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

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Council votes to continue with Rubicon treatment services

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Darlington County Council held a special meeting Monday, June 26 to hear presentations from two local agencies regarding the provision of drug and alcohol treatment in the county. At stake was about \$104,000 in annual funding, revenues collected from the South Carolina Mini Bottle Excise Tax.

According to Ordinance 17-03, Darlington County must designate a

single local agency – public or private – as the sole agency for drug and alcohol abuse planning and programs and disburse to that agency the yearly excise tax revenues.

Over the past few years, members of Council have repeatedly asked for service reports and audits from Rubicon Family Counseling Services (the county's longtime designated provider) and been less than pleased with the lack of response. At Council's June 5 meeting, they discussed the possibility of ending their relationship with Rubicon and instead designating Pee Dee Mental

Health as their sole provider. This special meeting was scheduled to hear from representatives of both agencies and weigh the county's options.

First up, Rubicon director Denise Cooper summarized the programs and services her agency provides, noting that Rubicon offers a variety of counseling options for people dealing with everything from substance abuse to family difficulties.

She listed a number of programs, including women's groups, trauma-specific therapy, a DUI program called ADSAP (Alcohol-Drug Safety Action

Program), nurturing parenting classes geared toward those involved with DSS and Child Protective Services, multi-family groups to treat addiction as a family disease, programs for adolescents and children, substance abuse counseling groups, individual counseling, and intensive outpatient therapy for those who need three or more sessions per week.

Cooper said all Rubicon clinicians are certified by the South Carolina Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and the majority of Rubicon clinicians are dual certified in the fields of

substance abuse, social work, or as LPCs (Licensed Professional Counselors)

Council member Joyce Wingate Thomas asked about Rubicon's office hours (Monday to Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.) and wondered why the agency has a short week. Cooper replied that counselors work a ten-hour day, four days a week to accommodate clients, but they are on call 24/7 and will schedule appointments as needed.

COUNCIL ON 3A

Darlington Middle School Cheer Camp



More than a dozen young ladies spent their week at the Darlington Middle School Cheer Camp having fun and learning some new skills. Cheer coach Tammy Capers said that the camp was for young ladies ages 6 - 12; the youngest ones at the camp were eight-years-old. Several girls currently on the middle school cheer squad came to the camp to help.

"They worked on cheer motions, high v's, low v's," Capers said. "These are the motions they will use in their cheers."

There is one thing that comes to mind for many people when they think of cheerleading.

"We are also teaching them the most famous move: the toe touch," Capers said. "We haven't advanced to any other jumps but we did teach them the toe touch."

The camp, which ran Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, had a variety of things for the girls to do.

"Just like the middle school girls, they come in and do warm-ups," Capers said. "We played a few games. We are going to have a program for parents where they will show off everything that they've learned."

Campers went home with new friends and a t-shirt to remember all the fun that they had.



Coker, Florence-Darlington Tech form partnership

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During a joint press conference Tuesday, June 27, Coker College and Florence-Darlington Technical College announced that the two educational institutions are partnering for a bridge program.

Coker President Dr. Robert Wyatt and FDTC President Dr. Dillard signed the bridge agreement and talked about what the partnership means for their colleges.

"Thank you on behalf of our students for making this happen," Wyatt said. "Thank you President Dillard for your leadership to help us jump through some of the hoops to get this done. We are elated to have arrived at this point now and, again, it is a good thing for all of our students."

Dillard said that he was happy to finally have the program in place after working on it for six months.

"We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you guys," Dillard said to Wyatt and other Coker administrators gathered at Tech for the signing. "A lot of our students want to stay local when they transfer. This gives them another opportunity and I know that you guys have initiated some scholarship money to help those folks so we are very excited

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When a student transfers from one college or university to another too often credits don't, leaving a student with additional classes required to graduate and money wasted. With the bridge program, once a student is accepted, there are 70 different courses that they can take which are guaranteed to transfer.

Dr. Suresh Tiwari, Vice President for Academic Affairs at FDTC, said that this program will benefit a lot of students.

PARTNERSHIP ON 3A

Lamar passes water rate increase

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Lamar Town Council held a special meeting on June 26 to finalize their 2017/18 budget, which contained an 8 percent increase for municipal water service.

At their June 12 regular meeting, members of Council disagreed about the amount of this year's increase, but all agreed that a rate hike was necessary in order to keep the town in consideration for grants and funding from state and federal agencies.

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.

Lamar is now pursuing a comprehensive loan/grant package to finance over \$2.6 million in repairs and updates for its 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.

In May, the town was notified that they will receive a \$500,000 grant from South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority to paint and rehab two water towers. At the June 12 meeting, Council member Mike Lloyd said that according to Hanna Engineering, it is possible the project could be completed within a year. Grant administrator Jannie Lathan of Lathan Consulting, LLC added that while the project timeline was originally estimated at 18 months, a 12-month timeline could be feasible.

At present, the town's Water Department is running on thin margins while purchasing water from DCWSA and tracking down over 1 million gallons of unbilled water per month, chiefly lost through costly leaks and faulty meters. The final budget for 2017/18 estimates department income of \$326,925 and expected expenditures of \$304,226, leaving only \$22,699 to cover broken water line repairs and any other issues that may crop up.

Other departmental budgets included an Administrative Budget with \$391,817 in income and \$121,449 in expenses, and a Police Department budget with \$2,500 in proposed income and expenditures of \$243,557.



Members of Hartsville City Council thanked Street Department employees Kevin Garner (center left) and Alfie Jermaine Ross (center, right) for helping a homeowner whose house was on fire. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

Hartsville finalizes budget, honors local heroes

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Hartsville City Council convened a special meeting on June 29 for to hold public hearings and final readings on city budgets for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

The budget package in Ordinance 4296 also includes

a \$9.9 million General Fund budget, 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 Recreation Concessions Fund budget of \$62,000, and a Splash Pad Fund budget of \$112,500.

No citizen came forward to speak during any of the public

hearings, and Council voted unanimously to approve all budgets, which take effect when the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

Also at this meeting, Mayor Mel Pennington presented Hartsville Street Department employees Kevin Garner and Alfie Jermaine Ross with the Hartsville Medal of Valor Award for going above and beyond their duties to help a citizen in need.

Garner related that recently, he and Ross were running their normal pick-up route when they spotted smoke coming from a home on Jasper Avenue. They left their

vehicle and ran to the home, knocking on doors and windows to alert anyone inside of the danger. As the smoke thickened and they still received no response, a neighbor told the men that there was someone in the home. At Ross's urging, Garner kicked open the front door, found the homeowner inside, and they helped her exit the home.

"We just want to say thank you for doing what you did. You guys take service to a whole other level," said Pennington.

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OP-ED

July Memories (Long Ago)

By Bill Shepard

Before anyone reads this, July 4, 2017 will be another milestone in history of this land we all love and appreciate so much. Just what does the 4th of July mean to you as a reader?

I asked that question of a group of young children once and here are some of the answers I received.

1. The day dad goes fishing.
2. The day we go to the beach.
3. Dad cooks in the backyard.
4. We all have a picnic.

The list continues. "Those are the things you do," I said, "but what are you celebrating on this day?" Not one person in that group knew the reason they were celebrating on the fourth of July! So sad! As Gomer Pyle would say, Shame! Shame! Shame!

When I was a boy American history was taught as early as fourth grade, European history was taught at a sixth-grade level, and South Carolina history was taught in the seventh grade. The Sims History of South Carolina, taught in the seventh grade at St. John's Elementary remained a "must" for many years after I was a boy attending school there.

The 4th of July is filled with memories but on the lighter side it stands out in my childhood years as "watermelon time!" Watermelons, not seen since September of the previous year! The big wagons loaded with the delicious fruit of the vine would begin to appear on the streets of the old mill village. Up and down the narrow dirt streets the wagon, pulled by one or two mules or horses, would travel. The old farmer, face burned brown from being in the hot sunshine so much, would call. Watermelons! Watermelons! The sound would echo up and down the streets and into the small village houses. The little boys and girls, along with their parents would gather at the wagon that would come to a halt. The children would be anxiously awaiting to see their parent select the watermelon they chose to buy and head back to their house. I could not tell the times that I lived out the experience I have written.

The largest of the melons were priced at not more than twenty-five cents each! Sometimes a small melon could be purchased for a nickel! My dad would usually buy the largest he could afford. He had been a farmer himself and knew what the purchase price of a watermelon could mean to a poor sharecropper!

Sunday afternoon, following the Sunday dinner, dad would take the melon he had purchased on Saturday and head for the long bench that rested in the backyard. He would be followed by the Shepard children each with a spoon or knife in their hand. Dad would rest the melon on the bench and plunge the knife into one end. If the melon was good ripe, and it usually was, one could hear it splitting open! At sight of the deep red color inside, mouths would begin to water. Often the neighbor's children would show up and they would join in the feast that was ahead. Having finished eating the slice we had been given, the rind would be gathered for the pigs in the pen. Of course I always placed a piece at the end of the butter bean row near the garden. The hot summer sun would mellow the rind sending out an aroma that caused the June bugs to draw near! There I would find them and tie a string around their hind leg and allow them to fly to imaginary places I had learned of in my Geography book at school. So much fun!

Some who have followed me in my previous writings might recall an article about June bugs titled, "Seeing the world from the back of a June bug!" Ah, the hours I spent as a child flying my imaginary airplane to parts of the world I have never seen! A child's imagination can be a beautiful thing!

Watermelons would be seen lining the sidewalk in front of the small grocery stores along both sides of Pearl Street nearing the town square in Darlington. Folk passing along would stop and thump the melon, testing for ripeness.

Sunday afternoon I liked to ride with my dad through the nearby countryside and see the large fields of watermelons ripening on the vines. Memories of fields of melons, such beauty, remain fixed in my mind's view where they have been for long, long years!

Ah, to be a boy again and to follow the wagon loaded with watermelons through the village hoping the farmer would sell a melon for a nickel! Sometimes it did happen!

A welcome letter this week comes from Rockingham, NC. The writer enjoys the News &

Press and the stories of long years past! Thanks Virginia for sharing your memories of Darlington! A memory shared lives on!

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

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OP-ED

The Sorry State of Women in our State

By Phil Noble

It has always been a source of great bewilderment to me the huge hypocritical gulf between how we as Southern men talk about women – and how we treat them.

Our historic culture is that we put women on a pedestal, we dress them in hoop skirts, we praise the Scarlet O'Hara strong women types, are chivalrous defenders of the virtues of Southern womanhood, always looking to help a fair damsel in distress – and on and on.

On the other hand, we beat and kill women regularly, work them like a borrowed mule, pay them less than men, expect them to hold down a job, raise our kids, cook and clean our house, satisfy our sexual urges – and on and on.

And, because we occasionally do the dishes or take the kids to school, we think we have done our part.

Yes, this may be an overstatement but here are the numbers for South Carolina ... read 'em and weep.

