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

EDMUND BURKE

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Darlington Garden Club members (left to right) Laura Burns, Carolyn Abbott, Delette Jordan, Cathy Bailey, Marie Ross, Ronda Duke Brown, and Lou Kirchen at the Rose Garden on Pearl Street. Darlington Garden Club members also placed massive planters around Darlington's Public Square.

Darlington Garden Club garners state awards

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Members of the Darlington Garden Club are celebrating more than just the arrival of spring. Club members recently returned from a meeting of the National Garden Clubs organization and brought home five awards recognizing various beautification and improvement projects around the city.

Awards included Honorable Mention for the National Garden Week Project (project chaired by Delette Jordan); State Certificate of Merit for the planters placed around downtown Darlington; Third Place for the Youth Award, for money donated to help fund a Children's Garden at the Darlington Library (project chaired by Marie Ross); First Place for the Sarah Porter Smith Boylston Memorial Garden Award for work done during the October Cleanup Day at Wells Park (project chaired by Laura Burns).

Most impressively, the Darlington Garden Club took top honors for the South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. for Outstanding Service (defined as promoting the aims and objectives of gar-

dening) in the Public Relations category. "We were the only club to receive this award," says Ronda Duke Brown, who is finishing up her two-year term as Darlington Garden Club president. "To be recognized at the state level for projects within our community is truly an honor. We are a small club and we have to compete with many clubs within South Carolina and the South Atlantic Region, so you can imagine our surprise at winning a regional award."

Other ongoing projects include placing benches on the Public Square. The first of these has already been installed (in front of Tenampa Mexican Restaurant), and is dedicated to the memory of late club member Jean Donald.

"Jean worked hard at the Rose Garden (on Pearl Street). I can't tell you how many hours she and Cathy Bailey spent down at the garden taking care of it," says Brown.

Brown says the club couldn't have accomplished so much over the past year without generous financial support from local businesses and individuals, and numerous hours of hard work from volunteers who spent their Saturdays helping

clean up and maintain the city's parks and green spaces.

"This couldn't happen without a partnership between the Garden Club and the City of Darlington and the Beautification Board," says Brown.

She says the Darlington Garden Club extends special thanks to Darlington city manager Howard Garland, City of Darlington Beautification Board, Fire Department and Streets & Sanitation Department employees, and the Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association for their consistent backing and assistance with everything from grants to daily watering.

"The Darlington Garden Club would also like to welcome our new president, Lou Kirchen, and we hope members of the community will continue to support the club at our next fundraiser," said Brown, referring to the auction and breakfast/luncheon event known as "Card Day," scheduled for August 8.

To learn more about how you can join the Darlington Garden Club or help support their projects, contact Ronda Duke Brown at (561) 234-9411

County talks Hospitality Tax rules and disbursements

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Darlington County Council took steps to change funding methods for county festivals and events during a May 15 special called meeting focused on Hospitality Tax (H-Tax) policy and procedures.

Since implementing a two percent H-Tax on sales of prepared food in unincorporated areas of the county in 2016, Darlington County has collected \$390,157 (as of April 2017). Annual H-Tax revenues are estimated to be \$235,804. State law dictates that H-Tax money may be used for tourism related buildings, facilities, roads to access tourism destinations, and water and sewer infrastructure to serve tourism-

related demand.

Also, H-Tax money can be used for advertisement and promotions related to tourism development. This option may help Darlington County festivals and events by providing access to a larger pool of funding than the current \$55,000 available through the county's Accommodations Tax (A-Tax).

That A-Tax funding pool is derived from the 2 percent tax levied on all overnight stays in hotels, motels, inns, and bed and breakfast establishments in Darlington County. A-Tax monies are supposed to be used exclusively to fund tourism related activities that draw overnight guests into area hotels from over 50 miles away.

COUNTY ON 3A

Darlington Police gearing up for Project Intercept

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The school year is winding down and the Darlington Police Department is already making plans for their second session of Project Intercept. The summer program is for rising third and fourth graders in Darlington.

Darlington Police Chief Danny Watson said that at that age children are at a tipping point.

"The reason that we are using that particular age range is because that is when you start to have different kinds of problems, whether it is falling behind in math or reading or possibly classroom behavior,"

Watson said. "What we found with this particular program, it's what you find with a lot of programs, the earlier you start, the better."

Watson said that he thinks that it is important for the police department to have a program like this.

"It seems strange that we would have to be involved in promoting good behavior, especially at such a young age, however it is something that we feel like when you want to change a broad trend that is taking place, you have to approach it from the standpoint of let me get them as early as I can," Watson said.

PROJECT ON 3A

Appreciation Cookout to be held for Darlington County veterans

The Darlington Veteran's Affairs Office will host a cookout on May 26 at the America Legion Post 13, located at 1752 Harry Byrd Hwy in Darlington.

"We want the Darlington County veterans to come out so we can show our appreciation on behalf of the entirety of Darlington County. This is our second event; we did this last year, and we hope to build on that and have a greater number of folks showing up. It's an informal event, so we hope veterans will come and enjoy some fellowship and talk among themselves, have some food and drinks and enjoy the day," says Elve Williams, Darlington County Veterans Service Officer.

The cookout will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Darlington County Veterans are invited. There will be hotdogs, sausage dogs, chips, drinks, and door prizes. Please call the Darlington County Veterans Affairs Office at (843) 398-4130 with any questions.

Local craftsman creates custom knife to honor National Guard

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To honor the service of U.S. military service members, Hartsville native Brandon Williams decided to use his particular set of skills to create a one of a kind presentation knife, a project that required a couple of months of work, significant amounts of sweat - and a little blood - to complete.

"I come from a military family, and I've worked six years with SLED doing security. My two older brothers are in active military service and my father is a Navy SEALs veteran," says Williams. "And my friend Clarence Adams is currently working on a bench dedicated to the Darlington County Sheriff's Office, and seeing him give his time to honor law enforcement made me as a civilian want to do something to honor our military."

"It's always been a hobby and a passion of mine. I grew up on a farm, so I always saw my granddaddy working with knives," says Williams.

Working in the private security field, Williams says that he uses knives as part of his work kit, but his interest in blade craft doesn't begin and end with their daily functionality. He says that his engineer father imparted a sense of curiosity and a desire to know not just how things work, but how they are created. And, to that end, he teamed up with a buddy to build a makeshift forge and delved into the hands-on process of shaping metal.

"I got into bladesmithing because I just love the process behind it... I went over to a friend's house and we built a forge out of a fifty-gallon oil drum, a



Knife maker Brandon Williams with the Saxon-style blade he crafted to honor the Darlington National Guard.

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

truck rim, and a blower off of a tobacco barn," says Williams, noting that the air from the blower is sufficient to heat regular charcoal briquettes to temperatures of 3000 Fahrenheit. "Then I just started picking up a hammer, heating up steel and swinging away."

For the National Guard knife project, Williams decided on a Saxon-style blade with a sharply angled tip and a cedar wood handle inlaid with spent



9mm casings from the Darlington National Guard. The knife overall is about 14 inches, and the unsharpened blade is approximately 10 inches.

"I started with an old lawn mower blade that was about 30 inches long. I heated it, hammer forged it flat, and then hot cut it," says Williams. "Since the mower blade is made of tempered steel, I had to get the forge up to around 1800 degrees to work with it. The original design was supposed to be a Bowie knife, but because of the hardness of the metal I couldn't work it into that shape, get that curve into it."

Even though each time Williams picks up his four-pound sledgehammer (nicknamed Mjolnir, after Thor's hammer) and heads to the forge, he uses blacksmithing gloves, aprons, and eye protection, he was bitten by the blade at least once during the forging process, sustaining a nasty cut along his finger. So there is literally some of his blood incorporated into his creation. Still, despite the occasional injury, he says the process is rewarding and he hopes to improve his bladesmithing skills by crafting memorial

blades for each branch of the U.S. military.

"The Marine Corps knife will be made from parts off a 240 Bravo machine gun. For the Air Force knife, I'm getting aluminum from the landing gear of an aircraft, which I'll use to make the handle. For the Navy, my older brother is going to send me some pieces from a naval bulkhead. And for the Army, a friend of mine is supposed to be sending me some scrap metal from an Abrams M1 tank," says Williams.

While each of these projects promises its own challenges and rewards, Williams says the National Guard knife is special because it taught him so much about the process of smithing, and completing it brings a great sense of satisfaction.

"I told my dad that I feel like a proud papa on this knife. You start with something raw, and you're forming it, watching it grow into something you can be proud of," says Williams.

Upon completion, the blade was given to the SC Army National Guard in Darlington for display in their offices.



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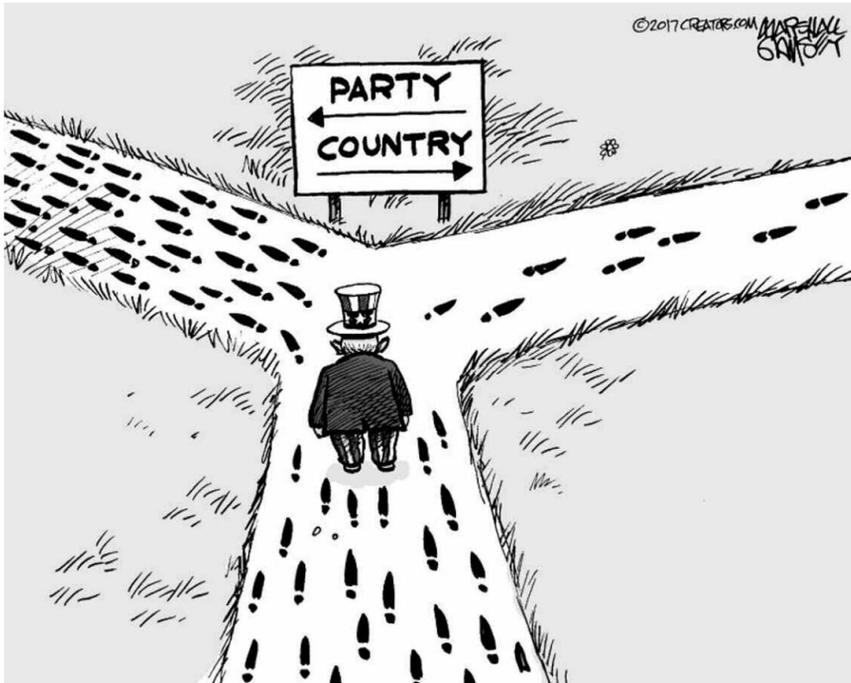
Word of the Week

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reproof, or criticism

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OP-ED

Memorial Day Memories

By Bill Shepard

Ah, blessed Springtime and beginning of Summer! Barefoot time had arrived! May 31st, the day I had been longing for since last September was here. The last day of school was forefront in this writer's mind; other activities were second-place.

Long lines of little boys and girls marching side by side, clutching tightly the bouquet of flowers they were carrying in their hands. It is a picture out of the long past and forever worn in the mind of an old man. The year could have been any of the early 30's, even earlier.

The only sound coming from the long line of marchers was that of little feet pounding the sidewalks that led from St. John's Grammar School to the courthouse lawn on the town square. (Do I have any witness?) Too young to know what the meaning of what they were doing was all about, but they followed orders as they were given and asked no questions. The flowers they carried in their hands had been gathered from wherever they could be found on the day before. The bouquet in my own hands was gathered from along the roadsides, old cemetery near the village, even the ditch banks and the nearby pastures. They would eventually blend in with beautiful roses and carnations bought at a florist shop by those who could afford the purchase price.

The long march that began at the school campus and reached to the spot where the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier stood was made with little minds not understanding the full meaning of what it was all about. It would be in my future years that I came to know the meaning of Memorial Day.

The tomb would be a solid mass of flowers by the time the last bouquet had been placed upon it and would remain that way for days to follow. The long line of marchers would return to St. John's in the same formation as it had left. Back on campus each group would return quietly to their own classroom. The last school day of the year was about to end. A proud superintendent would commend teachers and students of their performance thus far, and announce that the school day and the year were now at an end!

I headed for home, holding tightly in my hand my report card with the words written across the bottom...Promoted to the next grade level! A room number and a teacher's name for the next year would appear also. That was a long time away, this was now, I could not have been happier!

June, July, August, and part of September lay ahead. It was all mine to enjoy.

The plum trees and the blackberry bushes were white, all promising delicious fruit in the weeks ahead. The water of Swift Creek was warming up. Mama would any day now give permission for me to go skinny-dipping at the wash-hole. It was time now to take stock to see what was left over from last year's supply of fishing supplies. I could guess without taking inventory. A spool of black flax line, fishhooks and lead sinkers, a half dozen corks, and a new cane fishing pole was needed.

Next September seemed light years away as I thought of all the good times that lay ahead. So much can happen when you are young and carefree. Three full months of pure delight were in front of me.

Words from my favorite poem by John Greenleaf Whittier are tugging at my mind. Read them with me...

Cheerily, my little man
Live and laugh as boyhood can!
All too soon these feet must hide
In the prison cells of pride.
Lose the freedom of the sod,
Like a colt's for work be shod.
Happy if their tracks be found
Never on forbidden ground.
Happy if they sink not in
Quick and treacherous sands of sin.
Ah, that thou couldst know thy joy,
Ere it passes!, barefoot boy!

