected Courtney Clyburn Pope, daughter of Rep. Bill Clyburn, D-Aiken, as a circuit court judge.

Under state law, six of the JMSC's 10 members must be lawmakers. Five members are appointed by House Speaker Jay Lucas, R-Darlington; three by Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Luke Rankin, R-Horry; and two by Senate president Harvey Peeler, R-Cherokee.

Besides Smith, the other lawmakers on the screening panel include Reps. Todd Rutherford, D-Richland, and Chris Murphy, R-Dorchester; and Sens. Rankin, who is the commission's vice-chairman; Ronnie Sabb, D-Williamsburg; and Tom Young, R-Aiken.

All six legislative JMSC members are lawyers, as are three of the four other panel members. There are at least 50 attorneys in the 170-member Legislature.

The screening panel by law has to consider nine criteria in deciding whether to qualify and nominate candidates: constitutional qualifications, ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, physical health, mental stability, experience and judicial temperament.

But the criteria aren't weighted, and the JMSC under the law can consider other factors. According to the JMSC's website, the panel determines candidate qualifications through a variety of sources, including lawyer and judicial questionnaires, reports by local citizen screening committees, written responses by the candidates on "personal data" questionnaires, interviews by JMSC staff, financial and credit checks, and a criminal background check.

Under written JMSC policy, citizens can file complaints against judicial candidates, but they must submit a sworn statement to the commission using a provided affidavit form

no later than two weeks before the date of the candidate's screening hearing. The sworn complaint must be mailed or hand delivered to the JMSC, along with any supporting documents.

By policy, if commission staff members determine that the complaint, "on its face, does not state allegations relating to the candidate's character, competency, or ethics," it "will be dismissed and it will not be considered at the public hearing." The JMSC also can issue subpoenas "at any time in order to provide for necessary investigations."

Citizen complaints are considered confidential under state law unless addressed during the public hearings. Typically, those who file complaints that are not dismissed have been required to testify at the hearings.

State law requires that "all records, information, and other material" used by the JMSC to "make its findings of fact" must be "kept strictly confidential," except for those records "presented under oath at the public hearing." The "confidential" information also is exempt from disclosure under the state Freedom of Information Act.

Although nomination votes are supposed to be done publicly, the JMSC meets behind closed doors after taking testimony to "make findings regarding the qualifications of the candidate," under the commission's policies.

And the lack of transparency continues after the JMSC makes its final decisions. For example, although the commission issues a public written report on its findings, candidates who are not nominated can "withdraw, which will preclude his or her qualifications from being included in the commission's findings," according to the commission's policies.

On top of that, after the JMSC makes its findings, any candidate records "kept confidential must be destroyed," under state law.

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Local author publishes first novel, set in North Carolina mountains

Julianne Kuykendall Rhodes, originally a Canton, N.C., native who now splits her time between Darlington and Canton, has self-published her first full-length novel, a Christmas novel titled "The Christmas No One Expected" that is set largely in the mountains of North Carolina with a portion set in Sumter.

"I would describe this book as a mix between a Lifetime movie and a Karen Kingsbury Christian fiction novel," Rhodes said.

The novel follows 40-year-old Pastor Danny Bailey, who moves from Sumter to pastor a new church in the mountains in Canton, with his wife, Katie, and their 15-year-old daughter, Ashley.

After he makes the move to Canton, he begins to receive creepy, typewritten notes threatening his family. Who is the culprit behind the notes? No one knows.

As Christmastime 2019

unfolds, Danny will feel fear as he has never known and come to truly understand the power of forgiveness.

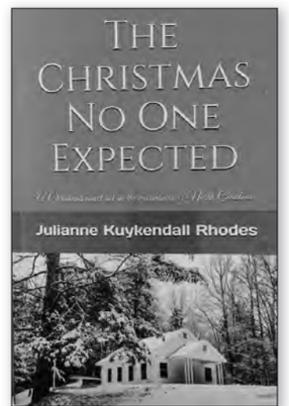
Many mountain tourists will recognize landmarks throughout the novel including the Biltmore Estate, Looking Glass Falls and the Devil's Courthouse.

"I hope that readers will enjoy the Christmas-themed book and, most of all, I pray that God is glorified in the pages of this novel," said Rhodes, noting that the novel is dedicated in memory of her parents - Frederick Hugh Kuykendall and Barbara Lucile Lanning Kuykendall.

"I would also especially like to thank my sweet husband, Wayne, for all of his encouragement during my writing of this novel," Rhodes added.

Wayne is from Darlington, she said.

"The Christmas No One Expected" is available on Amazon.com in both the paper-



back version, \$15, and the Kindle version, \$7.

The book is printed in large print so it is reader-friendly for most readers.

For information on obtaining a signed copy for \$19 (book price plus packaging and shipping costs) mailed directly to you, e-mail Rhodes at julianne8235@yahoo.com.



Duke Energy grants will help free clinics, food banks in Pee Dee

Duke Energy is partnering with seven free medical clinics and three food programs to provide \$140,000 in grants to assist these agencies.

Each of the following free clinics will receive \$10,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation:

Sumter United Ministries Free Clinic, Helping Hands Free Medical Clinic in Marion, Mercy Medicine Free Clinic in Florence, Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County, Mercy in Me Free Medical Clinic in Cheraw, Community Medical Clinic of Kershaw County and Dillon County Free Medical Clinic.