Economics – Women earn 27 percent less than men; 20 percent of women live below the poverty line and 36 percent of households headed by women live below the poverty line. Regardless of age, women are more likely to be left out of the labor force than men. Women who do work full-time earned approximately \$15,800 per year less than men.

Health – South Carolina is 12th in the nation in teen pregnancy rates, 5th in the nation for STDs and maternal mortality rates are above the national average.

Crime and Violence – South Carolina has the 5th highest rate of women killed by men and 93 percent of these women are killed by people they know.

Politics – One would think that because 51.7% of the

state's population are women, that women would be well represented in political offices. Not so. Women are generally discouraged from running for office and instead are encouraged to be 'volunteers.'

Nikki Haley's election to governor is the exception not the rule. She is only the fourth woman ever elected to any statewide office – Nancy Stevenson was Lt. Governor (1978-82) and Superintendents of Education were Inez Tenenbaum (1998-06) and Molly Spearman (2014 – present). And, only 13.5% of the members of the state legislature are women.

On the federal level, we have had only one woman elected to the U.S. Congress, Elizabeth Patterson (1986-92), and we have never had a woman U.S. Senator. By comparison, nationally 27 percent of elected officials are women.

Setting aside all of the moral, ethical and political arguments for greater gender equality in our state, there is also a hard, dollars and cents argument about improving the economy of our state.

A recent report commissioned by WREN (more on them later) and conducted by the Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina found that "If women were to help meet the workforce shortage in South Carolina across the occupation spectrum and increase their overall presence in the state's workforce from the current level of 48.3 percent to 54 percent by 2025, this could generate up to \$5.2 billion in new annual statewide economic activity and reduce the pay gap between men and women from 27 percent to 19 percent."

Despite all the bleak numbers, there is reason for optimism.

There is a new kid on the

block – WREN, Women's Rights and Empowerment Network. They are a new statewide advocacy network that advances women's and girl's opportunities across multiple issue areas, from health to education to economic opportunities to freedom from violence to leadership and civic engagement.'

WREN holds great promise. In the words of WREN's Board Chair Jenet Robinson Alterman, it is "the right group, with the right people at the right time" and they are positioned to have a real and lasting impact.

First the right group. WREN did not just suddenly appear one day but grew out of several previous initiatives that were involved in women's health issues. This has given WREN a leg up in that it has inherited a strong core group of people with history, savvy, a mailing list and donor base. Thus, WREN has been able to quickly and effectively launch statewide with strong membership across the state.

Next, the right people. WREN's leadership is an interesting combination of 'old hands' and 'next generation'. The old hands are best represented by Alterman who one WREN member referred to as the 'godmother of the movement'. Alterman was long time Director of the Center for Women, which was founded in Charleston in 1992. Her perspective on women and girls' issues is global. As a Peace Corps volunteer in Afghanistan in the 1970's, she saw that in the most basic sense, the issues of women and girls there were the same as in South Carolina – access to health care and education, economic empowerment, etc.

WREN Board member Andrea Zucker represents another generation of women who have a different though

complementary perspective. Andrea is a 30 something mother of three school-aged children and she describes her motivation saying, "My views are not political but human views." She believes that WREN's work is important because "supporting individuals is the starting place ... and we are not all starting at the same place."

And, the right time. Although WREN launched prior to the 2016 election, Donald Trump has been a catalyst that has supercharged women's new activism and engagement. WREN's CEO Ann Warner says that there has been "a huge upsurge of five or six-fold" since Election Day of people attending WREN events around the state.

At a recent WREN lunch honoring women who have been trailblazers in South Carolina, one WREN member explained this surge by saying that from an early age, every woman learns to be fearful of 'that man' who would sexually attack, threaten or bully them – and Donald Trump is that man.

And therein lies the hope, promise and power of WREN.

Women across the state (and nation) have become active and energized in reaction to Trump and WREN hopes to be the vehicle to channel this energy and outrage into constructive action – more women running for office, greater focus on issues of women and girls and the activation of a new army of activists committed to real and lasting change.

God knows we need it in South Carolina.

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OP-ED

Just a kid's game

By Chief Danny Watson

There is nothing quite like kid's sports. Any organized athletics where young adults are competing against one another just seems to bring out the worst in people. It's exasperating to have to go to a game where six and seven year olds are playing baseball to arrest someone who is absolutely losing their mind about a kid's game.

Good behavior does not include calling the umpire a blind %&\$# so in so. There is no instant replay at little kid's games. There are no professional referees there either. They make split second decisions about something that they only see once to make a call. I was an umpire for a co-ed league for softball. It was an awful experience.

Root for the kids on your

team. Do not root against the other kids who are playing. How evil and awful do you look when you laugh at a child who misses a ball? You look a lot like what's the other name they usually call donkeys? Remember we are the ones who are supposed to be setting the example for the little people.

Is there really a call on the field during a game that is really worth going to jail for? Can you seriously come up with some reason that it's worth it to take a trip to the local county bed and breakfast for a kid's game?

Invariably, the police end up looking like the bad guys because we arrest you in front of your children. What exactly did you expect us to do when you were cursing every breath, threaten to kill

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City council approves budget with water, sewer rate increases

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After a public hearing and a special meeting, Tuesday, June 27, Darlington City Council gave final approval to their 2017-2018 budget.

Included in the budget is an increase on water and sewer rates.

Water rates inside and outside the city limits will increase for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. Inside the city limits, water and sewer rates will increase 3 percent (25 cents) per unit, going from \$8.75 to \$9 per unit. An additional 3 per-

cent increase will be added each year until 2020.

Outside of the city limits, the increase will be 5 percent and an additional 5 percent will be added each year until 2020. The increase will bring out of city water and sewer rates for the next fiscal year to \$19.87 and \$21.67, respectively.

Residential and commercial charges for sanitation will each increase to \$23.

Freddie Kinsaul, Director of Utilities, said that while some residents might get upset about the rates being raised the city still has relatively low rates compared to the surrounding

cities.

"We are in the bottom 25 percent of rates in the state," Kinsaul said. "This is the beginning of trying to go somewhere, to set a long-term goal for rate increases. If not, we are going to have to look at options, some way, to fund stuff. Right now, we are having to drop grants because we can't afford to match the grant. Cash flow in the water and sewer department is not going to be like you saw in 2013 when it was doing so good for years. I think this is necessary."

Kinsaul said that a lot of places have rates that are ten

dollars more than those in Darlington.

The city will get a slight reprieve from the expected increase in the employer share of state retirement costs, according to City Manager Howard Garland.

"The state had a two percent increase for retirement for employer contributions," Garland said. "Well they rebated one percent of that back. So instead of 13.5 percent for SCRS for 2017-2018 it is 12.56 percent. For police and fire retirement, it will be 15.24 percent."

Garland said that the city will have some savings from

that rebated one percent that can now be used for operations around the city.

"Our savings for general fund was \$31,980; savings for water and sewer as \$4,126," Garland said. "We added \$4,126 to water/sewer for painting water tanks. In our General Fund Budget, we added \$16,980 for paving. We added \$15,000 that we recommend for housing demolition."

Councilman Coleman Cannon said that he is concerned about departments in the city going over their budgets.

"We need to stick with what

is in the budget," Cannon said.

During the public hearing, former city councilwoman Dyan Cohen asked several questions about items in the budget. One question she had was what the need was for the \$36,000 in the budget for paving. Garland said part of that cost would come from the city paving the tennis courts near city hall. He said that patching was not an option anymore because of the extent of the damage. The Darlington County School District shares use of those courts and will be paying half the cost of the repairs.

Coker creates Excellence in Teaching Scholarship

Coker College is offering an Excellence in Teaching Scholarship for Teachers of the Year in South Carolina who wish to further their education. Any K-12 educator who has been designated as a Teacher of the Year by their school, district, or the S.C. Department of Education in 2017 or years past is eligible for a term of graduate coursework at no cost. Two deserving applicants will receive a full scholarship for the entirety of their graduate program.

These incentives are designed specifically for K-12 teachers pursuing a Master of Education degree. Coker College offers two unique M.Ed. programs with specializations in Literacy Studies and Curriculum/Instructional Technology.

"Teachers give so much of their time and energy—even finances—to their students. This is an exciting opportunity for Coker to give something back to

them, to recognize the important work they're doing, and to say 'thank you,'" says Dr. Susan Henderson, associate provost and dean of the faculty. "These scholarships will make graduate education more accessible for many which will benefit our state and future generations. I'm thrilled that Coker College has taken this initiative to heart."

The M.Ed. in Literacy Studies is a hybrid program that helps teachers address priorities designated by the state while enhancing student learning across all disciplines. Graduates qualify for the South Carolina Department of Education's Literacy Teacher add-on certification and may also pursue the Literacy Coach add-on. With convenient six-week terms, the M.Ed. in Literacy Studies can be earned in 12 months.

The M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instructional Technology is an online program designed for teachers who desire to remain in

touch with today's best practices while studying new learning modes and models. This unique program allows students to hone their skills in both curriculum development and technology — two areas of opportunity for improving student outcomes both in the classroom and in leadership roles. The degree is offered 100 percent online and can be earned in 15 months.

"Both of our graduate programs equip teachers with modern best practices that can be applied immediately. Frequently, teachers exclaim that what they have learned one day they have applied in their instruction the next," explains Dr. Karen Carpenter, dean of the Wiggins School of Education at Coker College. "It's not just theoretical knowledge teachers are gaining. They're learning practical, student-centered strategies that make a lasting impact on education."

All scholarship applicants

must submit a portfolio with their biography, philosophy of teaching, and a short essay on current educational issues and trends. Portfolios will be reviewed by the Wiggins School of Education's Graduate Committee. Every Teacher of the Year who enrolls receives a term scholarship, applied to the final term of their program. One deserving applicant will be selected from each cohort to receive a full program scholarship.

The M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instructional Technology term begins in August 2017 and scholarship applications are due by July 24, 2017. The M.Ed. in Literacy Studies term begins in June 2018 and scholarship applications are due by April 1, 2018.

To learn more about the Excellence in Teaching scholarship visit coker.edu/excellence-teaching-scholarship.

Changes coming for South Carolinians buying and registering vehicles starting July 1

Blythewood, SC – Beginning July 1, 2017, people who purchase or register vehicles in South

Carolina will owe a new type of fee, replacing the sales tax they're used to paying.

Due to legislation commonly referred to as the Roads Bill, if you buy or lease a vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, or other automobile on and after July 1, 2017 that will be titled and/or registered in this state, you will owe an Infrastructure Maintenance Fee (IMF) instead of sales tax. The IMF is in addition to applicable title and registration fees and property taxes. You pay your property taxes to your county treasurer. You will not be able to title or register the item until you pay the IMF.

"Customers can rest assured that the SCDMV will guide them through this transition," said Executive Director Kevin Shwedo. "We've been working with South Carolina dealers, their association, and the Department of Revenue to facilitate a smooth shift with minimal to no impact for businesses and customers."

