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

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Darlington County School Board passes \$82 million budget

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The Darlington County School District voted unanimously during their June 12 meeting to pass the 2017-2018 budget, which includes a 7.5 millage increase.

In previous meetings, Chief Finance Officer Ashley Smith said that the board had the option of keeping millage the same or increasing it by some

amount up to the 7.5 mills. Smith said that not everyone would be affected by the increase the same.

"When you are looking at millage you have to remember that homeowners are exempt from our operating millage, which is what we increased, so their tax will not go up," Smith said. "On cars and things of that nature, it will go up."

Smith said that the board had made no millage increase

for several years.

"We haven't done it for a number of years," Smith said. "A lot of districts raise millage every year. We have a cap on how much we can raise but we were able to go back three years and add up what we could and include it."

The Consumer Price Index determines the cap on millage increases. The cap is based on the population, which has actually decreased in

Darlington County.

"The board determined by the needs of our district that we would need to raise it 7.5," Smith said. "That is for operating expenses. A lot of people, not just school districts, are dealing with the two percent retirement increase that employers are having to pick up. That is over a million dollars just for us. We received a little bit of funding to help us cover that but we also want to

compensate our employees; we would like to stick with the two percent raise. We want to continue to compensate them so we had to raise millage to pay our employees."

Smith cautioned anyone from thinking that the district is raising millage to pad their bank account. The district is legally required to keep a base of at least 30 days of operating expenses in the bank so that if some catastrophic event takes

places, the district is not scrambling to take care of their monetary responsibilities.

The 2017-2018 budget, with pay increases for all employees and increases in retirement costs coming in at over a million dollars each, is \$82 million dollars.

The estimated expenditure increase from last year's budget is \$4.5 million.

DCSD ON 3A



Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp helps Cole Custer unveil his throwback paint scheme honoring Sam Ard. See Page 7A for story. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

Hartsville passes budget, preps for traffic roundabout

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Hartsville City Council convened their regular monthly meeting on June 13 and unanimously approved first reading of a \$9.9 million General Fund budget for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

The budget package in Ordinance 4296 also includes a Water and Sewer Utilities Enterprise Fund budget of \$3,976,500, an Infrastructure Fund budget of \$654,000, a Solid Waste Fund budget of \$1,437,000, a Hospitality Fee Fund budget of \$994,500, an Accommodations Tax Fund budget of \$185,000, a Debt Service Fund budget of \$165,000, a Storm Water Fund budget of \$168,756, a Recreations Concessions Fund budget of \$62,000, and a Splash Pad Fund budget of \$112,500.

Council will hold a special meeting on June 29 for final reading and adoption of this

budget prior to the June 30 deadline. New fiscal year budgets begin on July 1.

In other matters, Council approved a bid award of \$681,195 to Lawrimore Construction of Conway to relocate water and sewer lines on Carolina Avenue. This relocation will allow for future construction of a traffic circle (also called a roundabout) at the intersection where West Carolina Avenue and West Home Avenue converge. Funds will be taken from the Water/Sewer contingency fund to pay for this project.

Council approved \$37,832 to buy a Ford F250 with a Par Kan dump body from Vic Bailey Ford of Spartanburg, per a state-purchasing contract. This vehicle will allow city sanitation workers to pick up and empty refuse cans on narrow streets the full-sized garbage truck cannot access.

BUDGET ON 3A

Lamar gets \$500,000 for water tank project

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Thanks to a \$500,000 grant from SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA), the Town of Lamar is moving closer to re-establishing its municipal water system.

At their June 12 regular meeting, Lamar Town Council discussed the grant, which will fund repairs and painting of the town's two water towers. Council member Mike Lloyd said that according to Hanna Engineering, its possible the project could be completed within a year.

Grant administrator Jannie Lathan of Lathan Consulting, LLC said the project was originally estimated at 18 months, but after conferring with Hanna Engineering they found that a 12-month timeline could be

feasible.

The RIA grant and tower rehab is part of a comprehensive loan/grant package Lamar is pursuing to finance over \$2.6 million in repairs and updates for its municipal water system. The project would address several key system needs, including building a new water treatment plant at a cost of \$1.2 million, sinking a new 250 GPM (gallons per minute) well for \$362,700, and replacing dated and unreliable water meters with new RF (radio frequency) models.

The Town of Lamar has been purchasing all of its municipal water from the Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority (DCWSA) since February of 2016, when South Carolina DHEC shut down the second of Lamar's two water wells due to trace radium detection. Sinking a new well

and building a new treatment plant would allow the town to resume selling water to its residential and commercial customers, and could save Lamar a considerable amount of money each month.

Lamar's proprietary water system was able to produce 1,000 gallons of water for around 75 cents; purchasing that same quantity of water from DCWSA costs about \$2.73.

Meanwhile, the town continues to steadily lose significant amounts of water due to leaks, broken lines, and old, inaccurate water meters. Lloyd said that in the month of May, Lamar purchased 3.5 million gallons of water from DCWSA and billed customers for almost 2.5 million gallons – a loss rate of around 30 percent.

LAMAR ON 3A



John Bowman and Gary Brown answer questions. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

School board gets input from community on bond referendum schools

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Last week, the Darlington County School District held six community meetings in the three communities where they will be building new schools. The meetings served as an opportunity for community members to share their desires for the schools. It was also a chance for the district to give the community the timeline for school construction and explain the building process. Representatives of Jumper Carter Sease Architects, as well as Goforth Brown & Associates were present to discuss the architectural aspects of the schools they have been contracted to design. John Bowman of John Bowman Construction and project manager Dale Collier, President of Brownstone Construction, were also present.

During the meeting, District Public Information Officer Audrey Childers spoke about how the district got to the point it is at.

"In November, the voters of the Darlington County School District passed a \$60 million dollar bond referendum by a 62

percent passage rate," Childers said. "We were very excited about that. We had an existing Penny Sales Tax. In passing the bond referendum, the school district ended up paying off the very last bit of that Penny Sales Tax and essentially extending the Penny Sales Tax so that voters didn't actually see any increase in terms of the tax rates; that penny just continued on."

Childers said that the new Penny Sales Tax allowed for up to sixty million dollars for the project.

"If we can get it in under, that'd be great," Childers said. "Ten years ago, twelve years ago, we had a \$48 million dollar bond referendum but things have gone up significantly and we do have to take that into place."

One new school will be built in Darlington, Hartsville and Lamar, replacing two aging schools in each of those communities. Childers said that the average age of DCSD schools is around 45. The average age of the schools that will be replaced is closer to 56.

BOARD ON 3A

Gandy receives key to Society Hill

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Tommy Bradshaw, Mayor of Society Hill made a special presentation during the town council meeting, Tuesday, June 14.

After a successful Taste of Society Hill on May 13, Bradshaw and the town council members thought it appropriate to recognize the work of Brian Gandy, Executive Director of the Darlington County Historical Commission. Bradshaw presented Gandy a key to the town.

Gandy and his assistant director Max Everhart were responsible for the 2,300 square foot artifact and document display that made the Taste such a unique event.

Before the presentation, Bradshaw read a statement: "Many people made valuable contributions to the

Taste of Society Hill on May 13: the Taste of Society Hill Committee, town council, vendors and donors, EMTs and Law Enforcement, and all of the people who were kind enough to buy tickets. As mayor, I want to congratulate any and all who were involved. One person deserves special recognition for the vital role they played in making the Taste of Society Hill a rousing success, Brian Gandy, the Director of the Darlington County Historical Commission. From early March right through the event itself, Brian labored over every single detail on the museum quality historical exhibits displayed inside the Society Hill Depot. Whether he was scouring his farm looking for antique doors to use in the Trinity Episcopal Church exhibit, spending whole Saturdays and Sundays hanging rustic signs and wiring up audio visual equipment or promoting the event to various city and county council members, Brian went above and beyond the call of duty. His only goal: to promote the rich and varied his-



Brian Gandy with Society Hill Mayor Tommy Bradshaw. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

tory of Darlington County. Through Brian's efforts a tremendous amount of positive attention has been brought to the Town of Society Hill."

Gandy was visibly touched by the town's gesture.

"It was an honor to work with y'all," Gandy said. "It was an honor to represent Society Hill at the Taste. It is a rich and valued history and we were honored to do it and look forward to working with y'all again. Anything we can do to

promote the rich history of Darlington County, we are right here to support you."

Gandy said that from the moment that it was decided that the event would be held that he and the assistant director began combing through their collection and pulling out items to use in the exhibits.

In other business, the town council passed the 2017-2018 budget, after having held a budget hearing prior to the regular council meeting.



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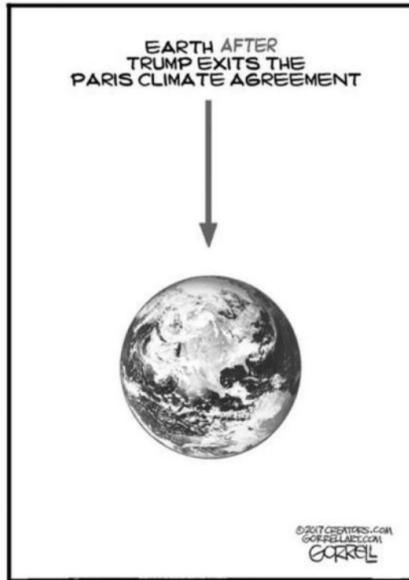
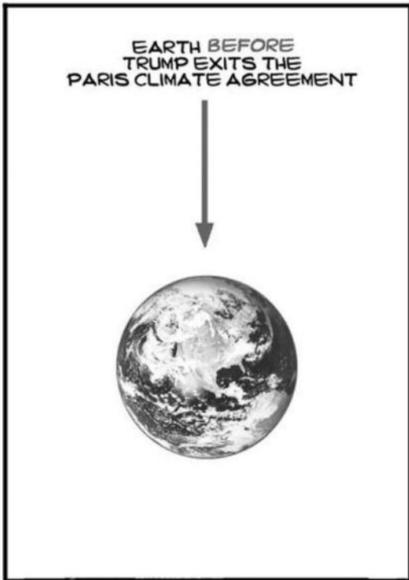
Word of the Week

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OP-ED

June When I Was a Boy

By Bill Shepard

Wow! How fast time seems to be passing. It seems such a short time since I was writing about memories of May. Now we are ankle deep into the month of June, the month that is noted for weddings, watermelons and June-bugs! Ah, to be a boy again in June! The following lines are from my book Mill Village Boy_

"If I could be a boy again in June
And chase after grasshoppers and butterflies
Pull butter weeds for the pigs,
And go fishin' on the full of the moon.
If I could be a boy again."

From my little book of poetry_

Blue Moon

"By a slow moving stream in my hometown,
Boys would gather from miles around.
With a crooked cane pole and a black flax line,
They would crowd the bank in the summer time.
School was out on the last day of May.
In between chores, there was time for play.
With a can of worms and my cane fishing pole,
I'd head down to the old.fishin' hole.
When I was a boy, many hours were spent
Finding much pleasure and it didn't cost a cent.