Food banks in our communities provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food, distributing millions of healthy meals to families across the region each year.

Harvest Hope Food Bank distributed 22.9 million meals to provide hunger relief for individuals in South Carolina in 2018. They will receive \$50,000 to help provide more than 250,000 meals to those in need in the Pee Dee.

Harvest Hope will dis-

tribute these funds to partner agencies they support in counties across the region.

Each agency will have an account set up that they can use to purchase food for their community food bank and distribute accordingly in those more rural communities.

The Lowcountry Food Bank serves the 10 coastal counties of South Carolina and distributed more than 30 million pounds of food in 2018.

They will receive \$10,000 to distribute fresh produce as part of their feeding programs with eight partner agencies in Duke Energy service areas in Williamsburg, Georgetown and Horry counties.

Since 2017, the United Way of Kershaw County has operated the Mobile Nutrition Center, a mobile food pantry that delivers healthy foods to sites in so-called "food deserts" that are located in rural Kershaw County.

This program directly serves their clients by removing barriers that prevent access to food like transportation and income. They will receive \$10,000 to conduct mobile feeding programs in the Bethune and Lugoff areas.

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Darlington gears up for another year of basketball

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington Falcons: A preview

Last year head coach Anthony Heilbronn could not have asked for a better start to his head coaching career at Darlington High School. While the season did not end with a state championship, the Falcons did make it to the lower-state and won over 20 games.

That team Heilbronn inherited from longtime coach Ken Howle was filled with an abundance of veteran talent. Fast forward to this year, that experience is no longer there. Instead, he has what might be one of the youngest teams in the state.

"Of my top 11 guys last year, I lost nine; six graduated, one

transferred, one got hurt and one chose not to play," Heilbronn said. "We brought back two starters and two guys that never really saw the court so we got a combination of JV guys, freshmen and an eighth-grader. We're young, but the potential is there. We saw it last week; we won the Turkey Shootout. That was a surprise to us."

And while this team is already off to a strong start in the very early stages of the season, the identity of this team is far different from the cast of players that Darlington had last season.

"We are not last year's team; we are not going to win pretty, by 20, 30 points a night," Heilbronn said. "We are going to have to grind it out, fight it and do what we can, take each win as they come."

So how is Darlington going to grind it out, create offense?

First it will start and end with using defense to get out in transition.

"We are going to have to generate some in transition," Heilbronn said. "We are quick defensively; we can get out and run, create transition, hit Tre'Quan in a trail or get him leading a play. We don't have players that can go one on one like Keynon, Ty."

This year's Darlington team, like so many from years past, is small when it comes to height, but fast when it comes to team speed.

Heilbronn, like last season, wants to exploit other teams with that speed, using it as a way to counter the Falcons' lack of size.

"I want to run as much as possible so our lack of size doesn't hurt us," Heilbronn said. "In a half court set we're going to struggle."

With so many new pieces it's

obvious Darlington is not expected to win the region.

"Myrtle Beach is the odds-on favorite," Heilbronn said. "They brought back almost everybody and they had a really good JV team. They're deep; they'll go 10 or 11 deep. Marlboro County was preseason pick to win the region, which surprised me. They don't have a lot of depth; their front five is legit."

But just because they are young does not mean they are not talented.

This team has plenty of talent and this season is all about getting that talent some experience. Once the experience is gained, the sky is the limit.

"Our thing is we're young, let's get them experience, get reps and see what happens," Heilbronn said.

"We know this year we're not expected to be final four. Whatever we do is a bonus."

Darlington Lady Falcons: A preview

Darlington girls' basketball head coach Brad Knox has been building his Lady Falcons for the last few years and this year might be the year that he is finally able to get to host a home playoff game.

There are some returning players to go along with new talent and Knox likes what he has building in his program. Over the off season, the focus was simple and that was work on "skill development."

Apart from working on skill development, Knox really likes how this team works together and trusts each other. According to him that is one of the biggest differences between this year's and last year's team.

"What I like about this team is they gel together," Knox said. "Coming to practice they come

in smiling and ready to work and I think that is the difference between this year's team and last year's team."

As it stands, most think Darlington will finish third in the region this year. "Right now, they got us sitting at third behind a good Wilson team and a good North Myrtle Beach team," Knox said. "Our region is tough; we have one of the toughest regions in the state of South Carolina in 4A basketball."

But that prediction is not deterring Knox or his team. He believes in his team and knows if they work hard they can beat anyone.

"Every night anyone can get beat," Knox said. "We are just trying to get better every game, every possession. That is our whole objective of the season."

Darlington boys, girls take care of basketball business in Lamar

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington (girls) 59, Lamar (girls) 16

It was a successful night for both the Falcons and Lady Falcons Dec. 3 as they traveled to the other side of the county to take on Lamar, with each team coming out victorious over the Silver Foxes.

Darlington (boys) 76, Lamar (boys) 31

From start to finish this game was never close. Darlington, fresh off winning the Turkey Shootout, dominated a Lamar Silver Foxes basketball team that only had six players dressed out to win 76-31.

"Nights like this, they are frustrating," Darlington boys' head coach Anthony Heilbronn said. "You don't really get a lot out of it other than everyone gets to get in."

Tre'Quan Scott was electric from downtown for the Falcons scoring 21 points on seven three-pointers.