The amount of IMF you owe is based on the sales price of the item you buy. You will owe five percent of the purchase price, but it will be no more than \$500. If you purchase an item that is

\$9,999 or less, your IMF will be five percent of the sales price. If it is \$10,000 or more, you will owe \$500.

People who move to the state with a vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, or other automobile that needs to be registered will owe a \$250 IMF, in addition to applicable title and registration fees

and property taxes. The \$250 IMF applies to each item that needs to be registered in this state.

For example, if you move to SC from Georgia with a vehicle that was previously registered in Georgia, when you register that vehicle with the SCDMV, you will owe the IMF and applicable title and registration fees to the SCDMV. Bring your original paid property tax receipt with you when registering the item. You pay your property taxes to your county treasurer.

"If you fall into the above category, it's best to prepare early for your visit to the SCDMV," said Director of Vehicle Services Larry Murray. "Remember, everyone has 45 days to transfer their title and registration to South Carolina."

If you purchase a vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, or other item in this state that will be registered in another state, you will not owe an IMF. You will, however, pay a sales tax upon purchasing the item.

Under the changes in legislation, the sales tax percentage remains at five percent of the purchase price of the item. However, the maximum tax due increased from \$300 to \$500. If you purchase an item that is \$9,999 or less, your sales tax will be five percent of the sales price. If it is \$10,000 or more, you will owe \$500.

The changes you will see on July 1 reflect the first phase of implementation. The chart below details future deadlines specified by the bill.

For more information, follow the SCDMV on Twitter and Facebook. You may also visit www.scdmvonline.com.

Council

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Cooper also mentioned that Rubicon is developing an innovative program to treat opiate addiction, utilizing program managers, social workers, and case managers to provide one-to-one contact, with treatment options and referrals tailored to the needs of the client.

Council member Bobby Kilgo asked if Rubicon has data on how much of the current opiate addiction problem is spurred by overprescribing physicians as opposed to street-bought illegal drugs. Denise Kelly of Rubicon replied that while they don't have statistical data, anecdotal experience indicates that opiate addiction often begins with a legitimate injury and a legal prescription, but the addiction lingers long after the injury has healed.

"And then a person gets a dependency on opiates and their prescription is no longer there...so then it becomes a street issue," said Kelly.

In reference to the matter of Council requesting documentation and reports from Rubicon, Cooper noted that in June of 2016, she took over as Rubicon director, replacing longtime director Winston McElveen. Darlington County administra-



Denise Cooper, director of Rubicon Family Counseling Services.

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

tor Charles Stewart said that at the county's request, Cooper has provided staff with all requested documents, including a services plan and Rubicon's 2015 and 2016 fiscal year audits.

Rubicon Family Counseling Services is located at 510 West Carolina Avenue in Hartsville, and they can be reached during office hours at (843) 332-4156. For emergencies only, call (843) 861-2740.

Patrick Bresnan, executive director of Pee Dee Mental Health, briefly addressed Council and noted that his agency does not qualify to receive Darlington County's Mini Bottle revenue as Ordinance 17-03 is currently written. However, Bresnan did say that PDMH would gratefully accept any funding Darlington County could provide to supplement their programs.

After the presentations, Council voted unanimously to again contract with Rubicon to provide alcohol and drug abuse planning and programs for the 2017/18 fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.

Darlington County Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for July 10 at 6 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex located at 1625 Harry Byrd Hwy in Darlington. This meeting is open to the public.

Game

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the umpire, burn down his house and kill his dog? This is a serious issue where thinking before you speak could save you a lot of trouble.

So as you go to games, remember they are just games. They are supposed to be fun. They are not supposed to be traumatic for the kids. Cheering for your team is a great thing. Screaming at a child who makes a mistake or ridiculing one from the other team is bad behavior. A person who curses, screams and generally makes a donkey of themselves is a blaringly bad example. Enjoy the games and allow the children to as well.

Chief Danny Watson MPA
FBI NA # 228, Chief of Police for City of Darlington, has been on the Darlington Police Department since 1994 and Chief since 2011.

Partnership

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"This opens up opportunities for our students and for other students who couldn't get into Coker College," Tawari said. "Now, we created structures for students to come into our Florence-Darlington Tech campus and once they are ready, they can go to Coker for whatever major they choose."

Students who are accepted

into the bridge program will not have to pay the application fee when they decide to transfer to Coker. They will also have an advisor from Coker who will help them make course selections and other academic decisions. As an added bonus, bridge program students can attend all Coker athletic and cultural events for free.

Other benefits for bridge program participants: FDTC students may transfer

Hartsville

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Garner and Ross were joined by Mayor Pennington and Council members Teresa Mack, Adlena Graham, William Shirley, Bernice Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Andrews, and Robert Braddock for the award presentation.

On the regular agenda, Council approved final reading of Ordinance 4293, granti-

ng 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.

Teresa Mack, Council member representing District 3, asked Ihrie several questions about the cost, size, and

financing of these homes. Ihrie replied that the three-bedroom, two-bath homes should range between 1,200 to 1,500 square feet and cost \$115,000 and \$140,000. He noted that the homes will be attractive and should blend well with the aesthetic character of the Oakdale Community.

Council also gave final approval to Ordinance 4295, setting the rate structure for the commercial solid waste user's fees for 2017/18, with no rate increases added.

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Ophelia Dorothy Mack-DuBose

Ophelia Dorothy Mack-DuBose, the wife of the late Spurgeon E. DuBose, Sr., daughter of the late Era and E v a n d e r Mack, was born on February 23, 1937, in Darlington, SC. She was reared in the home of the late Wallace and Betty Muldrow. She went home to be with the Lord on June 23, 2017, after a brief illness.



She was a graduate of Mayo High School and studied Cosmetology at Bands Beauty College in Sumter, SC. She owned and operated her own beauty salon in Darlington, SC for many years. She was a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church where she served as member of the United Methodist Women and the Senior Choir. She fellowshipped with Damascus Road Christian Church.

Survivors are: her son, Spurgeon (Diane) Dubose Jr.; her daughter, Audrey (Roger) Gore; a brother, Terry (Audrey) Mack; brothers-in-law, Randy Wilson, Carrol (Cennie) DuBose, Leon (Pearl) Mack; a sister-in-law, Minnie Carter, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and special friends.

Funeral services were held

at Shiloh United Methodist Church 3312 Lamar Highway, Darlington, SC on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 10 a.m. where the Rev. Dr. Brandon Eagleton officiated.

Interment will follow in Florence National Cemetery directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 101 G-Avenue, Darlington.

Judy Gainey Stephens

Judy Gainey Stephens, age 72, passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Funeral services were held 12 p.m. Saturday, July 1st at Dovesville Church of God. Burial followed in Dovesville Church of God Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. A visitation was held from 11a.m. -12p.m. Saturday at the church.

Born July 8, 1944, Judy is the daughter of the late Thinder Gainey, and Mary Sylvia O'Neal Gainey. She retired from Carolina Bank. Her passion was to sing for her Lord, and she enjoyed flower gardening. She was a member of Dovesville Church of God, and served in many capacities at the church.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald Stephens; her son, Phillip (Amanda) Stephens of Darlington; her daughters, Sylvia (Danny) Rogers of Latta, Vickie (Mac) Josey of Darlington, Robin (Frank) Farmer of Hartsville, and

Tammy (Mallory) Kirby of Timmonsville. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Stephanie Rogers, Stacey (Greg) Gasque, Stephen Josey, Dexter (Katie) Farmer, Jordan Kirby, Ashton Kirby, Seth Stephens, Reed Stephens, Taylor Marshall, and Ethan Marshall; two great-grandchildren, Justin Watts and Landon Gasque; her brothers, Benny Ray (Joanne) Gainey of Darlington, Tony (Jean) Gainey of Hartsville, and Windell (Cheryl) Gainey of Camden; her sisters, Kathryn (Don) Melton of Hartsville, Louise (Steve) Henson of Santee, Linda (Reggie) Atkinson of Hartsville, Theresa (Dr. Lew) Rowe of Florence, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Gerald Gainey and Jolly Gainey; and her sister, Regina Gainey.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Judy's caregivers, Francis Isaac, Leslie Tallon, and Sheron James.

Memorials may be made to McLeod Hospice Foundation, PO Box 100551 Florence, SC 29502-0551, or to Agape Hospice, 115 N. Fifth St. Hartsville, SC 29550.

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

Anne Warr Godbold

Anne Warr Godbold, age 76, died Monday, June 26, 2017 in a local hospital. A funeral service was held at

Mechanicsville Baptist Church on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 11 a.m., with burial following in the church cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born in Darlington on July 15, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Rivers Alexander Warr, Sr. and the late Annie Belle Odom Warr. Anne worked for the Solicitors Office in Darlington, and then for the Clerk of Court's office until her retirement. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and was a longtime member of Mechanicsville Baptist Church.

Surviving are hers sons, Bobby (Ravenel) Godbold, Ken (Angie) Godbold, all of Darlington, her grandchildren; Anna, Heather, Margaret, and Stone Godbold, her nephew, Jason (Jennifer) Warr, and her brother, Jimmy (Sarah) Warr of Socastee.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gene Godbold and siblings, Butch Warr and Odie Warr.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Belk Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Mechanicsville Baptist Church, General Fund or Youth Fund, 2364 Cashua Ferry Rd, Darlington, SC 29532, or the Methodist Church Shower Ministries, P.O. Box 16, Darlington, SC 29540. A tribute page for Anne is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

LIVING ON PURPOSE
When life doesn't make sense

By Dr. William Holland

There are times we become confused and will not be able to figure out a way to solve our problems. Life is not always a smooth interstate and it's good to remember that God is with us when we encounter unexpected roadblocks and detours. In these stressful situations, we can know that delays do not necessarily mean denial but could be an opportunity for us to stretch our faith and learn more about trusting God. There is a fascinating story found in Genesis chapter 22 about a man named Abraham and his wife Sarah. They were not able to have children and were now in their nineties but one day an angel came to them and relayed a message from God that they would give birth to a son. Miraculously, they did have a child just like the Lord promised, but when Isaac became a teenager, the Almighty asked Abraham to do something very confusing and heart-breaking.

God told him to take the boy and a bundle of wood to a certain place and build an altar. He was to bind his son with ropes and lay him on top of the wood. This promised child that had been given as the most joyful gift in their life was now to become the most devastating sacrifice they could imagine. Even though Abraham did not understand, he trusted God and raised the knife in obedience to God's request. At the last second, a voice called out to stop him and said that Abraham had proved that he loved God above everything in the world. Amazing to say the least. We do not always understand what God is doing and this is exactly why the Christian life is based on faith and trust. I know it sounds easy to tell someone to "have faith" or "just believe" when their world is falling apart but this is the message from heaven. Jesus wants us to know that He is aware of what we are going through and to sincerely release our fears over to Him. He is God and He can handle it! Never lose hope no matter how impossible it may seem. "I waited patiently for the

Lord; He turned to me, and heard my cry" Psalm 40:1.

