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

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City Council votes to put Sunday Alcohol Sales on November ballot

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The November ballot will have a Sunday Alcohol Sales referendum on it for Darlington residents, thanks to a final reading on Ordinance 2017-23 during the June 6 Darlington City Council meeting.

Council members seemed reluctant to make a motion to pass the ordinance, or even to give a second once the motion had been made. Councilwoman Elaine Reed finally made a motion; councilman John Segars seconded the motion.

Before the motion passed, Mayor Gloria Hines reminded those in the audience that council members were not voting in favor of selling alcohol on Sundays, simply to put a referendum on the ballot

and give citizens a chance to make that decisions for themselves.

"I don't want this to be misunderstood," Hines said. "We are not voting on this. We are voting so that the citizens of Darlington can vote on this."

Reed expressed the thought that if people want to purchase alcohol on Sundays Darlington should benefit from that, not surrounding cities.

Ordinance 2017-23 reads: "That Mayor and Council of the City of Darlington wish to allow the following question to be placed before the citizens of the City of Darlington: 'Shall the South Carolina Department of Revenue be authorized to issue temporary permits in the City of Darlington for a period not to exceed twenty-four hours to allow the possession, sale and consumption of alco-

holic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption-on-premises sales and to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted locations without regard to the days or hours of sales?"

If the referendum on the Nov. 7, 2017 ballot is passed, the ordinance will go before council and must pass first and second reading before it will go into effect.

In other business, the newly crowned Miss Darlington and Miss Darlington Teen spoke to council about their platforms and what they will do during their time with the title to promote those platforms.

CITY ON 3A

County budgets pay increase for first responders

By Samantha Lyles
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At their June 5 regular meeting, Darlington County Council gave final approval to \$35.6 million in budgets for the 2017/18 fiscal year, and voted to include a pay increase for deputies and paramedics.

The pay bumps will bring rates for 35 Darlington County Sheriff's Office deputies up to \$14.10 an hour, and will increase pay for 15 paramedics with Emergency Services to \$14.35 an hour. These increases also factor in a 2.5 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all county employees.

After the meeting, Sheriff Tony Chavis issued a statement hailing the pay increases and noting that other than COLA bumps, deputies have not received a raise since 2009.

"When I took office, I made Deputies a priority, again. They risk their lives day in and day out protecting the people of Darlington County; Deputies receiving a living wage was past due," stated Sheriff Chavis. "Because I am

making them a priority, I have not taken a raise. I worked hard with the County Administrator to make this happen and I am thankful for County Council's approval."

Final budgets included a General Fund budget of \$21.3 million (including \$5.4 million for the Sheriff's Office and \$3.7 million for the Corrections Center), \$3.9 million for Emergency Services, \$3.2 million for Environmental Services, \$1.9 million for the Fire District, \$1.3 million for the Library Fund, and \$1.6 million for Road Maintenance.

County administrator Charles Stewart said the county had budgeted for a mandatory state retirement contribution increase of 2 percent this year and an additional 1 percent each year for the next five years, but the state recently decreased this year's local government contribution requirement to 1 percent. This should increase the county's retirement contribution by about \$135,000 across all funds instead of the originally projected estimate of \$270,000.

COUNTY ON 3A

Darlington Presbyterian holds VBS



ABOVE: Dale Campbell plays a game with Vacation Bible School participants. The weeklong camp included outdoor games, creating super hero capes and, of course, snack time. Children learned about heroes of the Bible during their lessons. PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS



Work session moves Darlington Recreation Complex discussions along

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The City of Darlington is one step closer to finding out whether they will receive land from the Darlington County School District on which to build their much-anticipated recreational complex. During a school district work session on Monday June 5, Darlington County Recreation Director Lee Andrews spoke again with members of the board.

Andrews first spoke to the board during their April meeting, telling them about the city's desire to have a complex for baseball and softball, among other amenities. He told them that he would return with a proposal after a community meeting to gauge interest amongst the city's residents, specifically those in neighbor-

hoods that would be impacted.

When he returned the following month, several board members expressed concerns about the district's expansion/building plans and how gifting the city property might affect that. Board chair Jamie Morphis addressed the ongoing discussions during the work session.

"As you know, we've had conversations over the last few months," Morphis said. "We kind of left it open-ended and I wanted to bring that back and get some feedback from you all (the board) to move forward with some things."

Morphis said that during the regular June school board meeting, the city will get an answer on each of the properties under discussion.

COMPLEX ON 3A

Cocky authors encourage students to be themselves

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Two former South Carolina Gamecock football players brought a heaping dose of reading fun to Thornwell School for the Arts Wednesday, June 7 during the school's summer reading program.

Preston Thorne, who graduated with a Masters of Teaching from USC, and Langston Moore, a veteran of the NFL and current sideline reporter for USC, spoke to students in grades kindergarten through third about their book, #JustAChicken.

Thorne and Moore wrote the book while fellow USC

Alum Kev Roche illustrated it. The colorful story features several characters that are easily recognizable to fans of the SEC.

#JustAChicken tells the story of Cockey, USC's famed mascot, as he tries to find his place. He compares himself to others and feels that he can never be good enough because he is #JustAChicken.

While reading the book was fine, Moore and Thorne took it a step further. They asked the students to count the number of animals with tails in an illustration, asked them to identify the emotions and conversations characters might be having based on a picture and taught other lessons all while the students were having fun.

Moore said that teaching comes naturally to them.

"I'm the son of a teacher and he's a teacher so education has always been our deal," Moore said. "It is great

for us to have a story but if we don't share it with anyone then it is kind of all for nothing. Coming out here and teaching in covert ways, so that they don't know they are learning, is always fun. Teachers are so resourceful and they come up with so many different kinds of things and it is fun for us to be able to do that. We hope to reaffirm all of the good things that teachers are doing."

The book teaches children to be themselves. Being able to visit schools and affirm that lesson has been rewarding, Moore said.

"We just do a few visits during the summer just because of intermittent summer classes but during the year we are visiting pretty much every day," Moore said. "This is our third year of having the book out. The first year wasn't too heavy with the school visits, we were just trying to get the materials



First-grade students at Thornwell pose for a photo with Preston Thorne and Langston Moore. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

out, but the last year it has been picking up a lot, which is good. We travel a lot, we've

been to Texas; we've been all over with our story."

#JustAChicken can be pur-

chased online at vendors like Amazon as well as mascot-books.com.





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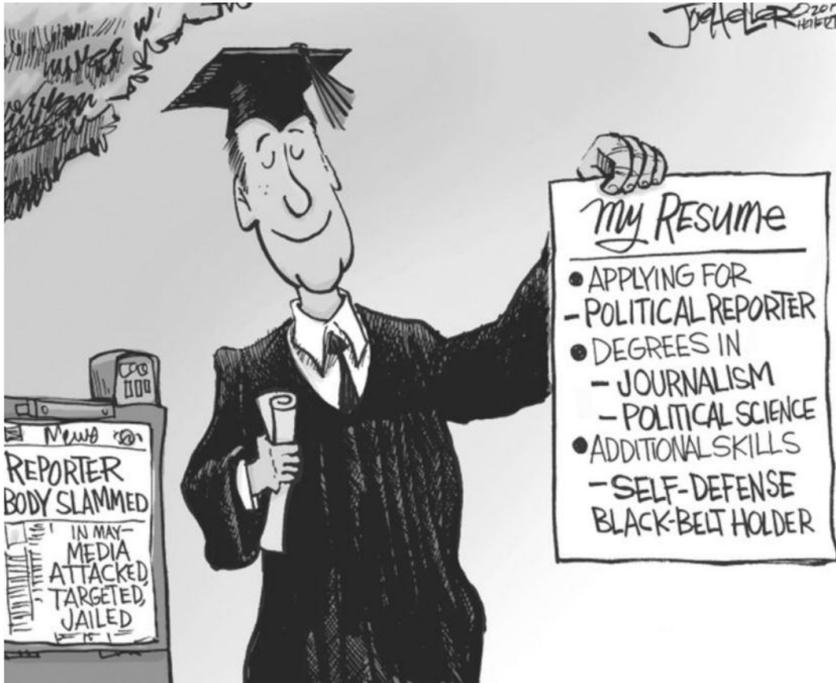
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Word of the Week

adumbrate
1 : to foreshadow vaguely ; intimate
2 : to suggest, disclose, or outline partially
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OP-ED

Remembering Dad

By Bill Shepard

Daddy, Dear Daddy, long gone on to that other world, but beautiful and, sometimes, painful memories linger!

Oh how I wish I would have said to my daddy all of the things I am about to write on these pages.

Some of my fondest and most memorable memories of daddy were made when I was a little boy. Those were the years of the 20's and 30's of the 1900's. Times were as hard as cement and presented a challenge to every man to provide for himself and his family. Dad had been a poor dirt farmer all of his life, plowing a living out of another man's land. When he learned of the big cotton mill that was operating in Darlington, he sold his mule and moved his wife and three young sons to Darlington and started a new career working in the mill. It was a job that lasted

as long as the old mill was in operation. His three young sons followed in his footsteps and when each became old enough they too went to the mill to work.

At that time, long before the forty-hour work week went into effect, the mill operated one twelve hour shift per day, five and one-half days a week. Dad reported for work at 6:00 a.m. each day and finished at 6:00 p.m. In the wintertime it was dark when dad left the house for work and dark when he returned home. As hard as the day's work was, I never heard dad complain. He was grateful to have a job and a house for his family to live in.

I liked the summertime when the days were long and warm. That was when dad and I spent more time together. I liked helping dad plant his garden. Dad would dig the holes and I would follow behind dropping seeds into each hole.

When the plants started growing I would help dad to hoe the weeds and grass from them. Dad could always find something to do and I would help.

On Sundays dad would take the family on pleasure rides through the country in his T-model Ford. Those were exciting trips. Seldom did we make a trip that we didn't have at least one tire to go flat. While dad patched the tire I would play up and down the road. Sometimes a person walking by would stop and help dad. When finished, dad would reach into his pocket and give the man some money. Dad truly loved his family and put them and their welfare first in his life.

My daddy was a quiet man and as gentle and kind as a human can be. He was a honest as a day is long, paid his debts as they came due, and was careful not to make more debt than he could pay. He lived by that rule. One of the best lines of advice he ever gave me was the following, "Never allow yourself to want what you can't have." I truly believe that dad lived by that rule and I can honestly say that he was the

most content person that I have ever known! My dad taught his family by the example he lived before us daily.

Dad was a "stay at home" dad! He was content to work in his garden during summer months. He raised two hogs every year and enjoyed watching them grow all summer long, and all the family enjoyed the fresh meat they would provide at Thanksgiving and Christmas, when they were butchered. I can remember dad going fishing only twice in his lifetime. He cared nothing for sports of any kind, and as far as I know he never went to a movie in his entire life, nor to a ball game. "Must have led a full life!", I can hear someone say. No, I have already stated that he was the most contented person I have ever known!

I never one time heard my dad use a word of profanity; he was never given to strong drink, and was generous to lend a helping hand to those in need. He lived his life by the "Golden Rule", "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!"

I often wished, as I grew

older, that I could be the kind of man that my dad was but I never felt that could measure up in all his traits! My regrets!

Our family was complete when two beautiful girls were added. It was as though they were sent to comfort mama and daddy when the boys were away in the military during World War 2. It must have been hard on both mom and dad during those years.

Shortly after the war began in the Pacific, there was a rubber shortage in America, and the government was in need for rubber with which to make tires for the vehicles used for the military. The government made a plea for folks to sacrifice their spare tire in their car, if they had one. Mr. AT. Shearin at the YMCA in Darlington was in charge of that program. My dad had five tires. His old car had been wrecked beyond repair, so dad took all the tires from the car and sold the car to a junkyard.

When dad learned of the project he took the tires and turned them in to Mr. Shearin. When he was asked what he thought he should be paid for

them he answered. I have three sons in the military and if the government needs these tires, I am glad to give them! "You're a poor man and you should be compensated something" Mr. Shearin insisted. When the check arrived it amounted to less than one dollar!

I don't think dad ever cashed that check. It lay on a tabletop in our house for as long as I remember.

This is Father's Day and I am remembering my father! He was a guiding influence in my life and still is! Wherever you are dad, Happy Father's Day!

For those reading this, if your father is still living, tell him all the things you wish them to knowdon't put it off!

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OP-ED

McMaster, Trump and Saving the Planet (and S.C.)

By Phil Noble

On Saturday morning, the newspaper landed with its usual thud on my front porch. As I bent over to pick it up I saw the headline, "McMaster Backs Trump's Exit from Climate Accord."

Instantly, I remember the words from a radio interview the day before with English businessman Richard Branson (Virgin Airlines and Records et. al) about Trump's action. He said, "When the leaders won't lead, the people will have to just get on with saving the planet; we have no choice."

Therein lies the problem and the solution to the most important issue on the planet – the survival of the planet.

First about the Agreement. Wikipedia does a good job of laying out the facts: the Paris Agreement is an agreement within the United Nations Convention on Climate Change dealing with greenhouse gas emissions, mitigation, adaptation and finance starting in the year 2020. The voluntary (repeat voluntary) language of the agreement was negotiated by representatives of 196 countries and adopted in December 2015.

To date, 195 countries have signed the agreement. The two who haven't are Nicaragua (who thinks the Agreement is too weak) and Syria because – well they are Syria.

Now, with Trump's decision, Syria has a partner, the United States. (Makes you proud to stand with mass killer Bashar al Assad on this, right?)

And the science. Now there are some who deny that climate change is real. The White House has refused to say if President Trump believes climate change is real. Climate change deniers point to a few scientists and studies that question if climate change is a hoax – excuse me, but no.