And I don't regret, now that I'm old,
The time I spent at the old fishin' hole.
The slow moving stream still flows along
But beside the stream, there isn't a throng.
For time has changed the boys that be,
They're all at home- watching TV.
---Poem by Bill

"Did you ever think you'd like to
Go back a little ways
And enjoy again the pleasures
Of your happy boyhood days?
Would you trade your patent leathers
And your made to order clothes
For an hour of running barefoot
Squeezin' mud between your toes.
I know you say you wouldn't

But we're all just grown up boys
And it's pride that robs us
Of the fun that kids enjoy.
--Anon

When I was a boy_ Last year's school days are now just a memory and next year's are too far away to think about now. There was much to be done before next September arrives. Any day now, I will find a job helping nearby farmers to start harvesting their tobacco crop. Much work will need doing before the crop is ready for the market in August. That was when the large tobacco warehouses would open in Darlington and sales would begin. That was when the Darlington Square would really come alive and the stores would be filled with shoppers. O, happy day!
The butter beans that I had helped Dad to plant on "Good Friday" were now sending their

vines to the top of the trellises Dad had prepared for them to climb. Already, they were showing blooms and soon the young beans would appear -also, the June bugs! We could hardly wait for the first mess of butter beans to be placed on the table. It wouldn't happen before early July.
Young readers can't imagine how much we enjoyed the fresh vegetables and fruits in those early times. They were only available when they were in season and grown locally. Today, with our modern means of transportation and refrigeration, our store shelves are filled the year round with fresh produce from around the world. Not so, when I was a boy!
Starting in early July, wagonloads of watermelons from nearby farms would begin showing up on the village. Ah, Blessed day! After making the trip along the narrow

streets of the village, the farmers would head in the direction of town. The precious fruit of the vine would find its way to the small grocery stores situated along Pearl Street. Passersby would stop to thump the melons for ripeness, before going inside to make a purchase.
June would soon give way to July and on to August. Cotton picking time lay just ahead.

Next time, Bill

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OP-ED

Simple, Easy and Wrong Answers for S.C.

By Phil Noble

"For every complex problem, there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong." H. L. Mencken
The South Carolina Legislature seems to live by this. We have some very big and complex problems in this state and our legislators are masters at coming up with clear, simple and wrong answers. Three stories in the news last week are a perfect illustration of this.

Many would argue that the two most basic core functions of our state government are to 1) educate our children and 2) keep us safe ... and dealing with the related issue of how do we pay for these things.

First the problems and then the (wrong) answers.

Education. Readers of this space are probably tired of reading this line - but it is still true and I'll keep writing it until it's not: if we don't fix education in this state, nothing else really matters.

Keep two facts in mind. 1) A recent study by the US News and World Report rated our state's education system (K-12 and higher ed) as 50th in the country. 2) After a 21-year legal battle (yes 21 years), the state Supreme Court ruled that the state does not provide a 'minimally adequate' education for about a third of the students in the state, i.e. the Corridor of Shame schools. The courts have ordered the legislature to come up with a plan to do something about this educational travesty.

Against this background, the state passed legislation this session to provide an additional \$140 million for K-12 education. Let's break this down - \$29 million for new school buses, \$60 million to increase the per pupil funding to \$2,425 and \$55

million for school building repairs in low income districts.

Spending \$140 million more on education sounds great, right? The legislators will now brag to the folks back home that they have done something about education.

Yeah, right - they spent \$140 million to improve education across South Carolina. By comparison, Horry County just built five new schools and the average cost was \$44 million each.

Safety. The concept of safety has many different components but clearly there are some core components of safety that are largely the responsibility of state government to provide - either directly or through state regulations.

A recent study by Wallet Hub analyzes 37 different safety indexes for each of the 50 states and this is where S.C. ranked in each of the categories - personal and residential safety - 49th, road safety - 47th, workplace safety - 21st, emergency preparedness - 36th and financial safety - 28th.

Overall, on the safety index South Carolina ranked 47th. North Carolina was 17th and Georgia was 32nd.

So, now let's look at answers.
The hallmark of traditional politics and the mindless partisan divide are these simple, easy and wrong answers.

Traditional liberals reflexively say, "raise taxes, spend more money and let government do it." Traditional conservatives reflexively say, "cut taxes, stimulate the economy, people make more money and then they will decide how they want to spend their

money."

They are both wrong. It's not simply about spending more or less, it's about spending smart. And clearly South Carolina is not spending smart - see education and safety above.

In South Carolina today, the cut taxes crowd are having their way - and it's likely to get worse. Sen. Tommy Pope, Chairman of the Tax Policy Review Committee, says that cutting taxes is what he's all about in the next session of the legislature. South Carolina already has one of the overall lowest tax rates in the country.

The problem with simply continually cutting taxes and not spending existing tax money effectively (see education and safety) is that at some point it does real and lasting damage to our state and its people.

Now, this is not just my theoretical ranting; let me offer a real life, real time example - Nebraska. In 2010, they elected Sam Brownback as governor and his pledge was a 'march to zero income taxes.' He promised that this would free up the economy, stimulate businesses and create jobs - 100,000 new jobs in four years, he promised in his 2014 re-election campaign.

The results have been disastrous. As one study found, "The state's fiscal condition fell off a cliff: tax revenue plunged, creating huge budget shortfalls and leading ratings agencies to downgrade the state's credit rating." And the huge budget shortfalls led to massive and deep cuts in practically everything, especially in education, roads - i.e., see South Carolina's problems above.

ANSWERS ON 3A

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Tips for maintaining neighborhood ponds

By Terasa Lott

Many residential neighborhoods contain ponds and in some cases, the lots associated with these ponds have a higher value. While these ponds can be attractive, they are primarily constructed to provide flood control and water quality protection.

As land is developed, the amount of hard surface increases. This means that during a rain event, there is less opportunity for water to soak into the ground. Less water soaking in means more runoff. This runoff is routed off roads and to the pond where it is held for a period of time. This allows for the removal of some sediment and pollutants before the water flows into a local body of water.

Like any other engineered device, stormwater ponds require maintenance. One of the most common problems affecting stormwater ponds is shoreline erosion. This undermines the stability of the bank and the sediment washing into the pond decreases the pond's storage capacity. The more erosion that is occurring, the more frequently a pond will need to be dredged. As you can imagine, dredging is costly. Neighborhoods can protect the shoreline by installing certain plants that are suited to life at the edge of the water. Unlike turf, these plants have deep root systems that do a much better job of holding soil in place. Plants like Blue Flag Iris, Marshmallow Hibiscus, and Swamp Sunflower can transform a blah, eroding shoreline into one that is stabilized, full of color, and attractive to desirable wildlife. Personally I would much rather look out my window to see humming-

birds feeding on flowers at the water's edge rather than a shoreline of sparse grass and eroding soil.

Nutrients can also be problematic in stormwater ponds leading to excess weed and algae growth. You may wonder about the source of the nutrients. Once source is fertilizer runoff so property owners should apply fertilizer based on the results of a soil test to ensure. More is not always better! Pet waste can also be a source of nutrients so picking up after man's best friend can help your neighborhood pond (and keep your

shoes clean). Shoreline plantings help with nutrient removal as do floating wetlands. Floating wetland are essentially container gardens for ponds. Plant roots extend into the water where they can take up excess nitrogen and phosphorus. The islands provide habitat for fish, frogs, and pollinators and the shade helps cool the water to support healthy oxygen levels.

For more information about stormwater pond maintenance and problem solving, visit clemson.edu/extension/stormwaterponds.

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One of the Community Changers teams helped replace the leaky roof of a mobile home on Jeffords Mill Road in the Dovesville Community.

Darlington County youth repair homes during Community Changers week

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Volunteer work crews from Community Changers, a summer outreach program of the Welsh Neck Baptist Association, swept across the Darlington County area last week, with over 100 volunteers from 18 churches taking on home repair and improvement projects for families in need.

"This is part of the annual Community Changers camp, which we do every year in early June. It's one week long, and it's for kids who have completed the sixth grade up to the age of 18," says project supervisor Ray Graham.

Community Changers works

by teaming youth volunteers with adult supervisors who have experience with construction and home repair. These teams have about a 50/50 ratio of kids to adults. Over the course of the week, they fan out and tackle projects ranging from roof replacement to building wheelchair ramps, all to help people with demonstrable needs and scant resources.

"We have two main objectives. One is to provide assistance to people that need it, and the other is to bring these kids in and give them a chance to spend time with senior adults. We have a lot of retired people with great skill sets and the time to volunteer, and this is a really good opportunity for

the kids to learn from them," says Graham.

Repeat volunteer Hannah Thompson, 18, of New Providence Baptist Church says she returned to the Community Changers camp again this year because it gives campers the valuable experience of seeing their hard work make a difference in someone's life.

"Last year, our project was really fun. We cleaned a lady's house and worked on her yard and trees, and it was great to see the change at the end of the week when we were done," says Thompson, adding that the camaraderie between campers feels special because they accomplished something together.

"The fellowship between the kids at night during worship is just really amazing. And we learn responsibility, because the older campers really have to be role models for the younger kids," says Thompson.

The visiting youth campers retire each evening to Mechanicsville Baptist Church, and once their workdays end they enjoy fellowship, cookouts, and fishing trips to relax and reflect on a very challenging – but uniquely rewarding – summer vacation experience.

To learn more about Community Changers, write to the Welsh Neck Baptist Association at 1048 E. Bobo Newsome Hwy, Hartsville, SC, 29551

Budget

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In a related matter, Council approved a bid award of \$30,966 for Amick Equipment of Lexington to refurbish garbage truck #88, replacing the rear load refuse body and updating hoses and equipment. Repairing this truck will allow it to become the backup for the city's primary garbage truck.

Resolution 06-17-09 received unanimous approval, authorizing the expenditure of \$172,000 to update wayfind-

ing signage around the city. The resolution states that most of the current signs "do not direct visitors the correct direction." The bid award was given to ACSM, and city staff has worked with the company to determine design and locations for the new signs, which will include gateway signs, parking signs, kiosks, and various wayfinding signs. Grant funding of \$9,500 was received from the Byerly Foundation for this project.

Council approved first reading of Ordinance 4293, granting incentives for Clark Ihrie of High Cotton Homes to build

new single-family dwellings on Norwood Avenue in the Oakdale Community. By meeting incentive criteria and building in Hartsville's Strategic Overlay Zone, Ihrie qualifies for a 100 percent rebate on water tap fees and 50 percent rebates on building permits. City manager Natalie Zeigler said it is Ihrie's stated intent to rebate these savings – about \$1,500 – to the homebuyers.

By unanimous consent, Council approved an application for a 2017 Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant program, which could allow the

Hartsville Police Department to be reimbursed for half the cost of vests scheduled for purchase in the upcoming fiscal year. Currently, eight vests are to expire during this period and will require replacement per the department's policy of retiring vests after 5 years of wear. The cost for eight vests is approximately \$5,232.08, and the city has committed to fund half that amount - \$5,232.08 - to satisfy matching requirements of the grant.

Also at this meeting, the City of Hartsville received its 31st Tree City USA award from the SC Forestry Commission.

Board

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"When you are talking about facilities and electrical needs and technology needs, it tends to get on up there and cause some challenges," Childers said.

The cost Each of the schools will have a program budget of \$20 million. Collier explained exactly what a program budget is.

"Program includes the entirety of what needs to be done in these particular areas," Collier said. "When you talk about a program budget, it is not just the construction of the building. It is the fees that are associated with it; it's the land purchases that may have to be made. It is also the furniture, fixtures and equipment, technology and the like that need to go into these buildings; everything associated with that par-

ticular site, we're going to make sure it fits within that \$20 million targeted budget."

Location In the case of J.L. Cain Elementary and Brunson-Dargan Elementary Schools in Darlington, the replacement school will be located on the Cain property. In Hartsville and Lamar, no decision has been made on site selection for the replacement schools. Community members have expressed concerns in the past over where the new schools might be built. During the May 8 school board meeting, Hartsville pastor Reverend J. D. Blue told board members that "it is going to be a fight" if Washington Street Elementary is moved from the south side of town when it is merged with West Hartsville Elementary.