No matter what predicament, problem or difficulty and there seems to be absolutely no relief in sight, the Lord has a perfect solution. God always provides an answer to every problem, it just might not be the one we are looking for. Let us focus on His Word and learn about His will so that we can experience His grace, power and sovereignty in our life. In the New Testament, Paul understood how God makes a way when there seems to be no way when he wrote, "It is God who is at work in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" Philippians 2:13,14. As we grow in our relationship with Jesus it's comforting to realize we are limited in our own strength but there is nothing that He cannot do. Faith is willing to hold God's hand when we cannot see where He is leading us and His promises become our solid rock of hope when life does not make sense. When we find ourselves in these seasons of discouragement, let us simply ask the Lord to help us understand what it means to declare as Christ did before He was crucified, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done."

In 1887, John Sammis, a Presbyterian minister, knew that in times of crisis we can turn to the one who loves us and wants to rescue us as he wrote this popular hymn that has inspired and encouraged so many throughout the years. "Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." It seems many times that our emotions make the Christian life more complicated than it needs to be as this little chorus simply relays how we are to live. As God's truth brings peace, security, freedom and victory, may we refuse to be driven and defeated by the adverse circumstances of this life.

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

Do you know Darlington County?

Well, our Monday layout day crept up on me last week and there was no photo for Do You Know Darlington County! It is back again this week so don't worry, we aren't doing away with it. The last photo we ran was of a sign in Hartsville on N. Fifth St. near the Dollar General. Readers with correct guesses were Hoyt Campbell, Bill Segars and Wanda Hall. Today, you will find another location shot from Darlington County. Do you know where it is? Please let us know by sending your guesses to: editor@newsandpress.net or call 843-393-3811. Deadline is noon Friday. Good luck!



CHURCH NEWS

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

Bible Study

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

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

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

EC Vicar: The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson

Lawson Grove Baptist Church

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

Black Creek Baptist Church

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

Covenant Baptist Church

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

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington announces their hours 1st/3rd Sunday Pastoral Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Church Services 11:00 Elder M. Frierson 2nd/4th Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 by Deacon Z. Frierson Service

at 11:00 a.m. Min.Gerald Green. The community is invited to attend. Come expecting to hear the anointed Word. Contact Deacon.Z.Frierson 843-229-3158

The Lord Cares

Please continue to assist The Lord Cares in caring for those in need in the Darlington area. T.L.C.'s food bank is located at

201 Grove Street in Darlington. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Donations of non-perishable food items (especially canned meats) are needed, as are toiletries, bathroom tissue, and paper towels. Mail monetary donations to: The Lord Cares PO Box, 1457, Darlington, SC 29540

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Sweet, goofy boy! A solid strapping love bug, I'm ready to make your day and yes, be your new best friend. I promise to make you laugh and smile. I'll admit I love seeking out human affection, belly rubs and body massages. Happy and super friendly, I'm you go to guy when it's time to head out and explore, go and do! Come on by today and let's make some summer memories together! Ask for me, Blaze! 2-3 yrs old; lab/bully mix; 54lbs; male.



Chill and super sweet! Meet Sparkles! This lovely grey and white lady is looking for some lovin.' She was found in a trap and having been adopted a couple of years ago, was returned to us when her humans could not be reached. She's adjusted great to our outside cat habitat and nicely interacts with the other kitty residents. 3 yrs old; female; DMH

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

Centennial Farmers Market

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

Darlington Elks Lodge

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

Paws to Read

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

Story Time

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

Library Programs

Youth Summer Reading Program - Tuesdays at 10 a.m. American Sign Language Class - Mondays 6 – 8 p.m. Free Computer Classes (call to reserve your spot) - Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. and Fridays 10-11:30 a.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.

Monthly Events

Darlington County Coordinating Council

The first Friday of every month at 11:30. February, April, June, September, and November at Carolina Pines; January, March, and May, August, October, and December at Medford Nursing Center in Darlington.

Hartsville Pilot Club

Fourth Monday each month at 6 p.m. at their clubhouse across from the Lawton Park Tennis Courts

Hartsville Kiwanis Club

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

Hartsville Lions Club

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at

Mr. B's Restaurant

Hartsville Rotary Club

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

Hartsville Toastmasters

2nd and 4th Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Black Creek Arts Center

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.

July 5 - 11

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on July 10, 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@darcountsc.com.

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.

July 12 - 18

American Legion

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

its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

St. John's High School Class Of 1987 30th Reunion

Friday September 29, 2017 – Meet and Greet Where: TBD Saturday September 30, 2017 – Dinner, Dancing and Fellowship Where: Wilds-Edwards House, Darlington, SC **RSVP by July 14th** E-mail: sjh87reunion@gmail.com Facebook page: St. John's High School Class of 1987 30th Year Reunion Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1956023527944563/?ti=cl>

We are looking for a great turnout and ask that you reach out to any and all our classmates and encourage them to attend.

Darlington Planning Commission

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

July 19 - 25

DDRA Spring Concert Series

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

Darlington County Ambulance Commission

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

Aug. 3 - 15

Market on Darlington Square

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

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, August 7, 2017 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, 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@darcountsc.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meet-

ing 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.

DDRA Spring Concert Series

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Market on Darlington Square

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

American Legion

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

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Monday, September 10, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, 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@darcountsc.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

NAACP Meeting

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

Darlington Planning Commission

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

the third Thursday of every other month at 9 a.m. unless noted differently at the Darlington Library or at the conference room at City Hall and as needed or requested by City Council.

Darlington County Ambulance Commission

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

Oct.

Market on Darlington Square

First Saturday of the month May through October (no July) from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Visit with the community, listen to local music, and enjoy a variety of vendors and food Saturday, October 7

American Legion

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Yam Jam Concert

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

Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, October 17 – Joint meeting at 6 p.m., and the third Thursday of every other month at 9 a.m. unless noted differently at the Darlington Library or at the conference room at City Hall and as needed or requested by City Council.

Nov.

American Legion

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

Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, November 14 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.

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South Carolina students honored at Annual SkillsUSA Workforce Development event

Louisville, Ky. (Grassroots Newswire) June 27, 2017 ~ A career and technical student in South Carolina won one of the nation's highest awards at the 2017 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Louisville, Ky., on June 21-22, 2017. More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.4 million square feet, equivalent to 20 football fields or 25 acres. Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 100 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automo-

tive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 600 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material. More than 1,700 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year. Skill Point Certificates were awarded in 72 occupational and leadership areas to students who met a predetermined threshold score in their

competition, as defined by industry. The Skill Point Certificate is a component of SkillsUSA's assessment program for career and technical education. The following student is a Skill Point Certificate recipient from your area: * Wesley T Caudle, from Hartsville and a student at Darlington County Institute of Technology (Darlington), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Electrical Construction Wiring. More than 6,000 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2017 SkillsUSA Championships, said SkillsUSA executive director Tim Lawrence. "This

showcase of career and technical education demonstrates our SkillsUSA partnership at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members. The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. More than 300,000 students and advisors join SkillsUSA annually, organized into more than 18,000 sections and 52 state and territorial associations. The national, nonprofit part-

nership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap. **About SkillsUSA** SkillsUSA is a vital solution to the growing U.S. skills gap. This nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry ensures America has the skilled workforce it needs to stay competitive. Founded in 1965 and endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, the association serves more than 300,000 member students and instructors each year in middle schools, high schools and colleges. This diverse talent pipeline covers 130 trade, technical and skilled service

occupations, the majority STEM-related. More than 600 corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions actively support SkillsUSA at the national level. SkillsUSA programs are integrated into career and technical education through a framework of personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics. Local, state and national championships, designed and judged by industry, set relevant standards for career and technical education and provide needed recognition to its students. SkillsUSA also offers technical skill assessments and other workplace credentials. For more information, go to: www.SkillsUSA.org.



Splash Station Learn-to-Swim lessons returned to the Darlington City Pool last week, with many local youth receiving free training in the skills they need to stay safe in the water. Kids aged 5 to 18 started with basics like floating and putting their heads underwater and progressed through six stations, all the way up to a deep-water swimming test.

Sponsored by the City of Darlington, YMCA of the Upper Pee Dee, and the Darlington Police Dept, the Splash Station Learn-to-Swim classes ran from Monday, June 26 to Thursday, June 29 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. at the B.P. Gandy Pool, located at 115 Gary Street, behind the B.A. Gary Educational Campus.



Darlington High School principal resigns for new position

Dr. Greg Harrison, principal of Darlington High School, has announced his resignation to pursue professional opportunities elsewhere in the state. Harrison, who assumed the Darlington High principalship in 2010, will be the new principal of Fort Dorchester High School in North Charleston, South Carolina. "Dr. Harrison is an outstanding principal and a

visionary leader who has worked hard to provide his students and staff with the tools and skills necessary for 21st century learners," said Dr. Eddie Ingram, superintendent of the Darlington County School District. "We wish him all the best of luck in the future." The district will begin the search for a new principal of Darlington High School immediately.

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Senators Scott, Schatz push to strengthen protection for repeatedly flooded communities

Washington – U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-SC) and Brian Schatz (D-HI) have introduced the Repeatedly Flooded Communities Preparation Act, which will ensure better protection for communities that have been repeatedly flooded.

These repetitive loss properties contribute to nearly half of the National Flood Insurance Programs' (NFIP) \$25 billion debt and make up nearly 30 percent of the claims it pays, while representing just one percent of total NFIP policies. The Repeatedly Flooded Communities Preparation Act asks local leaders to proactively mitigate against flood risk rather than taxpayers paying to rebuild the same properties over and over again.

"I'll never forget going door-to-door in Sumter, Horry County and other areas of South Carolina after the 2015 floods and seeing firsthand the real-life devastation faced by so many of our families," Scott said. "As someone who grew up on the coast, I know how critical the NFIP is to families throughout South Carolina. Our legislation would help tackle the NFIP's debt problems while better preparing communities to weather disasters before they strike, cutting costs, and freeing up resources to be used on needed relief efforts."

"There is no doubt that we have increased flooding in our coastal cities," Schatz said. "Our bill builds on the momentum growing in states and cities to fight the new reality of accelerating sea level rise. We need to do all we can to prepare our communities and our economy to weather the storm."

As it stands, there are no requirements for municipalities or counties with a significant number of repetitive loss properties to change their land use management plans or public infrastructure investments to minimize flood risk. This is a growing problem for both the residents of these communities and the financial soundness of the NFIP.

Scott and Schatz both serve on the committee of jurisdiction, the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. Their legislation has support from various constituent, industry, consumer, and environmental organizations, including the Municipal Association of South Carolina, South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance, National Taxpayers Union (NTU), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Sierra Club, National Association of Realtors (NAR), and most importantly, hundreds of South Carolinians who wrote Sen. Scott in favor of this update to the NFIP.