The overwhelming evidence from thousands of legitimate climate scientist from all over the world (and not being paid by the Koch brothers) is clear: climate change is real and anyone who denies that it is – is simply wrong. And, some will continue to be climate change deniers no matter what. There is still a Flat Earth Society.

And, public opinion. Setting aside the science, let's look at the politics of the issue. According to a recent study from Yale University, Americans across the board believe that we should participate in the Paris Agreement. Among all registered voters 69 – 13 percent agree, among Republicans 51-26 percent agree, and even among Trump voters 47-28 percent agree. And as for South Carolina public opinion, it's not too far off from the national opinions (Google to find some recent research).

So, what are we to do now?

Let's continue with Branson's words – we the people, must just "get on with it." And that is exactly what is happening across the U.S. and here in South Carolina.

Here's how folks on the state and local level are getting on with it.

No state has been more aggressive in its moves toward a clean energy future than California. Since the Trump announcement, they have launched an initiative to essentially ignore Trump's decision and move ahead with their clean energy initiatives.

California's Governor Jerry Brown, along with the governors of New York and Washington state, are coming together with Canada and Mexico to develop common strategies to support the Paris Accord. Several other states have indicated they will sign on and many others will certainly follow. Additionally, 211 mayors representing 54 million Americans from all across the county have signed on to a commitment to support the provisions of the Paris Accords in their communities. I'm very proud to say that the national effort was led by Columbia's Mayor Steve Benjamin who is the co-chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Thus far, he has been joined in South Carolina by Mayors John Tecklenburg of Charleston and Terence Roberts of Anderson. Other S.C. mayors are sure to join.

All of this is in addition to the 20 states and District of Columbia that have previously adopted their own greenhouse gasses emission targets – some more stringent that are called for in the Paris Accords.

PLANET ON 3A

OP-ED

Good Behavior Starts at Home

By Danny Watson

One of the most disturbing trends in society, in regard to children, is people who feel they will be arrested for disciplining their children.

"Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently." Whether you are a believer or not the words from Proverbs make a lot of sense. An ill-advised plan is to allow a child to raise themselves without any type of discipline or guidance. It is not the school district's job, the police department's job or the government's job to raise your children. We become involved all too often when they are so far out of control that very little can be done to bring them back to center. Good behavior starts at home.

The ones we are usually presented with have no respect for themselves, their parents or anyone else for that matter. Changing someone into who they need to be from such a dismal set of circumstances is like trying to put out a forest fire with a squirt gun. Law enforcement's primary tool of last resort is incapacitation. Arresting someone may show the consequences of one's actions to a person but most times it does not teach them the proper way to behave. Good behavior starts at home.

I have seen children swatted on the behind by their parents in grocery stores and restaurants numerous times. The child will often cry and in some circumstances become quite loud in their dismay at being disciplined. Swatting a child on the behind for misbehaving is not abuse. Punching a child, kicking a child or beat-

ing a child with a boat paddle all of those things are certainly abuse. Instilling in your child proper behavior and respect are not now nor has it ever been abuse. Good behavior starts at home.

Police officers are guides for children to help them find their way. We can help to shape a child to be successful, to be a good citizen and to be a willing part of the community as a whole. Yes there is child abuse, it does in fact happen. The vast majority of parents fear for their children and how they will turn out. Fear of

being arrested for swatting an unruly child on the behind shouldn't be something that enters their minds, however. I would much rather a child have the sound a swat on their behind ringing in their ears versus the slamming of a cell door behind them later on when it is almost too late to turn it around. Good behavior starts at home.

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The Oak Ridge Boys to perform Bojangles' Southern 500 National Anthem

County music icons The Oak Ridge Boys will participate in Darlington Raceway's award-winning throwback weekend by performing the National Anthem for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 on Sept. 3.

The multi-platinum recording artists, who have been performing together for four decades, had many hits in the 1985-89 era the track is celebrating with its throwback platform this season.

"We are honored beyond words to be invited to sing our National Anthem at Darlington Raceway's famed Bojangles' Southern 500 race weekend," said Oak Ridge Boy Joe Bonsall. "We've performed the anthem at many major sporting events over the years, and this performance will rank right up there as one of the highlights. Darlington Raceway is a legendary track in NASCAR and we're excited to be part of their throwback weekend. We are also stoked about seeing Dale Earnhardt Jr. in one of his last races. We all love #88."

The Oak Ridge Boys have one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry. The group's four-part harmonies and upbeat songs have spawned dozens of country hits, earned them Grammy, Dove, CMA, and ACM awards, and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades, including induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Every time they step before an audience, the Oaks bring four decades of charted singles, and 50 years of tradition, to a stage show widely acknowledged as among the most exciting anywhere. Duane Allen, Richard Sterban, Joe Bonsall and William Lee Golden comprise one of country's truly legendary acts, with a string of hits that includes the Country-Pop chart-topper Elvira, as well as Bobbie Sue, Dream On, Thank God For Kids, American Made, I Guess It Never Hurts To Hurt Sometimes, Fancy Free, Gonna Take A Lot Of River and many others.

The group has scored 12

gold, three platinum, and one double platinum album—plus one double platinum single—and has had more than a dozen national number one singles and over 30 Top-10 hits. They currently perform more than 150 shows each year at theaters, fairs, and festivals across the U.S. and Canada.

The Oak Ridge Boys' anthem performance adds yet another element to already exciting pre-race festivities celebrating the 1985-89 era of the sport. They will join iconic Poison front-man Bret Michaels, who will be performing the pre-race concert for the 68th running of the Bojangles' Southern 500.

"It's truly an honor to have The Oak Ridge Boys perform our Bojangles' Southern 500 National Anthem," Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp said. "The Oak Ridge Boys are a legendary group and we are pleased to add their anthem performance to an already exciting throwback celebration of the 1985-89 era of our sport. The Oak Ridge

Boys, teamed with a pre-race concert by Bret Michaels, will be a race day fans won't want to miss."

Fans have the exclusive opportunity to watch the Bret Michaels concert from the front of the pre-race stage. In addition to the purchase of a Bojangles' Southern 500 grandstand ticket, a pre-race access pass may be purchased for an additional \$50. This pass will not only give fans stage front access for the concert, but will also include an up close view of the Monster Energy Series drivers as they are introduced to the crowd.

Darlington Raceway's award-winning throwback campaign is the The Official Throwback Weekend of NASCAR, featuring the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500® on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017. The NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017. Tickets are on sale now by calling 866-459-7223 or visiting DarlingtonRaceway.com.

County

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Stewart pointed out that there is no commitment from the state to cover part of the retirement increase burden beyond this budget year.

Council gave final approval to a new Emergency Services Fee (Ordinance 17-04) which will increase vehicle fees from \$30 to \$45 and bump property fees from \$60 to \$80. At Council's April 4 work session, county administrator Charles Stewart explained that this fee increase would keep the county from again raiding the general fund to cover budget shortfalls.

In other matters, Council approved acceptance of \$383,703 in County Transportation Commission funds to pave Underground Branch Road and resurface Belle-Aire Street.

Council approved two pur-

chases for Environmental Services: \$120,965 for a Peterbilt tractor and \$62,785 for a steel ejector transfer trailer to be used at the county landfill.

By unanimous vote, Council approved Resolution 677 and designated October 15, 2017 as an annual day of remembrance honoring World War II hero William G. "Billy" Farrow.

Council also approved a request for \$15,000 in Hospitality Tax funds from the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce for Freedom Fest, the fireworks and music festival scheduled for July 1 at the Darlington Raceway.

After executive session, Council approved a contract of approximately \$363,000 with Southern Health Partners of Hartsville to provide inmate medical services at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center for the next year.

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Miss Darlington, Sarah Floyd was first to speak.

"I am from Hartsville, South Carolina so I am not too far away," Floyd said. "I am very excited. The pageant was a few weeks ago and we've already started getting things running. My platform is promoting the arts in our schools and communities. I plan to go to Darlington Middle School, Darlington High School, Trinity-Byrnes, all of these schools that are in our county and city. I am hoping to get all of these kids excited about music and art. We have so many arts things around Darlington and we want to instill that in our kids, get them excited about it, get their parents excited about it because the arts aren't something that are very appreciated these days...We have so

much talent here in Darlington...and we really need to get our kids involved."

Miss Darlington Teen Saviah Miller spoke next.

"I am from Florence, South Carolina and my platform is Read Across America: The Importance of Literacy," Miller said. "I plan to show kids in Darlington how important reading is by going to schools and telling them how amazing reading can be and how it can bring you to another world. I love reading and I just want to share my love of reading with all of the students."

Mayor Gloria Hines presented a Key to the City of Darlington to both Floyd and Miller.

Longtime City Judge Dan Causey also received a Key to the City, along with the thanks of Mayor Hines and several others for his service to the city.

Complex

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"We had three different locations that the city was looking to the district to possibly give," Morphis said. "We have had considerable explanations at y'all's request and of course we've had some other discussion. It will be on the agenda for our next board meeting so this can be put to rest and the city can move forward."

The three properties are Mayo's Virgil Wells Stadium, the ballfields located on Blue Street and the amphitheater at St. John's Elementary School. The city is also requesting a 100 ft easement on either side of the creek at St. John's for a walking trail.

Andrews told the board that each request could be

considered individually and that a 'no' on a single property would not kill the city's plans.

"Don't think that the amphitheater is going to kill the 100 feet," Andrews said. "Look at it at four properties if you need to."

When board members asked for a timeframe, expressing concern that if the district gives the city the property it will sit there unused, Andrews said that the city will be getting the money for the project soon and will move forward just as fast as they can.

"I don't know if y'all have visited our ballfields here in Darlington but we can't afford to wait to do anything anymore," Andrews said. "As soon as we can get something going and get it built, we are going to get it built and get them moved."

Cruise-in returns to Joe's Grill

The newly formed Darlington Cruisers Car Club, in conjunction with Lisa and Buddy Ralley, new owners of Joe's Grill, will present the 27th Cruise-in at Joe's Grill. The event will be held Saturday, June 17, at the historic venue. Trophies will be awarded in 10 classes as well as Best In Show. Registration will be from 8 a.m. until noon. Awards will be presented at 2 p.m. Joe's Grill will be open for breakfast and lunch. For further information about the Cruise-in or the Darlington Cruisers Car Club, call Joey Saleeby at 843-393-4448 or Robert Garland at 843-858-0902.



Planet

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And it's not just the politicians that are acting; it's corporate America as well. Two members of Trump's own economic advisory board, Tesla's Elon Musk and Bob Iger of Disney have resigned in protest. Lloyd Blankfein, the chief executive of Goldman Sachs, had never used Twitter before but addressed the exit from the accord in his first tweet: "Today's decision is a setback for the environment and for the U.S.'s leadership position in the world."

Twenty-five companies, including Apple, Facebook, Google and Microsoft bought full-page ads in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and others in support of the Paris Accords. All told 100+ major corporate leaders publicly opposed the Trump decision.

Former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg even said the he would personally pay the \$15 million to the UN to support the U.S. share of funds lost due to Trump pulling out of the agreement.

And just to round out the choir, over 80 university presidents across the country

signed on their support of the Agreement... so much for Trump's claim of 'junk science.'

Though it was not in the U.S., my personal favorite was the response from the newly elected 39-year-old President Emmanuel Macron of France. At the recent meetings in Europe he had been treated dismissively by Trump and he ended a recent speech in support of the Accords by directly addressing the American people, in English no less. He said we must all work together "to make the planet great again."

And so, what of us in South Carolina? The good news is that like many other states and cities, we have begun (but only begun) to take concrete action on the state and local level – more on the local than the state level. But, a whole, whole lot more needs to be done.

My favorite example is a news story this week about Mayor Tim Grimsley of the tiny Colleton County town of Cottageville (population 740) who has installed sufficient solar panels that the town is set to become the first municipality in the state to switch completely to renewable

energy.

Now back to Gov. McMaster. When asked last week about his views on Trump's actions, he expressed his full support for Trump's actions saying, "I'm with Trump. We'll be fine. We're getting better and better."

The great irony of this is that McMaster made these comments as he left a meeting with Charleston area officials on how the region can deal with the coming hurricane season. The data (not alternative facts) shows that climate change is one of the principle reasons that the hurricanes that endanger South Carolina are getting stronger and more frequent.

So, the bottom line on all this is that it's up to us on the state and local level to go to work to protect the 32,020 square miles of turf that God has given us to call home – South Carolina.

That said, just don't expect to get any help from Trump or McMaster – but I'll bet Mayor Grimsley in Cottageville would be happy to talk with you and give you some ideas.

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1 Thessalonians 5:11

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Bessie Sanders
Bessie Sanders, 70, of Darlington died on Sunday, June 4, 2017.

A celebration of her life was held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Kistler Hardee Funeral Home. The family received friends from 2 until 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sanders was born in Darlington County. She was the daughter of the late Otis and Iva Mae Johnson. Mrs. Sanders was a member of the Darlington Church of God in Darlington and loved to visit friends at the Crossroads. She also enjoyed listening to Elvis and country music.

Surviving are her daughter, Kimberly Morse (William Calcutt) of Darlington; her step daughters, Donna Mitchell and Renee Kramer; her granddaughter, Elizabeth Polston of Darlington; her great grandson, Jordan Hall of Darlington; her niece, Beverly McIntyre of Hartsville; her great niece, Barbie Hatchell of Hartsville; her great great niece and nephew, Jack and Aaliyah Hatchell of Hartsville; and several cousins and friends.

Mrs. Sanders was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Sanders; her niece, Angelina McIntyre; her great nephew, Josey Lee McIntyre; her son, Philip Morse; her brothers, Warren and Lucas Johnson; and her sister, Bevin McIntyre Johnson.