Timeline According to Collier, the desired project timeline would see all three schools being con-

structed simultaneously with an anticipated opening date of Aug. 2019.

"Right now what we have is an approximate three year program to complete these schools," Collier said. "Right now we have the projects starting this year and that would take us to the fall of 2019. We are talking about getting the design done in time for next spring. To go vertical, we are talking about 18 months from there."

Naming Just as with the site selection, no decisions have been made about the naming of the new schools. During one of the community meetings, Superintendent Eddie Ingram told the audience that he would love to see them have input and that could take place in a variety of ways. Ultimately, the school board would likely have the final say.

Dream School

Childers had audience members come up with ideas of what they would put in a 'dream school' if they could build that for their children. Here are a few ideas that were given out:

- A gymnasium that seats the entire school population
- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Access
- A front office with a bathroom with a shower for younger students or special needs students who may need it
- A school building that reflects the community it is in
- Energy efficient buildings
- Good traffic flow for parents, buses and community members
- Foreign language instruction
- Collaborative spaces
- Keyboarding instruction
- Standard space reporting/more personalized learning and assessments

Lamar

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"We've got no idea where it's going. The only thing I can figure out is that it's in the water meters. I've been seeing cases where there's two or three (residents) in a house and they're only using 1,000 gallons a month. That kinda makes me believe the meters are not accurate," said Lloyd.

Mayor Randy Reynolds agreed that the town has many old water meters and their replacement is a crucial part of

Lamar's water system overhaul plan.

Council also heard from Mike McDonald of Lamar's sanitation department. McDonald told Council that since Lamar ended twice a week trash pickup in favor of a single pickup each Thursday, the local Darlington County recycling and trash convenience center has had trouble accommodating the large amount of household waste brought in all at once.

McDonald suggested a routine of two half-day routes to ease the burden on the county

convenience centers and maximize the work hours of state prisoners on loan to Lamar from the Darlington County Prison Farm. He noted that during hot summer days, inmate laborers are not allowed to work when the temperature reaches above 93 degrees, effectively ending their Thursday garbage collection route after only about four hours of work.

"My recommendation is maybe that we try going back to twice a week like we have in the past. Things seemed to work a lot easier and smoother

for everybody," said McDonald.

After some discussion, Council voted to resume trash pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays as of June 27, with this new schedule continuing until further notice.

Final numbers for Lamar's 2017/2018 budget are still in flux, as Council members could not agree on how much to increase water and sewer rates. Lamar Town Council has scheduled a June 26 special meeting to finalize the budget, which must be completed before the end of the month.

DHEC, Clemson announce South Carolina Adopt-a-Stream program

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Clemson University Center for Watershed Excellence are partnering to form the South Carolina Adopt-a-Stream program.

DHEC and Clemson will promote and expand existing South Carolina volunteer stream-monitoring efforts by providing volunteer monitors with a website for information, a database to maintain water quality-monitoring data, training classes and materials, and other useful resources.

Numerous volunteer organizations from across the state have already

agreed to participate in this citizen river-monitoring program. These volunteer river stewards will spend a few hours each month documenting stream conditions and alerting local authorities if they exceed water quality standards or of evidence of illegal and illicit discharges.

South Carolina Adopt-a-Stream river stewards will be trained and certified in sample- and data-collection protocols designed to inform future monitoring efforts, infrastructure repairs, restoration priorities and more. Training events will be posted at <http://www.clemson.edu/public/water/watershed/scaas/aas-events.html>.

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In other businesses, the board took a vote on the property requests from The City of Darlington. The property was separated into four pieces, each requiring an individual vote. In the end, two got affirmative votes and two got a nay.

Virgil Wells Park will be given to the city contingent on a survey, paid for by the city, getting approval from the school board. They also transferred ownership of 100 feet on the Brunson-Dargan side of Swift Creek. The board voted not to give the city the baseball fields on Blue Street and the amphitheater on the property of St. John's Elementary School.

Darlington County Recreation Director Lee Andrews, who presented the property requests to the board of behalf of the city, said that he understood the board's decision as far as liability issues and the need for possible expansions in the future.

"After the work session the other night, I thought that was the way that they were going to go," Andrews said. "I'm not really upset about it just because they are protecting their interests and I can understand that totally. The amphitheater would have been a good acquisition for us because we could have done some concerts and stuff in there but I still think we can

work with the school district enough where we can put some things in there."

Andrews said that the city has been playing ball at the fields on Blue Street for 30 years and he doesn't see the school district making any abrupt changes to their agreement.

"I don't think they are going to run us off of there until we have somewhere we can put kids," Andrews said. "They do need a baseball field on campus that is a no-brainer, they need all of their facilities on campus, and I understand that. If we can help them any way as far as that is concerned, we will."

Andrews said that where the city goes from this point is up to the members of city council.

"I am going to leave any decisions up to city council because ultimately it is going to be up to them," Andrews said. "Me personally, and professionally too, I would love to have it all on one piece of property but there is not a big enough tract of land in Darlington that someone wants to get rid of to do that on. If there is a big tract of land and we have been able to see it on the satellite map, we've talked to people. It has either been in the family forever or they don't want people encroaching on them and there again, I completely understand. We are not done. There are a couple more things I think will be coming down the pipe shortly."

Answers

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We need to get beyond all of this. We need to get beyond all the empty rhetoric of the predictable politics as usual of the right and left.

There are solutions that actually work. Two examples: 1) Zero Based Budgeting is a process where periodically departments and agencies must justify their entire budget and not just the new dollars they want to add each year; 2) Performance Audits are a well-established process where each department or agency is audited

based on their performance and outcomes and not based on process and money spent. We should try these.

We have some big, complex and difficult problems in our state and we need to expect more of our so-called leaders than clear, simple and wrong answers.

We don't deserve this. We can do better.

Phil Noble has a technology firm in Charleston, is founder of World Class Scholars and writes a weekly column for the S.C. Press Association. Contact him at phil@philnoble.com and get his columns at www.PhilNoble.com.



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Lori Johnson Holloway

Lori Johnson Holloway, age 51, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2017. A memorial service was held 3 p.m. Thursday, June 15th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home. A visitation was held from 2-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



Born December 3, 1965, Lori is the daughter of Barbara Turner Johnson, and the late Charles Johnson. She was a graduate of Ashbrook High School in Gastonia, NC, and then moved to Darlington in 1986, and worked as an office manager.

Surviving in addition to her mother, Barbara Johnson of Gastonia, are her daughter, Megan Holloway of Darlington; her sisters, Barbara (Boyd) Passmore of Gastonia, and Brenda (Ron) Setzer of Hickory, NC; her brothers, Joe (Ann) Johnson of Lowell, NC, and Charles Johnson of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mitch Holloway and her sisters, Wanda Johnson Ormand, and Evelyn Johnson.

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

Thelma Louise Salada Wall

Thelma Louise Salada Wall, age 91, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2017 surrounded by her family. She was born in Spartanburg, SC, the daughter of Lydia Little Salada Nesmith and Frank Edward Salada.



She is survived by her daughters Cynthia Wall Geries, Frances Wall (Grady) Weaver, grandchildren Lezlie Weaver (Gil Cagle), Sidney Russell Geries, Mary Helen Geries, great grandson Everett Weatherford Cagle (Rhett), nephew Jodi (Rosie) Smith, great-nephew Hampton Smith, nephew Dennis Wall, great-niece Sarah Wall (Micha) Peppers, goddaughter Susan Langston Timmons and special friends Jean and Barney Gooden.

Thelma was predeceased by her husband USMC

Technical Sergeant Frank Trimual Wall, sister Betty Jo Salada Smith, brother-in-law Claud Smith, sister and brother-in-law Mary and Calvin Wall.

Thelma was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Darlington, SC since 1958. She committed her life to the service of others including volunteer work at her church, McLeod Hospice, The Lord Cares. She was well known for providing food for neighbors, shut-ins, and nursing homes. She was employed by Florence and Darlington County Treasurers offices.

A special thank you is extended to Morningside Assisted Living of Hartsville, SC staff and residents for the love and care demonstrated on a daily basis.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 3 p.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church. A private burial was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the Florence National Cemetery, directed by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home of Darlington. The family received friends following the service on Sunday, June 18, 2017 in the fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church of Darlington, Hospice of choice, or The Lord Cares.

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

Lizzie Daniels Kelly

Funeral services for Deaconess Lizzie Daniels Kelly of Darlington were held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 19, 2017 at New Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Darlington, Rev. Dr. Shawn Johnson, pastor.



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

Deaconess Kelly was born on November 5, 1919 in Florence, South Carolina the eighth of ten children born to Arthur and Lizzie Daniels. Lizzie was affectionately known to many as "Handful" a woman of faith, character, wisdom, love, and a spiritual advisor. She departed this life on Monday, June 12, 2017 at McLeod Hospice House.

Lizzie was a long time member of New Providence Missionary Baptist Church where she served in numerous positions.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home chapel and at other times at the residence, 443 Ruby Street, Darlington.

Bobby Matthews

Robert "Bobby" Reed Matthews, age 68, died Friday, June 16, 2017 at his residence. A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20 in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home. Burial will take place with full military honors, provided by The Florence Veteran's Honor Guard, in Grove Hill Cemetery. The family received friends Monday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Born March 26, 1949 in Florence, he was the son of the late Jay Matthews and the late Wilma Morris Matthews Coats. Bobby served in the United States Army, 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles". He was a two-year veteran of the Vietnam War, and a recipient of the Purple Heart. Mr. Matthews then went to Lay-Z-Boy and had worked there for thirty-five years at his retirement. "He was a hero to us all. He loved his country with all of his heart. Anyone who met him fell in love with him. He always had a smile, a hug, and a kiss to share." Bobby was a member of Palmetto Street Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Irma R. Matthews, a daughter, Barbara Player and a son Robbie Matthews, all of Florence; grandchildren: Brian Player, Amanda Player, Reed (April) Matthews, Dustin Matthews, Miranda Matthews, Ashley Matthews and great grandchildren: Caleb, Audrey, Bryson, Sarah Grace, Aiden and Levy; brothers: Sonny (Nancy) Matthews of Effingham, Billy Matthews, and Ronnie (Debbie) Matthews, all of Florence; sisters: Margaret (Foster) Sanders, Suzy (Jeff) Toler all of Timmonsville, and Debbie Threadgill of Maggie Valley, NC.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Jesse "PeeWee" Matthews, Pender Matthews, Doug Coats and a sister, Darlene (George) Weatherford.

A tribute page is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

Donald Eugene Waddell

Donald Eugene Waddell passed away on June 15, 2017 due to complications after surgery. He was 62 years old. A funeral service was held 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home. A visitation was held from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Don was born in Darlington, SC and graduated from St. John's High School in 1973. He worked at Wellman Industries for almost 34 years and was currently employed at PolyQuest in Darlington. Don was the son of the late Gerald M. Waddell and Sylvia Waddell Bryan.

He was predeceased in death by his brother, Gerald (Jerry) M. Waddell, Jr., his sister Diane Waddell Boley and his father Gerald M. Waddell.

Surviving are his wife of almost 40 years Tonia Parnell Waddell, his mother Sylvia Bryan, his step-dad Bill Bryan, his sister Kathy (Teddy) Evans, brother-in-law David (Greta) Elliotte, sister-in-law Debra (Alan) Reed and sister-in-law Tara Waddell; and his mother-in-law, Joanne Elliotte of Darlington.