Notice of Application

A meeting of the City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission will be held in City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Monday, July 17, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of those interested in the Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness, as listed below.

Item # 1 (Case 06/26/17-1) Property of Jeffrey Scott Goins, located at 129 Park St., Tax Map No. 164-14-02-084; bordered on the North by Park Street; bordered on the West by the properties of Eric & Vanessa Lobo, Tax Map No. 164-14-02-083, and Robert Lanier, Tax Map No. 164-14-02-082; bordered on the East by property of Howard S. Garland, Tax Map No. 164-14-02-085; and bordered on the South by property of Robin M. Downing, Tax Map No. 164-14-02-081.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT TWO STORAGE BUILDINGS BEHIND THE HOUSE AND REPLACE PRIVACY FENCING DESTROYED BY HURRICANE MATTHEW.

Item # 2 (Case 06/26/17-2) Property of Victoria & Phra Paugh, located at 207 Orange St., Tax Map No. 165-02-02-047; bordered on the North by Orange Street; bordered on the West by Sycamore Street; bordered on the South by the property of Jackie Lynn Jernigan, Tax Map No. 165-02-02-046; and bordered on the East by property of Norma L. Lundy, Tax Map No. 164-14-02-076.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A 32X24 GARAGE, REPLACE THE ROOF, INSTALL A WHITE PICKET FENCE, PAINT THE HOUSE, ADD A FULL WIDTH PORCH, AND REPLACE SIDING WITH HARDY PLANK.

Individuals may submit comments in writing by Thursday, July 13, 2017, to City Planning Department, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540, or they may provide comments in person at the Commission meeting. Info: 843-398-4000 x 103 or darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

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Alexis Lyde-(not shown) - Brunson Dargan Elementary-2nd Grade Junior Usher & A&B Honor Roll

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KJV: Proverbs 22:6 -Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Darlington swings and misses against McBee, makes playoffs later in the week

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

This past Monday, June 26, was a really rough night on the road for Darlington Post 13 batters.

In the 21 outs that the Darlington hitters got in a seven inning game, the Post 13 batters struck out 18 times, with the McBee pitchers striking out the side in five of the seven innings.

"We've got to get back in the cage and working hard, changing our approach," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said. "The is the frustrating thing is I don't think we did a very good job of making an adjustment."

The starting pitcher was responsible for 17 of those strikeouts, striking out 17 of the 18 batters he faced.

"He pitched six innings and 17 of his 18 outs were K's and I told our guys I don't care if that is the New York Mets out there playing against them if you strikeout 17 out of 18 times you're not going to win the baseball game," Gearhart said.

That type of dominance resulted in McBee winning 5-0.

Darlington had chances to score in both the first and fifth inning but, as was the case for the entire game, McBee got the strikeouts when it needed it.

In the top of the first, Post 13 was able to load the bases with two outs, but Garrett Knight struck out looking to end the threat.

The fifth inning looked even more promising as Darlington loaded the bases again, this time with no outs, but McBee struck out the next three batters consecutively crushing any hopes of Post 13 making a comeback.

McBee used the momentum gained in both the first and fifth innings when it shut down Darlington and turned it into offense in the bottom half of both innings, scoring two runs in each inning.

McBee also scored another run in the bottom of the third inning.

Recap While the game against McBee might have been something to forget, the rest of the week turned out to be a perfect ending to the season.

With Darlington's playoff hopes in jeopardy following the loss to McBee, Post 13 put together a great performance and had some good fortune on their side that resulted in a playoff berth.

Darlington defeated West Florence 9-0 on Wednesday while McBee and West Florence split a double header on Thursday.

That resulted in a three-



Darlington Post 13 made it to the playoffs, despite a poor showing against McBee.
PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON

way tie for third between the three teams and only two playoff spots left.

Since Darlington swept West Florence and split with McBee in the regular season, Post 13 gets one of the playoff spots automatically.

To determine who will be the third and fourth seed, a double header with all three teams will be played.

McBee and West Florence will play each other first with the loser eliminated and the winner taking on Darlington.

The winner of that game will be awarded the third seed and the fourth seed will go to the loser.

Darlington won its final regular season game, a non-region game against South Florence Gold 10-7.

Weather and errors spoil what looked to be a good week for Darlington

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington - In what looked like a busy week with three games scheduled, turned out to be somewhat of a quite one with two of the three games being postponed until a later date.

The Monday, June 19, road game against Cheraw and this past Wednesday's home game against Marlboro County were unable to be played with the Cheraw game rescheduled for June 30 and the Marlboro County rescheduled for July 3.

Darlington Post 13 was able to get one game in, however, this past Friday against Hartsville Post 53 and unfortunately for Post 13 the game did not go how they envisioned it.

Post 13 lost to Hartsville 5-3 after committing nine errors.

Darlington High's Dubose signs with S.C. State University track

LaQueena Dubose, a member of the Darlington High School Class of 2017, signed a letter of intent recently to attend South Carolina State University and join the track and field team.

Dubose gathered with her mother, coaches and school administrators for the ceremony.

"South Carolina State University gave me a great look at where I want to be in the future as an athlete and as a person," Dubose said of her decision to attend the school.

Dubose competed in sprinting and jumping events, and she set a school record during her time at Darlington High in the long jump and 400-meter sprint. She also helped set records in the 4x200-meter, 4x400-meter relays.

She earned several All-Region honors during her high school career and competed as a 2016 state finalist in four events.

Dubose plans to study biology as an undergraduate and eventually become a dentist.

Recreation Department gets new equipment, implements concussion training

By Melissa Rollins
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The Darlington Recreation Department is taking proactive steps to make sure that children playing football and flag football are safe while still enjoying the game. New equipment as well as parent information meetings will ensure that everyone is on the same page.

Darlington County Parks and Recreation Department athletics director Brantley Jett said that the department will be implementing the use of new equipment, in more than one way.

"We have new helmets and then we also have the new soft shell helmets for flag," Brantley said. "We are probably one of the first in the state to implement the soft shells for flag football. We were thinking about how we can improve because we were in a place where flag was getting bigger. Last year, we didn't have enough helmets so we were trying to come up with something."

Jett said that when someone approached recreation department staff about the soft shells they decided to look into them.

"Someone came to us and was telling us about it, so me and Lee did some research," Jett said. "We wanted



to find a way to make the kids safe without putting them in real helmets because they are five and it is kind of heavy for them with all of the equipment."

Jett said that with rising costs, other football programs are also looking at ways to safe money without jeopardizing the safety of their students.

"A lot of high schools and 7-on-7 are

going to it so we looked into it and it was feasible for us to go that route," Jett said. "It is a little cheaper than a regular helmet and it is more lightweight for the kids who are going to play flag. They don't tackle and this is a way to still keep them safe."

Another way to keep kids safe is making sure that parents and coaches know the signs of a concussion.

"Each of the new helmets has a

thing on the back that parents can scan to get concussion information," Jett said. "I also implemented that all of my coaches would be certified through the CDC and Heads Up to spot concussions. They will take a test on concussions and then the CDC also has a website that will be free for the coaches to go on."

Parental involvement will also be key.

"This year, for the first time, we are going to have mandatory parent meetings before a child can play and we are going to talk about concussions, conduct and things like that so parents can be more aware of what is going on," Jett said. "We want them to be aware of the symptoms too because sometimes a child will say that they have a headache but they won't say that until they get home."

Each child who participates will be fitted for their helmet, ensuring they have a proper fit.

Football and cheerleading are currently holding registration at the Darlington Recreation Department, 300 Sanders St. The deadline is August 11. The programs are for children 5 to 12-years-old on or before September 1. Participants must bring a birth certificate to sign-up. The cost is \$30. For more information, call 843-393-4030.

RedWolves ranked second in baseball rankings

FLORENCE, S.C.- It was announced on Thursday, June 22nd that the Florence RedWolves were named to the Top 30 Collegiate Summer League Baseball Teams by Collegiate Summer Baseball. The RedWolves are 13-4 on the season entering play Thursday night. In week one of rankings produced by the prominent Collegiate Summer Baseball organization, the Florence RedWolves come in ranked at the Number Two collegiate summer baseball team in the United States.

For the second time in as many seasons, the RedWolves have found themselves atop nationally prestigious rankings in Summer Collegiate Baseball. In 2016 Florence was ranked third overall in the country in stadium atmosphere and fan experience by Stadiumjourney.com and Scout.com.

In the first week of rankings put out, Florence sits comfortably in second place, only behind the Wisconsin Rapids Rafter of the Northwoods League.

The RedWolves aren't the only Coastal Plain League team in this week's rankings as the Forest City Owls come in at number 11.

Florence is off it its best start

in franchise history to begin the 2017 campaign. Opening the season with ten straight wins, head coach Travis Graves has put a consistent product on the field for all to see.

"We just go out there and play baseball. Pitchers get in and throw strikes. Our guys are seeing the ball well and hitting them to the right spots," Graves said. "To win championships you have to have a championship mentality. We want to go out there and win every day."

The RedWolves lead the Coastal Plain league in team batting average (.297) as well as team earned run average (3.31).

The Florence RedWolves face the Savannah Bananas for the third time in two days on Thursday, June 22nd, as the RedWolves will travel to Grayson Stadium. Florence will be back at home on Friday, June 23rd to face the Wilmington Sharks. It will be RedWolves Baseball Camp Night and the Pepsi Game of the Week. Join us for Lil D's American Dugout Barbeque Friday and Fill the Kayak Friday presented by River Rats Kayak and Canoe Rentals. Help feed our community by bringing four or more canned goods per person and receive a voucher for a free ticket to a

RedWolves game benefiting the Harvest Hope Food bank. Visit www.florence-redwolves.com for tickets and information.

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Darlington Raceway: It's Your Track!

The racing history and heritage of the Darlington Raceway is well-known by most in our community, and The Track Too Tough To Tame has been a vibrant part of Darlington County's culture since 1950. But beyond the high-speed thrills and wall-scraping chills of NASCAR racing action, the track also provides a unique venue for local charities, schools, and civic organizations to stage memorable events.

On October 28, Darlington Raceway will host the 5th Annual Speed and Feed BBQ Cook-Off and Car Show Presented by Raldex, where the best barbecue cooks in the southeast square off for slow-smoker supremacy. Guests get to enjoy live music and eat their fill of excellent BBQ, ribs, wings and other delicious creations.

Throughout the year, Darlington Raceway also hosts community events, like this

April's Spring Fling 5K run, which included an Easter egg hunt and free community dinner courtesy of Genesis Health Care. Guests were encouraged to donate non-perishable food items for The Lord Cares Food Bank and Harvest Hope Food Bank.

To help out with spring cleaning, Darlington Raceway staged the Palmetto Goodwill Great Pee Dee Yard Sale. Items not purchased could be donated to Palmetto Goodwill, a local non-profit whose mission is to help people achieve their full potential through the dignity and power of work.