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

Deborah Weatherford Humphries

Deborah "Debbie" Weatherford Humphries, age 52, passed away Saturday, June 3, 2017. A memorial service was held 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 6th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home.

Born March 18, 1965 in Pickens, SC, Debbie is the daughter of the late Charles E. Weatherford and Betty Edwards

Weatherford. She worked as a clerk for the Darlington County Auditor's office. She loved life, and enjoyed being around people and enjoyed music.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Humphries; her daughters, Brandi (Ben) Ciccone of Florence, and Heather Humphries of Colorado Springs, CO; her granddaughter, Emily Ciccone; two sisters, Linda Weatherford (David Miller) of Darlington, and Eva Asaro. She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Weatherford, Jr.

The family will receive friends at the home of Linda Weatherford, 404 Kingfisher Dr. Darlington, SC 29532.

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

Jon Michael Lyons

Jon Michael "Mike" Lyons, age 45, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2017. A visitation was held 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 8th at Belk Funeral Home, Darlington.

Born August 25, 1971, Mike is the son of Donald L. Lyons and Jean Loflin Lee. Mike worked in construction for 20 years, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

In addition to his parents, Donald L. (Cheryl) Lyons of Goose Creek and Jean Loflin Lee of Timmons ville, he is survived by his sister, Magan "Betsy" (David) Thomas of Goose Creek; his niece, Everly Rose Thomas of Goose Creek; and his grandmother, Betty H. Loflin of Timmons ville.

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

Tommy Christopher Perkins

Tommy Christopher Perkins, 51, of Darlington died on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 9, 2017 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home. Burial followed in Magnolia Cemetery. The family received friends from 2 until 3 p.m. on Friday, Jun 9, 2017 at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home.

Tommy was born in Darlington County. He loved spending time with his family and working. Tommy also enjoyed working on his truck, fishing and riding dirt bikes.

Surviving are his mother, Victoria Cowick Perkins of Florence; his fiancé, Nancy Nobles; his children, Ashley Perkins, Sabrina Perkins, Ryan Perkins, Brittany Hopkins and husband, Dustin, Robert Windham, Adam Smith, and Jason Smith; his brother, Terry Perkins; his sister, Dorothy Oliphant and husband, Lacy; and his grandchildren, Kylie Windham and Addison Hopkins; and his nieces and nephews, Terry Perkins, Jr., Kenneth Gainey, Austin Kennedy, Blaze Avant, Shawn Perkins, Winter Blackmon, Sumter Blackmon, Autumn Blackmon.

Tommy was preceded in death by his father, Buddy Perkins; his sister, Vicki Perkins and by his brother, Bump Perkins.

Yvonne Watford

Yvonne Reynolds Watford, age 59, died Wednesday, June 7th at her residence after a lengthy illness. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 10th in Elim United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday evening at Belk Funeral Home, Lamar Chapel.

Born in Sumter on November 19, 1957, she is the daughter of the late Frank Viven Reynolds and Julia Andrews Reynolds. Before her sickness,

Yvonne worked at IGA in Darlington and at CHAMPUS. She enjoyed having family around and was raised in the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In addition to her mother of Lamar, she is survived by her husband, Hoss Watford of the home, her daughter, Kyleen (Hampton) Logan, a grandson, James Logan; her sister, Lynette (Bobby) Hudson, her brothers, Gene (Deborah) Reynolds, Randy (Wanda) Reynolds, all of Lamar, many nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts and uncles. Also surviving are her two four-

legged friends, Scooter and Skylar.

Memorials may be made to Amedisys Hospice, c/o Amedisys, Inc. ATTN: Amedisys Foundation, 3854 American way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816-4013.

A tribute page to honor Yvonne's life is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

Horace "Blue" W. Boseman

Horace "Blue" W. Boseman, age 77, passed away Friday, June 9, 2017. Funeral services were held 4 p.m. Monday in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following at Grove Hill Cemetery. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Born February 29, 1940, Horace is the son of the late Willie T. Boseman and Lenara Arie O'Neal Boseman. He worked at Perfection American, and for the S.C. Department of Highway and Transportation until his retirement. He loved dancing, enjoyed meeting people, and doing yard work. He loved his family, his grandchildren, and his canine friend "Poo Poo". He attended Dovesville Church of God.

Surviving are his daughters, Lorna Boseman, Pam (Bobby) Edwards, both of Darlington, Darlene Boseman, Lisa (Todd) Kelley, both of Hartsville, Tonya Blackburn of Darlington; his sons, Horace "Billy" Boseman, Jr. and Jonathan (Anita) Boseman, both of Georgia. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Jessica, Hannah, and Haley Edwards, Ashley and Brandon Cole, Shane Atkinson, Skyler Kelley, Ashley Boseman, Kimberliah Brinkley; one great-grandson, Jax Edwards; and his sisters, Lenara (Charlie) Wallace and Bonnie Turbeville, both of Darlington.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Eunice B. Beasley and Dot Odum.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

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

CHURCH NEWS

Please send your church news and photos to: editor@newsandpress.net.

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. For more information, email BibleAcademy@yahoo.com.

Vacation Bible School

Black Creek Baptist Church, 137 Mont Clare Rd, Darlington, will hold their Vacation Bible School "GALACTIC STARVEY-ORS" June 11-15, 5:30-8 p.m. For more information, call 843-393-1140.

Vacation Bible School

Saint Matthews Church would like to invite students to join them for Vacation Bible school. The Theme is "Kingdom Stories." VBS will be held June 12th - June 15th from 9 a.m. - noon. Kids ages 3 to graduates of 5th grade are invited to attend. There will be a picnic Thursday night from 5:30-7 p.m. where the kids will act out the lessons they learned. Please go to www.saintmatthews.us and follow the link to register.

Revival

Revival Services will be held at Center Baptist Church, located at 3420 Sally Hill Rd. in Timmons ville, the week of June 12-16, 2017 @ 7:30 night-

ly. The speaker for the week will be the Reverend I. J. Myers, Pastor of New Zion Baptist Church in the Sardis Community of Timmons ville, SC. Various choirs have been invited to render songs of praise for the week. Everyone is invited.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church Darlington will be June 19-22. The sessions will be held each day from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is a Family Fun Night on Thursday, June 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Email darlingtonfbc@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

Vacation Bible School

Mechanicsville Baptist Church, 2364 Cashua Ferry Road, will hold Vacation Bible School June 25th through 30th from 5:30 to 8:30pm. We will serve a meal nightly. We will have a class for all ages, even the adults. We will be going to the Promise Land (Candy Land). All are invited.

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

LIVING ON PURPOSE

Nothing is impossible with God

By Dr. William Holland

I never grow weary of writing about prayer because to me it's the heart of our spiritual communication with God. Even though I believe that our heavenly Father listens and all things are possible with Him, I must admit I do not pray like I should. We realize our spirit is willing but unfortunately our flesh is weak and has every intention to prevent us from connecting with the Almighty. In fact, there is hostility between the carnal mind that is governed by our human nature and anything that is associated with God including our new transformed spirit that is dedicated to knowing and serving Him. This explains why praying is much easier to talk about than to do. As the popular English minister F.B. Meyer once said, "The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but neglected prayer."

Of course, we know there is no problem too large or small for the Lord to take care of. His long list of divine attributes includes being the creator and authority over all things and accepting that He is in total control gives us a wonderful sense of peace and security. We are motivated to pray when convinced that He desires to intervene and is concerned with even the smallest details of our life. He may not always give us the answer we are seeking but that does not take away from the reality that He is working in our best interest. "Do not be worried or anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:6-7.

I have the privilege to be a free-lance columnist for many newspapers around the country and I take this responsibility seriously. Anyway, I was cleaning house the other day, mopping and vacuuming, (yes, men do such things), and I was casually talking with the Lord about how I had been trying for several months but had been unable to

make any contacts with editors from a particular state as if the door was locked and how I needed Him to do the impossible. While thanking Him for His blessings I felt compelled to kneel in front of the couch and pour my heart out to Him. A couple of hours later, I returned to my office and while routinely checking email messages, I opened one of them and - you guessed it! It was from a large newspaper in the very state I had been praying about, saying they would love to run my column every Saturday in their religion page. Can you imagine the expression on my face? This may not be a big deal to some, but to me it was nothing less than amazing! I nearly cried as just a short while earlier I had called upon Him in faith, to please help me and make a way where there seemed to be no way. I admitted that I had done all I could do and I needed His super-natural power. This was not a coincidence, and I believe it's just one of the millions of daily demonstrations where God steps in and performs a miracle according to His perfect will. Jeremiah 29:12 says, "You shall call upon Me, and you shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you."

Whatever you are praying for today, remember that God has seen your thoughts and listens to every word we say. He knows all about our problems and situations and has seen our tears even in the darkest night. This is not a guarantee we will receive everything we ask for, and we must also consider His requirements and timing, but He wants us to know that He really cares about what is important to us, (even the little things). Jesus loves us so much that He sacrificed His life in order to rescue our soul and have a personal relationship with us. We are humbled in His presence and love and praise Him not only for what He can do but most of all just for who He is.

Dr. Holland lives in Central Kentucky with his wife Cheryl, where he is a Christian author, outreach minister and community chaplain. To learn more visit: billyhollandministries.com

Notice of Landscaping Bids

The City of Darlington is accepting bids for the landscaping maintenance of several areas for FY 2017-18. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, and opened at that time. City Council will award the bid during its July meeting. Bid packets with complete details can be picked up at the Codes Enforcement Office, 400 Pearl St., Darlington, beginning Wednesday, June 7, 2017. For information, call the Planning Department at 843-398-4000 x 103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.



Happy Father's Day Hayward Goodson Jr.

Sunrise: 2-29-52 Sunset: 2-20-12

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We are serving up as "Today's Special," Franklin Pup. This guy is just too cute for words. Sporting a soft, medium length coat perfect for petting, his white jacket and black accented ears are causing all the heads to turn here at the shelter. Be prepared for a big smile and wagging tail! Stop by soon and allow us to serve up this super special pup, Franklin, to you! 8 mos old; collie/bird dog; male

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

Centennial Farmers Market

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

Darlington Elks Lodge

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

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 North Main Street in

Darlington. Meetings will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

AA meets at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street: 12 noon and 6 p.m. Monday/Wednesday; 12 noon and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; and 8pm Sunday.

Al-Anon Meetings

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

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

Yoga for Beginners

Yoga will be held at the Darlington Library the 1st and 3rd Saturday each month from 12:30-2 p.m.

Book Club

The Darlington Library Book Club meets the 3rd Saturday of each month 12pm-1 p.m. Stop by the library to pick up each month's selection.

June 19 - July 4

Swearing In

The City of Darlington will hold a swearing-in ceremony for Judge Robert Stucks at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 19, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St.

Public Hearing

Darlington City Council will hold a public hearing on the FY2017-2018 budget at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, followed by a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., to finalize the budget.

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@darcoosc.com.

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.

NAACP Meeting

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

July 12 - 18

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.

Aug. 3 - 15

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 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@darcoosc.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.

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. 2017

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

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

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, September 11, 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@darcoosc.com.

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.

NAACP Meeting

The Darlington Branch of the NAACP meets 7 p.m., September 12, at 109 Pearl St., Darlington.

Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, September 19 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.

Darlington County Ambulance Commission

The Darlington County Ambulance Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 26 at 6 p.m. at the EMS/EPA Building Courthouse Annex, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway. For questions, contact: 843-398-4450.

Oct. 2017

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, October 7

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, October 12 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.

Yam Jam Concert

Live concert with food and beverages available on site to purchase in conjunction with the S.C. Sweet Potato Festival on Saturday, October 14 Palmetto Furniture, 308 S. Main St. from 6 to 9 p.m.

Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, October 17 – Joint meeting at 6 p.m., and 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.

Nov. 2017

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, November 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.

Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, November 14 (due to Thanksgiving) 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.

Darlington County Ambulance Commission

The Darlington County Ambulance Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 28 at 6 p.m. at the EMS/EPA Building Courthouse Annex, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway. For questions, contact: 843-398-4450.