—Whittier

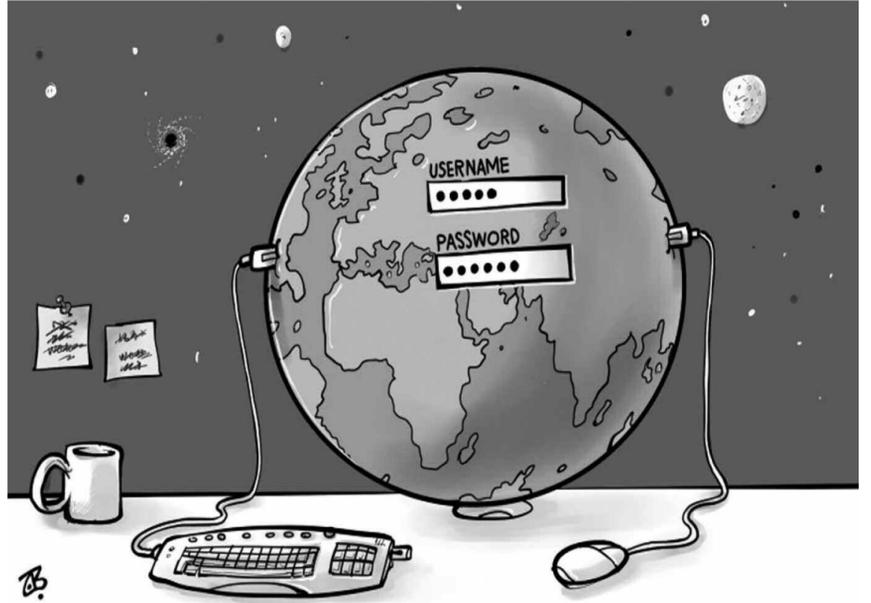
Next time!

Mr. Shepard is a native of Darlington, S.C., and a current resident of Piedmont, S.C. He is the author of "Mill Town Boy" and "Bruised". He has been sharing his tales of growing up in Darlington for decades, and we are delighted to share them each week.

His mailing address for cards and letters is: Bill Shepard 324 Sunny Lane, Piedmont, S.C., 29673.

Note: This writer attended St. John's Grammar School grades 1-7, beginning in 1928-1935. The custom of marching to the town square and placing flowers on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier happened each of those years. Any witnesses? Would like to hear from you. Share your memories.

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Nobody Like Mom

By Patricia Sullivan

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take" is a quote I came across while scrolling through my Facebook feed. I couldn't agree more with this statement. I can recall being a very young child, and believing that my mother was a superhero! She could do what no other person could do for me. My mother always knew how to ease any pain or sadness I had. She was my moon during the most confusing, darkest days and the sunlight that warmed my spirit. My mother was and still remains kind, patient, caring, selfless, wise and full of love, which are characteristics that are vital to have

when raising children. I could not imagine what my childhood would be like without her. Gratefully, I find myself exuding these traits with my first-born.

About eight months ago, I became a first time mother. I remember all of the labor pains, emotions and the actual birth of my daughter like it was yesterday. The moment I saw her, it seemed as though the world stopped and all noises ceased. The grueling pain completely disappeared as I stared in awe at a child that formed perfectly in my womb. While I was lost in her eyes and the sound of her crying, I began making promises to her. I remember saying, "I promise you that I will be the best mother that I can be. I promise to protect you and to love you forever." The connection

I felt was like no other I have ever experienced. I was completely in love. I then understood why my mother was such a great one.

This unconditional love will give you the patience and peace that you'll need through the most trying times. I remember an instance when I felt myself becoming overwhelmed because of the responsibilities that continued to pile upon me but all the worries and concerns quickly vanished because of my love for her. Stressful moments seemed to always turn into teachable moments. I would find myself going back in time reflecting on how my mother handled situations as motivation to keep doing my best. I am forever thankful and truly blessed to have a mother that created such a

solid foundation. Without her, I wouldn't be half the woman I am for my daughter.

Mothers are to be cherished and noticed for all the hard work they do in this world which is how we approach working with moms at Darlington County First Steps. Being a mother requires great responsibility and is one of the hardest, most rewarding jobs. Kind words of gratitude goes a long way so on this Mother's Day, I encourage you to express how appreciative you are to any women who has been a mother figure in your life. We celebrate motherhood with you this May and every month after. Happy Mother's Day!

Patricia Sullivan is the Communications Specialist for Darlington County First Steps.

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S.C. Political Corruption, Part 4: Image, Ethics, Business and South Carolina's Future

By Phil Noble

This is the latest in a continuing series on the ethics scandal that is unfolding in our state. See others in the series at www.PhilNoble.com.

Image –

After World War II, a fierce but civil rivalry developed between Birmingham and Atlanta as to which would become the unofficial Capital of the South.

Founded in 1871, Birmingham was a coal and steel town with much of the ownership of the principal industries being in Pittsburgh and other northern cities. The symbol of the city was and is a large statue of Vulcan, the Roman god of fire and the forge. In 1950, the city's population was 326,000.

Atlanta was founded in 1837 as a railroad junction and was known as the crossroads of people, commerce and ideas. The Atlanta newspaperman Henry Grady coined the term New South. In 1885, a local former Confederate Colonel name James Pemberton invented Coca Cola and his partner Asa Candler and his dependents led the growth of Coke to become a global brand. In 1950, the city's population was 333,000.

Then came the defining issue for not only Atlanta and Birmingham but the South and the nation as a whole – the issue of race. How these two cities dealt with this issue defined their future.

Bull Connor, police dogs, firehoses and violence became the image of Birmingham. The out of state economic 'big mules' cared more about their profits than Birmingham's image or the

city's people and they let the Bull Connor crowd do what they pleased.

In Atlanta, the local economic leaders and Mayor Ivan Allen proclaimed Atlanta as 'the city too busy to hate.' Birmingham jailed Martin Luther King; Atlanta held a dinner in his honor when he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

And, therein lay all the difference. Today, Birmingham's population is 1.1 million and Atlanta's is 8.3 million.

And in South Carolina too, the business community has played a key role in our ongoing struggle with race. In 1959, Jackie Robinson used the white waiting room at Greenville airport and his treatment by police caused a national incident. To avoid another black eye in the national media, the local business community stepped in and acted. It was again the business community of Greenville that pushed through making Martin Luther King Day an official holiday.

And, after the Emanuel Nine shooting, it was the state's business community that aggressively and visibly pushed Gov. Haley and the legislature to take down the Confederate flag. Many Southern states and companies nationally saw what we did and followed our lead.

Some would argue that race is a 'special case' and the lessons don't apply to other issues. Ask the people and businesses of North Carolina.

In the 2012 election, a far-right governor and extremist legislature were elected. They have passed a whole agenda of right wing legislation culminating in March 2016 with House Bill 2 – the 'bathroom bill' seeking to dictate use of bathrooms

by transgender people.

The bill set off a firestorm of reaction from national and global business, sports teams, film companies, entertainers, etc. who protested and immediately boycotted the state. The Associated Press estimated that HB 2 cost the state \$3.76 billion.

As Warren Buffett said, "It takes 20 years to build a good reputation and five minutes to ruin it."

Ethics –

All indications are that South Carolina is at the beginning of a major ethics scandal. The key questions are: How far

and how high will it go? And, what will be the long-term impact on our state?

Time and the courts will answer to the first question and the answer to the second question is playing out now...right now, today.

Solicitor David Pascoe is leading the investigation and one indication of the possible size and scope of the scandal is that he recently added three more solicitors to his team of prosecutors. Thus, today five out of a total of sixteen prosecutors in the state are working on the case.

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On Saturday, May 6, Jonathan Gainey presented Kathy McDonald of the Darlington County Humane Society with a check for \$2,700. The check represented a \$29 donation from each of the routine maintenance service calls made by his parents' business, Gainey's Heating

and Cooling, for 29 consecutive business days. The donation was made in honor of Jonathan's 29th birthday and to celebrate his love for animals. Looking on from the bed of the truck are Jonathan's two-year-old son James and the company rescue dog Jake.



Palmetto Pawn and Gun First Anniversary

Palmetto Pawn and Gun, 100 East Broad Street, Darlington; celebrated their First Year Anniversary on May 19 & 20, 2017. The owner, Robert Guffy and his staff showed appreciation to their customers and the community with free hotdogs and drinks along with a huge "everything on sale" for the weekend.



County

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Council member Lewis Brown addressed this matter, saying that funding local one-day festivals (like the Lamar Egg Scramble, Society Hill Catfish Festival, and Darlington's Sweet Potato Festival) at a set amount each year through H-Tax would alleviate the need to prove these events draw overnight guests to area hotels – the "heads in beds" criteria used to determine if they should receive A-Tax funding. Brown suggested setting aside \$10,000 to be split equally among these three festivals.

Council member Bobby Kilgo agreed, noting that multi-day events like RenoFest verifiably result in tourists from over 50 miles away spending nights in local hotels and inns, and such events meet the A-Tax requirements. But other events, like the one-day Freedom Fest fireworks and music festival scheduled for July 1 at the Darlington Raceway, can apply for H-Tax funding without having to provide supportive data regarding related hotel stays. Kilgo also brought up a potential future use for Hospitality Tax revenues: using that income to leverage bonds and finance large-scale

projects. County administrator Charles Stewart suggested setting aside the first \$35,000 in H-Tax funding to defray the cost of providing emergency services at the Darlington Raceway during the annual Southern 500 race weekend. Council agreed to this request and asked that it be written into a resolution for consideration at their June 5 meeting. Council asked Stewart to incorporate more stringent requirements into the county's A-Tax ordinance, requiring proof of hotel stays in order to qualify for funding from that pool. By tightening those requirements, many of

the A-Tax applicants should shift over to applying for H-Tax monies. These requests must be made in writing to the county administrator and will be considered by Council as a body, not decided or approved by any individual county staffer or member of County Council. Also at this meeting, Council approved second reading of Ordinance 17-05, enlarging the joint Florence/Darlington County Industrial and Business Park (which is located in Florence County) so that Darlington County may receive 1 percent of the net FILOT (Fee In Lieu Of Taxes) payments from Florence County.

Project

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"The program lasts three weeks and it is interaction not only with law enforcement and SROs, it is interaction with other children." Having structure and a few learning opportunities even through the summer, children might be more prepared for the next school year. "Teachers will tell you that in learning, we have a tenden-

cy to remember the first thing we learned and the last thing we learned; the in-between stuff kind of gets lost," Watson said. "What they end up doing at the beginning of the year is rehashing a lot of the stuff they have already done. Any time you can continue to promote their brains being stimulated, you need to do that. This also gives them more time to be paid attention to, which I think is important." Watson said that after seeing good results with their first

program, the Darlington Police Department wanted to hold it again. "I like that we are able to interact with these kids who are on the cusp of they can go this way or they can go that way," Watson said. "If you look at the numbers we had from last year and how those kids performed in school, compared to how they had performed the year before, it was a dramatic difference. The number of suspensions, the number of referrals went down

dramatically. That is a big plus. When you are making a change that is success. Hopefully, we can expand this program over time so that we can have more than one set of kids and do larger groups." During the program, children will work on study habits, how to be a leader, work ethic and having a healthy lifestyle. Parents who are interested in having their student considered for the program can contact the school resource officer at their child's school.

Corruption

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So far, the scandal has brought down Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell, former Majority Leader of the House Jim Merrill and Senator John Courson. Perhaps dozens of others are lying awake at night with the cold sweats. At the center of the scandal are Richard and Rick Quinn and their extensive business and consulting dealings. Clients of the Quinns and Merrill that have been identified in news reports and legal documents include: Gov. Henry McMaster, Sen. Lindsay Graham, Attorney General Alan Wilson, more than a dozen members of the legislature, the University of South Carolina, the State Ports Authority, SCANA, the Hunley Museum and former President Pro Tem of the Senate and current College of Charleston President Glenn McConnell, the SC Association of Realtors, the Charleston Visitors Bureau and a number of companies. There will surely be many more to come and the questions of their guilt or innocence will be played out in the media for months and even years to come. Business – This ethics scandal is hurting us today. The damage that is being done is both seen and unseen. Probably the greatest damage we never hear about. States and companies operate

today in an incredibly competitive environment. Decision makers on the other side of the country or even the globe are deciding everyday about what companies they want to do business with, where to invest, where they will create new jobs, etc. A single news story passed around via email can and does have a profound and immediate impact. Decision makers ask themselves, "Do I want to do business in a state that tolerates this kind of corruption? If I do, will someone come after me in some sort of sleazy shake down?" Many will respond, "Why take the chance." So, what can the South Carolina business community do? The answer is a lot. I believe the business community's role in cleaning up the ethics scandal can be decisive. Here's how: The S.C. business community – individually and collectively – commits to doing something. Then develop a tough ethics package and call for a single up or down vote by the legislature on the whole package. At a minimum, it should require all legislators and political appointees to: a) annually release their income tax returns, b) if they have a business, prohibit them from doing business with any state or local government entity and release the names and dollar ranges of all of their clients above a reasonable dollar amount, c) sign a pledge to refrain from doing

business with or lobbying local, county or state governments while in office and for five years afterwards, and d) all of the above should be made publicly available online. The major business organizations should come together and sign on their support. The S.C. Chamber, S.C. Manufacturers' Association, Palmetto Business Forum, S.C. Small Business Chamber of Commerce should be the core leadership. They should pass a resolution in support of the reform plan and encourage local chambers and individual business and community leaders to sign on their support. Prove they mean it. This leadership group should announce they are committing a minimum of \$1 million for a war chest to support or defeat legislators based on their support for the reform package. Legislators will quickly get the message. South Carolina's Future – Do these image and ethics issues really impact business? Do they have a significant and long-term impact on a city or state? Or, is this all just fuzzy headed, pie in the sky moralizing? Ask businesses in Birmingham, Atlanta and North Carolina. We as a state now face two interrelated questions: What will be our message and image be to the nation, even the world, about what kind of state we are? And, will South Carolina's business community act deci-

sively? It's an open question – and our state's future may depend on the answers. Phil Noble has a technology firm in Charleston, is Co-founder of EnvisionSC and writes a weekly column for the S.C. Press Association. Contact him at phil@philnoble.com and get his columns at www.PhilNoble.com.