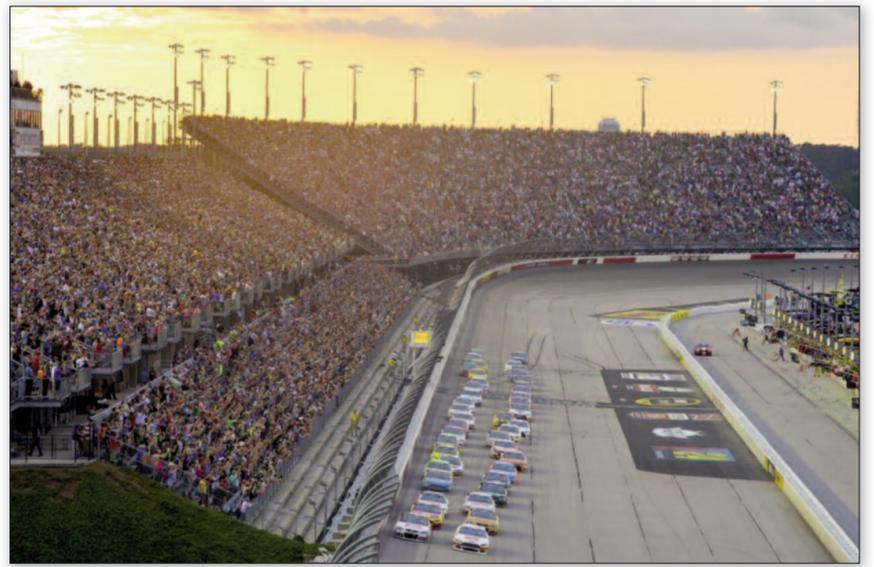
This year, Darlington Raceway is once again teaming with the Darlington County School District, Darlington County Library System, the TEACH Foundation, and South Carolina Future Minds for a summer reading program designed to fight summer learning loss, reaching

nearly 7,000 DCSD students.

"We want our local children to excel in school and grow up to make a positive impact in the world we live in," Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp said. "We are more than happy to utilize our resources at the track to encourage a child to read more and improve their education."

As the track's commitment to community service and involvement grows, so does the excitement generated by its award-winning throwback Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 event, which will this year feature musical performances by The Oak Ridge Boys and Bret Michaels.

Tickets for the September 2 Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 and September 3 Bojangles' Southern 500 are available now by visiting www.DarlingtonRaceway.com or by calling 866-459-7223.



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Children in Darlington become Little Yogis during summer program at the library



Yoga instructor Kara Adams shows off her impressive skills to a group of excited and surprised youngster during her presentation at the Darlington Library, June 28. PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS

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Last week, students at the Darlington County Library were moving, shaking and stretching. As part of the summer reading program, students were learning about yoga with instructor and author Kara Adams.

Adams talked to several dozen kids about working hard for what they want. "When you want something really badly, you can make it happen," Adams said. "One time, I had some trouble and I didn't have a house to live in and I had to look for one. I had to work really hard for one."

Adams said that when it came to writing the books in her 'Little Yogis' series, that hard work paid off.

"With my books, I had to work really hard," Adams said. "I practiced drawing every day; I had to make sure I kept telling people about my books."

The main character in her books is Joy the Ladybug. Joy

has many different adventures and meets a variety of people. No matter what, Joy always has a positive attitude.

"I like these books because Joy the ladybug gets stuck and she runs into a couple of grouchy people," Adams said. "Do you ever run into grouchy people? They are just in a bad mood and you wonder 'Why can't they smile.' Well just because they're not smiling doesn't mean that you can't smile... Sometimes we have to help people like that and if they don't want help, don't take it personally."

Adams said that no matter their situation, the kids should remember to 'Breathe, relax and know that everything is going to be okay no matter what happens.'

After sharing a little bit about herself and her books, Adams showed the children how to do several yoga poses, including Warrior Pose, Bhujangasana, Sun Salutation and Lotus Position. Adams' book is available to check out at the Darlington County Library.



Students hone skills at Darlington High School band camp



For the second year, Darlington High School is hosting a three-week Youth Camp, providing focused instruction for aspiring Marching Falcons and Dancing Falcons.

This summer, over 40 students aged 5 to 12 from the Darlington County School District (plus several kids visiting from Florence and North Carolina) honed their skills and learning what it takes to be part of a marching band drum line, to be a drum major, or to join a dance team.

Camp instructor and DHS Band Director Brandon Johnson says the camp offers kids intensive coaching, plus supervision and guidance in a fun setting.

"In addition to learning about dance and music, we also try to give them personal and professional development, focusing on the importance of education, good manners, and being

responsible," says Johnson.

The camp costs \$100 for three weeks, and runs from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. each weekday. Johnson says shorter-term enrollments of one week are available, if needed.

Campers will stage a showcase performance on July 7 at 6 p.m. in the DHS cafeteria. Admission to the showcase is free and the public is invited to attend.

Johnson says that starting in 2018, the Youth Camp will be officially renamed to honor the late DHS percussion leader Mikease McFarland, who perished along with his younger brother Miyon in a tragic drowning accident in July of 2016. A renaming ceremony will be held July 28 at Darlington High School.

To learn more about the DHS Youth Camp, contact Brandon Johnson at (843) 398-2741



Bethel A.M.E. Church Celebrates 128 Years

Bethel A.M.E. Church was established in Darlington, South Carolina and began as a one room building on Chalmers St. It started off with prayer meetings by some faithful few, Mrs. Laura Rogers, Mrs. Mary Malachi, Mrs. Constance Smalls, Mrs. Lewis Martin, Mrs. Clarissy Martin, Mrs. Lena Stevenson, Mrs. Lizzie Brown and the younger set: Mrs. Ida Rogers, Mrs. Ida Parson, Mr. J.M. Sims, Mrs. Fannie Stevens, Mr. Willie Sparks, Mrs. Florence White, Mrs. Patience Sparks and others.

Mr. Silas McCall, a local preacher and the husband of Mrs. Nora McCall, did the preaching. Those sainted people prayed to God fervently and asked Him to show them the way to a brighter day and a greater Bethel, and God gave the vision to move on up a little higher. The land was purchased through much sacrificing. The land where the parsonage is built was paid for by Mrs. Ida Rogers and Mrs. Florence White. The bell that hung in the tower was paid for by Mrs. Ida Rogers.

The church was erected by self-sacrificing men and women. When the tedious part was reached, the workers only charged a small amount because everyone was anxious to see the building go up. Oh, what a glorious time, when they marched into their first church building. This was the year 1889. Rev. J.P. Alston was the first pastor, following him were these ministers: Rev. Walker, Rev.

Burke, Rev. C.J. Smart, Rev. N.S. Delaine, Rev. L. Perrin, Rev. N.B. Levister, a great musician. Another great musician, Rev. I.J. Pruitt, on one or two occasions, played the organ and sang.

The church continued into the new century to enter the marvelous leadership and vision in 1966 of Rev. Romeo Leonard. The purchase of land was made in 1969. After much sacrifice and determination, on April 25, 1977, the doors on Bethel A.M.E. Church were opened at 132 E. Main Street in Darlington.

In November 2014, the Lord blessed the church with Rev. Dr. Krystal Spears and her husband Bro. Craig Sears. Under Dr. Sears leadership the church has been renewed and revised with a fresh start and a new beginning.

The celebration of the 128th Anniversary of Bethel A.M.E. Church will begin Saturday, July 8th at 10a.m. The Darlington Community is invited to help celebrate the 128th Church Anniversary of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Various activities, food and fun will be held. On Sunday, July 9th events begin at 8a.m. The Rev. Lynda T. Rassmann, Choir and the congregation from St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Pleasantville, NJ will be guests. Anniversary Services will conclude at 3p.m. as Bishop Samuel L. Green will deliver the Anniversary Services Message. Music will be by the Women's Celestial Choir of Bethel. Dinner will be served following the services in the Annex Building.

Darlington Pilot Club installs new officers

"Do More. Care More. Be More. In Darlington" is the theme of the 2017-2018 year for the Pilot Club of Darlington. Judy Langley was recently installed to serve as President. Other officers are: President Elect Melissa Schwier, Recording Secretary Ginger Ridgill, Treasurer Frances Kelly, Corresponding Secretary Oleene Gettys, and Directors Martha Griggs, Belinda Copeland and Nancy Lee.

President Judy Langley also presented the Pilot of the Year Award to Janice Flowers.

The Club meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Wilds-Edwards House. There will be no meeting in July as representatives will be attending the Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Pilot International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service. We focus on Encouraging Brain Safety and Health, Preparing Youth for Service, and Supporting Those Who Care for Others.

This year the Pilot Club of Darlington members will be utilizing new BrainMinders resources to teach children, youth, and seniors about brain safety and fitness. Pilots will provide "Pick Me Ups" for caregivers within the community throughout the



year. The Club will continue to sponsor the Darlington Anchor Club, a youth organization that encourages growth in leadership skills while providing service projects within the community.

The Pilot Club of Darlington is actively seeking new members who want to serve their community in a meaningful way. If you are interested in learning more about the Pilot Club of Darlington, please visit their website at www.pilotclubofdarlington.org, their Facebook page, or contact any Pilot Club member or President Judy Langley at 843-617-0689.



Hartsville resident receives Hospice "Fruit of the Spirit" Award

Mrs. Cynthia Benjamin of Hartsville Presented with "Fruit of the Spirit" Award by Agapé Hospice of the Pee Dee (covering Florence, Darlington, Lee, Chesterfield and Marlboro counties) on June 29, 2017 at the Darlington Country Club.

Just over a year ago Cynthia Benjamin, a life-long Hartsville resident became caught up inside a healthcare crisis when her husband Calvin fell in front of their home on the very morning of a scheduled doctor's appointment for an issue he was having with balance. Unfortunately, the fall caused a serious injury that left Calvin paralyzed from the neck down. That morning, Cynthia's life changed forever and in her own words "everything went haywire." For the next couple of weeks Calvin was seen by multiple specialists throughout the region and eventually ended up in a Long-Term Care nursing and rehabilitation facility in Virginia.

Mrs. Benjamin from day one of the crisis did not leave Calvin's side and attributed her belief that Calvin would recover to her unshakeable faith in God.

Misty Otey, an RN and Case Manager with the Complex



Care Team at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, met the Benjamin's for the first time in March of 2016. According to Otey, the Benjamin's had one primary goal, to return to their Hartsville home to be close to their family and friends.

Otey stated, "Unfortunately, due to insurance issues, we were unable to locate a hospital, rehab or nursing facility which could accept him in transfer. Each time we would come to them with the disappointing news, Mr. Benjamin would still greet us with a smile."

The Benjamin's understood their journey was coming to an

end as Calvin's condition deteriorated and along with his decline, there was a heightened desperation to return home. Mr. Benjamin wanted to go home, so that he could "go home" to the Lord. The Benjamin's made the decision to return home on hospice and would withdraw from the ventilator when the family was ready. Despite the painful realization for Cynthia, that Mr. Benjamin was not going to get better, she continued to be gracious and appreciative of everybody helping them with their struggle to return home.