Dec. 2017

Shop Small Downtown Open House

First Thursday of December 6 – 8 p.m. Photos with Santa, music, vendors, giveaways, and specials at area businesses

American Legion

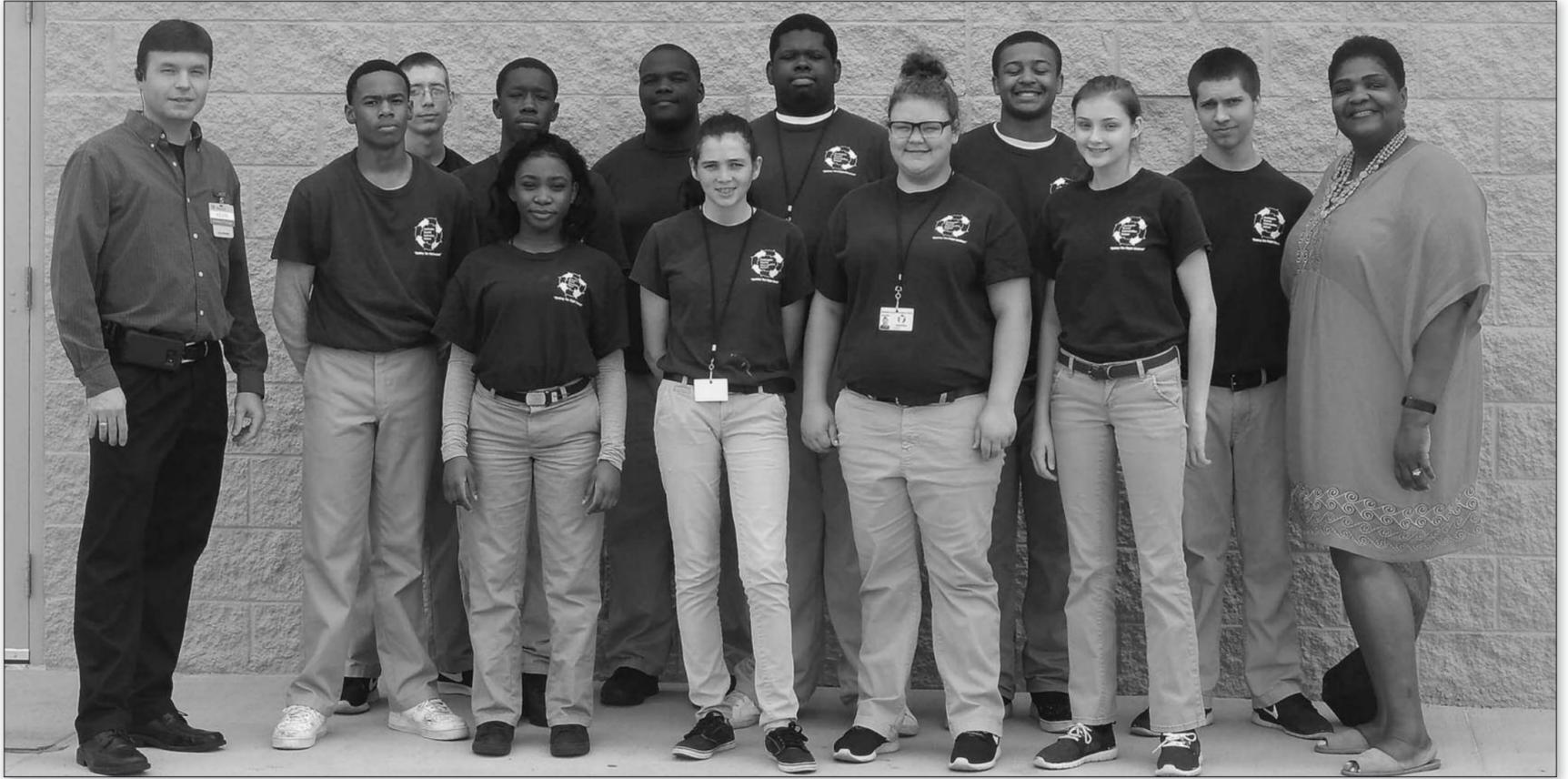
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Students from DCIS gather outside Walmart of Darlington for a photo with Kevin Lane, store manager, and Dr. Zenobia Edwards, director of DCIS. The students visited Walmart as part of an educational workshop. PHOTO COURTESY OF DARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DCIS students get behind-the-scenes look at Walmart

Students at the Darlington County Intervention School (DCIS) got to chance to go on a behind-the-scenes trip to Walmart recently.

Dr. Zenobia Edwards, director of DCIS, said the school took a group of students to the store as an educational experience.

"The students got a chance to see how the company

works, what the manager looks for in employees and some of the associated benefits of being a Walmart employee," Edwards said.

Kevin Lane, store manager for the Darlington Walmart, led the student workshop before giving the students a storewide tour. The group met with departmental man-

agers and explored how the business operates.

The experience aligned with goals at DCIS to provide students with real-world experiences and skills necessary to obtain employment or continue education after high school.

After the trip, she said several students submitted applications for employment.



Photo exhibit at Darlington Chamber office puts spotlight on Nucor Steel

By Samantha Lyles
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Darlington photographer Ronda Gandy's exhibition "Taking it Further than Paper," currently on display at the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce, features an array of images from the Nucor Steel plant affixed to a most appropriate medium: actual Nucor steel.

The exhibit started out as an independent project for an art class at Francis Marion University, and Gandy's goal was admittedly ambitious.

"I wanted to try and transfer photos from digital onto steel. I came up with that idea because my husband works at Nucor and he was telling me about the flat steel they make. I thought that might be a good surface for the project," says Gandy.

Nucor donated some steel flats and arranged a tour of their Darlington plant, during which Gandy took numerous pictures of iconic steel manufacturing equipment, such as smelting vats filled with bright orange liquid steel. She also photographed the men and

women of Nucor hard at work, and selected some of the best shots for transfer onto flat steel plates and C-shaped sections of channel steel.

Gandy says for several weeks, her home became a sort of photo lab where she experimented with different methods for fixing her images to the steel surfaces.

"My house was covered in nothing but this stuff... It took me about three months to come up with chemicals to make the pictures stay on the steel," she says, and describes a cocktail of DASS photo chemicals, alcohol, Windex, and heat that finally did the trick.

The resulting images are layered with meaning, showcasing the people who make Nucor steel and the daunting scale of the steel manufacturing process, then enshrining those images on tangible examples of their work. The flats and channel pieces are not polished to cosmetic perfection, either, so their whorls and texture add another layer of character to the images.

In addition to the Nucor photos, the exhibit showcases

portraits transferred to tempered glass, photos of storm-tossed boats (battered by Hurricane Matthew) transferred onto wood, as well as framed photographs of local agriculture operations and the personnel and equipment of the Darlington Fire Department.

Norm Steadman, executive director of the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce, says the spacious and well-lit Chamber offices make an ideal gallery space for artworks.

"We want to showcase local talent," says Steadman, adding that he wants to develop the Chamber as a display space so that art lovers regularly stop by to see new exhibits and – perhaps – buy some of the works to support area artists. "The long term goal is to have something on display year-round, and to have that known to the community so they can just stop in and see it."

Ronda Gandy's photographic exhibition will continue through June 16. To contact her about her works, email rondagandy@gmail.com. The Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce is located at 38 Public Square, and their phone number is 843-393-2641



American Red Cross assisting family in Darlington after fire

American Red Cross disaster-trained volunteers are assisting a family whose home, located on Tuskegee Street in Darlington, was damaged by a fire. The Hartsville Fire Department responded to the blaze. The Red Cross is helping four adults by providing financial assistance for food, clothing, lodging and other essentials, and comfort kits containing personal hygiene items.

Every four hours in South Carolina the Red Cross helps a family after a home fire. To help protect your family and home follow these tips to be prepared.

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Four-run fourth propels Darlington past Hartsville



Darlington's hitting game was on point against Hartsville, giving them a 5 to 1 victory, Wednesday, June 7. PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

A four-run bottom of the fourth inning by Darlington Post 13 junior legion baseball was more than enough to secure a 5-1 victory over Hartsville's junior legion team this past Wednesday.

Down 1-0 in the bottom of the fourth, Darlington's Jaques and Jalin Mullins made their presence known to all of the visiting Hartsville fans.

Leading off the inning, Jaques blasted a solo homer over the left-center field wall and Post 13 did not stop there.

"I just need to hit for my team," Jaques said. "Coach told me to keep my hands up and stop dropping and I just made an adjustment at the next at-bat."

Following the homer, Hartsville was able to get two quick outs and it looked like that was going to be all of the

offense Darlington was going to get in the inning, but first baseman Tanner Vause reached first after being hit by a pitch and that seemed to open Pandora's box.

With Vause on first and two outs, catcher Trae Buck and outfielder Jaquan Hickman had back-to-back singles to load the bases for Jalin, who hit a bases clearing double due to a misjudgment by the Hartsville left fielder.

Darlington added one more run in the fifth inning when Buck walked with the bases loaded.

"We hit in spots, I thought we left way too many guys on base, but overall I thought the effort was better tonight," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said. "We played a pretty good baseball game."

Hartsville's lone run came in the top of the third inning and that was the only blemish starting pitcher Keshawn Taylor had

the entire game, going the distance while throwing only 70 pitches.

"I can't do it without my teammates," Taylor said. "I had a great game from my middle infielders."

From start to finish he kept the Hartsville hitters off balance and Darlington's defense was just as outstanding, turning a double play in three consecutive innings.

"Keshawn came in and pounded the strike zone, 70 pitches in seven innings and only one strikeout which means we had to play some pretty good defense behind it," Gearhart said. "We had three double plays tonight which is absolutely huge. Had a couple of errors, but they didn't cost us and that was beneficial."

The win was Darlington first region win of the young season with Post 13's overall regular season record improving to 1-1, overall, 1-1 in the region.

McLeod Sports Medicine to host symposium

McLeod Sports Medicine will host a symposium at The SiMT building on the campus of Florence Darlington Technical College on June 24, 2017. The symposium, entitled "The Art of Manipulating Pain in Your Athlete: Holistic and Manual Techniques", will address clinician approaches to pain following an athletic injury.

Topics Include: The Science of Pain and Symptom Transmission: Reducing Pain Symptoms in Peripheral Joint Injuries, The Psychology of Pain: Assessment and Management in Multidisciplinary Care, Multimodal Pain Management and the Surgical Patient, Pain Crisis in Athletics: Pharmacology and Appropriate use for Athletes, Hip and Pelvic Assessment and Treatment Using Muscle Energy Techniques, Dry Needling (MyoPain, Kinetacore, and Integrative Dry Needling), Manual Therapy Techniques, Effective Solutions for Long Term Symptoms from Single or Repeated Traumatic Brain Injuries, and Splinting and Casting with Fiberglass.

The symposium is offering continuing education credits through Pee Dee AHEC and is targeted to Certified Athletic Trainers, Physical Therapists, Physical

Therapist Assistants, Occupational Therapists, and Occupational Therapist Assistants. The cost of the symposium is \$100

(\$25 for students) and includes lunch and refreshments. Registration can be completed online at www.peedeeahc.net. To view more details about the symposium, visit www.McLeodSportsMedicine.org.

About McLeod Sports Medicine

McLeod Sports Medicine is a team of Physicians, Physical Therapists, Certified Athletic Trainers, and other medical professionals dedicated to helping athletes prevent injury, improve performance and achieve personal goals. McLeod Sports Medicine currently provides Athletic Trainers to 23 facilities in Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Horry, Marion, and Marlboro Counties. Certified Athletic Trainers are Board Certified, highly trained health professionals who work with sports teams and athletes to ensure they are healthy before competing, keep them healthy when they play, treat them when they are injured and work on getting them back to healthy competition.

Darlington runs out of gas late and falls to Cheraw

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

It seemed like the longest game in junior legion baseball history. Technically it was three hours and 10 minutes.

Regardless of the length, however, the result was still painful as Darlington Post 13 lost 15-9 to Cheraw this past Thursday at home.

"It's one of those games where you have to fight through the adversity and learn how to get better," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said.

From confusing strike zones, untimely errors and clutch hitting, this game was a back and forth contest that had a little bit of everything in it from a baseball standpoint.

The game had an uneasy start as Cheraw opened up by scoring three runs in the top of the first off of Darlington starting pitcher Nick Perry.

The feeling quickly went away however, as Post 13 scored five runs in the bottom of the first to answer Cheraw's three and then added another two in the bottom of the sec-



A confusing strike zone made for tough work for Darlington's pitching team. PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON

ond inning.

After getting the first batter to fly out, Darlington's Ace James reached on an error and that was followed up by four consecutive walks and three consecutive singles giving Post 13 a 5-3 lead.

"I think both teams were at a big disadvantage pitching wise tonight," Gearhart said. "I think we were forced to throw the ball down the mid-

dle a little bit and at the high school baseball level if you see a pitch down the middle you are going to hit it and that is what I think you saw a lot of early in the game."

Darlington extended that lead in the second inning as James scored on a wild pitch and first baseman Tanner Vause singled in a run.

Post 13's 7-3 lead was short lived, however, as Cheraw put

up a five spot of its own in the top of the third inning. It extended its lead to 9-7 in the fourth inning as one more run came across to score.

The six unanswered runs did not deter Darlington, though. Down by two in the bottom of the fourth inning, Post 13 tied the game back up with Vause scoring on wild pitch and Garrett Knight on an error by Cheraw's shortstop.

Cheraw answered those two runs, however, in the top of the fifth inning with five more of its own. It added an insurance run in the seventh.

Darlington went scoreless in the final three innings of play while leaving five runners on base, including the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"We left too many guys on base," Gearhart said.

Recap

In a game that was originally supposed to be play in McBee, Post 13 instead got to play another home game and won 7-5 this past Friday.

Darlington's current record is 2-2 overall, 2-2 in the region.

Statewide Deer Harvest Decreases in 2016

By Charles Ruth,
SCDNR Big Game Coordinator

Results of the 2016 Deer Hunter Survey conducted by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) indicate that the statewide harvest of deer decreased about 11 percent last season, not surprising given the poor hunting conditions last fall. An estimated 99,678 bucks and 72,637 does made up a total harvest of 172,315.

The 2017 deer harvest is expected to increase due to carryovers from 2015 and 2016.

Increasing rapidly through the 1980s and 1990s, the deer population in South Carolina has generally been declining over the last dozen years and results from 2016 continued that trend. The reduction in harvest can likely be attributed to a number of factors including habitat change.

Although forest management activities stimulated significant growth in South Carolina's deer population from the 1970s through the 1990s, considerable acreage is currently in even-aged stands that are greater than 15 years old. According to forest inventory data, during the last 20 years the states' timberlands in the 0 to 15 year age class dropped 34 percent while timberlands in the 16 to 30 year age class increased 104 percent. These older stands are not as productive and simply do not support deer densities at the same level as younger stands in which food and cover is more available in the understory.

Also, coyotes are a recent addition to the landscape and are another piece of the puzzle. SCDNR has recently completed a major long-term study with researchers from the United States Forest Service Southern Research Station at the

Savannah River Site investigating the affects coyotes are having on the survival of deer fawns. This research demonstrated that coyotes can be a significant predator of deer fawns, that predation by coyotes can be an additive source of mortality, and that efforts to increase fawn recruitment via coyote control provided only modest results and at high cost.