"The first three games we were able to get nine in each game, the first game we got 11," Heilbronn said. "You know me, I'm trying to go deep with my bench, trying to get nine, 10 guys every game. I think we got 10 in the first half tonight. I tried to run the first half as normal as possible; the second half, it is what it is."

That "it is what it is" by Heilbronn was simply him rotating every available player possible, working on different things and most importantly to him, he said, not to embarrass anyone intentionally.

The Darlington Lady Falcons held Lamar to under 20 points total on its way to a 59-16 win.

Defense was the key to Darlington's win as the Lady Falcons turned their strong defensive performance into offense on the other end of the court.

"First off, hats off to Lamar, they are a very sound and well-coached team," Darlington girls' head coach Brad Knox said. "I told them before the game that we have to come out and compete on both ends of the floor."

For Lamar and head coach Randolph Scott, games like this are learning lessons, especially for a team as young as he has this year.

"We have a freshman point guard, we have junior in the backcourt with her, neither one of them have played significant time over the course of these last couple of years," Scott said.

That youth struggled with Darlington's defensive pressure. Careless passes and not understanding the situation due to youth played right into the hands of the Lady Falcons' defense.

"Darlington did a good job in press sets and traps, but a lot of careless passes on our part and that is coming from being young," Scott said. "The thing about it is we see where we can grow up and that is what it is going to be, a growing lesson, but we still feel like we have very exceptional team. We take games like this to learn from them."



RECAP

The Falcons played two other games this past week, defeating Crestwood at home 52-48 before losing to West Florence on Friday in Charlotte 52-48. The boys are now 5-1 on the year.

The Lady Falcons played the same two games as well, splitting both just like the boys except in reverse roles with Darlington losing 46-37 to Crestwood, but winning 43-41 against West Florence in overtime.

They are 3-1 on the year.

Trinity-Byrnes adding a 6th grade

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School, a college preparatory school in Darlington County, announces the addition of 6th grade for academic year 2020-2021.

"In keeping with the middle school model in our immediate area, TBCS is choosing to accommodate 6th grade families," said Head of School Ed Hoffman.

April Munn, director of admissions and communications, says, "There is an increasingly growing demand from families with rising 6th grade students that do not want to begin middle school

and then transfer to Trinity-Byrnes for 7th grade. Students thrive in a more consistent environment, so it makes sense to add 6th grade for those students and families seeking a higher academic standard for middle school."

"As we are transitioning to a more progressive middle school concept, we are excited to offer a variety of academic levels to challenge each student to meet his or her fullest potential," said Kelley Byrd, Associate Head of School. "These offerings will be combined with extensive foreign languages, fine and performing

arts, and technology electives."

Middle school students are encouraged to become active participants in the Titan Community by joining the numerous service clubs, competitive academic teams, academic honor societies and the many athletic options the school makes available.

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School is a coeducational, non-discriminatory, college-preparatory day school located on a 100-acre campus southwest of Darlington and serves the seven-county Pee Dee region of South Carolina.



Gun Sense group to meet

The group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America holds its monthly meeting Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Darlington Library, 204 North Main St. For more, contact Brenda Ferguson, Bferguson.sc@gmail.com, or 843-339-1748.

Funds will provide clean drinking water for Society Hill area

Citizens in the rural area close to Society Hill are receiving a \$300,000 check to provide clean drinking water, the Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority says.

The current water supply is furnished by wells that yield a high iron content, the agency said in a statement. The water is safe to drink, but is not clear to look at and discolors light-colored clothing when washed.

The community began the

quest for clean drinking water 15 years ago. Due to the small number of people and rural location it was very difficult to obtain funding to serve the citizens, the agency said.

Finally, "we were able to get a break" when state Sen. Gerald Malloy was able to secure a \$300,000 check from the state's general appropriations bill.

"Without the efforts of Sen. Malloy, this project would not have been possi-

ble," the agency said.

Total project cost is \$499,858, with the Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority funding \$199,858.

The project is to be completed in February.

A presentation will be held Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority's Sen. Gerald Malloy Administrative Complex at 131 Industrial Way, Darlington.

Coming to Darlington County in 2020



These are aerial photos of the new elementary schools being built in Lamar and Hartsville, which are to open in the fall of 2020. If they look alike, it's because they're being built from essentially the same design. A third new elementary school is under construction in Darlington. Clockwise from top left: Hartsville; Hartsville; Lamar; Lamar; Lamar; Hartsville. PHOTOS COURTESY DARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hartsville High's Griggs wins model home contest at Darlington County Institute of Technology

Dallas Griggs, a sophomore at Hartsville High School who attends the Darlington County Institute of Technology (DCIT), took home first place recently in DCIT's highly competitive model home project.

Griggs and his Carpentry classmates participated in the annual challenge, which requires them to build a model home from scratch.

The project is part of a greater learning experience, which involves constructing an actual, life-sized shed.

Carpentry teacher Jack Parker guides the students in building the actual shed outside, and the students then translate those skills into designing their model homes for the competition.

"This model house competition is a great example of the

type of hands-on activity our students at DCIT enjoy," said Robbie Smith, director of DCIT. "This activity allows students to demonstrate their mastery of many concepts and skills they are taught in Carpentry while also showcasing their creativity."

The model Griggs built demonstrated fine craftsmanship and details. Alongside a well-built home, the model exhibited a front yard complete with a fire pit, picnic table and a front porch swing.