Don was a wonderful husband, brother, son and friend. He loved fishing and had many good times with his brother Jerry and close friends Phil Miller, David Tucker, Ronnie Garrison and Shane Johnson. Don was adored by his nephews Jason Evans and Jeff Boley and took them fishing whenever he could. His nieces Jennifer and Allison also loved their Uncle Don and checked on him every day while he was at MUSC. He had a special relationship with his brother-in-law David Elliotte and they talked almost daily about boats and fishing. Don was especially good to his mother-in-law Joanne Elliotte who will miss him dearly. Don loved his family and friends and would do anything for others. He stayed in touch with childhood friends Russell Street and Darlene Street Kirby and also a friend from high school Doug Helton. He was a hard worker and had a great sense of humor. Don will be thoroughly missed by all who knew him.

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

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

LIVING ON PURPOSE

The bond of love we have with our pets

By Dr. William Holland

Within two weeks of each other, my son and daughter-in-law took both of their dogs to the vet to end their suffering. Juno and Bishop were so loving and gentle. They were rescued a few years ago, but sadly they both had recently been diagnosed with cancer. It's very difficult to go through this, but our sincere love and respect does not want to see them suffer. When my wife and I would visit, Juno would always bring us this huge chew bone and Bishop would wrap his legs around ours like he was hugging us. Of course, my son and his wife are very upset, and we can definitely relate as we have also said goodbye to several dogs through the years. I remember our Boston Terrier Katy, and the sorrow I felt when they put her to sleep. I was rocking her like you would hold a baby and she was staring into my eyes like she had done since she was a baby. I believe us being present in their last moments is very comforting to them and I cannot help but believe they trust us to do the right thing.

A couple of weeks after I had written a rough draft of this column, we came home to find our beloved French bulldog Sampson had unexpectedly passed away. We have taken it hard and miss him very much. I would kid around with my wife in the evenings when Sam would snuggle on the couch with us that he was the recipient of a lot of grandbaby love - ha! In fact, I do not even call them dogs, but I admit I refer to them as "children." When I say, let's go to bed children, they march to the kitchen for their bedtime treat and go straight to their designated areas for the evening. We do not have grandchildren yet and our dogs are so spoiled it's comical. You know, I'm sure that some will think I'm silly, but a pet over time becomes much like a close family member and to some people the bond may be even stronger than any relationship they have with a human. Only those who are deeply attached to their animals would understand.

No matter what we are facing or how difficult the situation is, our pets love us without questions or judgments and can sense when we are upset. They are always there for us as a best friend should be. I have seen therapy dogs in action and I'm convinced they are not only intelligent but also have an emotional discernment. For those who live alone, a faithful companion can bring much comfort and a feeling of security. After a long day, they are always happy to see us and it seems our time together with them is the most important thing in their life. Sam loved to take turns sleeping in our laps at night and he would snore so loud, I would have to turn the volume up on the TV. He would follow us around and just always wanted to be with us.

A survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association says there are well over 120 million dogs and cats that are pets in the U.S. Fish, birds, small animals, reptiles and horses that are considered a part of the family, make up another 50 million individuals. With food, supplies, grooming, boarding and vet expenses at over 70 billion dollars annually, we can agree that people are serious about their companions. The American society for the prevention of cruelty to animals estimates that around 75 percent of American families own at least one pet. I personally believe that pets are good for children as they learn to be sensitive and compassionate. Participating in the care and enjoying the love that animals give in return helps to develop maturity and responsibility. I have been asked, if our pets go to heaven, and though no one really knows for sure, there are several examples in scripture that confirm there will definitely be animals in the next life. I for one certainly hope that I will see them again.

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

CHURCH NEWS

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

Bible Academy

Bethel A.M.E. 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

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 wel-

come 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.

Praise and Worship Service

Southern Heritage Talent Service presents a Praise and Worship Service Saturday, June 24, 6 p.m. at Love Life Ministries, 213 Cross St. in Darlington. A love offering will be received. For more information, call 843-615-0792.

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.

Hymn Singing

Join Love Life Ministries, 213 Cross St. in Darlington, June 25 at 6 p.m. for their monthly Hymn Singing. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 843-615-0792.

Pastor Anniversary

Everyone is cordially invited to join the celebration of Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church's pastor anniversary on June 25, 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Samuel Fulmore. The church is located at 405 S. Main St. in Darlington. For more information, call 843-395-0444.

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.

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.

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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 home-made 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 27 - July 4

Public Hearing

Darlington City Council will hold a public hearing on the FY2017-2018 budget at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St.

Special City Council Meeting

Darlington City Council will hold a special meeting Tuesday, June 27, 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@dar-cosc.com.

Reunion

71st Rhodes Reunion Sunday, July 9 at Swift Creek Baptist Church, 413 N. Center Road. Worship is at 11 a.m. For more information, call Marvin Privette at 843-260-8535.

July 10 - 18

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting on July 11 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.

American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, July 13 at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A

meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

Darlington Planning Commission

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

July 19 - 25

DDRA Spring Concert Series

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

Darlington County Ambulance Commission

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

July 26 - Aug. 5

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

Aug. 6 - 15

Darlington County Council Meeting

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

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

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

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Market on Darlington Square

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Darlington County Council Meeting

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Darlington City Council Meeting

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Darlington County Ambulance Commission

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Oct. 2017

Market on Darlington Square

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Yam Jam Concert

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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.

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Timely hitting and solid pitching push Darlington past South Florence Gold

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington – Darlington Post 13 picked up another win in junior legion play this week, defeating South Florence Gold 6-3 this past Tuesday, June 13.

Post 13 jumped on South Florence quick in the bottom of the first inning, capitalizing on Gold's mistakes on the mound that let one run score on a wild pitch and another off of a single by Keyshawn Taylor.

Wild pitches and hit-by-pitch were the story of the game for South Florence's pitching staff as the bad fortune in the first inning showed its ugly face again in the third. Rance Hatchell was able to drive in Darlington's third run of the game off a sacrifice fly that was setup by two hit batsmen and one wild pitch.

Darlington excelled in situational hitting like that all night and picked another run off of another sacrifice fly in



Darlington Post 13 starting pitcher Jalin Mullins pitched a shut-out for the first six innings of the game against South Florence Gold. PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON

the fourth inning when Cameron Galloway knocked

in Mike Dixon, who had reached third on a wild pitch.

Garrett Knight added an RBI single in the inning to extend

Post 13's lead to 5-0.

"Overall we gave some guys some opportunities to play tonight who haven't been playing a whole lot and they came through," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said. "We put down some good sac bunts and sac flies."

Post 13 loaded the bases in the bottom of the fifth off of two walks with a hit batsmen sandwiched in between and just like all of the other times in the game, Darlington came away with another run on another situational hitting situation as Dixon hit a ground-ball to second base resulting in a RBI fielder's choice.

Despite the six runs and well executed situational hitting, Gearhart still believes that his team is leaving too many runners on base once they reach scoring position.

"We still need to do a better job of hitting with runners in scoring position," Gearhart said. "We're leaving way too many guys on bases."

South Florence made it

somewhat interesting in the top of the seventh. Down by six, Gold scored three runs, two off of starter Jalin Mullins and one off of reliever Jaques Mullins, but that was as close as they would get to Darlington.

Jalin pitched brilliantly for the first six innings, throwing shutout baseball before running out of gas in the top of the seventh.

"Jalin did a great job," Gearhart said. "I think he got a little tired there at the end, but he hasn't pitched a whole lot."

While the win was a non-region game, it still shows that Post 13 is improving with each game as they are now winners of four of their last five games following this win over South Florence.

"We seemed to be getting better and better as each game goes on, hopefully that continues," Gearhart said.

Recap: Darlington defeated West Florence 7-0 on Monday, June 12.

Cole Custer honors Ard with throwback paint scheme for Darlington

While the No. 00 Haas Automation Ford Mustang is piloted by a relatively fresh face in the NASCAR XFINITY Series, it was a tenacious veteran whose heroics in the early 1980s made the No. 00 synonymous with winning.

The No. 00 of today is driven by 19-year-old Cole Custer, who is competing for rookie-of-the-year honors in the stepping-stone division to the elite Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. And while Custer makes a name for himself in the XFINITY Series, he drives a car with a number made famous by Sam Ard.

In just 92 career XFINITY Series starts between 1982 and 1984, Ard drove his No. 00 machine to 22 victories, 67 top-five and 79 top-10 finishes while earning 24 poles and leading 4,035 laps. His average finish was an astonishing 5.5 and it led Ard to back-to-back championships in 1983 and 1984 in what was then known as the NASCAR Budweiser Late Model Sportsman Series.

Ard passed away earlier this year, but his legacy lives on. Custer's No. 00 Haas Automation Ford Mustang will feature a paint scheme honoring Ard when he competes in the Sept. 2 Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 at Darlington Raceway. The same white paint and red lettering that can be seen on Ard's No. 00 Oldsmobile Omega on the Glory Road display inside the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, North Carolina, will be emulated on Custer's No. 00 Ford Mustang at Darlington.

"The 00 number has been a part of my entire NASCAR career, and over the years I've gotten to know its history and met some of the people who

worked with Sam and saw him race," Custer said. "The more I learn about Sam and all that he accomplished, the more impressive it becomes. I feel like I'm driving his car, and I want to make him and his family proud. Guys like Sam Ard helped shape the sport into what it is today. Without him, I don't know if the opportunity to drive racecars for a living would exist. I'm grateful for it and I'd like him and his family to know it."

Ard was born in Pamplico, South Carolina, roughly 45 minutes southeast of Darlington. Ard was a U.S. Air Force veteran who worked on aircraft at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina, as part of the war effort during Vietnam. He competed in four XFINITY Series races at Darlington. While he didn't win, he never finished lower than sixth, with his best result being second, earned twice, in 1983 and in his final Darlington race on Sept. 1, 1984.

"Sam Ard was a terrific ambassador and champion for the NASCAR XFINITY Series. It's great to see a team like Stewart-Haas Racing, and their rising star Cole Custer, pay tribute to Sam with a special throwback paint scheme in his honor," said Kerry Sharp, president, Darlington Raceway. "Sam is from nearby Pamplico, and it's great to have a local racing hero like Sam, and his family, recognized in this manner. Cole's paint scheme will be one of the highlights of our Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 race on Sept. 2, and we thank him and Stewart-Haas Racing for remembering one of our sport's heroes this way."

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Stewart-Haas Racing is the title-winning NASCAR team co-owned by three-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion Tony Stewart and Gene Haas, founder of Haas Automation – the largest CNC machine tool builder in North America. The organization fields four entries in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series – the No. 4 Ford Fusion for Kevin Harvick, the No. 10 Ford Fusion for Danica Patrick, the No. 14 Ford Fusion for Clint Bowyer and the No. 41 Ford Fusion for Kurt Busch. The team also competes in the NASCAR XFINITY Series by fielding a full time entry – the No. 00 Ford Mustang for Cole Custer – and one part-time entry – the No. 41 Ford Mustang. Based in Kannapolis, North Carolina, Stewart-Haas



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Coker Names Scott Head Track & Field/Cross Country Coach

Coker College has named Tom Scott as its head track & field/cross country coach, Dr. Lynn Griffin, vice president of athletics and athletic facilities, announced today. Scott becomes the second coach in program history.

"We are excited to have Tom take over our cross country and track & field programs," stated Griffin. "He brings experience to the position and a proven track record of recruiting talented, successful student-athletes. Tom will continue to build upon the success that our program has developed over the past few years."