Darlington County Council on Aging holds Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

The Darlington County Council on Aging will be issuing free coupons to low income individuals age 60 and older that may be used to purchase fresh produce at local participating farmers' markets. Each eligible person will receive \$25 worth of coupons that may be used at participating markets from May through October 15, 2017. The coupons will be issued on a first come first served basis until the supply is exhausted. The coupons will be issued at these locations: June 6th, Robert L. Grooms Building – Lamar 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. June 6th, Society Hill Community Center – Society Hill – 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. June 7th, Darlington High School Cafeteria – Spring Street. – 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. June 7th, Hartville Recreation Department – TB Thomas Center – 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Applications must be submitted in person. Proof of identity and residence in Darlington County is required in order to receive the free coupons. Applicants must also meet household income eligibility limits. Information regarding the income of all household members is required to determine eligibility. For more information contact the Darlington County Council on Aging at 843-393-8521.

NOTICE

Effective **June 1, 2017**, Milling Law Office, LLC will relocate to 2 Segars Court, Darlington, South Carolina. The telephone number will remain **843-393-4083** and the mailing address will remain Post Office Box 519, Darlington, South Carolina, 29540. After **July 1, 2017**, I am semi-retiring and matters may be handled on a case by case basis with an appointment. I would like to thank all of my clients and the community for their support since 1973.

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Deacon Donald Joseph Cain

Funeral services for Deacon Donald Joseph Cain of Darlington were held at 12 o'clock noon Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Darlington.



Interment followed in Faith Memorial Gardens directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc.

Deacon Cain was the son of the late George and Dora Cain Blackmon, Sr. He was born February 8, 1945 in Darlington County. He died on Friday, May 12, 2017.

He was a graduate of Mayo High School. He also served in the United States Army. He was a faithful member and deacon of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Donald was employed at Nucor Steel for 17 years until his retirement. He also worked for the Darlington County Magistrate as a constable until his untimely death.

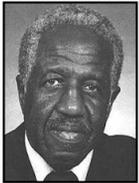
Survivors are: his lovely wife, Rudean Lighty Cain; two sons, Chris (Michelle) Cain and James (Kristel) Bishop; a daughter, LayOntra Thomas; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a sister, Judith (John) Horne; two brothers, George Blackmon, Jr. and Michael (Mary) Blackmon; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donald Cain, II.

The family received friends at the residence, 2008 Leavensworth Road, Darlington.

Sherman Louis Barno, Sr.

Sherman Louis Barno, Sr. the only son of Willie Louis and Pauline Fordham Barno was born in Washington, DC, October 23, 1942. He was reared by his grandparents, The Rev. Samuel William and Ophelia Gary Fordham. Being a PK allowed him to live in several small towns in South Carolina moving often and meeting people who remained a part of his life for many years.



In 1955 Sherman moved to Darlington, South Carolina becoming a part of the Darlington County School District. He graduated with the class of 1961 from Mayo High School. Along with three of his graduating friends they journeyed to Kittrell Junior College in Kittrell, North Carolina. After Kittrell, Allen University in Columbia, SC became his home for a few years. At Allen he became passionately involved in music under the director of John Wesley Hunter. He sang and traveled with Allen's choir until he was drafted into the United States Army. He continued to utilize his musical talents while stationed in Germany by organizing a choir and singing throughout the area.

After returning to Darlington, he began working at B.A. Gary Middle School and enjoyed the intriguing moments spent with young people. Although Sherman's interests were music and choral directing, his first love was mortuary science. After serving an apprenticeship at Jordan Funeral Home, he attended the Pittsburgh

Institute of Mortuary Science, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since 1969 Sherman has been employed at Jordan's as a full-time Licensed Funeral Director and Mortician.

Sherman began playing the piano for Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1955. He started with the youth choir and gradually began rehearsing with older youth in the church. This developed into a Community Choir that consisted of young people from several churches in the area. Eventually he became the Minister of Music with total interest in the organ, and remained in this position until his death.

He is survived by one son, Sherman Louis Barno, Jr. and wife Maoula, along with their children, Kelsey McCray, Ethan and Zion Barno; his daughter Mrs. Shana Elizabeth Harrell and husband Dwayne along with their children, Jacoby and Jaden Harrell and Makel Barno; his sisters, Paula Barno Outlaw and Leigh Barno Wingate; grandson Jalen Barno; his sisters, Paula Barno Outlaw and Leigh Barno Wingate; grandsons Jalen Barno; He was preceded in death by his son Michael Wallace Barno. Additionally, he is survived by first cousins who knew him as a brother, nieces and nephews, grand and great, who called him Uncle Sherman, and a multitude of those who thought of him as friend.

Viewing was held at 704 Washington Street, Darlington, SC, May 18, 2017, beginning at 8:00 a.m. A Celebration of Life was held from 6 until 8 p.m., 704 Washington Street. Funeral Services were Friday, May 19, 11 a.m. at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1331 South Main Street, Darlington, SC. Burial followed at Faith Memorial Gardens, Darlington, SC directed by Jordan Funeral Home.

Alva Jeanne Sanders

Alva Jeanne Sanders passed away on May 16, 2017, at age 70. She was born in Charlotte, NC and raised in Darlington, SC. She attended school at St. John's High School and Florence-Darlington Technical College. She is survived by her husband Jack and his son; her granddaughter Courtney; her father and step-mother David L. and Ardith Garner; her aunt Irene Carrigan; and five brothers and four sisters. Family services are pending.

Cindy Baker Young

Cynthia 'Cindy' Ann Baker Young, age 64, died Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at her residence. A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 19th in the chapel of Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home and other times at 2573 Swift Creek Road, Hartsville.

Cindy was born in Darlington County, daughter of the late Timothy and Doris Lofton Baker. She was the owner and operator of The Flower Petal and a talented floral designer. Cindy was often seen at Takis Diner in Darlington, enjoying her coffee and talking with people. She also enjoyed watching NASCAR, fishing, and most of all, watching her grandchildren play ball.

She is survived by her son, Trey (Tanjah) Hall of Hartsville, her daughter, Bridgette (Andy) Harris of Bishopville; her grandchildren, Chase Hall, Tanner Hall

and Isabella Harris, a sister, Julia Courtney of Darlington, nieces and nephews, Lindsay (Brent) June, Blake (Rachel) Courtney and Dale Baker, a sister-in-law Debbie Baker and many great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother Timmy Edward Baker and a half-sister, Barbara Cribb.

Memorials may be made to the Darlington County Humane Society Rescue Fund, PO Box 503, Darlington, SC 29540.

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

Julia Moody

Julia Ruth Sheffield Moody, age 88, died Tuesday, May 16, 2017. A graveside service was held in Mechanicsville Baptist Church Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 20th, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Born in Darlington on October 19, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Street and Vera Sheffield. She enjoyed square dancing and often traveled to various locations to dance.

She is survived by her children: Agnes Thomson, Terry Leroy Moody, Tommy Eugene Moody, Phillip Wayne Moody, Michael James Moody, her sister, Louann and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Moody.

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

Betty Rogers Boyd

Betty Rogers Boyd, 91, of Darlington died on Friday, May 5, 2017.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2 p.m. in Central Baptist Church. Burial followed in Darlington Memory Gardens, directed by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home of Darlington. The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boyd was born in Washington, North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Nicholas Rogers and Lucy Gray Rogers. Mrs. Boyd was the "Comptroller" at Fitness World Gym and attended Central Baptist Church. She was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church and was a very strong woman.

Surviving are her children, Curtis Boyd and wife, Denise of Darlington, Kathy Boyd Norris and husband, Wayne of Darlington, Patricia Tilley and husband, Tony of Reform, Alabama, and Wanda Eason and husband, Ronnie of Gastonia, NC; her grandchildren, Tyler Boyd, Spencer Boyd, Conner Boyd, Pressley Norris, Andy Norris, Chuck Norris, Christy Nettles, Brittany Koenig, Amanda Kincaid, Matthew Tilley, Bart Tilley, Keicia Lynn, and Nita Ryan; her brothers, John Rogers of Mechanicsville, VA and Joel Rogers of Ayden, NC.

Mrs. Boyd was preceded in death by her husband, James Henry Boyd, Jr.; and by her siblings, Jake Rogers, David Rogers, Eula Gaskins, Loyce Rogers, Barry Rogers, Harold Rogers, and Estelle Anderson.

Memorials may be made to the McLeod Hospice, 1203 E. Cheves Street, Florence, SC 29506.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com.

Rev. Billie F. Fryar, Sr

Rev. Billie F. Fryar, Sr., age 83, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2017. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Monday, May 22nd in the Lamar Chapel at Belk Funeral Home; burial followed in Will of Faith Cemetery in Lamar. The family received friends one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home in Lamar.

Born September 2, 1933 in Gouldbusk, TX, Rev. Fryar is the son of the late Fred Fryar and Eula Mae West Morris. He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corp, and then attended Piedmont Bible College. He was a member of the American Legion, and was the founder of the Area Rescue Mission now House of Hope of the Pee Dee. He was a member of West Florence Baptist Church.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Emogene Rogers Fryar of Lamar; his children, Janice (John) Kaess of Jacksonville, FL, Pastor Freddie (Kathy) Fryar of Rainelle, WV, Steve (Teri) Fryar of Thomasville, NC; daughter-in-law, Sara Fryar of King, NC; his grandchildren, Michael, Aaron, Hailey, Anna, Jeremy, Tabitha, Rebecca, Caleb, Danielle, Scott, Chris, and a number of great-grandchildren; his brothers, Robert (Karen) Fryar, and Dean (Peggy) Fryar; his sister, Betty (Joe) Devera; a special brother-in-law, Bud Rogers, and a special sister-in-law, Jackie Shealey.

Memorials may be made to House of Hope of the Pee Dee, www.hofh.org, or to West Florence Baptist Church, 3354 Hoffmeyer Rd, Florence, SC 29501.

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

Pat McLellan Chrisley

Beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother and friend, Patricia McLellan Chrisley passed away Thursday, May 18, 2017 in St. Cloud, Florida. Born on January 1, 1957, Pat was the youngest child of the late Samuel C. and Annie Dowling McLellan. She was a proud graduate of Clemson University and received a Master's Degree in Education from Francis Marion University. She taught at Spring, Brockington and Spaulding Elementary schools in the Darlington County School District. Pat loved her family, friends and especially her Clemson Tigers. Pat's proudest accomplishment was being an amazing mother to her two sons, Dana and Nick. Pat is survived by her husband Danus Chrisley, her son Dada (Angel) Chrisley, her brother and sisters: Eddie (Jean) McLellan, Carol (Wade) Jordan, Nancy Vivian, Marsha (Darrell) Johnson; her sister-in-law, Janie (Gary) Davis; her brother-in-law, Dale (Judy) Chrisley, her father-in-law, Miles "Smokey" Chrisley, numerous nieces, nephews and her dearest friend Fran Knotts. In addition to her parents, Pat was preceded in death by her younger son Nick Dowling Chrisley and a brother-in-law, Paul Vivian. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hut, 1752 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC, 29532. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested in Pat's or Nick's name to Brainy Camps - a consortium of residential camps and services for children with chronic health conditions (brainycamps.com)

LIVING ON PURPOSE
The memories of our loved ones live within us

By Dr. William Holland

Through the winter months, I had been thinking about how I was going to tackle the huge project of replacing our privacy fence in the spring. I have built this type of fence before and those of you that are familiar with this will understand when I say it is very hard work, especially when you are doing it by yourself. Digging post-holes are not for the faint of heart - ha! I retired in 2014 and have not really been involved with strenuous activity for a while, so when I started tearing down the old fence, I knew the first day this was going to be rough. Yes, there were days I thought about calling a fence company to take over, but to be honest, as I kept going, the better I started to feel. I would start early trying to come up with a game plan for the day, drinking coffee as I contemplated. The weather was cool and it was very peaceful listening to the breeze flowing through the trees and the birds in all their glorious and enthusiastic singing seemed to be encouraging me to keep pressing forward. I finally finished the other day and I am very grateful to be able to mark that from my list and now I can move on to other projects I need to accomplish.

When I was growing up, my dad was a custom home-builder and he taught me a lot about construction. He passed away last year and my mom gave me some boxes of tools that he had saved from the past and I put them in my shop. The other day I was looking for a drill bit and noticed dad's old set of bits and as I opened that old familiar yellow plastic box, I remembered the good times we spent working together. The flood of emotions took me by surprise and I just sat down and allowed the memories to roll like I was watching an old movie. My dad was very talented and I was always amazed at his strength and what he could do when it came to building

things. He was creative and had an ability to problem solve and was not afraid of hard work. He was respected for his high level of expertise and was definitely a true craftsman.

As I thought about how much I miss him, I was reminded that one day I will see him again. It seems I never really considered how precious my time was with him but now I think what a blessing it would be to hear his voice again. I am sure you feel the same way about your loved ones and how we have a tendency to take for granted they will always be there. We have a small plaque in our house that I walk past everyday which says, "You will never be forgotten although we are far apart - your memories live within me forever in my heart" and how true this is. We have a brief opportunity on this earth to spend time with each other and hopefully to also get to know God, as the Bible declares that for those who are born-again in Christ, death is not the end - but actually the beginning. This gift of eternal life is the best news that has ever been given!

John chapter 14 says, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also." May you be comforted to know there is a heaven where you can live with God forever and be with your loves ones again. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things will pass away" Revelation 21:4.