Four students earned placement in the contest:

- First place -- Dallas Griggs
- Second place -- Gavin Commander, Darlington High School sophomore
- Third place -- Anderson Hulsey, Mayo High



Dallas Griggs, a sophomore at Hartsville High School who attends the Darlington County Institute of Technology, won DCIT's annual model home building contest. Gavin Commander, a Darlington High School sophomore, finished second. Anderson Hulsey, a Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology junior, finished third. Griffin Tyner, a Hartsville High School sophomore, finished fourth. Pictured are (from left) Commander, Griggs, Tyner and Hulsey. PHOTOS COURTESY DARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



School for Math, Science and Technology junior

- Fourth place -- Griffin Tyner, Hartsville High School sophomore

Darlington County School District administrators carried out the judging. Parker rewarded contest participants with a lunch.

DCIT's Carpentry class is one of many hands-on opportunities at the school that gives students practical work experience. The career and

technology school works to prepare students to enter the workforce following graduation.

2019 Darlington Christmas Parade



The Darlington Rescue Squad's Annual Christmas Parade was held Sunday afternoon, followed by the Darlington Kiwanis Club's Annual Carolighting Service. The parade brought hundreds to the Public Square for the yearly festivities. PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES





PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

Family members of the late Carolyn Abbott joined the Darlington Garden Club Friday, Dec. 6, to dedicate a bench on the Public Square in her honor.

Linda Beckham, Garden Club president, described Abbott as "the consummate

member" who held many offices, had many talents, and "always pushed us to a higher level."

"To say that she was a hard act to follow is an understatement," said Beckham, noting that the bench is but one small way to honor Carolyn's memo-

ry.

A more lasting tribute, she said, would be for the club to build on the foundation Abbott laid and keep working to make her beloved Darlington a more attractive and nicer place to live.

"I think that would be a

memorial she would truly love," said Beckham.

Joining members of the Darlington Garden Club at the dedication were Carolyn's husband of 49 years, Bill, and their daughters Katherine and Krista.

Chamber of Commerce seeks nominations for annual 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. 6.

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

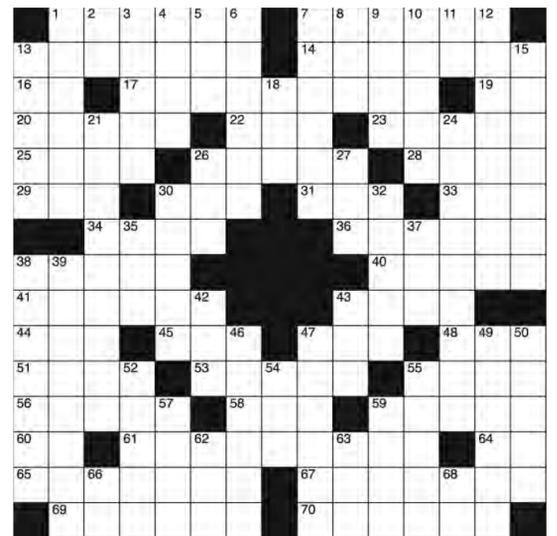
recipient is a community member continuing community involvement and/or service begun by a family member.

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 Jan. 15) will not be considered.

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ACROSS

1. Rope used as a lasso
7. Lomb's partner
13. North African nation
14. Rounds up cattle
16. Densest naturally occurring element
17. Home of the Brewers
19. Atomic #44
20. Vetches
22. Moved earth with a tool
23. Cavalry sword
25. Supplements with difficulty
26. Encouraged
28. Speech defect
29. Periodical (abbr.)
30. Very cold
31. ___ Paulo, city
33. Former OSS
34. Approves food
36. Cars need them
38. Sweden's dominant phone company
40. Long lock of a woman's hair
41. North American natives
43. Fly high
44. One type is fire
45. Nocturnal bird
47. More than one male
48. LOTR actor McKellen

DOWN

1. Capital of Zambia
2. Article
3. Country star LeAnn
4. Egyptian goddess
5. Afflict in mind or body
6. Showy but cheap
7. Belgian urban center
8. Short-winged diving seabird
9. Deploys
10. Ballplayers can legally do it
11. Centiliter
12. Contrary beliefs

13. Type of pole oneself
15. Distinguish oneself
18. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
21. One who monitors
24. Petty quarreling
26. Fiddler crabs
27. Touch lightly
30. American state
32. Pro wrestler Randy
35. Indicates spelling mistake
37. Macaws
38. Gradually narrowed
39. Installments
42. Female sheep
43. Politician
46. Servant
47. Said to facilitate concentration
49. California ballplayers
50. Once Toledo's tallest building
52. A type of pie
54. State of southwestern India
55. Principal member of Norse religion
57. Counterspy
59. Wellness practice
62. ___-de-sac: dead end street
63. Used to cook
66. Type of hospital
68. Direct message

Church plans annual Festival of Lessons and Carols

Join members of St. Matthew's Church (210 S. Main St.) along with others from the Darlington community Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. for the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols.

The festival is a worship service of hymns, carols,

choral works and organ selections that celebrates the birth of Jesus.

The members of the Chancel Choir will lead you through this special service.

The festival is based on an original service on Christmas Eve 1880 in a wooden shed

used by the Bishop of Truro (later the Archbishop of Canterbury) as his cathedral.