Scott comes to Coker after spending the last two years as the head men's and women's cross country coach and assistant men's and women's track & field coach at Ashland University. During his time at Ashland, Scott coached seven national qualifiers, six All-Americans, 11 Academic All-Americans, and the 2017 GLIAC Men's Outdoor Track &

Field Champions. Most recently, Scott led the Eagles men's indoor track & field team to a runner-up finish and the men's outdoor track & field team to a third place finish at the 2017 NCAA Championships.

"I want to thank Dr. Wyatt and Dr. Griffin for giving me the chance to take the helm of the Coker track & field/cross country program," Scott said. "The program has had a lot of success in its short four years and I can't wait to help the kids continue to improve on their accomplishments. As a coach, my number one goal is to help kids achieve goals that they never thought were possible, both in the classroom and on the track. I'm excited to get to know the current athletes on the team and help guide them to accomplish their goals."

Before taking over his duties at Ashland University, Scott served as the cross country and track & field graduate assistant at Michigan Technological University. During his time

with the Huskies, the men's cross country program improved from 12th to fifth in the GLIAC, while earning its best-ever finish (eighth) at the Midwest Region meet. He also coached Tech's first NCAA cross country qualifier in 16 years. Scott coached the fourth track All-American in school history. In two seasons, 15 Tech distance records were broken.

Scott, a native of Lima, Ohio, competed for Ashland University. He was a three-time All-American (twice in the 800-meter run and once as part of the 4x400-meter relay), and earned 2011 Midwest Region Track Athlete of the Year honors. He was a 2012 Academic All-American.

Scott assumes command of the Cobra track & field/cross country teams that produced six U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Region members and their first All-American last year in Darroneshia Lott.

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"We have so many choices here; we serve shrimp, scallops, oysters, tilapia, flounder, catfish. The flounder is a big seller, and shrimp is our number one seller. But in case you're not a seafood lover, we have all kinds of pasta dishes, chicken, steak. And we have a pretty big kids menu, with things like spaghetti, cheeseburgers, fish sticks, corn dogs and all kinds of stuff," says Bryan Stewart, Mayflower Seafood's managing partner.

With a reputation for good food and generous portions at

fair prices, it's no surprise that the Mayflower has a loyal following among locals and travelers alike.

"My niece is here visiting from London and she's busy, busy, busy. But she made time to come here for lunch!" says Joanne Arorash, a Mayflower Seafood regular customer for five years.

"We have so many regulars that it's actually like a really, really big family," says Stewart. "Out of everyone you see (in an average lunchtime crowd), I would say about seventy percent of them are regulars and come here three or four days a week. They become not just like customers, but like family. I know most of these people and what they've got going on in their lives, and they know that I went camping last weekend."

After building the brand over decades in North Carolina, Mayflower came to Darlington in 2010 when Stewart partnered

with Danny Watson, who owned a Mayflower Seafood Restaurant in Cheraw. Now, along with kitchen partner Musa Juma, the team aims to prepare reliably tasty dishes served with a warm, welcoming attitude.

"We have a really great staff. Most of the time when I get a comment card, it says that the food is outstanding, but that we have really, really great service," says Stewart. "The customers love the staff and I do, too. They do a great job."

As an extension of the family-oriented atmosphere, the Mayflower does not serve alcohol and Stewart says the restaurant has no plans to change this.

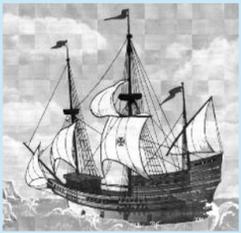
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From left, servers Megan Carter and Kala Roscoe with Mayflower Seafood managing partner Bryan Stewart PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

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Local author uses poetry to talk about domestic violence

By Melissa Rollins
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Niana Renee said that though her life has been much different than she expected, she has come to terms with her past. In April, she released a book of poetry, *Poetic Diaries Ambiguous Love*, that she says is a 'raw' look at domestic abuse.

"The book just came out but I've been working on it since last year," Renee said. "My first time doing spoken word and putting myself out there was June of last year. I performed some of my poems and broke it down into the person I was and what happened to me."

Renee said that she experiences heartbreak young.

"My father was the first man to break my heart with me not knowing him," Renee said. "It just set the bar to continue down a path for heartbreak."

She ended up in a relationship with a man who was controlling and he eventually turned physically violent.

"My ex tried to kill me and although he didn't physically pull the trigger that day he actually did it mentally and emotionally to the point that I started having anxiety attacks real bad," Renee said. "I put myself in a bubble and blocked

myself from being hurt, blocked myself from good and bad."

After a period, she said that she had enough of being down on herself.

"I didn't love myself," Renee said. "I was an abuse victim and a lot of guys don't want to take that on; that's baggage. I had a daughter at 14; that's baggage. I have three girls now; that's baggage. I decided that I was going to release some of those bags."

Her writing allowed her to let go of some of the things that she experienced.

"When I started writing, I thought someone needs to hear this but I was scared," Renee said. "When I got onstage to do my first show, I was shaking. Everyone was just so quiet. By the second time, I did a wardrobe change, I came out there and owned the stage."

Renee said that she understands that certain topics are hard to talk about but that doesn't mean they should be left in the dark.

"I was sexually abused as a child and I was a teen mom and I just thought those were things people needed to know about and talk about," Renee said. "No one wants to talk about them but other people have those experiences too. I speak

to the support group for domestic violence victims and they always ask how I do it. I tell them that you have to start over and retrace your steps and find out where you lost that love for yourself."

Now a single mother of three, Renee said that she has a different perspective on life.

"I put myself in other's shoes before I judge because you never know what anyone is going through," Renee said. "The hardest thing for a victim of abuse to hear is 'I would never let that happen to me' because that is like a knife. I never thought I would be an abuse victim. If it was a stranger it would have been different but when you love someone that changes everything."

Though she understands the need to move on, Renee said that she sees the value of revisiting her past through her poetry.

"We have to go back in our past to know where we are going in our future," Renee said.

A book signing for *Poetic Diaries Ambiguous Love* will be held at Barnes and Noble in Florence on July 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. Register for the event at: www.eventbrite.com/e/niana-renee-barnes-and-noble-book-signing-tickets-34936157989



Medford takes part in Red Nose Day

Staff at Medford Nursing Center recently took part in Red Nose Day, a day every year where people come together to raise awareness and money for children in poverty. The money raised by Red Nose Day benefits children through partner charities like Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Children's Health Fund, Feeding America, Save the Children and The Global Fund. You can find out more about Red Nose Day at www.rednoseday.org.

FDTC launches rocket-themed Discovery Camp

By Samantha Lyles
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Florence-Darlington Technical College held its annual summer science-themed Discovery Camp last week, and kids enrolled in this year's camp got a crash course in the principles of rocket design and performance.

Debbie Chapman has served as Discovery Camp coordinator for three years, and she says this year's focus on rockets has provided campers hailing from near and far with plenty of fun engineering and problem solving challenges.

"We have rising fourth graders to rising ninth graders at this camp. We've got kids from the state of Georgia, we've got Darlington students, we've got some from Greenville, Hannah-Pamplico, home schoolers, and even some who are down here visiting from New York," says Chapman. "It's just a great camp for them to come to."

Chapman says the rocket builds started slow, with a basic 'stomp rocket' which launched a small rocket off the end of a stomped 2-liter soda bottle. Then campers graduated to building matchbox rockets, spitball-style RPG launchers (using drinking straws and bang snap novelty fireworks), and finally Estes model rockets capable of flying more than 1,000 feet high.

Chad Bacote, 11, said his grandmother gave him the choice between attending a regular summer camp or going to Discovery Camp, and his choice was pretty clear.

"I decided to do this one because it sounded cooler," says Chad. "I've made a spitball gun where you blow into a straw and it launches a pop-

per, so it makes a 'bang!' sound when it hits. I've made matchbox rockets, and now I'm working on an Estes Alpha rocket."

Bacote will attend Darlington Middle School next year and plans to be in the magnet program, as well as honors reading and math programs – good grounding for his dream career as a civil engineer.

Nine year-old Cameron Gainey, a student at St. John's Elementary, says he "got really excited" about the camp when he learned this year's theme would be rocketry. This aspiring rocket scientist says his favorite experiment was the matchbox rockets, which used a wood skewer, a tea candle, and the power of lit match heads to launch tiny aluminum foil rockets up to 40 feet in the air.

Chapman says the campers responded well to the trial-and-error approach used in these experiments, and they made adjustments each time to improve the performance of their rockets.

"We also made some mistakes, but a good science student will fail and then re-engineer things to make it work," says Chapman, noting that campers designed wind deflectors to protect their matchbox rocket fire sources, and increased the launch power by using three match heads instead of one. "We found that if we just tweaked a few things, the rockets would work better."

Each spring, Chapman decides on a summer camp theme and submits this idea to the college. She says that any parent or student interested in learning about next year's camp is invited to inquire with FDTC about attending Discovery Camp. To learn more, call Florence-Darlington Technical College at (843) 661-8324



Above, FDTC Discovery Camp coordinator Debbie Chapman helping students build model rockets

At right, FDTC Discovery Camp student Chad Bacote.

PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES





Lloyd-Kelly Wedding

Amy Elizabeth Lloyd and James Christopher Kelly were united in marriage in a ceremony on May 20, 2017.
 The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Lloyd of Darlington.
 The groom is the son of Mr. Greg Kelly and Mrs. Darlene Walton both of Darlington.
 The double-ring ceremony took place at 5 p.m. at Melton Farms in Darlington. Reverend Creed Walton performed the ceremony.
 The bride was given in marriage by her father. Music was provided by Cameron Lloyd and Dani Gainey. Matron of Honor was Mrs. Amber Kelly.
 Bethany Lloyd, Blair Weatherford, Taylor Davis and Ashley Stanley were the bridesmaids.
 Flowergirls were Emmalyn Gates and Ashlynn Stanley. Ringbearers were Jude Lloyd and Liam Kelly.
 Best Man was Brad Kelly.
 Groomsmen were Joshua Lloyd, Jon Gates, Jerry Weatherford and Josh Stanley.
 Junior groomsmen were Dalton Buie.
 Chris Gates and Benjamin Lloyd served as ushers.
 A reception followed the ceremony at Melton Farms. The newlyweds honeymooned in Jamaica.
 The bride is employed at McLeod Hospital in Florence.
 The groom is employed at Avantech Inc. in Columbia.

USC Upstate Recognizes May Graduates

SPARTANBURG, The University of South Carolina Upstate recognized May graduates during commencement exercises held May 2, 2017 on the Quad behind the John C. Stockwell Administration Building.

- Essence Jackson of Florence
- Allyson Johnson of Hartsville
- Christopher Sawyer of Florence
- Tanaya Turpin of Florence

About USC Upstate
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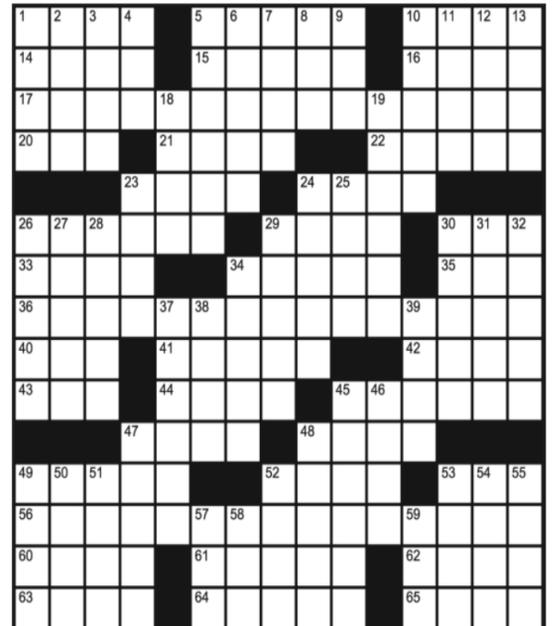
Pee Dee Gardens seniors salute Flag Day

FLORENCE-- Old Glory was the center of attention on Flag Day at Pee Dee Gardens, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Florence. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 Flag Day in 1916. This year marks the 240th anniversary of the adoption of the official flag of the United States. Pictured waving the flag with pride is resident Ouida Evans
 The senior living community paid honor to the flag and veterans during a ceremony hosted by Embrace Hospice. Residents sang songs about the Grand Old Flag and discussed its history! For more information about Pee Dee Gardens, please contact Administrator JoAnn Flick at (843) 667-6699, at jflick@depaul.org or visit us on Facebook.