Dr. Holland lives in Central Kentucky where he is a Christian minister and author. Ask for a free copy of his new CD called, "Keeper of my soul" at: billyhollandministries.com

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PETS OF THE WEEK



"Practically Perfect!" I know the staff was talking about me when they said, "practically perfect," and I must admit I could not agree more! I'm a wee bit shy when we first meet but then in no time, I'm happy to share with you my sweet, friendly side. Now I begin the exciting process of interviewing for my first, long term, full time pet job. Won't you stop on by today and ask for me, Mabel? 6 mos old; brown tabby; female



Who doesn't love a sweet little hound girl? Ginny was such a sweetheart today and was so happy to be getting attention. She walked like a pro on the leash and took treats so gently. Ginny knows what it's like to have a family to love and she misses living with people so much. She would love to start a new life with her forever family. 65lbs; 1 yr old; pointer/lab mix; female

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

Centennial Farmers Market

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

Darlington Elks Lodge

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

Paws to Read

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

Story Time

Darlington: Thursdays at 10 a.m. Info: 398-4940 ext. 305. Hartsville: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Info: 332-5115 ext. 7. Society Hill: Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Info: 378-0026 Lamar: Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Info: 326-5524

Library Youth Programs:

Darlington Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Lamar Family Movie Day: Tuesdays 4:00 p.m.; Youth Program: Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Crochet & Knit Clubs

Lamar: each Monday at 4:30 p.m. 326-5524 Society Hill: each Friday from 2-4 pm 378-0026 Darlington: 2nd Friday of the month 10 a.m. - noon 398-4940 Hartsville: "The Stitchers" group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays and 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5 pm.

Pee Dee SCORE

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

Meetings for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) are held at the Church of God on 620

Appreciation Cookout for Darlington County Veterans

The Darlington Veteran's Affairs Office will host a cookout on May 26 at the America Legion Post 13, located at 1752 Harry Byrd Hwy in Darlington. The cookout will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Darlington County Veterans are invited so we can show our appreciation for their service. There will be hotdogs, sausage dogs, chips, drinks, and door prizes. Please call the Darlington County Veterans Affairs Office at 843-398-4130 with any questions.

Class of 1957 Reunion

The St. John's High School Class of 1957 60th Reunion will take place May 27 at the Bonnoitt's Cabin, 2226 Lide Springs Road in Darlington. The reunion will start at 11 a.m. The cost is \$15 and includes a barbecue lunch. For directions to the cabin, contact John Bonnoitt at 843-616-4386.

Club Anniversary

The Sonoco Men Club will celebrate its 57th anniversary on Saturday, May 27, 4 p.m. at the Center Theatre in Hartsville. The group will be praising God through songs. Guest performers include Carl Blair and The Family Circle from Charlotte, NC; the BJ's from Timmonsville, SC and the Gospel Holy Heir from Florence. Come join in an afternoon of the great gospel music for the entire family. For more information, call Charles Mayshack at 843-332-4466.

Ag + Art Tour

The tour will be in Chesterfield, Darlington, Florence and Horry Counties June 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 4, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A listing of participating farm sites can be found at www.agandarttour.com/sites.

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday,

June 5, 2017 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or jbishop@dar-cosc.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Market on Darlington Square

First Saturday of the month May through October (no July) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit with the community, listen to local music, and enjoy a variety of vendors and food Saturday, June 4.

June 7 - 13

DDRA Spring Concert Series

Enjoy local, live music and area restaurants' eats from 7 - 10 p.m. on Liberty Lane on Pearl St. in Downtown Darlington on Friday, June 9

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, June 9 at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

NAACP Meeting

The Darlington Branch of the NAACP meets 7 p.m., June 13, at 109 Pearl St., Darlington.

June 28 - July 4

Freedom Fest

The Darlington Chamber of Commerce is hosting Freedom Fest at the Darlington Raceway July 1 from 4 to 10 p.m. The event features food, live music, a car show, carnival rides, laps around the Track Too Tough to Tame and one of the finest fireworks displays in South Carolina.

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, July 3, 2017 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or jbishop@dar-cosc.com.

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Darlington City Council Meeting

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

July 12 - 18

NAACP Meeting

The Darlington Branch of the NAACP meets 7 p.m., July 11, at 109 Pearl St., Darlington.

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, July 13 at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, July 18 the third Thursday of every other month at 9 a.m. unless noted differently at the Darlington Library or at the conference room at City Hall and as needed or requested by City Council.

July 19 - 25

DDRA Spring Concert Series

Enjoy local, live music and area restaurants' eats from 7 - 10 p.m. on Liberty Lane on Pearl St. in Downtown Darlington on Friday, July 21

Darlington County Ambulance Commission

The Darlington County Ambulance Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 25 at 6 p.m. at the EMS/EPA Building Courthouse Annex, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway. For questions, contact: 843-398-4450.

July 26 - Aug. 2

Market on Darlington Square

First Saturday of the month May through October (no July) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit with the community, listen to local music, and enjoy a variety of vendors and food Saturday, August 5

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, August 7, 2017 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or jbishop@dar-cosc.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting on August 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Aug. 3 - 15

NAACP Meeting

The Darlington Branch of the NAACP meets 7 p.m., August 8, at 109 Pearl St., Darlington.

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, August 10 at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

Sept. 1 - 11

DDRA Spring Concert Series

Enjoy local, live music and area restaurants' eats from 7 - 10 p.m. on Liberty Lane on Pearl St. in Downtown Darlington on Friday, September 1.

Market on Darlington Square

First Saturday of the month May through October (no July) from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit with the community, listen to local music, and enjoy a variety of vendors and food Saturday, September 2

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, September 8 at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

Darlington County Council Meeting

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Hartsville's 2017 Screen on the Green season begins with "National Treasure"

Screen on the Green, the City of Hartsville's free series of summertime movies, will launch Saturday, May 27 with a showing of "National Treasure," sponsored by Allstate Insurance – Robinette Insurance Agency, Inc., in Burry Park, 131 Cargill Way. "National Treasure" follows the story of Ben Gates, a historian, in search of a legendary treasure through riddles and clues on some of the nation's most valued documents before the treasure falls into the wrong hands. The movie is rated PG for action violence and some scary images. The showing begins at dusk, 8:53 p.m. or later. Moviegoers are welcome to bring chairs and blankets. In the event of

rain, the showing will relocate to the Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center at Byerly Park, found at 701 W. Washington St. in Hartsville. "I love being part of an event that nurtures and encourages a sense of community," says Tabathia Robinette, Allstate Exclusive Agent, "I am so excited to be able to partner with the City of Hartsville and offer a great movie for our local families in a safe and fun environment." Following the kickoff event, Screen on the Green will continue the rest of the summer with the following schedule: June 10 – "The Jungle Book" (2016) sponsored by Darlington Raceway June 24 – "The Secret Life of

Pets" sponsored by Sandy Memorial Animal Hospital July 8 – "The BFG" sponsored by Carolina Bank July 22 – "Finding Dory" sponsored by North Industrial Machine August 5 – "Sing" sponsored by Hartsville Police Department and Fire Department (National Night Out special showing) For more information about the Screen on the Green summertime movie series, contact Jordan Braddock at 843.917.0602 or jordan.braddock@hartsvillesc.gov. Follow Visit Hartsville, SC on Facebook to stay up to date on all events.

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Club Anniversaries

The Sonoco Men Club will celebrate its 57th anniversary on Saturday, May 27, 4 p.m. at the Center Theatre in Hartsville. The group will be praising God through songs. Guest performers include Carl Blair and The Family Circle from Charlotte, NC; the BJ's from Timmonsville, SC and the Gospel Holy Heir from Florence. Come join in an afternoon of the great gospel music for the entire family. For more information, call Charles Mayshack at 843-332-4466.

Oates Baptist Church Singing

Oates Baptist Church, 3569 Oates Highway Lamar, will welcome The Singing Couriers on Sunday May 28th at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come for a great night of music and worship. Admission is free. If you have any questions you may contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

Bible Academy

Bethel AME Church will have the Put on the Whole Armor of God Bible Academy Tuesdays in June. The academy will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and lunch will be served. Registration will be June 3 at the AME Fellowship Hall. For more information, email BibleAcademy@yahoo.com.

Vacation Bible School

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Darlington, SC will hold their VBS June 5th through 9th from 5 - 8 p.m. daily. The theme is The Faith Run-on course with God!

One Day Women's Conference

The Women's Ministry of

New Beginnings Church will be having a One Day Women's Conference June 10 beginning at 10 a.m. Women are invited to come and see what God has in store for them. Admission is free and lunch will be served. Guest speakers will be Pastor Debra Taylor and Sister Joyell Hicks from Marion, VA. For more information call Melissa Dunn at 843-409-2797 or Raven Johnson at 843-858-7191. The conference will be held at The Music Hall, 1945 Harry Byrd Hwy. in Darlington.

Oates Baptist Church Singing

Oates Baptist Church, 3569 Oates Highway Lamar, will welcome The Oxendines from Lumberton, NC on Saturday June 24th at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come for a great night of music and worship. Admission is free. If you have any questions you may contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

Bible Study

Bible study at Mt. Zion Tabernacle Believers Church 426 W. Broad St. Darlington, on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Bible study led by Rev. Larry Scipio. Contact Deacon Z. Frierson at 843-992-3158 or church 843-992-8125. Come join us.

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

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

Lawson Grove Baptist Church

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

Black Creek Baptist Church

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

Covenant Baptist Church

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

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington announces their hours 1st/3rd Sunday Pastoral Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Church Services 11:00 Elder M. Frierson 2nd/4th Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 by Deacon Z. Frierson Service at 11:00 a.m. Min. Gerald Green. The community is invited to attend. Come expecting to hear the anointed Word. Contact Deacon.Z.Frierson 843-229-3158

The Lord Cares

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

NFPA, ESFI emphasize importance of electrical fire safety

Electricity helps make our lives easier but there are times when we can take its power and its potential for fire-related hazards for granted. That is why the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) actively supports National Electrical Safety Month, an annual campaign sponsored by the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI), which works to raise awareness of potential home electrical hazards and the importance of electrical fire safety during May.

A new NFPA report shows that in 2010-2014, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 45,210 home structure fires caused by electrical problems per year. These fires caused 420 civilian deaths, 1,370 civilian injuries, and \$1.4 billion in property damage annually. More than half (57 percent) of these fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment such as wiring, lamps, cords or plugs.

"Computers, kitchen appliances, fans and other equipment that use electricity have the potential to be involved in an electrical fire," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Fortunately, people can take steps to greatly

reduce electrical hazards like safeguarding electrical outlets in the home, learning the proper way to plug in appliances, and more."

NFPA helps Dan Doofus get grounded in the basics of electrical safety.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-wXyw0tvSA

Another important step residents can take to help decrease their risk, according to ESFI and NFPA, is to have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician, including electrical inspections when buying or remodeling a home. The following are additional tips residents can follow to help keep their homes safe from electrical fires:

Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets where they are can get damaged.

Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets in your home to reduce the use of extension cords.

Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. Check the sticker on the lamp to determine the maximum wattage light bulb to use.

For additional tips and resources including infographics, fact sheets, and videos about electrical fire safety, visit ESFI's home elec-

trical safety resource webpage and NFPA's electrical safety webpage.

About ESFI The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) sponsors National Electrical Safety Month each May to increase public awareness of the electrical hazards around us at home, work, school, and play. ESFI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety. For more information about ESFI and electrical safety, visit www.esfi.org.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

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

2016 Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority Annual Drinking Water Quality Report DHEC 1620001

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water is produced from 12 wells in Darlington County. Our Source Water Assessment Plan is available for your review at <http://www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/water/SourceWaterProtection>. If you do not have internet access, please contact Jerry Stutts, Operations Manager, 843-393-8131 EXT. 303 to make arrangements to review this document. We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. This report shows our water quality and what it means.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jerry Stutts, Operations Manager, 843-393-8131 EXT. 303. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water in accordance with Federal and State laws. The tables below show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2016. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; and organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems; Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses; and radioactive substances, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by EPA. The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that these data are available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact Jerry Stutts at 843-393-8131 EXT 303 or Post Office Box 968, Darlington, SC 29540-0968.

In the tables that follow you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

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

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Highest Level Detected (HDL) - maximum amount found in any one sample

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

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

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

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

AvG - Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples

LEAD AND COPPER TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	90 th percentile	Unit Measurement	Action Level	Sites over action level	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper 2014	N	0.2	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead 2014	N	0.0	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

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

Disinfection By-Products						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Range of Levels Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) 2016	N	0 - 29.8	PPB	No goal for the total	60 PPB	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Trihalomethanes (TTHM) 2016	N	0 - 0.0	PPB	No goal for the total	80 PPB	By-products of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants						
Fluoride 2014	N	Range 0.00 - 0.87	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) 2016	N	Range 0.0 - 1.0	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
+Disinfectants						
Chlorine 2016	N	Range 0.34 - 0.69	ppm	MRDL= 4	MRDLG= 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Radioactive Contaminants						
Combined radium 2016	N	Range 0.0 - 3.2	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Alpha emitters 2016	N	Range 0.0 - 3.2	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits

What does this mean?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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

The Authority's Source Water has been tested under EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 3. The results of these tests are available for review at the Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority's office.

Please call our office if you have questions.

Xfinity rookies try out the Track Too Tough To Tame

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Last week two rookie drivers in the Xfinity Series, William Byron and Tyler Reddick, took a run at Darlington Raceway, giving the Track Too Tough To Tame all they had. The Lady in Black was kind and didn't leave too many scars. The young racers both said it was a memorable experience for them.

"Driving at Darlington for the first time is really cool," Byron said. "It is unlike anywhere else we go; it is so narrow. Charlotte is pretty narrow but this place is as fast as Charlotte and it is narrow so you have to run close to the wall, which is fun but also kind of treacherous."