In 1918 that first service was adapted for use in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge. Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the

music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service derive mainly from the scripture lessons.

This year's service will be followed by a light reception in the parish hall.

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'We believe there may be more victims': Man faces new sex-crimes charges

A Darlington man is facing new allegations of sex crimes against minors, officials say.

Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis says Raymond Kevin Warren, 52, was arrested last week on three counts of assault and battery, second degree, and two counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor between 11 and 14, second degree.

This is the second time this year Warren has been arrested for criminal sexual conduct with a minor and other charges dating back to 2014, officials said.

"My investigators are continuing to investigate the alle-

gations surrounding the actions of Warren dating back to 2012, and we believe there may be more victims," said Chavis.

"Parents, if your child has ever interacted with Warren and you believe your child is a victim, contact us immediately."

Warren was previously arrested Feb. 8 by sheriff's investigators for 10 counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor under 11, first degree, and 12 counts of criminal sexual with a minor between 11 and 14, second degree.

Warren was released March 20 on a \$100,000 bond.

A Darlington County magistrate set bond at \$100,000 for Warren last week.

If you have any information or believe your child has been victimized by Warren, you are asked to contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigator Heather Lewis at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or visit www.p3tips.com.

You can also submit tips through a mobile app; text "DCSO" to 95577 for a link to download. You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

Darlington day care shut down

A Darlington day care was shut down last week for city code violations, officials said.

Rose's Learning Tree day care on Russell Street was closed after an inspection by the city, Capt. Kimberly Nelson with the Darlington Police Department told local media.

Nelson said the day care had been operating without a business license and there was no running water in the building.

Deputies investigating multiple thefts at body shop

Darlington County sheriff's deputies are investigating multiple thefts of vehicle parts at Hutson Body Shop on Patrick Highway near Hartsville over the past few months.

Investigators are releasing video surveillance from the business to the public in an effort to identify the suspect. The video is available at the Sheriff's Office website, www.darlingtonsheriff.org.

Investigators believe it to be one individual responsible for the thefts.

If you have any information or are able to identify the suspect, you are asked to contact Darlington County sheriff's investigator Chuckie Baxley at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or visit www.p3tips.com.

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BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER DECEMBER 2, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2019
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

- Elijah Harkless III, 18, 2058 Stormy Brook, Darlington, Kidnapping; Armed Robbery Armed With Deadly Weapon; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Criminal Conspiracy

- Timothy McCathern S, 29, of 209 South 11th St, Hartsville, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree

- Avery James Pauley, 30, of 305 Borough St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Operate Vehicle w/o Registration and License

- Kitiana Stronge Timmons, 27, of 2013 2nd Loop Rd Apt A3, Florence, Driving Under Suspension

- Shirley Jean Wallace, 59, of 3304 W Old Camden Rd, Hartsville, Open Container Beer/Wine

- Keith Allen Austin Sr., 55, of 201 Serenity Circle, Hartsville, Failure to Appear After Release for Felony

- Jessica Lane Dilliard, 32, of 41 Glenda Rd, Patrick, Shoplifting <\$2000; Driving Under Suspension; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation

- Wallace George, 54, of 3405 Charles Dr, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

- Herbert Hall, 68, of 210 B Avenue Apt 1, Darlington,

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

Violation of City Ordinance

- William Gaven Heustess, 21, of 3344 W Bobo Newsome Hwy, Hartsville, Use of 911 Number Unlawfully

- Ralph Lee Madford Jr., 52, of 5250 Pine Oak Rd, Effingham, Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic; Driving Under the Influence

- Micheal Anthony Rape, 32, of 530 William Carns, Lancaster, Safekeeping

- Jarod Montrelle-Kenneth Samuel, 28, of 3577 Gullybranch Rd, Lamar, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

- Michael NMN Smith, 61, of 1208 Farm Lane Drive, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

- Robin Reane Todd, 46, of 3405 Charles Dr, Darlington, Use of 911 Number Unlawfully

- Raymond Kevin Warren, 52, of 1617 Auburn School Rd, Darlington, Assault and Battery 2nd Degree; Assault and

Battery 2nd Degree; Assault and Battery 2nd Degree; Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor (11-14 Yrs) 2nd Degree; Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor (11-14 Yrs) 2nd Degree

- Kenneth L Dubose, 59, of 3133 Keywest Dr, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence; Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic

- Guy Clayton Howell Jr., 42, of 3525 Gully Branch Rd, Lamar, Shoplifting <\$2000; Driving Under Suspension

- Robert Merrill Jackson, 44, of 211 Edwards Ave Apt 1, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

- Jeffery Scott Lloyd, 29, of 2409 Northcutt Road, Hartsville, Trafficking Ice Crank Crack >10G But <28G 1st; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Probation Violation

- James Franklin Polson, 65, of 1081 Sawyer Road, Marion, Failure to Appear After Release for Felony

- James Junior Wallace, 52, of 1203 Pilgrim Dr, Darlington, Shoplifting Less Than \$50; Trespassing

- Kelli Leigh Weaver, 38, of 330 Creighton Street, Hartsville, Petty Larceny <\$2000; Drugs/Manufacture Meth 1st; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored

- Stephaine Lee Campbell, 37, of 608 Blackcreek Rd, Florence, Failure to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor

- Johnny Morris Davis, 64, of 108 Elma Circle, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st