Screen on the Green 2017 season continues

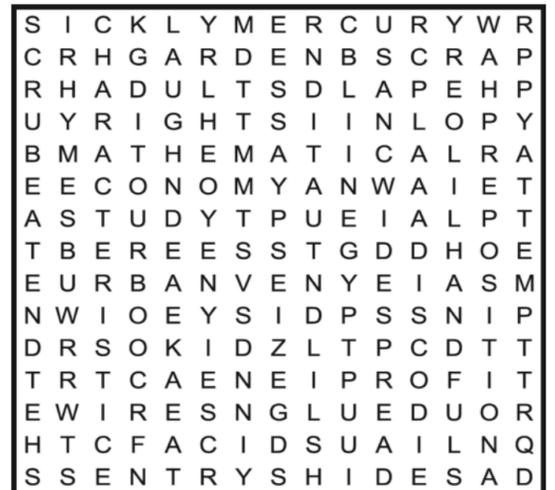
The City of Hartsville's free series of summertime movies, will present "The Secret Life of Pets," sponsored by the Sandy Memorial Animal Hospital, on Saturday, June 24. The screening will take place in Burry Park, 131 Cargill Way.
 This event will be a Bark in the Park event allowing for dogs to join in the fun. Any canine viewers must be leashed at all times.
 "The Secret Life of Pets" follows the story of Max, a spoiled terrier who enjoys a comfortable life in a New York building until his owner adopts Duke, a giant and unruly canine. During their walk outside, they encounter a group of ferocious alley cats and wind up in a truck that's bound for the pound. There at the pound the two meet a rebellious bunny named Snowball, saving the doggy duo from captivity. In exchange, Snowball demands that Max and Duke join his gang of abandoned pets on a mission against their previous owners who have wronged them. The movie is rated PG for some action and rude humor.
 The showing begins at dusk, 9:06 p.m. or later. Viewers are welcome to bring chairs and blankets if desired. In the event of rain, the showing will relocate to the Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center at Byerly Park, located at 701 W. Washington St. in Hartsville.
 "We are excited to partner with the City of Hartsville for this event," says Dr. Nicki Taylor of Sandy Memorial Animal Hospital, "This film is a cute family movie that takes a fun look at the world my staff and I dedicate our lives to." Sandy Memorial Animal Hospital staff will be giving away door prizes for canines in attendance.
 Following this event, Screen on the Green will continue throughout the rest of the summer with the following schedule:
 July 8 - "The BFG" sponsored by Carolina Bank
 July 22 - "Finding Dory" sponsored by North Industrial Machine
 August 5 - "Sing" sponsored by Hartsville Police Department and Fire Department (National Night Out special showing). For more information, call 843-917-0602.

CROSSWORD



- Across**
- 1. Long, long time
 - 5. Ziti, e.g.
 - 10. Bet
 - 14. Ad headline
 - 15. Carafe size
 - 16. Shrek, e.g.
 - 17. Arrangement of music for an orchestra
 - 20. "Act your ___!"
 - 21. Any thing
 - 22. Bright
 - 23. Slog
 - 24. Forest growth
 - 26. Filter
 - 29. Heaved
 - 30. The "p" in m.p.g.
 - 33. Cardinal
 - 34. Dead duck
 - 35. Bauxite, e.g.
 - 36. Paying in fixed amounts at specified intervals (2 wds)
 - 40. "For shame!"
 - 41. Ooey ___
 - 42. Bringing up the rear
 - 43. "___ Town Too" (1981 hit)
 - 44. "Men always hate most what they ___ most": Mencken
 - 45. Round lot's 100
 - 47. Balcony section
 - 48. The Everly
- Down**
- 1. ___ Minor
 - 2. Jets or Sharks, e.g.
 - 3. "... or ___!"
 - 4. Undertake, with "out"
 - 5. Igneous rock formed below earth's surface
 - 6. Targeted
 - 7. Check
 - 8. Big ___ Conference
 - 9. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
 - 10. Water lily
 - 11. Not "fer"
 - 12. "Pumping ___"
 - 13. Contradict
18. Anger, with "up"
19. Declare
23. Confined, with "up"
24. Bank contents
25. Microwave, e.g.
26. Forger
27. Birchbark
28. Stage item
29. Comfortable
30. Frigid
31. Clear, as a disk
32. Doesn't own
34. Winter hand clothing
37. Ancient
38. Marathon
39. ___ du jour
45. Gloomy
46. Attention
47. Like composition paper
48. Drench
49. Song and dance, e.g.
50. "Dirty" activity
51. Ancient alphabetic character
52. Quad building
53. Beseech
54. Cost of living?
55. Halftime lead, e.g.
57. Diffident
58. Clod chopper
59. "Chicago" lyricist

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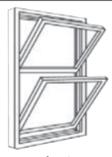


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- Egypt
- Empty
- Essay
- Feeding
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- Glued
- Handfuls
- Hides
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- Mathematical
- Medical
- Mercury
- Oasis
- Pound
- Preposition
- Profit
- Raise
- Rhyme
- Rights
- Scrap
- Scrub
- Seize
- Sentry
- Sickly
- Spain
- Sport
- Stick
- Study
- Tribe
- Uncle
- Urban
- Widespread
- Wires

Answers on 5B



The Darlington Kiwanis Key Club recently awarded scholarships to Fallyn Warren (\$500), Damian Porter (\$500), and Morgan Hall (\$1,000). The recipients are pictured with Linwood Epps, left, and Greg Harrison.



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Swim lessons at B.P. Gandy pool offer fun, summer safety tips

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Lillian Brunson has been teaching swimming for over forty years. This summer she will once again be part of the Splash Station Learn-to-Swim lessons at the B.P. Gandy Pool in Darlington.

"Swimming lessons are absolutely wonderful and I think everyone should know how to swim," Brunson said. "For one, it is a safety issue. It is also a social thing because as children grow up they have swim parties that they get invited to and you want them to be able to do that and be safe."

The lessons are for youth 5 to 18. Any child under 12 must have an adult with them. The program runs from Monday, June 26 to Thursday, June 29 from 10:30 - 11:20 a.m. As the class could reach capacity, it is best for children to arrive before the 10:30 start time to ensure a spot.

Brunson said that swimming is a fun way for children to be active.

"It is wonderful exercise and

WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Splash Station Learn-to-Swim lessons will take place at the B.P. Gandy Pool, located at 115 Gary Street, June 26 to 29 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

it gets you outdoors," Brunson said. "It is not expensive; all you need is a bathing suit and a place with some water to swim. I have taught thousands and thousands of people in Darlington to swim. I am now on the grandchildren; I have three grandchildren of the children that I started with the first year I taught. The first year I taught there were two classes and the next there were ten. It has been like that ever since. I love it."

This particular program is in its sixth year. During the lessons, students will learn the basics like floating and conquering the fear of putting their head underwater. The classes progress through six

stations, all the way up to a deep-water swimming test.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn to swim," said James Ward, program director. "This program helps non-swimmers gain skills keeping them safer in the water, and the lessons are free."

Children should arrive at the class ready to get into the water.

Brunson joked that her students and her children think that she is part mermaid.

"I learned to swim when I was three-years-old in Murrells Inlet," Brunson said. "I grew up swimming Black Creek before we had pools here. I took swimming for 25 years of my life."

Though Brunson will be teaching children, she said that she encourages people of all ages to enjoy the pool and know how to do that in a safe way.

"It is also the whole body exercise that there is," Brunson said. "It is something that you can do all of your life. My mother was swimming until four months before she passed at



Lillian Brunson swims with students Ava Harrison and Cheyanne Foust. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

85. It is just extremely important that everyone know how to swim. It just breaks my heart every time I read that someone has drowned."

This program is sponsored

by the City of Darlington, YMCA of the Upper Pee Dee, and the Darlington Police Dept.

Splash Station Learn-to-Swim lessons will take place at the B.P. Gandy Pool, located at

115 Gary Street, behind the B.A. Gary Educational Campus.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Rock of the City of Darlington at 843-398-4000, Ext. 103.

Affordable health screenings coming to Darlington

Residents living in and around the Darlington, South Carolina can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. First Baptist Church will host this community event on June 30, 2017. The site is located at 216 South Main Street in Darlington.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health.

- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels

- Diabetes risk
- Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

Screenings are affordable, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available.

Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com.

Pre-registration is required.

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Senators introduce legislation to improve opportunities for low-income families

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senators Tim Scott (S.C.), Roy Blunt (Mo.), Jack Reed (R.I.), and Bob Menendez (N.J.) today introduced the bipartisan Family Self-Sufficiency Act, which would streamline and improve the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program.

"Every American wants the opportunity to succeed, and it is important for us to support families striving to achieve the American Dream," said Scott, Chairman of the Senate Banking Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development. "The bipartisan Family Self-Sufficiency Act will help our country's most vulnerable down the path towards financial independence, by providing them access to job-training or helping them attain a GED. These families are looking for a hand-up, not a handout, and I am proud to work alongside my colleagues Senators Blunt, Reed, and Menendez on this critical issue to help low-income families seeking better opportunities prosper."

"This bipartisan legislation will help more low-income Americans expand their education, save for the future, and reach their goal of becoming financially independent," said Blunt. "It is a commonsense step we can take to improve the FSS program and enhance support for people in Missouri

and across the country who are working hard to create a better future for themselves and their families."

"The FSS program helps families achieve their financial goals so they can become independent. It provides a roadmap to stability and links them to critical support services to get there, like help with education, job-training, or childcare so individuals can support their families. Ultimately, it empowers people to gain marketable skills, improve their job prospects, and sets them on a path towards greater economic independence and self-sufficiency," said Reed. "Our bipartisan bill will streamline the program and make it more effective so it can reach more residents and give more folks an opportunity to build a better life."

"The Family Self-Sufficiency program provides families receiving federal housing assistance a key pathway to success. By linking families to critical job-training, child care, and educational services, the FSS program empowers families to develop the skills and build the systems needed to achieve and maintain success," said Menendez. "Our bill will strengthen the already successful program and provide additional families an opportunity to thrive."

The FSS program helps families enrolled in housing voucher or public housing pro-

grams increase their earnings, build savings, and make progress toward self-sufficiency. The Family Self-Sufficiency Act would improve the FSS program by permanently consolidating duplicative programs, broadening services that can be provided to a participant, and authorizing the extension of the program to tenants who live in privately-owned properties with project-based assistance.

Specifically, the Family Self-Sufficiency Act would:

Improve the FSS program by permanently streamlining the Housing Choice Voucher-FSS and Public Housing-FSS into one program, which would relieve public housing agencies of the unnecessary burden of running two separate programs that share the same goal;

Broaden the scope of the supportive services that may be offered to include attainment of a GED, education in pursuit of a post-secondary degree or certification, homeownership assistance, and training in asset management; and

Expand the reach of the FSS program to more families that may be excluded due to a technicality related to the kind of housing assistance a family receives. The bill would authorize HUD to open up the FSS program to families that live in privately-owned properties subsidized with project-based rental assistance.