Byron said that because the Darlington Raceway is so different, drivers have to stay on their game the entire time they are on the track.

"You have to be on your toes every lap," Byron said. "You can't really take a chance to rest and sit back and think about things. Every lap you have to think about where you're entry is and how much break you're using or it can bite you like that. This is one of those places every lap you have to approach it differently, keep working and focus on your marks."

Being on JR Motorsports team, Byron said that Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s announcement that he would be retiring at the end of the season has brought out a lot of emotions.

"It is definitely emotional," Byron said. "It is definitely just



William Byron takes the No. 9 Liberty University Chevrolet around Darlington Raceway during a test session Wednesday, May 17.

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something that we all have to experience and go through and support him. It is really cool to watch the rest of this year and see how he races and how involved he is with our team. We go cycling together and do different things together so it has been a lot of fun getting to know him that way. Hopefully in the future he will support our team, which he does already, and just make our team better."

Byron said that he is focusing on what he needs to do to get his team to the top.

"We would like to have a win or so and I think that will come, we just have to continue to compete and figure out what

we need to do to get faster," Byron said. "I think so far (the Xfinity Series) has been a good challenge and it has been something I've enjoyed and I'm just trying to take it all in and trying to go to all the different race tracks and adapt and acclimate myself as quickly as I can."

Tyler Reddick, a driver for Chip Ganassi Racing, said that he was also enjoying his time on the track.

"The opportunity to be at Darlington is great," Reddick said. "Fortunately, this track had some rubber laid down in the last two days so it is pretty close to what it would be in a practice situation for us if we

come here."

Reddick said that he was finding out just how different it is to drive Darlington.

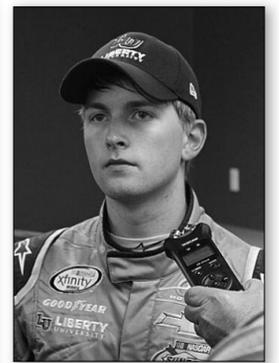
"You drive this place very different than you would any other track; it is shaped differently than most of the racetracks this size," Reddick said. "Its funny because the first time you come here you drive turn one and two and you lift and you realize you don't need to lift that much on one and two. Three and four couldn't be more opposite: you have to lift all the way out and be very patient with the throttle. It is a really fun racetrack."

Reddick said that he was feeling confident in his car and

was working on finding out how to get the most out of it.

"The 42 car has been really good the last few years; it had great speed," Reddick said. "That takes a lot of pressure off of me knowing that the car is really good. At the same time, you've got to...go out there and run the lap times that the car is capable of. It took a little bit of time to get an understanding of it (Darlington). We took some of the morning to just get up to speed. I feel like we put down some really good laps we just have to work on the long run speed and balance."

Both Byron and Reddick said that they had earned their



William Byron



Tyler Reddick

Darlington stripes.

"The worst part is I hit the wall already and I hit it trying to run the bottom," Reddick said. "I didn't just hit it a little bit, I hit it a lot. Unfortunately they are having to fix it now when the guys should be eating lunch and they're not too happy with me. I'm going to have to make it up to them by not hitting the wall anymore."



Darlington High's Williams and Turner sign athletic letters of intent

Two Darlington High School student-athletes signed athletic letters of intent recently to play collegiate sports.

Sa'Von Williams will play football for Johnson C. Smith University, and Deja Turner will play softball for Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Williams played defensive end for the Falcons for the past two years and also played varsity basketball for the past three years. Johnson C. Smith recruited him as a defensive end and linebacker.

Williams plans to study education and hopes to one day become a teacher and a coach.

Turner played point guard during her three years on the varsity squad at Darlington High. She also played left field for the Falcons' softball team for four years. She plans to play in the outfield at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Turner will study health information management and plans to work in a doctor's office after graduation from college.

Kinloch chosen as new principal of St. John's Elementary School

Interim principal Dr. Karen Kinloch has been named principal of St. John's Elementary School, officials with the Darlington County School District announced recently. Dr. Kinloch took over the leadership reins at St. John's earlier this year as interim principal.

"I am very pleased to have Dr. Kinloch at the helm at St. John's Elementary," said Dr. Eddie Ingram. "She not only brings a wealth of knowledge to the role, but she also has a long history with the school and the people here. I have no doubt she will continue the progress the school has made, and I look forward to seeing what Dr. Kinloch, her staff and her students can build together."

"I accept this appointment with pride but also with a sense of humility. I regard it a duty and privilege to advance the mission of both our district and our school to promote excellence in teaching and learning," said Dr. Kinloch.

Kinloch has been an educa-

tor for more than 25 years. She began her career as an elementary school teacher with the Colleton County School District. In 2000, she joined the Darlington County School District as assistant principal at St. John's Elementary School. As assistant principal she supervised curriculum and instruction, conducted formal teacher evaluations, addressed student discipline, conducted staff development and served as an education leader. In September 2016, she was appointed interim principal of the school when longtime principal Jean Taylor became ill.

Said Kinloch, "My predecessor, Mrs. Jean B. Taylor, who recommended me to be her assistant principal 17 years ago, was a strong leader who demonstrated by precept and example the embodiment of dedicated leadership."

Kinloch holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the College of Charleston, a Master of Education from The Citadel, a doctorate in Educational Leadership from South Carolina State University, and a Specialist in Education/Superintendence Degree from The Citadel.



Clemson schedules prescribed burning workshop

CAMDEN—Prescribed burning is an important part of forest management and the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service is helping people learn how to better prepare themselves for liabilities they face as a result of the management practice.

Forestry is the largest industry in South Carolina and Clemson Extension is holding a workshop to help people learn more about prescribed burning management practices used to manage forests.

A workshop, "Managing Liability of Prescribed Burns," is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 26 in the Clemson Extension Kershaw County Office, 634 W. Dekalb St., Camden. The cost is \$10. Foresters who complete the workshop can receive four Category 1 Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits by paying an additional \$40.

Ryan Bean, a Clemson Extension agent in Kershaw County, said the workshop is open to anyone who is interested in or is currently conducting prescribed burning.

"This workshop is designed to help people understand the laws related to prescribed burning, as well as the basics of prescribed burning," Bean said.

The workshop will feature Jonathan Calore of the South Carolina Forestry Commission Law Enforcement Division. Calore will address South Carolina laws related to general outdoor burning, as well as prescribed burning.

Workshop participants also will learn how to write a burn plan. Bean will lead this session.

"Burn plans are a critical component of any prescribed burn," Bean said. "The purpose of a burn plan is to provide a description of

the burn area, target weather conditions, hazards that may be encountered, as well as personnel needs and safety and who to contact before burning."

Other topics participants will learn about include wildland urban interface, weather conditions, smoke management and insurance policies. Participants also will learn how becoming a certified prescribed fire manager can help reduce the liability for those conducting outdoor burning.

Anyone interested in attending this workshop, sponsored by AgSouth Farm Credit, is asked to contact Bean by phone at 803-840-6124 or email at rbean@clemson.edu by May 24. Anyone requiring special accommodations due to a disability is asked to contact the office 10 days prior to the workshop.

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Cade Cassidy

Mayo student creates his own business

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High school is a time for discovering yourself and finding a path for your future. For Mayo High School junior Cade Cassidy, it has also been the perfect time to start a business.

"I started working at the Army-Navy Store in Hartsville; it is a family-owned business," Cassidy said. "I started moving everything in the store to online. I also really wanted to get the store more involved with the community so I was looking around online and I found a charity called Operation Gratitude. They send small care packages to troops overseas and I started talking to them to see what they need."

Cassidy said that it was through his talks with Operation Gratitude that his business idea began to grow.

"A short while after talking with them, the idea for Semper Fi Energy Drinks was born," Cassidy said. "I started researching online and I found out that the military is the number one consumer of energy drinks and energy shots. We came up with the idea and started building off of it."

Part of that building came in the form of a competition through his business class at DCIT.

"The school DECA competition came up and I decided to do that," Cassidy said. "We had to come up with a thirty page, five-year growth plan. We came in third place. Our plan was too long and it was formatted wrong so I think that's why we lost. After that, we got the energy drinks made and I started talking to distributors."

After getting a little bit of a run-around about who he needed to get in contact with to get his drinks in stores, Cassidy talked with distributor M.R. Williams.

"I got a lot of advice," Cassidy said. "Basically, I'll have to do a test run. If it goes well they will give us spot and then I'll go to the distributor."

Being only a junior in high school, Cassidy said he has been getting help with his business.

"My cousin Mark, who is from New York, he worked on Wall Street and he is very educated in business," Cassidy said. "He has financed everything and he has taught me a lot about business; so has the class at DCIT."

Though progress has been a little slow, Cassidy is not letting that get him down; he is trying to carve his own path.

"We are going to do school fundraisers with the small cans of the energy drinks," Cassidy said. "There is a school in North Carolina that we are working with to do that. They also wanted to put it in their school store because it does have zero calories and zero sugar."

He is also pushing forward with another project.

"I have another idea that I am working on, not an energy drink or anything like that," Cassidy said. "I am planning to unveil it at the beginning of summer."

Cassidy said that his parents are proud of the work he has done, even if they don't always understand it.

"I tell my parents as much as I can but it is a lot," Cassidy said. "I'm working a lot and sometimes I forget to tell them what I am doing but my parents love that I'm doing all of this."

Looking to the future, Cassidy would like to attend Wake Forest University to study business.



Sarah Floyd from Hartsville and Saviah Miller of Florence took home the Miss Darlington and Miss Darlington Teen titles, respectively. PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS

The St. John's Elementary School auditorium was crowded Sunday, May 21 as two new winners were crowned in the Miss Darlington and Miss Darlington Teen Pageants. Returning after a five-year hiatus, 20 young ladies from across the region competed for the titles.

Throughout the evening the ladies showcased their talent through dance and song, answered questions about a variety of topics, including religious tolerance and the legalization of marijuana, and showed off their grace and poise in their eveningwear.

In the end, Saviah Miller of Florence took home the Miss Darlington Teen crown, while Sarah Floyd from Hartsville took the Miss Darlington crown.

Local Executive Director Will Isgett gave a plaque to the family of Johnny August who organized the pageant for many years.

The pageant was sponsored by the City of Darlington.



Brooke Vu performed a Tahitian dance for her talent.



Emcee Nicole Boone poses for a picture with Miss SC Teen Makayla Stark.



Payton Holmes performs a tap dance routine.



Saviah Miller sings during the talent portion of the pageant.

Former DCSD employee brings ice cream surprise to Thornwell

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Students at Thornwell School for the Arts were treated to cake and ice cream Friday afternoon thanks to former cafeteria worker Millie Jackson.

One year ago Jackson retired from DCSD, after working there for 50 years; the school even named the cafeteria after her. Having worked for so many years taking care of the students in Hartsville, Jackson wasn't about to let a little thing like retirement stop her.

"I started working in 1966 and the children always had my heart," Jackson said. "I had some children come through the line that needed different things. I knew they would be hungry on the weekend and I would slip crackers and candy or something in their pocket for them to eat at home. I knew it wouldn't make them full but it would make their stomach feel better."

Jackson said she began looking for ways to serve after she retired.

"When I retired, I said that I would always do for Thornwell children because Thornwell children are my heart," Jackson said. "I wanted to do something but I didn't know what. I got in a conversation with a friend and someone he knows and they started talking about Carolina's Kids. When they said about all of the things that Carolina's Kids was doing, things I was doing since '66, I said that I would start working with them."

Jackson began mailing letters to local businesses, friends and families asking them to help her make a donation to Carolina's Kids. Friday she presented Andrea Pulling, executive director for Carolina's Kids, with a check for \$2,310.

Keiada Holmes, Jackson's granddaughter, spoke



Millie Jackson hugs Carolina's Kids Executive Director Andrea Pulling after giving her a donation for over \$2,000. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

about her dedication.

"It has been said when you are doing what you love, you will never work a day in your life," Holmes said. "Fifty-years later, she has witnessed the truth in this quote. My grandmother, Millie Jackson, was employed with the Darlington County School District at Thornwell cafeteria. During her time here, she has developed a passion for serving students daily, with not only meals provided by the district but unmerited love and consistency. Due to her diligence she has been honored by our state, district, mayor and town and the dedication of Thornwell Elementary's cafeteria, named

on her behalf."

Holmes said that her grandmother has continued to love and serve Thornwell's children.

"Although she is retired from the district, her heart will forever be indebted to the children of our community," Holmes said. "While she cannot reach every child, today, and years to come, she plans to leave an impact on every student that has the opportunity to dine in the Millie Jackson Cafeteria. On May 20, 2016, the city acknowledged that day to be Millie Jackson Day. Today, she will pay homage to an organization that has much love for all students."