Otey recounted, "On July 6, 2016, I was fortunate enough

to be put in contact with Agapé Hospice. When it seemed all hope was lost, there they were, willing to go the distance to help this family"

Calvin Benjamin died in peace, surrounded by his friends and family just one week after returning to Hartsville.

The Benjamin's story is a story of inspiration, a story of a healthcare system where people can get trapped and fall through cracks and a story of hope, the kind of hope based in faith and determination. In Mrs. Benjamin's mind there was never a question of where she should be or what she should be doing. Her husband was helpless and she would be by his side until he no longer needed her care.

Mrs. Benjamin inspired every healthcare worker she came in contact with through her graciousness, attentiveness and determination to attend to her husband's needs. And provided a remarkable glimpse into what true love and devotion looks like.

Mrs. Cynthia Benjamin will be presented with the "Fruit of the Spirit" award by Agapé Hospice for her unwavering dedication as a caregiver.

Screen on the Green presents "The BFG"

Screen on the Green, the City of Hartsville's free summertime movie series, will show "The BFG" in Burry Park, 131 Cargill Way, on Sat., July 8, sponsored by Carolina Bank.

Based on the book by Roald Dahl, Disney's "The BFG" tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a young girl named Sophie and the Big Friendly Giant (BFG) as they work together to rid the world of the bad giants that are out to get humans. To get rid of these giants for good, Sophie and the BFG embark on the adventure of a lifetime as they

travel through London to find Queen Victoria and ask for her help. This film is rated PG for action/peril, some scary moments and brief rude humor.

The screening begins at dusk, 9:04 p.m. or later. Viewers are welcome to bring chairs and blankets if desired. In the event of rain, the show will relocate to the Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center at Byerly Park, located at 701 W. Washington St. in Hartsville.

"Hartsville has always bucked the norm in that it is extremely proactive in promoting community events and

activities designed to promote inclusivity and togetherness," says Jamie Morphis, Sr. Vice President of Carolina Bank, "We are a community bank and feel our role is to support worthwhile community activities, such as Screen on the Green, to be successful." The Rotary Club of Hartsville will be selling hot-dogs as a fundraiser for their organization. Snow cones and drinks will also be available for purchase through City of Hartsville Parks and Recreation.

Following this event, Screen on the Green will con-

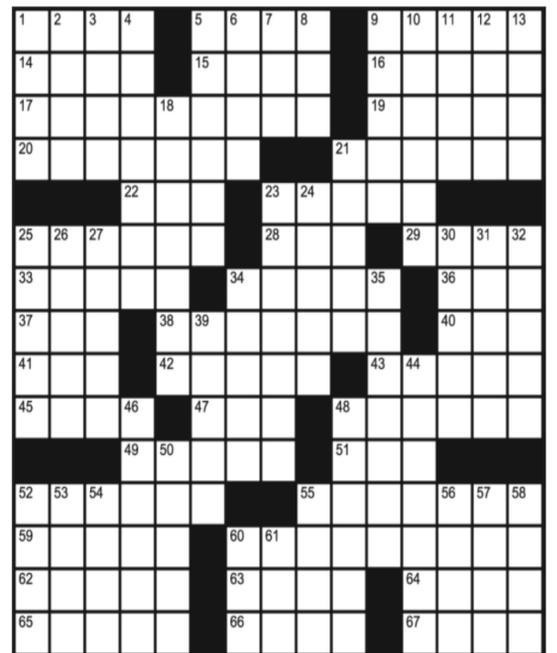
tinue throughout the rest of the summer with the following schedule:

July 22 - "Finding Dory" sponsored by North Industrial Machine

August 5 - "Sing" sponsored by Hartsville Police Department and Fire Department (National Night Out special showing)

For more information about the Screen on the Green movie series, contact Jordan Braddock at 843.917.0602 or jordan.braddock@hartsvillesc.gov. Follow Visit Hartsville, SC on Facebook.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Core
5. Alpine transport (hyph.)
9. Grammar topic
14. Length x width, for a rectangle
15. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
16. Not lost
17. Driven by a certain fuel
19. Correct, as text
20. Subjugate
21. Worthless
22. "___ moment"
23. "Ick!"
25. Solvent
28. Delay
29. "God's Little ___"
33. Great time
34. Relating to a prophet
36. "Jurassic Park" girl
37. Lad
38. Brewer's non-alcoholic product (2 wds)
40. ___-Wan Kenobi
41. Bauxite, e.g.
42. Brooklyn's ___ Island
43. Part of the intestine
45. Bakery buy
47. ___ Day
48. Attack suddenly

49. M-1, for one
51. Decay
52. Pay
55. Talk about
59. Fiber of a Philippine plant
60. Kind of element
62. Catlike carnivorous mammal
63. Western blue flag, e.g.
64. A-line line
65. Gawlk
66. Cabinet div.
67. Hawaiian tuber

Down

1. Clip
2. "Pumping ___"
3. After-dinner selection
4. Hound shouts
5. A stand for a hot plate
6. Drag
7. A pint, maybe
8. Cabernet, e.g.
9. ___ manual
10. Indian turnover
11. Ancient greetings
12. Multiple age groups of families (abbr.)
13. Christian Science founder
18. One with extreme enthusiasm for something

21. Motherless calf in a cattle herd
23. Flirtatious glance
24. Threadbare
25. Brothers' keeper?
26. "La Traviata" mezzo
27. Cake part
30. Rodeo sight
31. Renaissance fiddle
32. Deposed leader, perhaps
34. Corrupt
35. Freight unit
39. Content
44. Excluded from society
46. Someone that tracks down missing property
48. Druid, e.g.
50. About to explode
52. Bursae
53. Slightly (2 wds)
54. ___ lamp
55. Big bore
56. Waste product of protein metabolism
57. Antares, for one
58. Jerk
60. Free from, with "of"
61. "___ we having fun yet?"

WORD SEARCH



- Accidentally
- Automatically
- Aware
- Boots
- Bracelets
- Close
- Collar
- Congratulated
- Cubic
- Curly
- Desirable
- Diving
- Dollar
- Dolly
- Essay
- Fairy

- Fiery
- Fists
- Freshly
- Icecream
- Indians
- Inner
- Interesting
- Labor
- Leaned
- Lords
- Magic
- Midst
- Older
- Returns
- Round
- Screw

- Sights
- Signed
- Snowy
- Steam
- Style
- Talks
- Tense
- They'd
- Threw
- Topics
- Trembled
- Twinkle
- Vines
- Vowel
- Wonder
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Youth Leaders Learn Agriculture at SC Farm Bureau Conference

Newberry, SC – Forty rising high school juniors and seniors from across South Carolina recently participated in the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's (SCFB) 2017 Youth Leadership Conference in Newberry, SC.

The conference, held on the Campus of Newberry College June 11-14, allowed students to gain valuable leadership skills and a better understanding of SC agriculture.

"Our Youth Leadership Conference, sponsored by the SCFB Women's Leadership program, allows students to explore opportunities within agriculture while developing their skills to be leaders in the industry," said Vonne Knight, SCFB Ag Literacy Director.

The conference operates on a two-year curriculum cycle where students learn about

agricultural marketing and promotion one year and about government relations and agricultural advocacy the next. This year's conference focused on marketing agricultural commodities in South Carolina.

2017 SCFB Youth Ambassador Brandon Myer said, "Youth Leadership Conference is a great way to meet people from all across South Carolina who share a passion for agriculture. We were able to build leadership skills while expanding our network and agricultural knowledge."

Students were addressed by industry professionals on leadership, team building and goal setting. Opening session speaker Rokeem Williams motivated the students to follow their dreams. Eric Rowels, President and CEO of Leading to Change, engaged participants in leader-

ship activities essential for students to develop personally and professionally. Dr. Tom Dobbins, Director of Clemson Cooperative Extension encouraged students to set goals and follow through with them. Students also learned about personality traits from Lynn Adcox of True Colors, and heard from Ashley Merrick, program specialist for Mothers against Drunk Driving.

Students traveled to Clemson University to learn about the Clemson Cooperative Extension system and the agricultural research and development taking place at the state's largest land grant university. Mike Echols, supervisor of Clemson athletic grounds, hosted the group on the fields of both the Doug Kingsmore Baseball Stadium and Memorial Football Stadium for a lesson on turf-

grass management. Dr. Lance Beecher, aquaculture and fisheries specialist, took students into his greenhouses to learn about aquaculture. Carra Eisenbies, program coordinator and assistant farm manager at the Clemson University Equine Center, showed students around the equine facilities. The Newberry County Young Farmers and Ranchers also hosted their annual Ag Olympics competition for the conference attendees.

"The organization serves more than 100,000 member families in 47 chapters and has been around since 1944. Persons interested in supporting agricultural education are encouraged to contact their county Farm Bureau office or the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation at www.scfb.org for additional information.

"Pee Dee Sampler" to highlight area artists at FMU

Some of the Pee Dee's most renowned artists will have their works on display throughout the summer at the Francis Marion University Art Gallery Series

The Pee Dee Sampler will include artists such as ceramicists Jane Crossman, Douglas Gray and Sasha Federer; painters Anna Coe, Matt Cook, Lynda English, John Lehman and Jackie Wukela; photographers Anna Baldwin, Dewey Ervin, Donna Goodman; and the photography and acrylic paintings of Tari Federer.

The Hyman Fine Arts

Center – located on FMU's campus – will host the series which began in May and will last until Aug. 10. The exhibits will be available for viewing from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Francis Marion Professor of Visual Arts Dr. Douglas Gray, one of the gallery's featured artists, says he attempts to conserve some of the natural wonders that inspire him through his art.

For more information on the FMU Art Gallery Series or future events held at the Hyman Fine Arts Center, call 843-661-1385.

Public reminded not to handle, move wildlife

A lot of wildlife makes appearances during the summer season, and it is not uncommon for people to come across these animals while out and about. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) wants to remind everyone that the best thing to do when one comes across wildlife is to leave it alone and contact the appropriate people should the animal be in distress or human lives be in danger.

A recent media report claimed people encountered a Midlands alligator and were planning to release the animal into another environment down on the coast. While this story may have been fabricated, incidents of people moving wildlife do occur and, while it is believed many people who handle wildlife have the best of intentions, it is against the law to take and possess certain kinds of wildlife.

"If anyone is having a problem with an alligator, or just wants more information, they should contact SCDNR before trying to take matters into

their own hands," SCDNR Furbearer & Alligator Program Coordinator Jay Butfiloski said. "Not only can subsequent violations result in substantial fines, but there is the potential for someone to get hurt."

Taking and possessing an alligator without a permit is illegal under state law and is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 and no more than \$2,500, or imprisonment for 30 days, or both. Also, the court may order restitution for any alligator taken, possessed or transferred. It is also unlawful to feed, entice, or molest an alligator except as permitted under state and federal law.