Obviously one cannot apply these results uniformly across the state because habitats, coyote densities, deer densities, etc. vary. However, coyotes are now well established in South Carolina so they should be expected to play a role in deer population dynamics at some level. That being the case, this "new mortality factor" com-

bined with extremely liberal deer harvests that have been the norm in South Carolina are clearly involved in the reduction in deer numbers in the last decade. Given this and the difficulty and high cost of coyote control, it seems apparent that making adjustments to how we manage deer, particularly female deer, is more important now than prior to the colonization of the state by coyotes.

As it relates specifically to the decrease in harvest during the 2016 deer season it should be noted that hunting conditions in South Carolina were poor during the fall of 2016. This began the first week in October with hurricane Matthew. The magnitude of this event forced a flood relat-

ed temporary season closure for all game species in a number of coastal counties. Although these closures only lasted 5 to 10 days, the aftermath of Matthew created access and other problems for deer hunters. The deer harvest in a number of coastal counties affected by the storm was down over 25 percent, which dramatically affected statewide totals. Additionally, hunting was negatively impacted across the state by unseasonably warm temperatures and what many called a record acorn crop, both of which negatively affected daytime movements by deer.

Complete details of the 2016 Deer Harvest Report are available on the SCDNR website dnr.sc.gov



Do you know Darlington County?

The photo from last week was a sign at the Sonoco Tubes and Cores Converting Operations building on Patrick Hwy in Hartsville. Reader Hoyt Campbell was the only one with the correct answer. Loyal guessers Bill Segars and Wanda Hall had close guesses, as there are multiple signs like this on Sonoco property in Hartsville which made this picture extra tricky!

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 5 p.m. Friday. Good luck!

CITY OF DARLINGTON PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that Darlington City Council will hold a public hearing on the Municipal budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Date: June 27, 2017
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers of City Hall, 400 Pearl Street



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Carolina Drug: a Darlington tradition for 60 years

By Samantha Lyles
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Serving the Darlington community since 1957, Carolina Drug still upholds the same standards of professional and friendly service that have made it a Public Square keystone for generations.

"I think we're one of the oldest businesses in Darlington," observes Jean Weaver, pharmacist and co-owner of Carolina Drug since 1993 with husband Whittie Weaver. "To me, the customers make this store special. We have some very old customers, and every once in a while I'll see somebody that I haven't seen for twenty years or so because they moved away and came back."

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"The soda fountain does a lot of business because people working at the courthouse and other businesses need a place they can come and get a quick lunch," says Weaver.

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Left to right, Lacey Keith, Shannon McRae, and Jean Weaver invite you to visit Carolina Drug and enjoy a tasty lunch at the soda fountain / snack bar. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

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St John's High School Class of '57 gathers at Bonnoitt Ranch

By M B Spears
Special to the News & Press

This is a fact: If your school doesn't exist anymore, you're even more likely to cherish getting together with your graduating class. Somehow each gathering gets better than the last.

St John's Class of 1957 held its first reunion at the Darlington Country Club in 1967. It was okay; it was nice. We had a band of some kind. Some husbands hid in the kitchen and drank too much; mine was one of those.

Our second reunion took place after another ten years. It was good too, and also at a public place. Some of the husbands from that 10th reunion had been shed. Mine, I'm pleased to say, was among them.

But then, our St John's disappeared. I mean DISAPPEARED. The buildings were there, the amphitheatre for Class Day and May Day and graduation was there, but St John's High School was not. It's a shock to be abandoned by the Education Establishment. Like this: St John's High School – the tough one that sent us out well prepared – moved away in 1977. Worse: For two decades and more, there's been no St John's High School in Darlington County at all because in 1995, even the name disappeared. (Is it now politically incorrect to honor a patron saint of the area's first settlers?)

Quite a few of us went on

for more study, but look: those class reunions don't mean as much because you didn't grow UP with those people. You came together as strangers and left to become mostly strangers again. As for graduate degrees, nobody needs to reunite with graduate class because you don't get to know each other. The main point there is the Master's or the Ph. D. or the M. D. or Whatever D., so you take it and you leave. If you go back, those schools ask you to contribute money.

On the other hand, specially in the Pee Dee, you're in high school with people you've known all your life almost. You might not have loved them to begin with, or even at graduation, but have a few reunions and you love them, especially the ones who faithfully show up. You LOVE them. (Hear that, y'all? I LOVE you.) So we come back.

By now our Class of 1957 has gathered and re-gathered many times. We're so used to being on our own, we don't even gather at public places any more. Recently we've celebrated our Otherness privately:

- on the interesting acreage of Paul "Pim" Booth's Corn Maze on the other Hartsville Highway,
- at the home of Katharine "Kathy" Graham Sumner and Laura Graham, a former plantation house out at Leavenworth, suburb of Dovesville. The house is so historical, out front it boasts a

"rain porch." Even more astonishing, its central chimney soars massively through the upper levels.

• and twice at the Bonnoitt Ranch on Lide Springs Road, which it's possible to get lost before finding. I don't know whether the Bonnoitts -- John and Marsha, Jerry and Belinda (Howle) -- call their acreage a ranch, but they could.

The last balloons mark the cookhouse beside the water. There I find 40-or-so reclining in the shade of spreading oak branches, undiscouraged by 90-degree heat, talking non-stop. (Well, except for pausing to yell at me for being late.)

Most in this News & Press photo have attended faithfully through the years. Most marriages have endured and will endure for life. Eltas Jean Weatherford Norris wants to be here, but this first long drive from Gallatin TN without Buddy was too daunting to face.

Almost half our original 73 graduates have passed away, a sad fact we silently observe. Then after an achingly beautiful prayer by Steve Huntley, we move toward the serving line. Good food is a favorite event.

Our preferred activities have shifted from partying to renewing our knowledge of each others' lives and personalities. We don't even ask now who came from farthest away, though I'd guess today it's Edwin Williamson from DC. We know if Nancy Rogerson Schmeing weren't helping out

a daughter in California, she'd be here again from Canada. Vivian Booth Harris is less than a month beyond back surgery, but she's here, sparkling. (Not everybody is totally faithful: one guy is snorkeling in the Bahamas, asking us to mail him the program. Which we might remember to do. Or not.)

Our printed program owes thanks as usual to Kathy. This year it includes our names and most addresses, and offers "Music of the '50s" -- a quiz I made up (no technology needed):

Somebody (anybody) sings some lines, and when you recognize the song you shout out the title and maybe sing some more of it. Here's one: "Since my baby left me / I've found a new place to dwell / Down at the end of lonely street / It's

Sooner or later, though, people begin drifting away. Basil and Peggy Grainger Jordan stay, helping to put the place to rights again. There are only a few slices left of the famous pecan pies made by John and Jerry themselves, and the scant remains of our homecooked barbecue-and-bog dinner (Yankees call it lunch). Kathy Sumner's cake is gone, along with the sweet offerings of others. Most of us sent only money, a poor enough thing to do for such a special gathering.

Till next time, please, God.



Rev. Jackie Boyd stands near the Center Baptist Church sign announcing his 30th anniversary celebration. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Darlington pastor celebrates milestone anniversary

By Melissa Rollins
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Rev. Jackie Boyd recently celebrated a milestone anniversary as the pastor of Center Baptist Church in Darlington. During a celebration on June 10 and 11, the church marked three decades with Rev. Boyd in the pulpit.

Originally from Williamsburg County, Boyd said that he was called to the ministry as a teenager.

"I started preaching at the age of 16," Boyd said. "But I used to preach at home. I would step into the chair and preach to my family on Sunday nights. I was about eight then. We had deacons and all that with my siblings."

Even being called so young, Boyd said that he knew it was God leading him.

"I know God had his hand on me back then," Boyd said. "I never felt like drifting away from him. I know some people said they had the calling but down the road, they drift away. I didn't do that; my calling stayed with me."

Starting at such a young age, Boyd was recently recognized by the South Carolina Baptist E&M Convention for 50 years in ministry.

"The Lord called me into ministry and it was something that I wanted to do," Boyd said. "I wanted to be helpful to the people and help them be good followers of Christ."

Serving the Lord behind the pulpit is also a family legacy. "My father was a minister and I had two brothers in the ministry," Boyd said. "My son Daniel is also a minister."

Boyd attended seminary at Morris College and has a diploma from Sumter Baptist Theological Seminary in Biblical Studies. He has also received a diploma from McLeod Hospital as a chaplain.

Joyce Boyd has been by her husband's side for over four decades after being introduced by her brother-in-law.

"We have been married for 45 years," Joyce said. "He was already preaching when we met. He was honest and I felt like I could trust him."

The two fell in love quickly, marrying

less than two years after they met.

Hannah White, chairperson of the anniversary committee, said that she has loved the time she has been able to sit under Rev. Boyd's leadership.

"He is such a great pastor for me, for 30 years," White said. "He is outstanding, just an outstanding pastor, and I will take that to the bank."

The anniversary celebration included a banquet on Saturday, with a regular worship service on Sunday. Boyd's son Daniel was the guest preacher for the service.

Boyd said that some of his proudest moments in ministry have been baptizing his sons and seeing one of them follow him into the ministry, starting his own preaching at Center Baptist Church.

The Boyds have three grandchildren. Their son Daniel and his wife Elisha have a daughter. Donald and his wife Robin have two sons.

Rev. Boyd currently serves as the Moderator of the New Hope Union, which meets monthly and raises money for Morris College.



J.L. Cain Elementary School celebrates May Day

J. L. Cain Elementary School held its annual May Day Friday, May 5. The theme was "America Land of the Free."

Miss Jaimzee Wingate was crowned "May Queen" 2017, she is the daughter of Ms. Jammie Williams and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Goodson. Master DeMarion Stephens was crowned "May King" 2017 he is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Andre Williams. Miss Easton Boaz was crowned "Little Miss" 2017, she is the daughter of Mr. Chris & Kelly Boaz. Master Elijah Casey was crowned "Little Master"

2017, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Casey, Sr. Miss Laney Blackwell was crowned "Wee Master" 2017, she is the daughter of Mr. Reed and Teniele Blackwell. Master Dreden Bethea was crowned "Wee Master" 2017, he is the son of Ms. Denean Jessup.

Runner Up Queen Contestants were: Summer Rheuark, Carrie Maine, and Lara Kelly. Runner Up King Contestants were: Hayden Watford, Jalik Jackson, and Alston Singletary. Honorable Mention: Malia Gregg and Natalli Bacote.

May Queen Contestants

were: Markelya Berry, Allaija Davis, Markhaya Berry, Qaisha Ross, Erin Douglas, Sophia Galloway, Kailyn Washington, London Bruce, Emma Kelley, Nazarah King, Hannah Tarlton, Megan McClain, Mariah Thomas, KeAri Keels, Ava Bryant, Zowiee Dixon, Bella Galloway and Caitlin Pearson. May Day King Contestants were: Charles Hester, Princeton Lighty, Zaylor Hatcher, Colbee Smith, Tyler Bridges, Jonathan Carter, Andre Thomas, Ryder Morgan, Jordan Johnson, and Skylar Jacobs.

Entertainment was per-

formed by each grade level. Miss Makynzie Cage and Miss Grace Brunson were the Mistresses of Ceremony. Program Participants: Lavonda Cannon, Romaya Smith, Eric Jacobs, Aaliyah Davis, Prudence Manship, Nickolis Wells, Honesty Bess, Jaden Harrell, Saqqara Hicks, Nathan Smith and Shyanne Gandy.

May Day Committee Members: Barbara Franklin-Chairperson, Joyce Wingate, Donna Byrd, Diane Hancock, Bobbie Bynum, Keisha Lloyd, Carletta Anderson, Sarah Gandy and Dena Dowlings.



From left to right: Jacob Byrd, Blanchard Machinery Summerville; Cannan Sullens, Carolina CAT Charlotte; Eric Shelton, Blanchard Machinery Summerville; Matthew Wood, Gregory Poole Raleigh; Travis Gaddis, Carolina CAT Asheville. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Carolina Caterpillar awards student scholarships

Caterpillar Inc. dealers in the Carolinas in conjunction with the Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) Educational Foundation presented 10 students with a \$500 tool scholarship throughout May and June 2017.

The scholarships are awarded based on grade point average (GPA), with the exception of one senior student who received the \$500 scholarship based off of their Most Improved recognition. Students who received the scholarships are part of Caterpillar Inc.'s ThinkBIG program that is accredited by the Associated Equipment Distributors. Caterpillar Inc. dealers, Blanchard Machinery, Carolina CAT and Gregory Poole are the program's current

partners.

"The program is designed to build a relationship early with future employees and is part of a global solution to put talented technicians to work in Caterpillar dealerships," said Stephen Murphey, Director of the Caterpillar Dealer Academy at FDTC. "The internship based program allows for an eight-week paid work experience each semester in addition to a full load of courses facilitated by FDTC."

On Wednesday, May 10, FDTC's Caterpillar Dealer Academy senior class of 2017 was awarded the \$500 scholarships during graduation at the Country Club of South Carolina.

Senior recipients included: Austin Connor, Carolina CAT

Asheville; Seamus Minogue; Carolina CAT Charlotte; Austin Shealy, Blanchard Machinery Columbia; Ryan Shirer, Blanchard Machinery Columbia; and Brandon Suggs, Carolina CAT Charlotte.

The junior class received its scholarships at the Caterpillar Dealer Academy on Wednesday, June 7.