Sigmon-Kilgo Wedding

Mary Deane Sigmon and Robert Lawton Kilgo, III were married on May 20, 2017 at a six o'clock in the evening at Darlington Presbyterian Church. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Archie Rufus Bigelow, Jr., grandfather of the bride, and the Reverend Hunter Campbell Jordan. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dean Sigmon Sr. of Darlington, SC. She is the granddaughter of the Reverend Archie Rufus Bigelow, Jr. of Irmo, the late Martha Burke Bigelow and the late Mr. and Mrs. Maymon Elliot Sigmon of Rocky Mount, VA. A 2017 graduate of Francis Marion University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, Mary Deane works for McLeod Regional Medical Center. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawton Kilgo, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fredrick Peebles of Bishopville and of Darlington. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Elmer Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Caldwell Baker, III, the late Robert Lawton Kilgo, the late Evalyn Johnson Kilgo and the late Martha Ann Woodside. Robby is a 2011 graduate of The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, with a Bachelor of Arts in History. He is employed by the Darlington County Sheriff's Office as the Executive Officer. The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father. Matron of Honor was Sarah Burke Sigmon White, sister of the bride, of Taylors. Attendants were Holly Elizabeth Bledsoe of Saluda, Jordan Victoria Braddock of Hartsville, Carrie Leigh Brown of Darlington, Caroline Byrd Kahn of Summerville and Lindsay Rebecca Shore of Kannapolis NC. Junior Bridesmaid was Phoenix Alexandra Kilgo, niece of the groom, of Greer. Flower Girls were Lilly Elizabeth Kilgo, niece of the groom and Dohnia Elizabeth Galloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Lane Galloway. Robert Lawton Kilgo, Jr., father of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Kevin Lawton Kilgo and Ryan Willson Kilgo, brothers of the groom, Thomas Lee Bramlett of Darlington, William McKeithan Jackson of Darlington and Frank Bryan Quinn of Columbia. Ushers for the wedding were Marcus Dean Sigmon and Michael Dean Sigmon, Jr., bothers of the bride and William Lawrence White, brother-in-law of the bride. Henry Michael Kilgo, nephew of the groom, served as the Ring Bearer. Kevin Flowers of Elgin, Jim Hepler of Florence, Ann Miles of Conway, Charlie Polk of Lexington and Patrick Johnson of Fairfield County provided a beautiful program of music. A reception followed the wedding ceremony at the historical Wilds-Edwards House in Darlington. Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Blackman Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne McLellan greeted guests at the reception. After a wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Darlington, SC.

The Citadel graduates Class of 2017

CHARLESTON- The Citadel's South Carolina Corps of Cadets received degrees on Saturday, May 6, 2017 in McAlister Field House. Members of The Citadel Class of 2017 were recognized for excellence in leadership, service and academics at commencement. Local graduates were:

Gregory Pappas of Darlington graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Russell Watkins of Hartsville graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!

Kimberly N. Wingate received her RN Degree from Durham Technical Community College, Durham, NC on May 10, 2017.

She served as an LPN for three years prior to achieving her current RN status.

We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom & sister, Kristen



Anderson-Galloway Wedding

Leslie Ambrose Anderson of Darlington, S.C. was united in marriage with Michael Sullivan Galloway of Hartsville, S.C. on April 29, 2017 at 6 p.m.

The double-ring, candlelight ceremony was performed by Pastor Debra Armstrong at Saint Paul United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Gary Chorney of Greenville, S.C. and Mr. Ruben Ambrose Anderson of Darlington, S.C. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Calhoun Griggs and the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ambrose Anderson.

The groom is the son of Mr. Richard Larry Galloway and the late Mrs. Deborah 'Debbie' Skinner Galloway both from Hartsville, S.C. He is the grandson of the late Mrs. Sarah Martyn Woodham Skinner and the late Mrs. Dorothy Tinkler Galloway.

The bride was escorted by her father and was given in marriage by her parents.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Whitney Anderson Edwards, was the Matron of Honor.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Haylea Mims Jordan, Mrs. MaryAnn Stewart Jeffcoat, Mrs. Laura Godwin Hildenbrand. Miss Sarah Martyn Watkins served as Junior Bridesmaid.

Flowergirls were Miss Ella English Watkins, Miss Sarah Carolina Rainwater, Miss Sidney Cameron Rainwater. Ringbearer was Master Owen Henry Edwards, the bride's nephew.

The Best Man was Mr. Richard Larry Galloway Jr., brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Mr. Brett E. Lewis, Mr. Seth Fredrick Tyler Masson and Mr. David Thompson Cooley.

Ushers were Mr. Owen Michael Edwards, Mr. Mark Aaron Watkins, Mr. Matthew Richard Galloway, Mr. Andrew Sullivan Galloway, Mr. James Arthur Ham and Master Cody Weston Watkins.

After the ceremony, a reception took place at The Waters Building in Florence.

The bride has a degree in Early Child Care from Florence-Darlington Technical College. She works at Dixies Federal Credit Union.

The groom is a graduate of Francis Marion University and works at Mickey Finns.

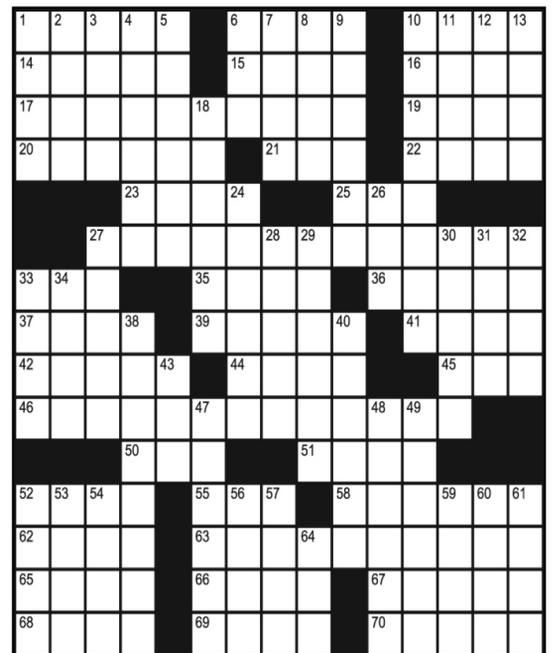
Following the honeymoon the couple will reside in Darlington.

Ronald C. Scott named to 2017 Super Lawyers List

Ronald "Ron" C. Scott, has been recognized by Super Lawyers Magazine and is a 2017 Super Lawyers selection for his work in the area of Creditor Debtor Rights. Super Lawyers rates attorneys from more than 70 practice areas and honors lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Results are achieved using a patented selection process which includes peer nominations and peer evaluations. No more than five percent of South Carolina's attorneys are named to the South Carolina Super Lawyers list each year.

Mr. Scott is a former resident of Darlington and he is the son of the late Robert C. Scott, Jr. and Dr. Louise Tinsley Scott, who were well-known former residents of Darlington. Ron Scott has repeatedly been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America and was most recently included in the 2017 edition. He was a 2016 Honoree for the Leadership in Law Award as selected by South Carolina Lawyers Weekly. In addition, Mr. Scott has achieved the highest available peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Ron Scott is a Life Fellow of the South Carolina Bar Foundation.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Group of eight
6. Amazes
10. Q-Tip
14. "The Canterbury Tales" pilgrim
15. Elders' teachings
16. Bucks
17. Hippy
19. "Pumping ___"
20. Type of seed used in cooking
21. Discharge letters?
22. Call for
23. Pluck
25. Boy
27. Different in kind
33. Crystal meth, in slang
35. "Let's ___"
36. Thomas Jefferson, religiously
37. Deaden
39. Technical name for sweat
41. "Guilty," e.g.
42. Appropriate
44. Bronx cheer
45. "To ___ is human ..."
46. Sympathetic
50. Conk out
51. Economical

52. Certain surgeon's "patient"
55. Joke
58. Bear witness
62. Basil, e.g.
63. Excessive
65. Condo, e.g.
66. Arab League member
67. Gum
68. Functions
69. ___ of the above
70. Clairvoyants

18. Tool used for pinching or bending
24. Pig feeder
26. "Go on ..."
27. Macho guys (hyphenated)
28. Any Platters platter
29. Worldwide
30. Drunk, in slang
31. ___-friendly
32. Antares, for one
33. Acad.
34. Adorable
38. Debts that cannot be recovered
40. To skim again
43. "Fantasy Island" prop
47. Belt
48. Spuds
49. Meal
52. Criminal
53. Ashcroft's predecessor
54. Ashtabula's lake
56. BBs, e.g.
57. F.B.I. operative (hyphenated)
59. "___ on Down the Road"
60. Ado
61. Addition column
64. "___ moment"

Down

1. "Carmina Burana" composer
2. Fleshy covering at top of parrot's beak
3. Freshman, probably
4. Right, in a way
5. Abandon
6. "Aladdin" prince
7. Unfermented liquid from yeast for beer
8. "___ Brockovich"
9. Agree out of court
10. Shallow
11. Ending with hard or soft
12. ___ vera
13. Curve

WORD SEARCH



- Adapt
- Addition
- Afford
- Aside
- Broad
- Cargo
- Charm
- Chooses
- Chose
- Contrasting
- Crust
- Debate
- Doubt
- Drawn
- Dress
- Favor
- Ignore
- Legal

- Lodge
- Loses
- Moons
- Needs
- Neither
- Nerves
- Noted
- Nylon
- Others
- Ounce
- Plows
- Reeds
- Relay
- Responsibility
- Rests
- Revolutionary
- Rival
- Roads

- Screw
- Seems
- Silly
- Slave
- Spoil
- Stalks
- Steals
- Steel
- Steer
- Strict
- Teach
- Trees
- Urged
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Writer Ron Rash's archive finds new home at University of South Carolina

The personal archive of international best-selling writer and South Carolina native Ron Rash has found a new home at the University of South Carolina.

The archive, which spans Rash's life from boyhood to the present, details his career as a poet, short story writer and novelist and joins other contemporary American literature collections at the university's Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library. Among Rash's award-winning works are the novel, "Serena," which also was made into a movie, and the short story collection "Chemistry and Other Stories."

"Ron Rash is a rising superstar," said Tom McNally, dean of University Libraries. "He is a great writer who has international acclaim and so many more works that he will produce. His archive is an excellent addition to the amazing manuscript collections we are building. These are unique primary research materials that draw scholars and students to our university and state and are the source of books, journal articles and dissertations."

"Announced Thursday (April 27), the archive was made possible with the support of the Easterling-Hallman Foundation to support the acquisition of modern American literature manuscript collections. Thursday night Rash will be awarded the university's Thomas Cooper Medal

at a dinner in his honor."

Rash, disciplined in many aspects of life, has a daily regimen of exercise and writing. A novel can take him three years and 15 drafts, with his final draft always addressing sound and rhythm.

Those drafts, which convey the writing process, are part of the archive, which also features correspondence with writers, editors and publishers, research notes and materials in the development of his novels, short stories and poems, first editions of all his works, family history and genealogy and personal journals kept as a teenager.

"It is both flattering and bit eerie when a writer is discussing his or her archives," said Rash who was approached by McNally and writer Pat Conroy about adding his archive to the university's collection of Southern writers. "Pat Conroy was really committed to putting together a nice archive. Valuing the work was evident from everyone at the university. I feel honored to be with writers such as Robert Burns, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Pat Conroy."

Rash says he was particularly drawn by the university's commitment to outreach and to have his archive available to students and scholars.

"It is hugely important. As a writer, it has been valuable to look at drafts and letters by other writers. They reveal so much. They give insight into a

life and how one lives. I like that an archive is not for just a few people but open to everyone," Rash said.

McNally says great collections attract other great collections.

"It was Pat (Conroy) who told me to go and get Ron's papers now," McNally said. "People see what we do with the collections we have acquired. They see how we integrate them into the curriculum and promote them. We don't just put items on the shelf and let them collect dust. These things really resonate with donors. And, the beautiful Hollings Library is a place anyone would their collections to call home."

Rash's stories have introduced and connected readers around the world to the Appalachia region of the South. And although he has spent most of his life in North Carolina, he is proud of his South Carolina roots, evident in many of his works and never far from his thoughts.

Select pieces of the Ron Rash Archive will be on display in an exhibit titled, "More than a Southern Author: Influences and Impact in the Works of Ron Rash," in the Hollings Library through July 31. The gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and there will be a special open viewing 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. Once processed by university archivists, the entire collection will be available to the public.

South Charleston Rd. burglary

On May 16 at 9:55 AM Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies were dispatched to S. Charleston Rd. in the Darlington area of Darlington County in reference to a burglary that had recently occurred. The Darlington County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Florence County Sheriff's Office.

After an exhaustive search of the area with K9 units and the Florence County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit the search was called off and the Darlington County Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division has taken over the investigation.

Investigators are looking for three white males. One male fled in a white SUV with a broken side window. Two males fled on foot. If you have any information you are asked contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or text tip number 274637 (CRIMES). You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

Investigators arrest 19 Year old, two juveniles for carjacking

Tre'veon Jarkese Shikeem Cooley, age 19, of Hartsville has been charged with two counts of carjacking, a felony punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment, two counts of possession of a weapon during a violent crime, a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment, two counts of armed robbery, a felony punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment, and one count of criminal conspiracy, a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment. Cooley is being held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center on a \$50,000 bond.

Two juveniles are currently facing charges for the incident and are being held at the Department of Juvenile Justice in Columbia.

Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators with

the Criminal Investigations Division allege that on April 26

Cooley and two juveniles did conspire together to lure two victims to the intersection of McFarland St. and

Carolina Ave. in Hartsville to carjack the victims at gunpoint. This incident is not believed to be random.

Drug unit uncovers meth lab

On May 15 at 4 p.m., agents with the Darlington County Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Unit certified in clandestine laboratory investigations assisted agents with the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services with a home visit at a residence in the 700 block of Davis St. in the Lamar area of Darlington County. Evidence of manufacturing meth was found inside and outside of the residence.

Brandon Cecil Smothers, age 35, of Darlington was arrested and narcotic drug charges are pending. Smothers is currently serving a sentence on probation for the offense of possession of meth. The Darlington County Fire District assisted agents with decontamination.