- James Michael Dees Jr.,

22, of 751 Memory Ln, Hartsville, Burglary Second Degree; Arson 2nd Degree

- James Charlie Hawkins, 43, of PO Box 2182, Darlington, Safekeeping

- Kimberly Dawn Hopkins, 47, of 108 Elma Cir, Darlington, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st 1st

- Cedrick Benji Larry Ludd, 36, of 1203 Reggie Dr, Hartsville, Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000

- Robert Allen McTillman, 52, of 320 Marlboro, Hartsville, Neglect by Legal Custodian; Neglect by Legal Custodian

- John Richard Newsome, 35, of 123 Golf Course Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

- Jessica Tennille Plowden, 35, of 841 Rogers Rd, Darlington, Petit Larceny \$2000 Or Less Enhancement 120972; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

- Sherry Hatchel Rogers, 56, of 2135 Rock Ln, Timmonsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Johnny Junior Samuel, 51, of 545 Davis St, Lamar, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Lloyd Henderson Seiler Jr., 68, of 1809 Spring Valley Rd, Hartsville, Sentence by Court

- Veronica Nicole Sparks, 33, of 1301 S Park K1, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

- Michael A Squire, 53, of 1041 East Carolina, Hartsville, Weekender

- Devona Donta Taylor, 29, of 854 Cashua Ferry Road, Darlington, Drugs/Man Dist Etc

- Robert Brian James, 46, of 328 W Seven Pines St, Lamar, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine

- Allen Junior McFadden, 38, of 4134 1st St, Olanta, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 2nd Off

of Cocaine Base 2nd

- Joshua Rion Weatherford, 42, of 233 Philadelphia Street, Hartsville, Non Support; Non Support; Non Support

- Roosevelt NMN Williams, 58, of 636 E Jackson St, Lamar, Weekender

- Johnathan Randall Wilson, 37, of 845 Register Dr, Darlington, RSG Value \$2,000 or Less

- Irvin Elijah Brown, 28, of 532 Society Hill Rd, Darlington, Indecent Exposure; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

- Travis Monroe Brunson, 30, of 1645 Indian Branch Rd, Darlington, Criminal Domestic Violence 3rd or Sub; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

- Shehala Sherrfa Hall, 23, of 1102 Ponds Road, Florence, Driving Under Suspension; Speeding >10 But <15 MPH Over the Speed Limit

- Terry David Harkless, 47, of 1540 Ebenezer Road, Darlington, Shoplifting Less Than \$50

- Christopher Brooks King, 27, of 1620 Lunn Drive, Hartsville, Giving False Information

- Ray Kenneth Larymore Jr., 44, of 720 Wire Rd, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st

- Stephanie V Sewell, 37, of 826 Fore Rd, Florence, DUI Per Se/DUAC >08 <10 1st Offense

- Cedric Maurice Washington, 45, of 4589 Running Brook Rd, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

- James Anthony Paul Webb, 33, of 210 Old McCutcheon Rd, Coward, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

- Charles William Fields Jr., 58, of 3808 W Bobo Newsome Hwy, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning

- Cleveland Slater Jr., 55, of 1211 Country Ln, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning

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Date of Death: 10/27/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600538
Personal Representative: Laura Kay Willis
Address: 122 Forest Drive, Darlington, SC 29540
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Date of Death: 10/27/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600539
Personal Representative: Henry Lee Brown
Address: 2004 Lamar Hwy, Darlington, SC 29532
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Date of Death: 10/20/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600551
Personal Representative: Roberta L. Grant
Address: 105 Rogers Street, Lamar, SC 29069
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Date of Death: 11/11/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600550
Personal Representative: Derrick Randy Lloyd
Address: 323 Kalber Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550
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Date of Death: 12/10/2018
Case No: 2019ES1600542
Personal Representative: Gregory Junies Lamont Josey
Address: 162 Sea Trail Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117
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Date of Death: 11/13/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600544
Personal Representative: Noreen Baker
Address: PO Box 2151, Darlington, SC 29540
(20p3 leave in thru 12-11-19)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Diya One LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer, wine at 415 Boykin Avenue, Lamar, SC 29069. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than 12/12/2019. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:
(1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
(2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied;
(3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
(4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
(5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, Attn: ABL, PO Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.
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AMENDED SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED COMPLAINT AND AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)
C/A NO: 2019-CP-16-00382
DEFICIENCY WAIVED
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, PLAINTIFF, vs. Thomas Powers a/k/a Thomas J. Powers; Hattie Elizabeth Powers, DEFENDANT(S).
TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm LLP P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and

judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity for Darlington County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:
YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

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NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED SUMMONS AND AMENDED COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina, on April 9, 2019; that the foregoing Amended Summons, along with the Amended Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina, on September 4, 2019.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Hutchens Law Firm LLP, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law Firm LLP, represents the Plaintiff in this action and does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice. You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION. If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.
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SUMMONS

Docket No.: 2018-ES-16-266
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN RE: Estate of James D. Minton, Deceased
TO: JAMES D. MINTON, JR. RESPONDENT ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber, at his office at 506 West Evans Street, Florence, S.C., 29501, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This shall also serve as notice of hearing set for Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 10:00, o'clock, a.m., at the Darlington County Probate Court, located on the second floor of the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina, 29532.