Junior recipients included: Jacob Byrd, Blanchard Machinery Summerville; Travis Gaddis, Carolina CAT Asheville; Cannan Sullens, Carolina CAT Charlotte; Eric Shelton, Blanchard Machinery Summerville; and Matthew Wood, Gregory Poole Raleigh

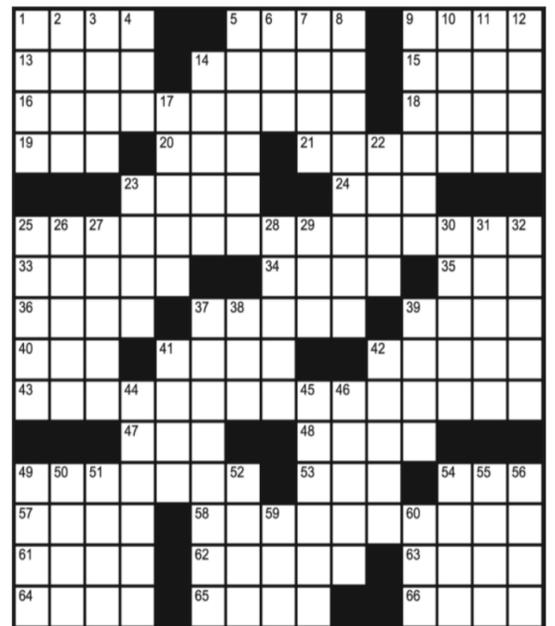
Murphey says that the junior class is scheduled to join the full-time workforce after graduation in May of 2018.

Diamond Hill Plywood Company announces new executive leadership role

Diamond Hill Plywood Company (DHP), the premier wholesale building materials distributor in the southeast, is pleased to announce that G. Patrick Smith, III, CPA, has joined the company as Vice President of Finance. He has extensive knowledge with thirty years of experience with public and private companies throughout the Carolinas. In this executive leadership role with DHP, Mr. Smith will be managing financial and operational related matters with an emphasis on Corporate Finance Restructuring, Strategic Planning and Market Expansion. "We are excited to have such exceptional expertise and talent joining the company," said John Ramsey, the company's CEO and owner. "My brother, Jim, and I, are confident Patrick will be a strong asset to our team. Mr. Smith lives in Mullins, SC with his wife, Kristin. They have two children: Pat and Ben. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Wofford College.

Diamond Hill Plywood Co. is a third-generation company established in 1945 as a wholesale distribution medium for the Ramsey family-owned plywood manufacturing business, Darlington Veneer Company, Inc. Diamond Hill Plywood Co. is one of the country's leading suppliers of an extensive inventory of various building materials.

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1. "All ___ are off!"
5. First-rate
9. Coaster
13. ___ vera
14. Deadly snake
15. A fisherman may spin one
16. Table accessory
18. Brook
19. Armageddon
20. Beldam
21. Compunction
23. "The Open Window" writer
24. "My boy"
25. Computer artist
33. Abnormal respiratory sound
34. Casting need
35. "Much ___ About Nothing"
36. Auditory
37. Kid
39. Cornstarch brand
40. Top secret?
41. Grimace
42. Philosopher William of ___
43. Not helpful
47. ___ grass
48. Camp beds

49. Error
53. Female sheep
54. Marienbad, for one
57. ...
58. Plot
61. Balcony section
62. Buttinsky
63. "B.C." cartoonist
64. Bow
65. Spanish appetizer
66. Also known as a levee
- Down
1. Bottom
2. Brio
3. "I ___ you!"
4. Undertake, with "out"
5. Calamitous
6. Common deciduous tree
7. Dock
8. Under pressure
9. Undiluted
10. Den
11. Building additions
12. Drop
14. Uniform shade
17. Persian potentes

22. Churn
23. Particular, for short
25. Adult
26. 4:1, e.g.
27. Adjust, in a way
28. Washer and ___
29. Moray, e.g.
30. Slang for narcotics agent
31. First name in mystery
32. Spacious
37. State of being despised
38. QB's cry
39. "Hamlet" has five
41. Alternative to a fence
42. Exterior
44. Baby
45. Summer cooler
46. Shady spot
49. Draw out
50. "Pumping ___"
51. ___ lily
52. Legal prefix
54. Cut down
55. Skate ___
56. A chip, maybe
59. Bit of a draft
60. High degree

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| Blew | Hangs | Onion | Staff |
| Boil | Hard | Onto | Stick |
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Answers on 3B

A new social media twist on government grant scams

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Government grant scams have been around for a while, but scammers are adding a new twist to this old scam – Facebook. The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is urging consumers to educate themselves on this alarming trend.

In 2016, five percent of the 1,644 scams reported to SCDCA were government grant scams.

Of that number, 18% were initiated through Facebook. Fraudsters using this method netted \$25,750 from South Carolina consumers, five times more than their counterparts using a phone to perpetrate grant scams.

This new twist begins with scammers cloning a Facebook account, using someone's name and profile picture. The scammer then sends friend requests

to consumers in the original account holder's friends list. The scammer contacts the newly added "friends," touting a way to obtain free grant money from the government. Sometimes scammers will include a list of other Facebook friends who have purportedly received money in an attempt to legitimize the scam. The link included in the message, though, is phony and often requests per-

sonal information along with a payment to cover processing fees.

Scam reporting is an important step in helping SCDCA empower consumers to recognize and avoid scams. To report a scam or obtain a copy of "Ditch the Pitch: A Guide for Guarding Against Scams," call 844-835-5322 or visit www.consumer.sc.gov, then click Report a Scam.

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Local pastor writes book to help others through grief

By Melissa Rollins
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On November 1, 2015, Bill McEntire's life changed forever. That was the day that his wife Wanda, his 'best friend, confidant and critic' died unexpectedly.

McEntire and his wife were married for nearly 30 years after meeting in seminary, both of them planning to be missionaries. God, it seemed, had different plans for them.

"God called me into the ministry," McEntire said. "I accepted Jesus when I was 16 years old. I prayed for over a year and ran from his calling to preach; I wanted to do something to make an impact on a lot of people. I thought it was being a missionary and teaching people how to raise cattle in a third world country but he changed my mind. I ran a lot like Jonah and gave excuses like Moses but I finally became content and accepted the call and I have been preaching ever since." He has served in North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina. He has been in his current post at Black Creek Baptist Church in Darlington for 9 years.

"Even though I am a North Carolinian, I call South Carolina my home because I love it here and the people here have been so wonderful to me," McEntire said. "South Carolina has the greatest sunsets and sunrises, I've found. That is something my wife and I enjoyed so many times."

They had just experienced a week of those beautiful sunrises and sunsets when



Rev. Bill McEntire said that he hopes his experiences can help others going through similar situations. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

the unthinkable happened.

"We had just gotten back from Myrtle Beach from a week's vacation; we had been going there about 20 years," McEntire said. "The vacation was fine. She got back home and Saturday she didn't feel good. She woke up the next day and couldn't breathe, all that day. We went to McLeod and stayed and about 8 hours later she died. She had a blood clot that went straight to her heart and that was it."

McEntire said that he experienced an emotion during that time that he can't put into words.

"I can't really explain the grief and the sorrow and the heartache that I went through and I am still going

through," McEntire said. "I think it will be a continual journey of faith. I thank God and I praise him for this church family here. If it were not for them, and my family and my wife's family, I think I would have just gotten into a ball and died. I have been in the situation and preached many sermons to people who have lost their spouse and said I understand; I had no clue, no idea what it was like."

After the passing of his wife McEntire got direction from God again, this time telling him to write a book.

"I asked God what I could do to help other people who have gone through this," McEntire said. "He said to

write a book and I kind of laughed. I told him that I would do it but that he would have to show me what to write."

McEntire said that he is open and honest in his book, sharing his struggles and the pain that he experienced hoping that show others that it is a continual journey and that they must take each day as it comes.

"My goal wasn't to make money," McEntire said. "It was to help others and glorify him."

Never The Same can be purchased at Barnes and Noble and online on Amazon. Find more information about the book and Pastor McEntire at www.emptyyetfull.com.

Coker College's Enactus Team one of top 12 in the nation

Coker College's Enactus team was named one of the top 12 in the nation at the Enactus United States National Exposition in Kansas City, Missouri.

Enactus is an international organization that connects student, academic and business leaders through entrepreneurial-based projects that empower people to transform opportunities into real, sustainable progress for themselves and their communities. Guided by academic advisors and business experts, the student leaders of Enactus create and implement community empowerment projects around the globe.

The national competition gives teams the chance to represent the collective impact of their community outreach efforts. Projects are evaluated on how successful they are at using entrepreneurial concepts to improve the quality of life and standard of living for those in need.

"Being top 12 in the nation has me buzzing with a sense of pride and accomplishment," says recent Coker graduate and Enactus team member Jesse Sternberg. "Coker has never placed that high so, being on the team that raised the bar for further Enactus teams is

an amazing feeling."

During the 2016-2017 academic year, Coker College's Enactus program was involved with a variety of projects:

Rent-a-Fridge allows Coker students to rent a mini-fridge during the academic year, providing a more affordable and convenient option for students as well as recurring revenues to support ongoing Enactus projects.

Aquaponics, a sustainable ecosystem where fish and plants are grown together in one environment, has benefited local nonprofit organizations and expanded all the way to Malawi this past year.

Kids Can partners with Carolina's Kids, a local nonprofit, to enhance funding needs and nutritional values of the organization's weekend food bag initiative for local children.

Summer Business Academy, sponsored by Wells Fargo, jump-starts high schoolers' college education by earning three credit hours at Coker College, completely free of charge for all participants.

Ubuntu-Blox, which is still in the experimental stages, is a wooden press that turns recyclables into sturdy bricks that can then be used for construction purposes.

Help patients, honor loved ones by donating blood with the Red Cross

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. -- Before busy summer schedules set in, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to roll up a sleeve to help ensure a sufficient supply for patients in need.

Donors of all blood types are needed now to help accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving cancer treatment.

Kenneth Reed gives blood in his son's honor. When Trace was 8 days old, he underwent heart surgery and received blood transfusions. "It's the least I can do. If it wasn't for donors, he wouldn't be here with us today," said Reed. "I don't call it donating blood; I call it donating life."

Giving blood is an easy and thoughtful way to honor a loved one who has relied on blood products, to follow in the example of a family member who gives regularly or to simply help others.

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can then also visit redcrossblood.org/cedarfair to enter to win one of three grand prize packages

for four to Knott's Berry Farm in California or Cedar Point in Ohio.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Florence
6/14/2017: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

6/15/2017: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Magnolia Mall, 2701 David McLeod Blvd

6/16/2017: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

6/17/2017: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

Volunteers needed

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross is to become a volunteer transportation specialist and deliver lifesaving blood products to local area hospitals. Volunteer transportation specialists play a very important role in ensuring an ample blood supply for patients in need by transporting blood and blood products. For more information and to apply for a volunteer transportation specialist position, visit rdcrss.org/driver.

South Carolina new and beginning farmer program accepting applications

COLUMBIA — Farmers getting their feet wet in agribusiness have access to comprehensive entrepreneurial education and business training through a public service program offered by Clemson University.

The South Carolina New and Beginning Farmer Program is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 statewide program. The deadline to apply is July 15. A application is online at www.scnewfarmer.org.

The South Carolina New and Beginning Farmer Program provides new and beginning farmers with the tools, knowledge and skills necessary to be successful entrepreneurs, sound business managers, exemplary stewards of the natural environment and successful marketers of the unique products they create.

The program is managed by Clemson University Cooperative Extension's agribusiness department under the direction of R. David Lamie. It is entering its sixth year and has guided more than 250 emerging farmers through the program.

The program offers two levels of instruction: "Level I, Exploring Farming as a Business" for emerging farmers with less than three years' experience and "Level II, Taking Your Farm Business to the Next Level" for those who have been farming three to nine years. Both Level I and Level II programming is scheduled to begin October.

Core agribusiness workshops will be held centrally in Columbia and are focused on farm business management. Topics include business concept/plan development; financial and risk manage-

ment; legal and regulatory issues; marketing strategies; personal assessment; and an introduction to federal, state and local agriculture resources.

Core programming will be complemented by regional workshops to be held throughout the state. These workshops will offer opportunities for local peer and resource networking, as well as provide additional instruction on production topics tailored for each region. Regional workshops are a collaborative effort between Clemson Agribusiness, Clemson Cooperative Extension, the Clemson Sustainable Agriculture Program, the Catawba Farm & Food Coalition, the Richland Soil & Water Conservation District and the S.C. Coastal Conservation League.

Guided farm tours, access to on-farm internships and participation in the S.C. New and Beginning Farmer Program Alumni Association are also featured program elements.

The S.C. New and Beginning Farmer Program fills a critical need to train emerging farmers in South Carolina.

"With the average age of South Carolina farmers now up to 59 years, we put our state's largest industry at risk if we do not invest efforts into encouraging and training the next generation of successful agripreneurs," Lamie said. "At a time when consumer demand for local, high-quality, nutritious farm products is on the rise, there is tremendous opportunity for rural economic development through a thriving local farm and food system."

Two arrested for daytime burglary

At 2:30 p.m. on June 6, Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Laredo Ln. in the Darlington after a victim saw an unknown person coming out of her home. Patrol deputies were able to apprehend two individuals behind the residence in a vehicle without incident.

Darlington County Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division Investigators have charged Angelia Tiller, 27, of Darlington and Manning Antonia Brown, III, 32, of Hartsville with burglary, second degree, and petite larceny. Both were held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center awaiting arraignment. Investigators were able to return all property to the victim.



Welfare Check Leads to Discovery of Meth Waste

During the early afternoon of June 5, Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Echo Acres Dr. in Darlington for a welfare check. While speaking with an individual at the residence Patrol Deputies saw several soft drink plastic bottles with black tape on the cap and a pink crystal substance inside the bottles.