BOOKINGS REPORT

DARLINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 22, 2017
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

- Jhirmack Ennis, 34, of 405 Bell Ave, Revocation of Bond
- Michael James Heidt, 28, of 1281 E Old Camden Rd, Hartsville, Sentenced by General Sessions

- Candace Leigh Anne Howle, 35, of 428 Rio Dr, Florence, Driving Under Suspension; Traffic/Expired License
- Claude Junior Moore IV, 23, of 2165 Helen Street, Hartsville, Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Malicious Injury to Real Property <\$2,00; Speeding More than 25 MPH Over the Speed Limit; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor

- Anthony Ray Self, 40, of 2276 Martin Luther King Jr Hwy, Kingstree, Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Fail to Appear DUI; Fail to Appear DUS
- Brian Claude Siner, 39, of 305 Potato House Rd, Darlington, Sentenced by

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

General Sessions

- Brandon Cecil Smothers, 35, of 1829 Hospitality Tr, Darlington, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 2nd Off; Drugs/Manufacture Meth 2nd
- Lee Ernest Boyce, 33, of 1317 Larry Dr, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree; Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person; Non Support

- Dread Henderson, 62, of 267 Apt B Seracuse St, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 2nd Off
- Cynthia Allison Dickey, 53, of 2033 Keirra, Florence, Driving Under Suspension
- Quenhya Labrittney Mazyck, 27, of 462 Society Hill Rd, Society Hill, Shoplifting

Bench Warrant

- David Wayne Plyler, 48, of 1134 Tinson Dr, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Jeremy Vincent Reiff, 30, of 2521 Applevalley Dr, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Driving Under Suspension; Child Endangerment Vehicle (Minor)

- Dorian S Sansbury, 21, of 601 West Washington Street, Hartsville, Giving False Information; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000
- Otis NMN Zimmerman, 33, of 3620 Byrdtown Road, Society Hill, Public Disorderly Conduct; Fail to Pay

- Alfredo Barradas, 34, of 711 Pinestraw St, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 2nd Degree; Kidnapping
- Richard Earl Jackson, 43, of 607 Splittrail Dr, Florence, Non Support

- Bobby Ray Wadlington, 32, of 721 Heather Dr, Darlington, Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Burglary Second Degree; Burglary First Degree
- Daniel Tremaine Wilds, 20, of 416 E Richardson Cir, Hartsville, Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored; Enter/Attempt to Enter House w/out Breaking; Larceny/Breaking Into Motor Vehicle

- Amy Shepherd Barefoot, 45, of 115 Lewis, Hartsville, Telephone/Unlawful Use of Telephone

- Larry Lee Blakney, 36, of 709 Camellia Lane, Hartsville, Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Entering Premises After Warning
- Kiesha Shante Bonner, 19, of 2188 Briarcliff Dr, Darlington, Poss/Sell/Dispose of Stolen Vehicle; Driving Under Suspension
- Rachel Altman Britt, 33, of 3868 Brookfield Rd, Florence, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Larry Gordon Bruton, 60, of 205 Fordville, Cheraw, Driving Under Suspension
- Larry Gordon Bruton Jr., 28, of 817 S Church St, Cheraw, Driving Under Suspension
- Sundi Watson Catoe, 48, of 1805 Kellytown Rd, Hartsville, Harassment 1st Degree; Telephone/Unlawful Use of Telephone
- Carl Wesley Croft, 23, of 505 Alexander St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- David Michael Gainey Jr., 32, of 1924 Byrdtown Rd, Hartsville, Telephone/Unlawful Use of Telephone
- Meredith Lene Goss, 18, of 210 Lawson Rd, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Bobby Joe Harris Jr., 30, of 1209 Cowboy Lane, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000
- Curtis Lavern Hunter, 50, of 3158B Tom Dr, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Non Support
- Jestina Nettles Johnson-Chapman, 40, of 110 Sally Street, Darlington, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000
- Whitney Kimbrell, 27, of 1924 Byrdtown Rd, Hartsville, Harassment 1st Degree
- Terrell Eugene Littles, 42,

- of 1000 Robinson St, Hartsville, Non Support; MDP Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 2nd; Trafficking in Cocaine >10G but <28G 2nd Offense
- Ernest McClam Jr., 23, of 509 Norwood Ave, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 1st Degree
- Mario Sanchez McDaniel, 34, of 601 W Washington Street Apt 5-E, Hartsville, Non Support
- Walter Jerome Perkins, 62, of 1020 Farmhouse Lane, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Maurice Antonio Peterson, 32, of 1413 Tiffany Lane, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Melvin Prentiss Purvis Jr., 32, of 335 Doneraile St, Darlington, Safekeeping
- Anastasia Jamelle Robinson, 30, of 906 Amewood St, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Tetus Lavor Wilson, 35, of 509 Rice St, Hartsville, Bench Warrant; Bench Warrant; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st
- Jenny Lynn Beasley, 28, of 2317 Winburn Dr, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Personal Property
- Kevin Owen Bradshaw Jr., 23, Homeless, Darlington, Use of Vehicle Without Permission
- Albert Lee Brown, 66, of 2514 Thousand Oak Dr, Hartsville, Pedestrian Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs
- Mark Anthony Fox, 48, of 560 Catus Lane, Hartsville, Weekender
- Prince Demonde George, 33, of 128 McClain St, Lamar, Fail to Pay; Fail to Pay; Criminal Domestic Violence 2nd Offense
- Nathaniel NMN Joe, 40, of 716 E McIver Rd, Darlington,

- Open Container of Beer/Wine; DUI 2nd; Driving Under Suspension
- Lorenzo Levar Johnson, 25, of 1904 Deep Creek Blvd, Portsmouth VA, Speeding More than 25 MPH Over the Speed Limit; Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License
- Charles Lenin Tedder, 19, of 203 S Warly St, Darlington, Bench Warrant
- Weldon Bess Jr., 60, of 132 McClain Street, Lamar, Attempted Murder; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Attempted Murder; Attempted Murder
- Joshua Paul Davis, 27, of 806 Lamar Hwy, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Stephen Hiott, 50, of 2157 Briarcliffe Rd, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning
- Delia Shandrica Johnson, 27, of 2205 Sunnyfields Dr, Hartsville, Weekender
- James Brandon Jolly, 27, of 2305 N Billy Farrow Hwy, Hartsville, Giving False Information
- Buddy Ray Kinney, 27, of 1209 Eddie Dr, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine; Fail to Return Drivers License After Susp
- Karen Renee Lane Poulas, 39, of 2660 W Black Creek Road, Florence, Driving Under the Influence
- Kelvin Damon Prescott, 40, of 401 N Pennington Cir, Hartsville, Financial Transaction Card Theft
- Tylisha Shante Yarborough, 28, of 311 Kelley St, Hartsville, Shoplifting Value >\$2000 but <\$10,000; Bench Warrant (Fail to Pay); Bench Warrant (Driving Without a License)

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLYING FOR TITLE

To all persons claiming an interest in: 1993-12' Fiberglass - Creek Boat, GTV00622E393. Billy Rhodes will apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/outboard motor. If you have any claim to the watercraft/outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803)734-3858. Upon thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/outboard motor has not been reported stolen. SCDNR shall issue clear title.

Case No: 20170201950091
(43p3 leave in thru 5-24-17)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Shay's Lounge, LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer, wine and liquor at 1125 N. Main St., Darlington, SC 29532. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than May 26, 2017. 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.
(43p3 leave in thru 5-24-17)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Holy Smokes Social Club intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer, wine and liquor at 2244 Harry Byrd Hwy., #B, Darlington, SC 29532. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than May 26, 2017. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

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Estate: Willard Benny Oliver
Date of Death: 2/4/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600220
Personal Representative: Terri Oliver Nixon
Address: 806 Vintage Drive, Florence, SC 29550
(43p3 leave in thru 5-24-17)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Ladreca Gibson intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer and wine at 2868 Underground Branch Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550-9122. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than June 2, 2017. 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;

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Estate: George W Dudley
Date of Death: 3/19/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600216
Personal Representative: Jacquelyn Dudley Mosely
Address: 943 Kemper Circle,

Rock Hill, SC 29732
(43p3 leave in thru 5-24-17)

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Estate: Marion Goodman
Date of Death: 2/25/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600175
Personal Representative: J C Goodman, Jr
Address: 304 30th Avenue S, Atlantic Beach, SC 29582
(43p3 leave in thru 5-24-17)

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Estate: Carl E Amerson, Sr
Date of Death: 4/4/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600224
Personal Representative: Carolyn C Amerson
Address: 1211 N Rolling Road, Hartsville, SC 29550
(43p3 leave in thru 5-24-17)

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Estate: Judy S Womack
Date of Death: 4/10/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600229
Personal Representative: Bobby Lewis Womack
Address: 200 Park Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550
(44p3 leave in thru 5-31-17)

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO. 2016-CP-16-0761
21st Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff,
-vs-
Charles Zicafoose a/k/a Charles D. Zicafoose, Defendant(s)
BY VIRTUE OF a judgment heretofore granted in the case of 21st Mortgage Corporation vs. Charles Zicafoose a/k/a Charles D. Zicafoose, I, Martin S. Driggers, Esquire, as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on June 5, 2017, at 11:00 am, at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being located in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, known and designated as LOT 57, and being more particularly shown and delineated on a Plat of PINEVILLE SUBDIVISION, SECTION 3, PHASE 2, prepared by Ervin Engineering Company, Inc. dated February 6, 1986 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 108 at Page 123; said lot having such metes and bounds as reference to said plat will show, all measurements being a little more or less.

This being the identical property conveyed to Charles D. Zicafoose by deed of 21st Mortgage Corporation dated October 1, 2012 and recorded October 8, 2012 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina, in Book 1067 at Page 486.

TMS #: 196-00-01-122
Mobile Home: 2008 FLEE VIN VAF819A63895WG23
SUBJECT TO DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES
TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the 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 noncompliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms or the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on

some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.74% per annum. Martin S. Driggers, Esquire Special Referee for Darlington County
B. Lindsay Crawford, III (SC Bar# 6510)
Theodore von Keller (SC Bar# 5718)
Sara C. Hutchins (SC Bar# 72879)
B. Lindsay Crawford, IV (SC Bar# 101707)
Columbia, South Carolina Attorney for Plaintiff
(44c3 leave in thru 5-31-17)

C/A No: 2010-CP-16-00454
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of MTGLQ Investors, LP vs. Mitchel H. Pate a/k/a Mitchell Herlong Pate as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary P. Pate a/k/a Mary Parrott Pate; Mitchel H. Pate a/k/a Mitchell Herlong Pate, individually; Mitchel H. Pate a/k/a Mitchell Herlong Pate as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Harris Pate a/k/a Michael H. Pate; Mary Elizabeth Pate a/k/a Mary Elizabeth Pate Bullard; Sylvester Pate, III; , I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on June 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

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Estate: Jolly Gainey, Sr
Date of Death: 3/27/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600235
Personal Representative: Sheila Ann Player
Address: 2819 B Rebel Lane, Florence, SC 29505
(44p3 leave in thru 5-31-17)

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Date of Death: 4/10/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600229
Personal Representative: Bobby Lewis Womack
Address: 200 Park Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550
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CASE NO. 2016-CP-16-0761
21st Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff,
-vs-
Charles Zicafoose a/k/a Charles D. Zicafoose, Defendant(s)
BY VIRTUE OF a judgment heretofore granted in the case of 21st Mortgage Corporation vs. Charles Zicafoose a/k/a Charles D. Zicafoose, I, Martin S. Driggers, Esquire, as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on June 5, 2017, at 11:00 am, at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being located in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, known and designated as LOT 57, and being more particularly shown and delineated on a Plat of PINEVILLE SUBDIVISION, SECTION 3, PHASE 2, prepared by Ervin Engineering Company, Inc. dated February 6, 1986 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 108 at Page 123; said lot having such metes and bounds as reference to said plat will show, all measurements being a little more or less.

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TMS #: 196-00-01-122
Mobile Home: 2008 FLEE VIN VAF819A63895WG23
SUBJECT TO DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES
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some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

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Columbia, South Carolina Attorney for Plaintiff
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C/A No: 2010-CP-16-00454
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Bank of America, N.A. vs. Dennis Mackin aka a/k/a Dennis Robert Mackin; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, and Jo-Jo Enterprises, Inc.; I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on June 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: All that certain, piece, parcel or tract of land, irregular in shape; situate, lying and being in the New Market Community, in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, shown on a plat of survey made for H.L. Gainey by J.E. Tucker, Jr., on December 12, 1985 and being designated as 3.52 acre tract on an individual plat made for H.L. Gainey by J.E. Tucker, Jr. Surveyor, dated August 10, 1987 recorded in the Plat Book 132 at Page 83 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County and being bounded as follows: NORTH: By property of H.L. Gainey, as shown on said plat of August 10, 1987 for a distance of Three Hundred Eighty One (381) feet;

EAST: By Edward Street, as shown on said plat of August 10, 1987 for a distance of Three Hundred Sixty Six and Eight Tenths (366.8) feet; SOUTH: By property of R.B. Hall, Jr., as shown on said plat of August 10, 1987, for a distance of Four Hundred Ninety Five and Nine Tenths (495.9) feet; and WEST: By property now or formerly of Howard D. Chapman (Tract A), as shown on said plat of August 10, 1987, for a distance of Four Hundred Ninety Eight and Forty One Hundredths (498.4) feet.

This property contains a 1987 Omni mobile home, VIN# 012225A&B which is considered to be a fixture or appurtenance to the real estate and is intended to be a part hereof. This being the same property conveyed to Dennis Mackin by deed of Jo Jo Enterprises, Inc. dated March 16, 2005 and recorded on March 29, 2005, in the Register of Deeds Office for Darlington County, State of South Carolina, in Book 1037 at Page 8836.

2420 Edward Street, Hartsville, SC 29550
TMS # 016-00-01-076
2420 EDWARD ST
HARTSVILLE, SC 29550-0000
TMS# 016-00-01-076
TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the rate of Five and 875/1000 (5.875%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, do, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event,

the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day.

Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

Martin S. Driggers, Sr. Special Referee for Darlington County
Darlington, South Carolina
2017
Hutchens Law Firm
P.O. Box 8237
Columbia, SC 29202
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Notice of Sale
C/A No: 2011-CP-16-00194
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Bank of America, N.A. vs. Dennis Mackin aka a/k/a Dennis Robert Mackin; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, and Jo-Jo Enterprises, Inc.; I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on June 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

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BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Bank of America, N.A. vs. Dennis Mackin aka a/k/a Dennis Robert Mackin; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, and Jo-Jo Enterprises, Inc.; I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on June 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: All that certain, piece, parcel or tract of land, irregular in shape; situate, lying and being in the New Market Community, in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, shown on a plat of survey made for H.L. Gainey by J.E. Tucker, Jr., on December 12, 1985 and being designated as 3.52 acre tract on an individual plat made for H.L. Gainey by J.E. Tucker, Jr. Surveyor, dated August 10, 1987 recorded in the Plat Book 132 at Page 83 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County and being bounded as follows: NORTH: By property of H.L. Gainey, as shown on said plat of August 10, 1987 for a distance of Three Hundred Eighty One (381) feet;

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Statewide effort targeting minors keeps alcohol "out of their hands"

COLUMBIA, S.C. - For the eighth year, an "enforcement and education blitz" coordinated by the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) has helped focus attention on the dangers of underage alcohol use.

Through the statewide campaign, South Carolina's Alcohol Enforcement Teams (AETs) and prevention professionals collaborate on activities aimed at limiting access to alcohol by young people under the age of 21. The increased enforcement and public education efforts promote a safe end to the school year and a safe prom season. The campaign - called "Out of Their Hands" - emphasizes that it is against the law for anyone under 21 to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages.

"Alcohol use by young people, a critical problem for our state, is a major cause of loss of life for people under 21," said Governor Henry McMaster

when proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month, "and alcohol-related car crashes are the leading cause of those deaths."

The campaign, which ran April 1-30, resulted in:

- 13 party-dispersal operations;
- 175 traffic stops;
- 528 casual contacts;
- 660 compliance checks;
- 149 on-premise bar checks; and

- 25 public safety checkpoints

The various operations led to 301 cases of charges being filed.

In addition to the law enforcement activities, 88 "media activities" were held at high schools and middle schools, colleges, public forums, community events, civic groups, retail alcohol outlets, and other retail locations. These activities included presentations, articles, merchant education trainings, news conferences, distribution of "Out of

Their Hands" educational material, social media impressions, and "Alcohol Walk/Run" awareness events. An estimated one million South Carolinians received information about underage drinking. Throughout the year, DAODAS and the state's 32 county alcohol and drug abuse authorities provide tools and support for the three tactics proven effective in the prevention of underage drinking:

- 1) Reducing the availability of alcohol
- 2) Changing norms and behaviors through education
- 3) Consistent enforcement of existing laws and regulations

"Through our partnerships with law enforcement, we're working to save the lives of young people across the state," said Michelle Nienhius, Manager of Prevention Services for DAODAS, during a news conference held at Brookland-Cayce High School (BCHS) in Cayce.

Clemson's 'Making It Grow' gardening show wins three Tellys

CLEMSON - The Emmy Award-winning "Making It Grow" gardening show has three Telly Awards to add to its slate of accolades.

This is the fourth year Clemson University Extension's Amanda McNulty, Sean Flynn and the rest of the crew of "Making It Grow" have won prestigious Telly Awards. The live, interactive show - which is produced by SCETV and Clemson University - has won 15 Telly Awards overall since 2000. McNulty said she and the crew are honored to have received these awards.

"It's exciting that our team was chosen by peers in the industry," McNulty said. "Our most important mission is to help people use environmentally sustainable methods and still be successful in growing plants. To do that we emphasize identifying the problem before taking action - is it an insect or a disease? - and how to choose the correct way of controlling it. By encouraging our viewers to make careful choices in selecting plants, in placing them properly in their landscape or garden and using thoughtful cultural practices, we help them reduce plant

stress which results in healthier plants more resistant to pests."

Flynn, who has been the show's producer since 1999, agreed.

"One aspect that I am really thrilled about is that we won in three different categories," Flynn said. "That speaks to the wide variety of topics we highlight and to the overall quality in covering different subject matter. This is great recognition for the entire team."

The "entire team" includes a lot of people who work to make the show a success, McNulty said.

Awards the show received this year include one in the Nature/Wildlife category. This award was presented for the "Making It Grow - From Seeds to Shoreline" field segment. In this segment, McNulty travels to James Island near Charleston and learns firsthand about the program with Clemson water resources agent Kim Counts Morganello. This program engages students in restoring Spartina alterniflora, the dominant plant in the salt marsh.

Another award was given in the Health and Wellness Division for a segment which

brought the crew to the South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Consumer Protection Division. In this segment, "Making It Grow - Consumer Protection Division," McNulty talks with the Department of Agriculture's Derek Underwood about the many responsibilities they have and the methods they use to keep the citizens of South Carolina safe. Publicity such as this plays a vital role in helping Underwood's department protect South Carolina residents.

The third Telly was given for a segment "Making It Grow - Spring Floral Arrangements" in the How-To/Do-It-Yourself Division. This segment involves Katie Dickson of Moore Farms Botanical Garden demonstrating how to create flower arrangements. Dickson said she is truly honored to have had an opportunity to appear on "Making It Grow."

"Making It Grow" airs at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on SCETV and on tape-delay at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3:30 p.m. Saturdays on the South Carolina Channel. It can also be viewed live online by clicking here.

Nation's beekeepers are looking for answers to loss of bees in the hives

TRAVELERS REST— With every scoop of bees Brad Cavin pours gently into a cardboard box he brings science one step closer to unraveling the riddle of honey bee decline.

At an apiary near the foot of the Blue Ridge, Cavin gathered samples of honey bees — live ones, dead ones, their unborn brood and the pollen the bees collect — as he has from hives all across the Palmetto State this spring.

The samples, live bees included, will be mailed to U.S. Department of Agriculture labs as part of the National Honey Bee Survey, a program created to help scientists and beekeepers learn how to better protect the important pollinating, honey-making insects.

“The whole point of the survey is to find out what’s happening to our bee population,” says Cavin, state apiary inspector for the Department of Plant Industry, a regulatory arm of Clemson University that helps protect South Carolina’s agricultural resources.

“Beekeepers need to know what threats their bees face and learn what signs to look for,” Cavin said, “We’re conducting the survey in an attempt to document which diseases, parasites or pests of honey bees are present.”

Begun nationally in 2009 and an annual study in South Carolina since 2012, the honey bee survey seeks hard, statistical data that may help shed light on the reasons for the growing loss of honey bee colonies in the United States, according to USDA. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which coordinates the data from state surveys like Clemson’s,



describes it as a form of epidemiology for bee health.

For beekeeper Tim Dover, who manages nearly 700 hives among the farms and fields at the foot of the Blue Ridge, the bee survey is essential intelligence about the enemies of his bees.

“The survey gives me a snapshot of the health of my apiary. I know exactly what’s in my hives. If there’s a virus problem I can treat before it becomes an issue,” Dover said. “Without it, we could have a problem and not know about it until it’s too late. The feedback we get as beekeepers makes us better stewards.”

Dover, who with partner Susan Gardner owns the Carolina Honey Bee Company in Travelers Rest, “retired from the high-tech industry in a decade ago, giving him the chance to return to his rural

roots: He’s a third-generation beekeeper whose grandfather’s bees were ancestors of some of his hives today, a genetic line he received from his uncle.

“Some of these bees have been with our family for a hundred years, or at least their genetics have,” he said. “That gives them a special significance, I think. It’s a reminder of the historic importance of producing our own food.”

Most of their homegrown product is sold from their store on Main Street in Travelers Rest, where they have a certified commercial kitchen nearby to prepare the honey to state specifications. But a large share of Carolina Honey Bee Company’s revenue comes from selling the supplies their fellow beekeepers need: frames, tools, extractors and even “package bees” to help new beekeepers begin

their hives.

Ironically, reports of the decline of American honey bee colonies actually helped stimulate growth in the industry, Dover believes.

“With all the news about colony collapse disorder, it’s driven a lot of people into the business,” he said. “None of us wants the bees to disappear. We want to be able to continue to produce the food we eat right here.”

USDA estimates that winter losses of honey bees has increased from 22 percent to 36 percent in the past eight years, a rate that the agency believes is unsustainably high. Suspects in the decline in bee health are many — pests like the Varroa mite, a parasite that carries deadly viruses; diseases like American foulbrood, a spore-borne affliction that keeps unborn bees

from developing; toxins like pesticides; poor nutrition from loss of habitat; and invasive pathogens that have found their way from other countries to the United States.

Finding the exact causes of bee loss, USDA scientists believe, is essential to preserving the bee industry, which — not including the honey we eat — provides \$15 billion each year in added crop value from pollination.

Dover hopes the honey bee survey will help provide information that will help the beekeeping business thrive. He said he’s encouraged that the sampling and testing address both native pests and diseases as well as invasive threats to honey bee colony health.

The survey requires Cavin to take samples from hives in two dozen locations statewide each year. In each of those places, he’ll have to take four different samples from eight different hives in an apiary:

- Live bees are shaken from their hive into a pan from which Cavin uses a scoop to pour them into small cardboard cage with wire mesh to provide them air for the rushed U.S. Postal Service trip to a USDA lab in Gastonia, North Carolina.

- Dead bees are poured into an alcohol solution to preserve them in a bottle for shipment.

- Brood, the developing next generation of bees, are extracted and placed into smaller vials.

- Pollen scraped from the hive goes into yet another set of bottles.

To gather the required data, the tests are necessarily invasive to the honey bee hive. For this reason, Cavin tries to build a close relationship with the beekeepers who know

their hives best.

On this particular spring afternoon, he and Dover work together to open hives in search of finding appropriate samples, being careful not to disturb the queen bees that are vital to a hive’s reproduction.

Patient and skilled manipulation keeps the bees relatively calm. The ubiquitous hum of their collective buzzing fills the corner of the pasture that shelters the two dozen white, wooden hives. But as distant thunder rumbles and a spring rain begins to fall, the hum of the bees begins to rise. A horse tied to a stall in an adjacent barn eyes the activity carefully, but without alarm.

“The bees don’t like the rain,” Cavin explains. “They’re already a little upset at being disturbed. You want to try and minimize their anxiety.”

With hand-held “smokers” — cans filled with burning wood chips and spouts at one end to direct the smoke — Cavin and Dover keep the bees relatively docile as they open and examine each hive. One by one, Cavin and Dover remove honeycombed frames from the hives in search of their samples. By the end of the afternoon, Cavin has packed the containers for shipment to the labs.

Like beekeepers and scientists across the country, Cavin and Dover await results that can be used to protect the bees — knowledge that can help solve the mystery of honey bee decline.

“Of all the things I like about beekeeping is that you’re always learning. You never know it all,” Dover said. “I learn something new every time I get in a hive. The more I learn the more I find out I don’t know.”

Community Action Agency announces summer feeding program sites

The Darlington County Community Action Agency is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children 18-years-old and younger without charge, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, gender identity or religion. Meals will be provided on a first come, first serve basis at the sites and times as follows:

Elohim Outreach Center
219 S. Sixth St.
June 5-Aug. 4
Mon. – Thurs.

Breakfast: 8:30, Lunch 11:30

Thompson’s Learning Center
327 S. Fifth St.
June 5-Aug. 4
Mon. – Fri.
Breakfast: 8:30, Lunch 1:30

Ms. Mary’s Home
1608 S. Fifth St.
June 5-Aug. 4
Mon. – Fri.
Breakfast: 8:30, Lunch 1:30

Thompson’s Learning Center

516 E. Elm St.
June 5 – Aug. 4
Mon. – Fri.
Breakfast: 8:15 Lunch: 11:30

The House of Refuge
111 N. Fifth St.
June 5 – Aug. 4
Mon. - Fri.
Lunch 11 a.m.

Temple Christian Church
1660 N. Governor Williams Hwy.
June 5 – Aug. 4
Mon. – Fri.
Breakfast: 8: 30 Lunch: 11:30

Sonoco Named a “Best for Vets” Company

Sonoco (NYSE: SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, has been named one of 82 “Best for Vets” companies by Military Times. Sonoco joins other well-known brands, including Kellogg, AT&T, Hilton, Macy’s Inc. and The Boeing Company on the distinguished list.

Sonoco, a certified Palmetto Military Employer, recognizes the valuable skills U.S. military veterans bring to its team, including a strong work ethic, loyalty and unwavering determination to be the best.

“Over the decades, Sonoco associates have answered the call to serve. We couldn’t be more proud of the fact that we have so many associates who have served (or are serving) this country,” said Jack Sanders, president and CEO.

In its eighth year, Best for Vets rankings evaluate companies’ cultures, veteran recruiting, veteran policies and accommodations for members of the National Guard and reserves.

“The companies on the Military Times Best for Vets list earned their rankings through determined efforts to

recruit and support service members, veterans and military families. These efforts deserve recognition from the country and should get the attention of veterans looking for a new career,” said George Altman, the Military Times editor in charge of the rankings.

A coveted honor for companies around the country, the annual Military Times Best for Vets rankings are the result of a meticulous, months-long process. Military Times carefully evaluates survey data and includes only the best companies in its rankings.



Do you know Darlington County?

The photo from last week was of former Darlington Mayor Cecil Harper. The picture is part of a larger image hanging at South of Pearl that features several of Darlington’s past mayors. We only had a few guesses and no one guessed right.

Today, you will find another location shot from Darlington County. Do you know where it is? Please let us know by sending your guesses to: editor@newsandpress.net or call 843-393-3811. Deadline is noon Friday. Good luck!

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