Do you know Darlington County?



The photo from last week was a sign at the corner of Carolina Ave. & 4th St. in Hartsville, near the Hampton Inn & Suites.

Eagle-eyed readers Hoyt Campbell, Bill Segars and Wanda Hill found my location once again.

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!

Red Cross Hosting Disaster Responder Bootcamp in Florence on Saturday, July 1

FLORENCE— When a disaster strikes in South Carolina, your local American Red Cross responds, providing food and shelter to those who have lost everything. Now, the Red Cross is looking for members of the community who want to be trained now to quickly take action to help their neighbors should a disaster strike.

During the one-day Disaster Responder Bootcamp, volunteers will learn the essentials of responding to a disaster. In just under eight hours, participants will become qualified to feed and shelter members of their community during a disaster. In addition to classroom instruction, the boot camp features interactive case studies, with volunteers learning how to help individuals, families and communities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

"Working in a shelter, you are able to help people during what could be one of the most stressful times of their lives," says Red Cross volunteer Jim Jamieson.

"By being trained to help in a shelter, you could positively impact the life of someone in your own community."

The Bootcamp is also the first step to becoming eligible to deploy to large disasters across the country. Red Cross volunteers from South Carolina have recently traveled to Mississippi, Georgia, West Virginia, Texas, Louisiana, California, Iowa, and Canada to help families affected by floods, wildfires, and tornadoes.

"As a Red Cross volunteer, you can help your own community during a disaster," said Louise Welch Williams, CEO for the Palmetto SC Region of the Red Cross. "We never know when or where the next disaster will strike but we do know that the Red Cross will be there with care, comfort and hope."

Disaster Responder Bootcamp

Saturday, July 1, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
American Red Cross

1601-A West Lucas St., Florence, S.C. 29501

Register: Herdie.mathews@redcross.org or 843-945-3034

Due to the limited number of spots available for the Disaster Responder Bootcamp, pre-registration is required.

For people interested in volunteering with the Red Cross but unable to attend the bootcamp, visit redcross.org/volunteer to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities and how to submit a volunteer application.

Volunteers make up more than 90 percent of the Red Cross workforce. These volunteers represent a variety of backgrounds and receive free training. Volunteers with the Red Cross can set flexible schedules in volunteer positions that appeal to their specific skills or interests. To learn more about how the Red Cross helps the community, visit redcross.org/southcarolina.

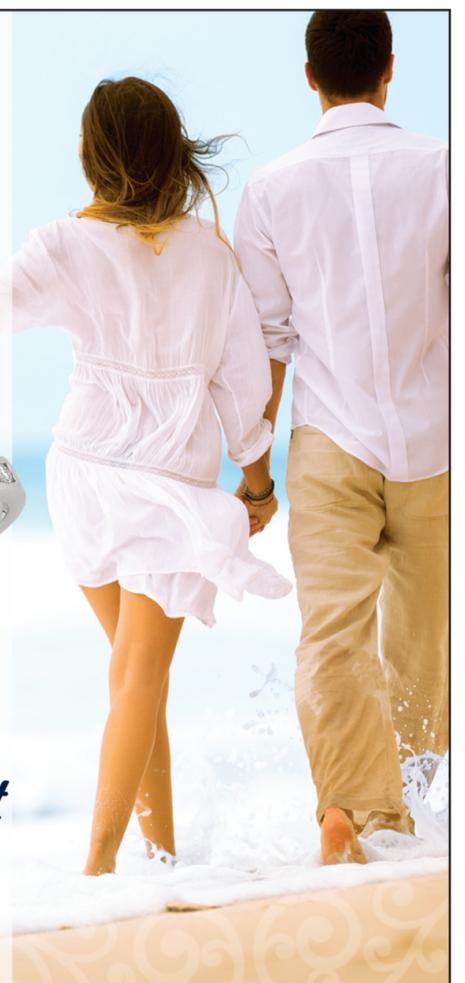
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Meteorologists predicting a hot, early summer - 10 ways to save all summer long

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Duke Energy meteorologists are forecasting a hot, early summer when the season kicks off in June. Small efforts to save energy can lead to big savings when temperatures rise during the summer months.

Follow these 10 low-cost to no-cost energy-efficiency tips to save on your energy bill all summer long:

- Set your AC to the highest comfortable setting. Every degree increase saves about five percent in cooling costs. Energy Star recommends a minimum set point of 78 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Change or clean your air filters monthly. A dirty air filter can make a cooling system work harder, which uses more energy.
- Inspect and service your HVAC. Have your HVAC system checked by a qualified heating and air conditioning contractor to make sure it is operating efficiently. This will also help extend the life of the system.
- Don't cool an empty house. If you'll be out and about, adjust or program your thermostat to work around your schedule.
- Close the blinds. Shutting blinds, drapes and shades during the hottest part of the day can keep the sun's rays from heating your house.
- Grill outdoors. Cooking in the oven and on the stovetop creates a lot of indoor heat. Help save energy by firing up the grill outdoors or prepare meals that don't require cooking.
- Use fans in occupied rooms. They circulate air to supplement air conditioning. Make sure the fans are set to operate in a counterclockwise direction.
- Turn off unnecessary lights. Be sure to turn off lights when you leave a room. Lights emit

heat and cause your air conditioning system to work harder.

- Replace incandescent bulbs with energy-efficient lighting options. LEDs use up to 90 percent less energy than traditional bulbs and last at least 15 times longer.
- Seal air leaks with caulking and weather stripping. And keep the door closed as much as you can to keep the cool air inside.
- Monitoring your energy use
Duke Energy offers ways to monitor your energy use to help customers avoid billing surprises, including:
 - Customers who have smart meters can monitor their hourly and daily energy usage online. This helps customers track their energy use and make adjustments in between billing cycles, to help them save energy and money. www.duke-energy.com/our-company/about-us/smart-grid/smart-meter
 - Customers also receive high bill alerts if their bill is projected to be \$30 AND 30 percent higher than usual. This projection is based upon historical usage and whether the temperatures are higher or lower than last month. The courtesy alerts are sent halfway through the normal billing cycle, allowing customers to have time to make energy-saving choices to help reduce their bill. In order to receive an alert, a customer should have a current email address on file and at least 12 months of usage history. www.duke-energy.com/home/billing/high-bill-alerts
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 - Home Energy House Call is a free in-home energy assessment designed to show you how your home uses energy, and how you can save on your monthly bill. <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/products/home-energy-house-call>
- For more information, tips, programs and ways to save money, visit duke-energy.com.

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Deputy graduates Criminal Justice Academy

Columbia, SC – Darlington County Sheriff's Deputy Treyvon Sellers successfully completed the South Carolina

Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia on June 16. Deputy Sellers was the first uncertified deputy hired by Sheriff Tony Chavis and was sworn in February 1st. Deputy Sellers is currently in the South Carolina National Guard and previously served as a correctional officer at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center.

"I am truly proud of Deputy Sellers' accomplishments, and I am thankful for the support his family gave him during his 12 weeks of training," stated Sheriff Tony Chavis. "I look forward to seeing this young man grow as he continues to serve his community."

Deputy Sellers is assigned to the Patrol Division under the command of Lt. Mike Hall. He will begin his Field Training on June 19.

Deputies investigating homicide

Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies were dispatched at 8 a.m. to Old Florence Rd. in Darlington where they discovered a vehicle off the side of the road with a male driver deceased. The deceased had at least one gunshot wound.

Darlington County Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division Investigators are investigating and have one person detained.

If you have any information you are asked contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or text tip number 274637 (CRIMES). You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

BOOKINGS REPORT

DARLINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER JUNE 12 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2017
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

- Dmario Kurt Anderson, 27, of 1411 Sheldon Dr, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Public Disorderly Conduct; Threatening Life, Person or Family of Public Official; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Leroy Brown, 59, of 406 Pine St, Darlington, Public Drunk
- Terry Leon Carraway, 30, of 1101 E Home Ave Apt 126, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; Traffic/Expired Vehicle License
- Charlayne Delaine, 30, of 2104 Tobin Dr, Florence, Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor; Neglect by Legal Custodian
- Alonzo Alexander Prescott, 44, of 401 Pennington Cir, Hartsville, Petty Larceny <\$2000; Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense
- Laandrea Annette Stevenson, 36, of 1533 Highland Dr, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Camesia Shatona Capers, 45, of 333 Royal St, Florence, Violation ABC Law; Giving False Information; Seat Belt Violation; Fail to Appear After

CHARGES

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

Release for a Misdemeanor

- Michelle Dion Collins, 48, of 737 Rosie Cir, Hartsville, Burglary First Degree; Attempted Armed Robbery
- Charlie Mae Gandy, 61, of 2712 31st Ave N Apt 12, Birmingham AL, Seat Belt Violation; Driving Without a License
- Jonathan Allen Hoover, 28, of 233 Fire Tower Rd, Orangeburg, Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor
- Ciearra Lewellen, 20, of 1536 Rosedale St, Florence, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Andrea Tamara Lighty, 20, of 3908 Hartsville Highway, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000; Shoplifting <\$2000
- Dwight Junior Littles, 52, of 603 Charlotte St, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000; Shoplifting <\$2000
- Keiriyon Javon Lockhart, 18, of 209 D Ave, Darlington,

Burglary Second Degree; Petty Larceny <\$2000

- Raymond Vincent Newsome, 33, of 123 Golf Course Rd, Hartsville, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree
- Joseph Samuel Opalka, 28, of 2900 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Violation of City Ordinance
- Ashley Lesha Richardson, 26, of 203 Brockington Rd, Darlington, Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Fail to Appear DUS
- Antonio Keith Williamson, 31, of 121 Kennedy St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st; Petty Larceny <\$2000; Unlawful Entry Into Enclosed Places; Fail to Appear
- Frankie Joel Bryant, 37, of 115 Smith St, Florence, Financial Transaction Card Forgery; Financial Transaction Card Theft
- Michael Lyn Cherry, 43, of 1033 Syracuse Street, Darlington, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Perry Allen Hill, 54, of 900 Hartland Dr, Hartsville, Breach of Trust w/Fraud Intent <\$2000
- Brittany Nicole Jeffords, 23, of 1718 Swift Creek Rd, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Erin Inez Self, 27, of 2221 Ashland Rd, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Brandon Ervin Allen, 26, of 329 Marlboro Ave, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Jessica NMN Bailey, 29, of 5319 Clearbrook Rd, Effingham, Vio Drug Distribution Law Prohibited Acts C
- Toress Kwame Burgess, 26, of 169 Dougsville Hwy,

Darlington, Sentenced By Court

- Alvin Andrew Cole, 29, of 2012 Candy Lane, Florence, Sex Registry Fail Provide Internet Info 1st
- Toby Lornza June, 51, of 415 Howard Street, Hartsville, Violation of City Ordinance
- Aric NMN Robinson, 51, of 528 Metallock Lane, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension
- Creighton NMN Benjamin, 55, of 1323 Mechanicsville Hwy, Darlington, Non Support
- Kanden Michael Dakota Cameron, 27, of 546 Stanley Cir, Hartsville, Fail to Appear Petty Larceny; Fail to Appear Fraud Chek
- James Cord Cranford, 34, of 2356 Bullard Ford, Hartsville, Non Support
- Tracy Levon Dewitt, 24, of 807 E Godbold St, Marion, Driving Under Suspension; Driving Under the Influence; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Curtis Michael Dixon, 26, of 2215 Ashland Rd, Hartsville, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only); Non Support
- Walker Lee Easterling, 22, of 2716 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Hit and Run Accident with Property Damage
- Daniel Ross Fladger, 26, of 1109 Southwood Rd, Marion, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 3rd or More; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Clarence Douglas Griggs, 27, of 3528 Leavensworth Rd, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
- Torrie Leighann Griggs, 25, of 3528 Leavensworth Rd, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
- Brad Maurice Henson, 56, of 1528 E Calhoun St, Dillon, Driving Under the Influence; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Michael Leigh Ingersoll, 38, of 135 E Circle Lane Lot 2,