Agents with the Darlington County Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Unit certified in clandestine laboratory investigations responded to the residence. Agents recovered .5 grams of methamphetamine and removed more than 50 pounds of hazardous waste created by the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

Daniel Wayne Graham, 32, of Darlington is charged with nine counts of manufacturing of methamphetamine, first offense, a felony punishable by up to 15 years imprisonment, and possession of methamphetamine, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 3 years imprisonment. The Darlington County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Darlington County Fire District.

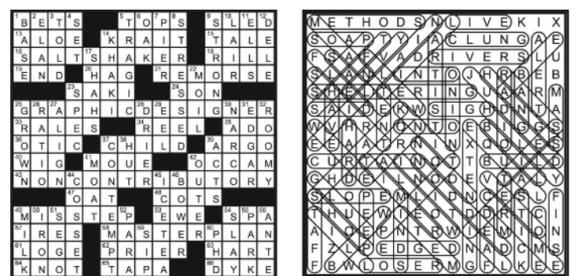


Traffic Stop Yields Drugs and Gun

On June 4 at 10:30 a.m., Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies on routine patrol on E. Carolina Ave. in the Hartsville area initiated a stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation. During the stop, Deputies recovered 104 grams of marijuana, 85 Hydrocodone pills and a loaded .40 caliber pistol.

McKenzie Michael Stevens, 19, of Hartsville and De'Antre Lamont Cooks, 19, of Hartsville are charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, schedule two, and unlawful carrying of a handgun.

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THE STATE CAPITOL REPORT

Submitted By Rep. Robert Q. Williams SC House District #62

The House of Representatives refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.3516, comprehensive infrastructure funding and governance legislation, and appointed a conference committee to address its differences with the Senate on the bill.

The House appointed a conference committee to address its differences with the Senate on H.3720, the General Appropriation Bill, and H.3721, the joint resolution making appropriations from the Capital Reserve Fund, which together comprise the \$26.9 billion fiscal year 2017-2018 state government budget.

The House concurred in Senate amendments to H.3587 and enrolled the legislation for ratification. The joint resolution creates a temporary Seizure Safety in Schools Study Committee to examine such issues as: the state of epilepsy awareness among public school teachers, staff, and administrators; basic training in seizure response appropriate for school personnel; and, existing laws, regulations, and policies affecting epilepsy and seizure safety in public schools. The legislation provides for the composition of the fourteen-member committee, four of whom are legislative representatives with the others representing the medical, education and parent communities. Recommendations must be

reported to the General Assembly before January 31, 2018, at which point the study committee is dissolved.

The House concurred in Senate amendments to H.3559, and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation creates the South Carolina Industrial Hemp Program to allow for the cultivation of industrial hemp by residents of the state for potential use in such varied products as cloth, construction materials, cordage, fiber, food, fuel, paint, paper, particleboard, and plastics. Under the program, the Department of Agriculture will allow up to twenty permits for the cultivation of up to twenty acres of land per permit in the first year, up to forty permits for the cultivation of up to forty acres in the second and third years, and afterwards the department, along with institutions of higher learning, will evaluate the program to determine the number of permits to be issued and the amount of acreage permitted.

The House concurred in Senate amendments and enrolled for ratification H.3879, a bill increasing burial expenses payable under workers' compensation laws for accidental workplace deaths by setting the maximum amount payable to families at twelve thousand dollars, rather than the current maximum of twenty-five hundred dollars for such funeral expenses.

The House approved S.315 and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation revises eligibility provisions for certain insurance high-risk zone grant programs for proactive hazard

mitigation home upgrades to prevent or reduce damage to residential property from such disasters as hurricanes and floods so as to provide for their distribution under a formula based on an applicant's household income. Under the formula, greater assistance is provided for lower incomes.

The House concurred in Senate amendments and enrolled for ratification H.3349, a bill updating the nurse licensure compact to make the changes that are required for South Carolina to maintain its membership in the multi-state compact.

The House approved S.570 and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation revises provisions governing plant nursery registration and fees for growers and dealers of trees, plants and shrubs.

The House approved to S.465 and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation revises permitting provisions to accommodate out of season shellfish harvesting in mariculture operations that involve the controlled cultivation of oysters and other shellfish in confinement from seed size until harvest.

The House gave second reading approval to S.366, a bill providing for Mortgage Lending Act revisions to bring state law into conformity with federal standards.

The House gave second reading approval to S.334, a bill revising provisions allowing the issuance of biennial permits and licenses for the sale of beer, wine and liquor at sports entertainment complexes to include a baseball com-

plex that hosts a professional minor league baseball team.

The House returned S.107 to the Senate with amendments. The legislation implements in statute changes authorized with the adoption of the amendment to the South Carolina Constitution which provides for the joint election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor beginning with the general election of 2018. Under the revised system, a gubernatorial candidate selects a running mate for the post of Lieutenant Governor in a manner comparable to the selection of the President and Vice President at the federal level.

The House returned S.173, a bill providing for continuing education of mental health issues for law enforcement officers, to the Senate with amendments. The legislation revises continuing education requirements for law enforcement officers to incorporate mandatory training in mental health issues that covers such topics as responding to situations where individuals are experiencing a mental health or addictive disorder crisis. The legislation also makes provisions for training and counseling regarding law enforcement officers who are experiencing post traumatic stress disorder.

The House amended and returned to the Senate S.9, a bill eliminating the medical expense insurance policy exclusion for intoxication so that insurers are not allowed to deny hospital, medical, and surgical expense coverage in accident and sickness insurance policies because the insured is intoxicated or

impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The legislation also makes provisions for electronic insurance documents, including authorization for insurers to deliver, store, or present evidence of insurance coverage by electronic means and provisions that afford consumers the option of receiving and signing notices and documents electronically.

The House returned S.463 to the Senate with amendments. The legislation revises provisions for surplus lines insurance to include surplus disability insurance that allows for the option of purchasing disability insurance that exceeds benefit limits available under standard policies. The legislation also revises provisions for criminal background checks required under the licensure of insurers.

The House returned S.443 to the Senate with amendments. The legislation makes provisions for a night hunting program for coyotes, armadillos, and feral hogs on property registered with the Department of Natural Resources in order to reduce the populations of these nuisance animals.

The House amended and gave second reading approval to S.234, a bill revising confidentiality provisions for emergency medical services. The legislation provides that the identities of patients and emergency medical technicians and information and data collected or prepared by emergency medical services are subject to subpoena in any administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding and may be released by court order. The legislation also requires the Department of

Health and Human Services to issue, pursuant to its Medicaid Home and Community based waiver, Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) Devices to Medicaid recipients that include, in addition to emergency response services, unlimited twenty four hour, seven day a week live phone contact with experienced registered nurses for triage services.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.3240, a bill addressing concealable weapons permit reciprocity with other states. The legislation provides for South Carolina to honor valid out-of-state permits to carry concealable weapons held by residents of other states that recognize and honor valid South Carolina permits, so long as the out-of-state permit holders are at least twenty-one years old or are military personnel of any age.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.3019, a bill revising qualifications for coroners by allowing coroners to complete certain training requirements within the year following their election. While completing training, such coroners are required to have a medical examiner or a qualified deputy coroner on staff.

If you have a comment or opinion concerning the matters discussed in this report, or if I may be of assistance to you at any time, please feel free to call your legislative office in Columbia (803-734-3142), or my home (843-395-9408). Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the House of Representatives.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Donnie Elbert Coleman Date of Death: 10/30/2014 Case No: 2017ES1600241 Personal Representative: Terri B Michi Address: 512 Tram Boulevard, Summerville, SC 29486 Co-Personal Representative: Gary W Crawford Address: PO Box 508, Florence, SC 29503

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claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Phillip R Arndt Date of Death: 3/19/2017 Case No: 2017ES1600228 Personal Representative: John S Turner CPA PC Address: POB 6405, Florence, SC 29502

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO. 2016-CP-16-0922 BGNF GROUP, LLC, Plaintiff v. RUBY SLATER, AND IF RUBY SLATER BE DECEASED, THEN ANY AND ALL CHILDREN AND HEIRS AT LAW, DISTRIBUTUTES AND DEVEISEES AND IF ANY OF THE SAME BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO CLAIM UNDER OR THROUGH THEM, ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST OR LIEN UPON THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, ANY UNKNOWN ADULTS, ANY UNKNOWN INFANTS OR PERSONS UNDER DISABILITY, BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS JOHN DOE OR PERSONS IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE; CATINA DEASE, Defendants.
ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kevin T. Hardy, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for persons whose names are subscribed below, at 1709 Devonshire Drive, Columbia, SC 29204, within thirty (30) days (except that the United States of America, or any Agency or Department thereof, shall answer the Complaint in this action within sixty (60) days) after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such

States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that Kevin T. Hardy, Esquire has consented to act for and represent said Defendants, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Kevin T. Hardy, Esquire, 2309 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205, with contact number of (803) 771-0936, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 3441 Lamar Highway, Darlington, SC 29532; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants. The appointment herein shall otherwise continue and then terminate upon the dismissal of this case or upon final disposition of all matters herein via sale, eviction of occupants (if required), or upon final disposition of any appeal. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kevin T. Hardy, Esquire, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act a/k/a Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants. The appointment herein shall terminate upon the dismissal of this case or upon final disposition of all matters herein via sale, eviction of occupants (if required), or upon final disposition of any appeal.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in News and Press, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Darlington State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) Consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Amended Complaint in the above entitled action. Roger E. Henderson Presiding Judge, Chesterfield, South Carolina April 28, 2017 AMENDED SUMMONS FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Foreclosure Deficiency Judgment Waived (Non-Jury) TO THE DEFENDANTS NAMED ABOVE: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is here-with served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint upon the persons whose names are subscribed below, at 1709 Devonshire Drive, Columbia, SC 29204, within thirty (30) days (except that the United States of America, or any Agency or Department thereof, shall answer the Complaint in this action within sixty (60) days) after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such

service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned attorneys, on behalf of the Plaintiff herein, will seek an Order of Reference to the Master in Equity or Special Referee for Darlington County, South Carolina, with final appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

TO MINORS OVER FOURTEEN (14) YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINORS UNDER FOURTEEN (14) YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THE MINORS RESIDE, AND/OR TO PERSON(S) UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Amended Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Stern & Eisenberg Southern, PC.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that, under the provisions of title 29, section 100 of the South Carolina Code, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignments of rents contained in the attached mortgage are perfected and the Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. S.C. Code Ann. § 29-3-100 (2007).

In the alternative, Stern & Eisenberg Southern, PC, will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day of service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage and the Complaint attached hereto.

March 8, 2017 Elizabeth R. Polk #11673 Stern & Eisenberg Southern, PC 1709 Devonshire Drive Columbia, SC 29204 Telephone: (803) 929-0760 Facsimile: (803) 929-0830

Attorney for Plaintiff NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lis Pendens, Summons and Complaint were filed on December 19, 2016. Thereafter, the Amended Lis Pendens, Amended Summons and Amended Complaint were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on March 14, 2017.

March 20, 2017 Elizabeth R. Polk #11673 Stern & Eisenberg Southern, PC 1709 Devonshire Drive Columbia, SC 29204 Telephone: (803) 929-0760 Facsimile: (803) 929-0830

Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Darlington One LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer and wine at

438 N. Main St., Darlington, SC 29532. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be post-marked no later than June 23, 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.

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Address: 1212 Turtlecreek Dr, Hartsville, SC 29550

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Notice is hereby given that Tenampa LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer, wine and liquor at 40 Public Sq., Darlington, SC 29532. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than June 23, 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);

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address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Carol M Matthews Date of Death: 5/9/2017 Case No: 2017ES1600259 Personal Representative: Michael J Matthews, Jr Address: 1323 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles, CA 90028 Attorney: John Jay James II Address: PO Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540

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Estate: Frank M Flowers, Sr
Date of Death: 4/25/2017
Case Number: 2017ES1600274
Personal Representative: Damon S Flowers
Address: 138 Nez Perce, Darlington, SC 29532
Co-Personal Representative: Margaret F Clark
Address: 4338 Una Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550

(47p3 leave in thru 6-21-17) SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF MARION

IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NO. 2017-GC-33-07

In the Matter of PAULINE B. HUNT,

PAT TADLOCK, Petitioner vs.

PAULINE B. HUNT, GLENN BRYANT HUNT, GREGORY TODD TICE, Respondent

TO: RESPONDENT, GLENN BRYANT HUNT, ABOVE-NAMED

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition for Conservatorship and Guardianship in this action, the original of which was filed with the Marion County Probate Court on the 23rd day of May, 2017, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request. You are further hereby summoned and required to serve a copy of your answer to the Petition upon the attorney for Petitioner, Richard E. Conner, Jr., within 30 days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Petition within the time stated, the Plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against the Defendant for relief demanded in the Complaint.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing in this matter will be held on JULY 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, at the Marion County Probate Court, 2523 East Highway 76, Suite 115, Marion, South Carolina 29571.

Richard E. Conner, Jr., Esq. Attorney for Petitioner 115 Cargill Way, Suite C2 Hartsville, SC 29550

Phone: (843) 332-1678 Fax: (843) 332-1904

(47c3 leave in thru 6-21-17) SUMMONS AND NOTICES STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO. 2016-CP-16-00635 (160960.00033)

U.S. Bank National Association, PLAINTIFF,

VS. Any Heirs-at-Law or Devises of the Estate of Ladonna C. Bowers a/k/a Ladonna Carole Bowers, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Jane Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, DEFENDANT(S).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE-NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, Post Office Box 2065, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-2065, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you

for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-In-Equity or Special Referee for Darlington County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 (e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-In-Equity or Special Master is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian Ad Litem Nisi, Kelley Yarborough Woody, made absolute.