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November 19, 2019
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NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of The Citizens Bank vs. James Melvin Tolson, Jr., Helena Chemical Company, Monsanto, Inc, and Deere & Company, Defendants, CA# 2019-CP-16-00907, I, the undersigned, will sell on January 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., at the Darlington County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina, to the highest bidder the following property: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Antioch School District, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, shown to contain (27.9) acres, more or less, and designated as Tract A on a plat made by T. E. Wilson, C. E., dated September 27, 1945, and revised by T. E. Wilson and Son, C. E., and L. S., dated March 15, 1965, and being bounded according to said plat as follows: On the North by lands now or formerly of Carroll Chapman; on the East by lands now or formerly of Saleeb; on the South by public road leading from Hartsville to Antioch Church; and on the West by lands now or formerly of Grover C. Byrd. For a more particular description, reference is hereby made to the plat above referred to, a copy of which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 40 at page 241.

LESS AND EXCEPT: 1.69 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1066 AT PAGE 2293 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR DARLINGTON COUNTY
This being the same property conveyed unto Mortgagor above by Deed of G. Tolson recorded in Deed Book 1066 at Page 2293 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina.
TAX MAP NUMBER: 119-00-01-002

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, containing (46) acres, more or less, and designated as Tract 3 on a plat made by T. E. Wilson, C. E., dated March 6, 1951, and being bounded according to said plat as follows: On the North by Tract 4, as shown on said plat; on the East by the run of Big Seed Tick Creek; on the South by Tract 2, as shown on said plat; and on the West by paved road leading from Darlington to Bethlehem Church. For a more particular description, reference is hereby made to the plat above referred to, a copy of which is filed in File 34-13 in the Office of the Judge of Probate for Darlington County, South Carolina with the Will of the late L. C. Tolson, who died testate in Darlington County, South Carolina on September 17, 1968. The tract of land here-in described having been specifically devised to Melvin Tolson under the Will of the said L. C. Tolson, subject to the life estate of Carrie Tolson, now deceased. There is

excepted from this Tract (a) that lot containing 0.95 acres, more or less, conveyed by James Melvin Tolson to James M. Tolson, Jr., by deed recorded December 21, 1995 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Deed Book D115 at Page 235, and (b) those lots containing 1.00 acre, more or less and 0.8 acre, more or less, conveyed by Josephine G. Tolson to Deborah T. Powell by deed recorded May 9, 2002, in said Clerk's Office in Book D353 at page 209. This being the same property conveyed unto Mortgagor by deed of Josephine G. Tolson recorded in Deed Book 1066 at page 2293 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina.
TAX MAP NUMBER: 118-00-02-006

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the Antioch School District, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, fronting on the improved highway listed as S-16-366 on that certain plat of property of J. Melvin Tolson, dated November 2, 1974, by James H. Hoover, P.E., recorded in Plat Book 65 at Page 157 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, State of South Carolina. This is the remaining acres of approximately 26.3 acres, more or less, remaining out of the original 30 acres, more or less, as shown on said plat. The property is more fully described as follows:

NORTH: By lands now or formerly of Edward Antrum; EAST: By South Carolina Highway S-16-366; SOUTH: By lands now or formerly of Lillian Scott; and, WEST: By lands now or formerly of W. Pitts.
This being the same property conveyed unto Mortgagor by Deed of Josephine G. Tolson recorded in Deed Book 1076 at Page 1049 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina.
TAX MAP NUMBER: 117-00-01-050

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in Darlington County, State of South Carolina, containing 79 acres, more or less, and being shown on plat made by James H. Hoover, P.E., dated November 28, 1977 and being bounded generally according to said plat, as follows: On the Northeast by lands now or formerly of Travelers Insurance Co; on the Southeast by in part by

road and in part by lot now or formerly of L.M. Cranford and in part by lot now or formerly of Ida Cohen; on the Southwest in part by farm road and in part by ditch; and on the Northwest in part by ditch and in part by lands now or formerly of L.C. Tolson. For a more particular description reference is made to the plat above referred to, a copy of which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 75 at page 209.
This being the same property conveyed unto Mortgagor by deed of Josephine G. Tolson recorded in Deed Book 1076 at page 1049 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina.
TAX MAP NUMBER 117-00-01-033

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit, at the conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the property will be resold on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day at the risk of the said highest bidder. Personal or deficiency judgment having been demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of 30 days after the sale. Purchaser to pay for preparation of the deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording fees.

SUBJECT TO DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, ANY OTHER MATTERS OF RECORD
s/ Steven G. Mikell
November 26, 2019
Special Referee for Darlington County
Darlington, South Carolina
Ray Coit Yarborough, Jr.
Attorney for Plaintiff
(21c3 leave in thru 12-18-19)