Florence, Fail to Appear Petty Larceny

- Mary Allison McKenzie, 17, of 829 Tema Rd, Hartsville, Breach of Trust <\$2000; Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Driving Without a License; Bond Revocation
- Aldon Frank Mitchell III, 48, of 636 Pond Hollow Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Jimmy Lorenza Myers Jr., 27, of 320 Jasper Ave, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Andre Lamar Brown, 50, of 208 N Fifth St, Hartsville, Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken; Driving Under the Influence
- James Brown Jr., 54, of 1713 E Lynches River Road, Lamar, Criminal Domestic Violence 2nd Offense
- Jakoreen Akeem Bull, 22, of 412 Guess St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance
- Michael Emerson Gainey, 56, of 2105 Lorraine Dr, Hartsville, Fail to Stop for Blue Light
- Terry Wayne Johnson Jr., 19, of 524 Sir Adams Lane, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Dwight Alonzo Littles Jr., 27, of 246 Daniels Rd, Lake City, Driving Under Suspension; Violation of City Ordinance
- Taevon Termine Lyde, 17, of 403 Southern Pine St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance
- Christian Cole Norris, 17, of 1069 Georgeanna Lane, Darlington, DUI <10 1st Offense; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10g or Less Hash 1st
- Alex Jamal Patterson, 20, of 857 Johnson Street, Darlington, Trespassing
- Danny Deon Person, 29, of 125 Pepper Drive, Darlington, Fail to Appear DUS; Non Support
- Jermal Stephan Roy-Brown, 21, of 1191 Mosstree Rd Apt 1, N Charleston, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Willie NMN Scott, 50, of

247 Rail Road Ave, Darlington, Fail to Pay; Non Support

- Sean Tobias Thomas, 19, of 4040 Gullah Ave Apt 413, Charleston, Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Stanley Jack Wells, 43, of 2036 Garden Valley Drive, Hartsville, RSG Value \$2000 or Less; Common Law Robbery, Strong Arm Robbery; Financial Transaction Card Fraud >\$500; Filing False Police Report
- Kareem Sha'Kuan Zimmon, 17, of 413 Guess St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance; Giving False Information; Violation of City Ordinance
- Lindsey Pearl Barnio, 25, of 105 Shawnee Drive, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- James Everett Baum, 33, of 104 Fleming St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Joneathon Blakney, 20, of 512 Hunter Dr, Hartsville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Remon Anthony Cadet Jr., 26, of 105 Shawnee Dr, Darlington, Murder
- Brittany Nicole Gainey, 19, of 1216 Millton Street, Hartsville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10g or Less Hash 1st
- Delia Shandrica Johnson, 27, of 2205 Sunnyfields Dr, Hartsville, Weekender
- Benjamin Gray Pitts, 23, of 2552 Wesley Chapel Rd, Hartsville, Theft of Vehicle
- Nigel Antone Quillen, 31, of 305 W Jackson St, Lamar, Driving Under the Influence
- Randall Wayne Gainey, 26, of 906 Verlie Dr, Hartsville, Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping If Sent to Mur; Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
- Holly Brooke Windham, 23, of 2330 Turnberry Road, Florence, No Charge Data

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Darlington County First Steps Expands on Health

Darlington County First Steps (DCFS) is enlarging its focus in the health arena. DCFS programs have addressed family wellbeing, school readiness, reproductive health and contraceptive education in their various programs which all deal with health in some capacity. As time progressed and perspectives broadened, a glaring red flag appeared that could not go unnoticed: the state of men's health.

"Men's health is a focal point for us because they are often the for-

gotten ones. If men aren't well or informed, then our community isn't either," said Patricia Sullivan, Communications Specialist for DCFS. Men's Health is one avenue that will bring DCFS' vision to fruition- Strong Families in Healthy Communities.

DCFS has secured its position as a Men's Health Network Affiliate where they will work to advance strategies and policies that address and reduce health disparities in males. To kick off the men's health initiative in Darlington County,

DCFS partnered with Gospel in the Park and CareSouth Carolina to conduct a Mini-Health Fair where men had the opportunity to check their blood pressure, cholesterol, and Body Mass Index (BMI). In addition, Mayor Mel Pennington signed a proclamation declaring June as Men's Health Month in Hartsville. The proclamation "encourages all citizens to increase awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles, regular exercise, and medical check-ups for preventative health practices and early

detection efforts."

Statistics show that there is a need for better health among Darlington County citizens. Below are Darlington County rankings compared to other counties in South Carolina, provided by County Health Rankings and Roadmaps (1 being the best, 46 being the worst):

- Health Outcomes- 35
- Length of Life (premature death)- 40
- Health Factors- 34
- Health Behaviors (adult obe-

sity, physical inactivity, sexually transmitted diseases, teen births, etc.) - 38

•Clinical Care (uninsured, preventable hospital stays, diabetes monitoring, etc.) - 38

•Social and Emotional Factors (children in poverty, single-parent households, unemployment, social associations, etc.) - 27

DCFS has established a Men's Health Collaborative Committee, which is a community-driven initiative under the leadership of DCFS. The committee consists of

representatives from the Department of Social Services, Nurse Family Partnership, S.C. Thrive, CareSouth Carolina, the faith-based community, other non-profits, and local businesses. They all provide support, direction and guidance for this initiative.

Improving the health of communities is to create a culture where the health of all individuals is priority number one. It takes everyone working together to achieve Strong Families in Healthy Communities.

LEGAL NOTICES

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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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Estate: Angel D Cole
Date of Death: 4/26/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600249
Personal Representative: Bethany Bryant Eaddy
Address: 191 Timberlake Drive, Florence, SC 29501

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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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Estate: Arsenia Williams
Date of Death: 4/20/2017

Case No: 2017ES1600248
Personal Representative: Linda Barcus
Address: 1304 Gemini Drive, Darlington, SC 29532
Attorney: Albert James, III
Address: PO Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540

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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 DEVISEES 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 unknown minors, and persons who may be under a disability, 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 Servicemembers' 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.

(47p3 leave in thru 6-21-17)
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
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Attorney for Plaintiff

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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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Estate: Ethel J Gaaney
Date of Death: 3/14/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600261
Personal Representative: Toby Gaaney
Address: 2348 Cashua Ferry Rd, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Linda F Yarborough
Date of Death: 9/9/2016
Case No: 2017ES1600257
Personal Representative: Joseph Bryan Hanna
Address: 1212 Turtletreeck Dr, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Floyd L Davis
Date of Death: 4/5/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600255
Personal Representative: Terence Leon Davis, Sr
Address: 18011 Timerwalk Lane, Richmond, TX 77469

(47p3 leave in thru 6-21-17)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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 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;

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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: Larry ONeal McKenzie
Date of Death: 12/27/2016
Case No: 2017ES1600043
Personal Representative: Leslie Ann McKenzie-Sidham
Address: 2079 Lazy Pines Road, Darlington, SC 29540

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Estate: Ara W Newman
Date of Death: 4/4/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600262
Personal Representative: Leslie G Woodham
Address: 1189 Shoreland Drive, Sumter, SC 29154

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Estate: Roxann R Fore
Date of Death: 4/27/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600258-2
Personal Representative: Albert Delano Fore, Jr
Address: 2252 Grandview Drive, Florence, SC 29501

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Estate: Darryl Lane Porter
Date of Death: 5/4/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600270
Personal Representative: Latrell Porter Fowler
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Estate: Joyce W Batchelor
Date of Death: 5/14/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600256
Personal Representative: Gregory Dean Batchelor
Address: 680 S Whitehall Circle, Florence, SC 29501

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Estate: Frank M Flowers, Sr
Date of Death: 4/25/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600274
Personal Representative: Damon S Flowers
Address: 138 Nez Perce, Darlington, SC 29532

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 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 29751.

Richard E. Conner, Jr., Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
115 Cargill Way, Suite C2
Hartsville, SC 29550
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Estate: Lizzie Mae Jett
Date of Death: 3/30/2017
Case No: 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 No: 2017ES1



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GSSM Foundation Receives Grant from Monsanto Fund

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics Foundation (GSSM-F) recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Monsanto Fund's 2017 Site Grant Initiative in support of GSSM's GoSciTech residential summer camp for rising 8-10th graders.

Monsanto's investment makes scholarships and financial aid possible for students from across the state attending GoSciTech, which is offered for up to four weeks each summer on the School's Hartsville campus. GoSciTech provides 30 different STEM courses to choose from, including opportunities to explore pre-med, anatomy, engineering and video game development.

"We are incredibly grateful for this generous investment from Monsanto," said Kim

Bowman, CEO, GSSM Foundation and EVP Strategic Direction, GSSM. "With their support, GSSM is able to reach more students statewide, as well as spread our unmatched STEM impact through a quality summer experience."

GSSM previously received a Monsanto Fund site grant in 2015 for its statewide satellite summer camps, CREATEng and iTEAMS Xtreme.

"We're very honored to be able to support GSSM with this Monsanto Fund Grant. Through the GoSciTech program, GSSM exposes many students in South Carolina to excellent programs in science and math and provide challenging and life-changing experience to many students who would otherwise not have those opportunities," said Dawn Fraser, Commercial

Development Breeder for Monsanto located at the Hartsville, SC site. "Having these types of opportunities can enable a life-long love of science and math and help to shape the future paths of these students so that they move into STEM related careers."

This year, the Monsanto Fund awarded more than \$1.4 million to nonprofit organizations through its site grant initiative to help address essential needs in rural communities. Nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$7.5 million through this program over the last five years.

About the Monsanto Fund
The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and

Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.

About GSSM
Founded in 1988 as a model for advanced STEM education in South Carolina, GSSM serves nearly four hundred of the state's most promising scholars in the 10th through 12th grades through its nationally recognized residential and virtual programs. The school offers the most advanced courses in science, mathematics and engineering at its campus in Hartsville and virtually to participating school districts across the state. GSSM's Outreach and teacher development programs serve thousands of students in schools throughout South Carolina each year. Learn more by visiting www.scgssm.org.

Women in Philanthropy grant cycle now open

Applications for Women in Philanthropy's 9th annual grant cycle are now available. The deadline to apply will be July 6. Grants will be awarded on October 5, 2017. Applications can be downloaded from, www.eastern-carolinacf.org

Grants from Women in Philanthropy are awarded to nonprofit 501(c)3 groups in the Pee Dee region with operating budgets under \$750,000, which support the needs of the underprivileged in the community. Funds are given to programs that address an existing or emerging community need including health, nutrition and/or assistance to victims of violence, neglect or poverty.

Women in Philanthropy is a giving circle founded in 2009 that provides an opportunity for a group of caring and focused women to collectively learn about philanthropic issues and address needs in the following Pee Dee counties: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg. Membership is open to any woman who is interested in improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Pee Dee. Each member makes a financial contribution to the giving circle and votes to decide which organizations are selected to receive grants. For more information, call 843-667-1131.

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