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on September 14, 2016.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Kelley Yarborough Woody, whose address is PO Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants here- in whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Ladonna C. Bowers a/k/a Ladonna Carole Bowers and James F. Bowers, including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on the 23rd day of May, 2017.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants, or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian Ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian Ad Litem Nisi absolute.

SCOTT AND CORLEY, P.A. By: Ronald C. Scott, SC Bar #4996 Reginald P. Corley, SC Bar #69453

Angelia J. Grant, SC Bar #78334

Jessica S. Corley, SC Bar #80470

Allison E. Heffernan, SC Bar #68530

Matthew E. Rupert, SC Bar #100740

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Louise M. Johnson, SC Bar #16586

Tasha B. Thompson, SC Bar #76415

Jane S. Ruschky, SC Bar #70472

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200 Columbia, SC 29204 803-252-3340

(47c3 leave in thru 6-21-17) SUMMONS AND NOTICE (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE (Deficiency Waived) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO.: 2016-CP-16-00127 United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Plaintiff,

vs. Charlie Mae Highland, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 135 Columbia Avenue, Post Office Box 1000, Chapin, South Carolina 29036, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of South Carolina Code 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the attached mortgage is perfected and Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original note and mortgage and the Complaint which was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on September 30, 2016.

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menced by the Plaintiff above named against the Defendants above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Ladonna C. Bowers to Firstar Bank, N.A., dated February 26, 2001, recorded March 8, 2001, in the office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Darlington County, in Book M519, at Page 327. The description of the premises is as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, lying, situate and being in Darlington County, South Carolina, designated as Lot H-5 on a plat prepared by J.E. Tucker, Jr., RS, dated May 17, 1978 and recorded in Plat Book 78 at Page 65 and being bounded in the aggregate as follows: On the South by Watkins Street for a distance of 146 feet; on the West in part by an unnamed right of way and in part by Brunson Cemetery for an aggregate distance of 149.2 feet; on the North by property now or formerly of Otis Watkins for a distance of 154 feet; and on the East by Lot H-4 for a distance of 150 feet.

Plaintiff has contemporaneously filed a Complaint herein, which includes a cause of action to reform the legal description of the mortgage to be as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, lying, situate and being in Darlington County, South Carolina, designated as Lot H-5 on a plat prepared by J.E. Tucker, Jr., RS, dated May 17, 1978 and recorded in Plat Book 78 at Page 65.

This being the same property conveyed to Ladonna Carole Bowers by deed of Sedgwick L. Ralley, dated August 13, 1997 and recorded August 28, 1997 in Book D175 at Page 86 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County.

TMS No. 164-03-01-051 Property address: 706 Watkins St Darlington, SC 29532

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200 Columbia, SC 29204 803-252-3340

(47c3 leave in thru 6-21-17) SUMMONS AND NOTICE (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE (Deficiency Waived) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO.: 2016-CP-16-00127 United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Plaintiff,

vs. Charlie Mae Highland, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 135 Columbia Avenue, Post Office Box 1000, Chapin, South Carolina 29036, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of South Carolina Code 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the attached mortgage is perfected and Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original note and mortgage and the Complaint which was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on September 30, 2016.

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NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Notice of Right to Foreclosure Intervention and/or Certificate of Exemption from Administrative Order 2011-05-02-1, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions, Certificate of Exemption/Withdrawal from Arbitration and Mediation, Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on September 30, 2016.

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action will be commenced within twenty (20) days of the filing of this Notice upon Complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant for the foreclosure of a Mortgage dated January 21, 1994 given by Charlie Mae Highland ("Mortgage"), said Mortgage having been recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court or Register of Deeds for Darlington County on January 24, 1994 in Book 106 at Page 260. The said mortgaged premises affected by the foreclosure are situate in Darlington County, in the State of South Carolina, and described in said Mortgage as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the proposed buildings and improvements thereon being designated as Lots 7 and 8 of the Carrie Kennedy Highland Subdivision as shown on plat prepared for Charlie Mae Highland dated September 27, 1993 by J. E. Tucker, Jr. recorded in Plat Book 150 at Page 185 and being bounded and measuring as follows: NORTH: By Old Road a distance of 125.00 feet; EAST: By a 25' foot wide road (undeveloped) a distance of 100.00 feet; SOUTH: By property of Claretta Thomas, Lot 9, a distance of 125.00 feet; WEST: By property now or formerly of Robert J. and Ella M. Rogers a distance of 100.00 feet.

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in said Register's Office in Deed book 866 at Page 619. TMS No.: 058-02-01-008 Address: 427 Primus Park Road, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550 HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A.

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Estate: Janice Whittle Hodges AKA Janice W Hodges Date of Death: 5/7/2017

Case Number: 2017ES1600298

Personal Representative: Mary F Hodges

Address: 258 Waterstone Drive, Lexington, SC 29072

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Estate: Harrison Ford III Date of Death: 4/11/2017

Case Number: 2017ES1600292

Personal Representative: Loretta Woodham Ford

Address: 2445 Northcutt Road, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Rosa Douglas Hudson Date of Death: 11/23/2016

Case Number: 2017ES1600264

Personal Representative: Cynthia Hudson Knight

Address: 102 Hoole Street, Darlington, SC 29532

Co-Personal Representative: Jacob K Hudson, Jr

Address: 2871 Dewitt Circle, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Barbara Howle Tanner Date of Death: 4/28/2017

Case Number: 2017ES1600289

Personal Representative: Larry Dean Tanner

Address: 309 Liberty Hill Road, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Sammie Benjamin Anderson, III Date of Death: 5/22/2017

Case Number: 2017ES1600282

Personal Representative: Mary Della B Anderson

Address: 491 Anderson Drive, Darlington, SC 29532

Attorney: Albert L James, III Address: PO Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540

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Estate: Celia Ann Johnson AKA Celia A Johnson Date of Death: 4/2/2014

Case Number: 2014ES1600360

Personal Representative: Andrena B Bacote

Address: 2100 Jeffords Mill Road, Darlington, SC 29540

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Estate: Lizzie Mae Jett Date of Death: 3/30/2017

Case Number: 2017ES1600275

Personal Representative: Stanley Gerard Jett

Address: 612 Indian Branch Road, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Norma Jean Catoe Date of Death: 5/17/2017

Case Number: 2017ES1600293

Personal Representative: David Christopher Catoe

Address: 1029 York Circle, Hartsville, SC 29550

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June 24, 2017

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PATRICIA THOMAS-A34-A40-S105
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Saturday, June 17, 10 AM
247 South Main Street, Society Hill, SC

Partially Restored Huge Victorian House on 6.6 +/- ac. in the heart of Society Hill, original heart pine floors, 12 ceilings, fully renovated bathrooms w/ claw-foot tubs, large bedrooms, walk-in closets, wainscoting, wood burning fireplaces in each room, first floor en suite master bath, parlor w/ original pocket doors, office/library, formal dining room, large gathering room, original etched glass door imported from France, kitchen has original wood burning Copper-Clad stove, wrap-around porch, original cypress lap siding, 5—6 BR, 2.5 BA, 4,500 +/- sq. ft. unfinished play space on the 3rd floor, central heat/air, in-ground saltwater pool w/ brick/concrete decking, pool house w/ 1/2 bath (originally smoke house), nice brick patio w/ fire pit, 30' x 50' raised bed garden w/ watering system, 30' x 50' fenced chicken coop, 5 original outbuildings—barn, workshop, laundry house, battery house & smoke house. This property is eligible for, but not listed on, the County/State Historic Register.

Also on the property is a 1992 doublewide mobile home w/ vaulted ceiling, new carpet & paint, nice open airy floor plan, fireplace in the family/dining room, built-in storage, island in the kitchen, walk-in pantry, laundry room, attached garage, 3 BR, 2.5 BA plus office/play room.

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Children danced their jitters out before storyteller Donna Washington began her program, Tuesday, June 5 at the Darlington Library. PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Storyteller kicks off library summer program

By Melissa Rollins
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The Darlington County Library System is bringing summer fun to all of its branches with weekly programs through July 25. The teen programs kicked off with an upcycle craft project June 5 while the children's program started June 6 with storyteller Donna Washington.

Before the storytelling began Liz Davis, who is in charge of the library's children's services, sang a silly song and danced with the kids in the audience to get their jitters out.

Washington, a professional storyteller for three decades, talked with the kids in the audience about the summer program's theme, 'Build A Better World.' Students told Washington that some ways to



Donna Washington uses facial expressions to become her characters.

do that include growing a plant, drinking a lot of water and loving God and Jesus.

The stories that Washington told came from old folks stories, many of which have a moral or lesson to be learned from them.

During her storytelling, Washington used voices, noises and facial expressions to become different characters, much to the surprise and delight of the children.

Every Tuesday, with the exception of July 4, children

can visit the Darlington Library for a special activity. They can learn to build things, see how 3D printers work, try out a few yoga poses and explore equipment used to keep roads and bridges safe. Programs are available at other branches with varying times and days.

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. at the Darlington Library:

June 13: Fix It Up! With Lowes

June 20th: Make it in 3D

June 27: Little Yogis

July 11: Big Helpers with Roads and Bridges

July 18: Land Matters with Pee Dee Land Trust

July 25: Building Stories with Bright Star Touring Company

To view schedules for other library branches or to register for the summer reading program, visit www.darlington-lib.org.



Fannie Smoot, Lauren Brunson, Leroy Cade and Sara Patton make toys for animals at the Florence Area Humane Society. Photo Contributed

Pee Dee Gardens celebrates community with friends

Pee Dee Gardens, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Florence, has been celebrating and giving back to their community along with help from Regency Hospice.

The agency recently hosted a Memorial Day picnic for seniors at Pee Dee gardens with assistance from Florence City Councilman Glynn S. Willis and his wife Sandra. Both are volunteers with Regency Hospice.

Regency Hospice visited again in June to help residents create toys for the Florence Area Humane Society.

There are a lot of assisted living communities in the area, but there are not a lot that offer memory care units in Florence, said Regency Hospice Community Relations Director Carmen Richardson.

"To have that partnership with Pee Dee Gardens is great because we have patients all the time that decline and need to go into a memory care unit," said Richardson. "We like to have those relationships built up so we know which facility works best for them, what's suitable for them and their family, being in there constantly, we're able to marry a patient to the right memory care unit."

Pee Dee Gardens also enjoys partnerships with several other area hospice providers including Embrace Hospice, Agape Hospice, Homestead Hospice, McLeod Hospice, MSA Hospice and Pruitt Home Health. For more information about Pee Dee Gardens, please contact Administrator JoAnn Flick at 843-667-6699, jflick@depaul.org.

Coker Athletics Announces the Formation of Striker's Squad

The Coker College Athletic Department is pleased to announce the formation of Striker's Squad, the official kids club of Coker Athletics. This program, available for all youth in 8th grade and below, was created as an affordable option to introduce families to Coker Athletics and our exemplary student-athletes.

Striker's Squad members receive an official t-shirt, VIP pass, birthday card, special invitations to exclusive events and free admission to all Coker home athletic events (basketball, baseball, lacrosse, soccer, softball, vol-

leyball and wrestling, regular season events).

The cost to join Striker's Squad is \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child. Membership is valid until July 31, 2018.

Families interested in signing their children up for Striker's Squad can download the membership form at cokercobras.com and mail it into the Coker Athletic Department, 300 E. College Ave. Hartsville, SC 29550.

For more information or questions about Striker's Squad, call Christian Stryker at 843-383-8068 or email, cstryker@coker.edu.



Francis Marion University alums deliver short film with great purpose

FLORENCE – It's not typical for class projects to eventually be made into short films, but Glass isn't a typical project.

On Tuesday, May 30, Glass – a short film created by Francis Marion University 2017 alums Christian Brunetti and Christina Xan – premiered at the FMU Performing Arts Center's Black Box Theatre at 7 p.m.

The origin of the film goes back to February, when Xan took pen to paper and began writing a stage play as part of a class project. The brutally honest script for the stage play Glass dealt with domestic violence and its repercussions. Xan's work drew rave reviews from her peers, especially Brunetti, who had seen his mother go through an abusive relationship.

Sensing the chance to use some of his own personal experiences, Brunetti reached out to Xan with the idea of adapting the play into a short film.

Just a few weeks later, shooting was underway.

With the help of students and faculty at Francis Marion, the two were able to make their film on a shoestring budget and in a very short period of time.

Now, the two have graduated, Glass is now set to premiere and the big screen can't contain

the pair's excitement.

Xan, the architect of the stage version of Glass, says the premiere of the film is both humbling and empowering.

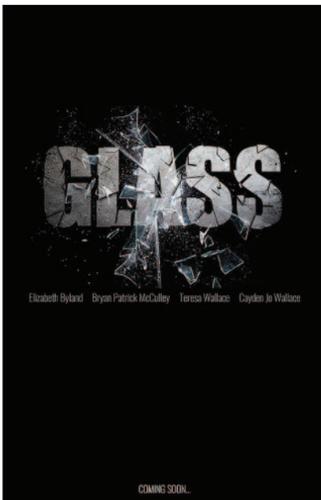
"My goal as a writer is to peel back the cover on something people try to ignore and be as brutally honest about it as possible," Xan says. "I don't think it's a feeling quite possible to describe to watch people work so hard on something you created... I was watching my characters come to life in front of me. I'll never forget that."

The film takes on a difficult topic but looks to promote solutions, as all proceeds from ticket sales will go to the CARE House of the Pee Dee.

The CARE House of the Pee Dee is a Florence-based organization that provides services and support to victims of child abuse and trauma.

For Brunetti, the chance to make the film while assisting a great cause, is something he's relished.

"It's surreal. I'm not going to lie, but it's something that I set out to do," Brunetti says. "I want to make art that matters... I got into this because television and film have the power to influence and affect people and this was my opportunity to put that into practice."



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