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Date of Death: 10/17/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600515
Personal Representative: Linda F. Dargan
Address: 209 Cashua Street, Darlington, SC 29532
Attorney: Jeff Z. Brooker, III
Address: Columbia, SC 29201
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Date of Death: 11/21/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600564
Personal Representative: Audrey Cooper Thomas
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Date of Death: 11/12/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600573
Personal Representative: Wanda W. Griggs
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Date of Death: 11/21/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600564
Personal Representative: Audrey Cooper Thomas
Address: 908 Howle Avenue, Darlington, SC 29532
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Date of Death: 7/4/2015
Case No: 2019ES1600332
Personal Representative: Kimberly Morse
Address: 162 Stone Road, Darlington, SC 29532
Attorney: Gerald Malloy
Address: Post Office Box 1200, Hartsville, SC 29551
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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)
C/A NO: 2019-CP-16-01127
DEFICIENCY WAIVED
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-RP2, PLAINTIFF, vs. Lee Ann Ervin and if Lee Ann Ervin be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of Lee Ann Ervin, distribu-

tees and devisees at law to the Estate of Lee Ann Ervin and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; DEFENDANT(S).
TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm LLP, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60)

days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity for Darlington County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.
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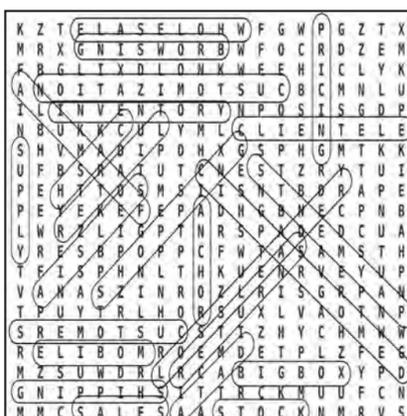
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YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such

appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of

the Summons and Complaint upon you.

LEGALS ON 6B

Answers from 7A



2019 Darlington Christmas Parade



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Legals

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NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina, on October 29, 2019.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Hutchens Law Firm LLP, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law Firm LLP, represents the Plaintiff in this action and does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice. You must submit any requests for Foreclosure

Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR M O R T G A G E COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION. If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

NOTICE TO APPOINT ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(S) IN MILITARY SERVICE TO UNKNOWN OR KNOWN DEFENDANTS THAT MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ALL BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED that Plaintiff's attorney has applied for the appointment of an attorney to represent you. If you fail to apply for

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION
(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)
C/A NO: 2019-CP-16-01080
DEFICIENCY WAIVED
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

The Bank of New York Mellon, as Indenture Trustee, for Mid-State Capital Corporation 2006-1 Trust, PLAINTIFF, vs. Danny B. Smith aka Danny Smith; Brigitte Davis Smith aka Brigitte Smith aka Brigitte D. Smith; South Carolina Department of Revenue, DEFENDANT(S).

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SUMMONS AND SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A NO: 2019-CP-16-00551
Raymond J. Rappleye, Plaintiff, vs.
Clearwater Federal Credit Union, Clearwater Federal, Clearwater Federal Mortgage Corp.,

their shareholders, officers, directors, successors and assigns, and all persons claiming any right, title, estate interest in or lien upon the real estate described; any unknown adults and those persons who may be in the military services of the United States of America, all of them being known as Lot 37 of Hunters Ridge Subdivision on plat made by J. E. Tucker, R.L.S., dated December 2, 1982, and recorded in Plat Book 92 at Page 89, Darlington County Records. Said property is bound on the Northeast by Lot 38; on the Southeast by Chinaberry Street; on the West by Lot 36; and on the Northeast by Mallard Duck Circle. Reference individual plat prepared for Doris Griffin surveyed August 14, 1989, by Prosser Surveying Company recorded in Plat Book 125 at Page 87, Darlington County Records.

This being the same property conveyed to Doris D. Griffin a/k/a Doris Griffin by Deed of Privette Construction Co., Inc. dated October 2, 1989 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on October 4, 1989 in Book 983 at Page 192.

TMS No.: 164-09-05-037
Property Address: 5 2 8 Mallard Duck Drive, Darlington, South Carolina 29532
SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee for Darlington County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.750% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

W. Haigh Porter
Special Referee for Darlington County
HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A.
Donald W. Tyler #5664

Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

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TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee for Darlington County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.750% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING
[Intervention]
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THEFOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2019-DR-16-0642

South Carolina Department of Social Services, Plaintiff, vs. Kursten Bonds and Corey Larymore, Defendant(s), IN THE INTEREST OF: B. L., DOB:xx/xx/2018 Minor(s) Under the Age of 18

TO: Corey Larymore YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint for Intervention in and to the minor child in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for DARLINGTON County, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina, 29540, a copy of which is hereby attached; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the plaintiff at 130E. Camden Ave. (Post Office Box 1377), Hartsville, South Carolina 29551, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, the plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against the defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing in the above referenced matter has been scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. in the Darlington County Family Court, located at 1 Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you have the right to be present and represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. It is your responsibility to contact the Clerk of Court's Office, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina 29540, to apply for appointment of an attorney to represent you if you cannot afford an attorney (take all of these papers with you if you apply). This is a new action. If you had an attorney appointed in a previous action, that attorney is NOT your attorney for this action. YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR AN ATTORNEY WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT, AN ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE APPOINTED FOR YOU. Refer any questions to the attorney for Plaintiff, (843) 332-2231.

South Carolina Department of Social Services
T. Brooke Allen, SC Bar #72858
Post Office Drawer 1377
Hartsville, SC 29551
Telephone: (843) 332-2231
Attorney for Plaintiff
December 6, 2019
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SUMMONS AND SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A NO: 2019-CP-16-00551
Raymond J. Rappleye, Plaintiff, vs.
Clearwater Federal Credit Union, Clearwater Federal, Clearwater Federal Mortgage Corp.,

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture v. Doris D. Griffin a/k/a Doris Griffin, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on January 6, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the