SCDNR wants to keep both human and animals lives safe, and asks the public let the agency handle matters regarding wildlife.

To report wildlife that appears to be in distress, call the following numbers:

Columbia: 803-734-3886
Clemson: 864-654-1671
Charleston: 843-953-5291
Florence: 843-661-4768

Deputies Arrest Darlington Man for Domestic Violence, Assault and Battery

On June 28 at 4:15 p.m., Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies responded to residence on

Pocket Rd. in Darlington after receiving a call that a man was actively assaulting a woman and a child in the residence. Once patrol deputies arrived, the suspect fled on foot into a wooded area. Deputies pursued the suspect and at 4:45 p.m. the suspect was taken into custody.

Edward John Desmond, Jr., 45, of Darlington has been arrested and will face charges of domestic violence, second-degree, and assault and battery, third-degree. Desmond was held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center awaiting arraignment.

Investigators recover stolen guns and other items

Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators with the Criminal Investigations Division served a search warrant at a residence on Indian Branch Rd. in Hartsville Wednesday, June 28. Investigators have recovered several enclosed and utility trailers, all terrain vehicles, wood chippers, boat motors, lawnmowers, lawn equipment, power tools, generators, firearms and various other items all believed to be stolen.

Investigators have arrested Joseph Leslie Griggs, Jr., 51, of Hartsville. Griggs will face charges related to the possession of the stolen items. Griggs was charged with criminal conspiracy in January of 2017 after investigators alleged that Griggs was involved in a heavy equipment theft ring and was later released on bond. Griggs is currently being held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center awaiting arraignment.

The Darlington County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Lamar Police Department. 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 26 THROUGH JUNE 28, 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.

• Montreze Chel Carroway, 19, of 34 Honey Suckle Lane, Lamar, Reckless Driving; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Helen Campbell Davis, 50, of 920 Hartland Dr, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension (DUI) 2nd Offense

• Ebony Laron Gardner, 27, of 812 Oleander Dr, Darlington, Burglary First Degree

• Mary Alana Gardner, 33, of 649 Ashland Rd, Hartsville, Non Support

• Joshua William Vander Hicks, 28, of 3651 Back Swamp Dr, Florence, Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor

• Michelle Outlaw Kissiah, 41, of 1243 Boggy Swamp Circle, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000; Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Entering Premises After Warning; Entering Premises After Warning; Entering Premises After Warning; Fail to Pay; Fail to Pay

• Quincy McDonald, 37, of 116 Eligah Ln, Lynchburg, Forgery Less Than \$10,000

• Dana Parker, 51, of 361 Hawkins Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Robert Lee Smith, 36, of 119 E Smith Ave, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree; Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only); General Sessions Bench Warrant

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

• Mary Beth Bennett, 36, of 105 Gold Course Road, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• Willie J Charles, 60, of 501 Joe Louis Blvd, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Marcus V Grant, 46, of 135 Thompson Dr, Society Hill, Non Support; Non Support

• Frederick Eugene Henning III, 26, of 2763 Flushing Covey Dr, Hartsville, Bench Warrant

• Mesha Nyteria Hickman, 27, of 1117 Nicolson Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation

• Alexis Sylvia Hutchinson, 30, of 2405 Gerald Lane, Effingham, Safekeeping

• Charlisha Lashawn Johnson, 34, of 570 Cactus Ln, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Germaine Lide Mason, 40, of 601 W Washington St, Hartsville, Non Support

• Zachary Deon McClain Jr., 17, of 117 Sanko St, Lamar, Weapon/Sale/Poss by Certain Person/Stolen Gun

• Quintina Lanise Moses, 39, of 429 Weaver St, Darlington, Non Support; Non Support

• Shane Bradley Oneal, 26, of 404 Gunther Dr, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Darreun Draedgar Price, 18, of 99 Fleetwood Circle, Lamar, Accessory After the Fact to Felony

• Donte Laqawn Wilson, 29, of 153 Bowens St, Darlington, Non Support

• William Theodore Byerly, 38, of 2132 W Billy Farrow Hwy, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Cameron Deshon Copeland, 21, of 2181 Gum Circle, Hartsville, Fail to Return Drivers License After Susp; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under Suspension

• James Alvin Dixon Jr., 38, of 2382 Gallowaytown Rd, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Charles Darius Frazier, 26, of 213 Holly Dr, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• Joseph Leslie Griggs Jr., 51, of 3037 Indian Branch Rd, Hartsville, RSG Value \$2000 or Less

• Dixie Anna Grooms, 27, of 220 Davis St, Hartsville, Non Support

• Hannah L Huckabee, 25, of 59 Victory Drive, Cheraw, Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Entering Premises After Warning; Fail to Appear Disorderly Conduct

• Tomeka Marie Jackson, 35, of 431 James Ave, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Bryant Lamont Johnson, 40, of 2756 Hopewell Road, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Jason Dudley Kirven, 39, of 115 Green St, Hartsville, Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st

• Isaac Jerome Mack, 34, of 929 Mondara Street, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Manuf Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st

• Mandy Susie Padilla, 41, of 904 Auburn School Rd, Darlington, Fail to Appear Shoplifting

• John Joseph Palmer, 42, of PO Box 772, Port Byron NY,

Driving Without a License

• Lori Ann Parker, 50, of 118 Pecan Dr, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Byron Donte Smith, 18, of 415 King Fisher Dr, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under Suspension

• Cecil Morris Wingate Jr., 33, of 137 Tallulha, Darlington, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• Mark Steels Davis, 62, of 228 Peacan Dr #8, Hartsville, Attempt and Conspiracy Provisions Drug Law

• Edward John Desmond, 45, of 220 Spillway Dr, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Sena Larranette Easterling, 36, of 921 Wilson Village Dr, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning

• Corey Anthony Feagin, 43, of 716 W Smith Street, Timmonsville, Burglary Second Degree

• Thomas NMI Felder Jr., 56, of 3616 N Sally Hill Rd, Timmonsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Mason Gregory Foster, 19, of 2536 Millbrook, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• William Kahler Johnson, 20, of 1723 Lakeview Blvd, Hartsville, Burglary Second Degree; Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• James Albert Lewis, 42, of 2636 Robinson View Dr, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Matthew Samuel Morrison, 38, of 941 Ghost Valley Dr, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Phyllis Atkinson Morrison, 57, of 1204 Turtle Creek, Hartsville, Assault/Battery by Mob (Bodily Inj) 3rd Degree

• Holly Simpson, 22, of 979 Brakewater Cir, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Sherri Wallace Weikel, 46, of 2460 Sterling Court, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Jeffery Wesley, 32, of 2447 Trails Edge Dr, Lamar, Neglect by Legal Custodian

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(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: Emmett Eugene Andrews
Date of Death: 5/20/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600306
Personal Representative: Scotty M Andrews
Address: 610 Red Cedar St., Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Annie R Vann
Date of Death: 5/23/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600305
Personal Representative: Gary Lynn Vann
Address: 210 Timberchase Dr., Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Eddie Lee Hales, Sr
Date of Death: 5/15/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600303
Personal Representative: Eddie Lee Hales, Jr
Address: 5709 Pamplio Highway, Florence, SC 29505

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Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2010-CP-16-00454
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of MTGLQ Investors, LP vs. Mitchel H. Pate a/k/a Mitchel Herlong Pate as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary P. Pate a/k/a Mary Parrott Pate; Mitchel H. Pate a/k/a Mitchel Herlong Pate, individually; Mitchel H. Pate a/k/a Mitchel Herlong Pate as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Harris Pate a/k/a Michael H. Pate; Mary Elizabeth Pate a/k/a Mary Elizabeth Pate Bullard;

Sylvester Pate, III; , I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on July 10, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Darlington County, State of South Carolina, in the Auburn Community, comprised of .85 of an acre as shown on a plat prepared by J.E. Tucker, Jr., registered surveyor, dated April 18, 1985 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 104 at Page 57, and being bound as follows:

West: By Highway S-16-1126 North and East: By lands now or formerly of Dorothy M. McCown; and South: By a farm road leading from Highway S-16-1126 to the McCown residence This being the identical property conveyed to S.V. Pate and Mary P. Pate by Deed of J.G. Wilhelm dated January 7, 1986 and recorded January 9, 1986 in Deed Book 903 at Page 86. Subsequently, S.V. Pate a/k/a Sylvester V. Pate died testate on October 14, 2008, leaving the subject property to his heirs or devisees, namely, Mary P. Pate, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Darlington County, in Case No. 2008-ES-16-399; see also the Deed of Distribution to The Estate of Mary Parrott Pate, dated December 10, 2013 and recorded December 12, 2013 in Book 1071 at Page 1744. Subsequently, Mary P. Pate died testate on or around April 10, 2010, leaving the subject property to Michael Harris Pate a/k/a Michael H. Pate, Mitchel Herlong Pate a/k/a Mitchel H. Pate, Mary Elizabeth Pate a/k/a Mary Elizabeth Pate Bullard, and Sylvester Pate, III, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Darlington County in Case No. 2010-ES-16-301. Thereafter, Michael Harris Pate a/k/a Michael H. Pate died on or around May 28, 2010, leaving his interest in the subject property to Mitchel Herlong Pate a/k/a Mitchel H. Pate and Mary Elizabeth Pate a/k/a Mary Elizabeth Pate Bullard, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Darlington County in Case No. 2011-CP-ES-16-018.

2833 EVERLASTING BRANCH R DARLINGTON, SC 29540
TMS# 121-001-009
TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Five and 875/1000 (5.875%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, do, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

Martin S. Driggers, Sr.
Special Referee for Darlington County
Darlington, South Carolina _____, 2017
Hutchens Law Firm
P.O. Box 8237
Columbia, SC 29202
803-726-2700

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SUMMONS

(Collection, Non-Jury)
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
2017-CP-16-0066

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.

J & M AUTO REPAIR & WELDING, LLC, JODEE HIRACHETA and TRAVIS HUTCHINSON, DEFENDANT(S).
YOU are hereby summoned and required to Answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscribers, in writing, at their office at P. O. Box 6422, West Columbia, South Carolina 29171 within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint with the time aforesaid, a Judgment by Default will be rendered against you for the relief

demand in the Complaint.

Cable Bryant Poag
Poag & Poag
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 6422
West Columbia, SC 29171
West Columbia, SC
(803) 794-6340
January 24, 2017

Summons and Complaint was filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on 01/26/2017 at 10:02 am.

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Estate: Alice S Brock
Date of Death: 5/5/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600316
Personal Representative: Catherine Brock Hopkins
Address: 176 Precipice Road, Camden, SC 29020

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Estate: Bobby A Hanna AKA Bobby Allen Hanna
Date of Death: 5/17/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600312
Personal Representative: Sheila Hanna Griffin
Address: 2724 Cunningham Court, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Barbara Jean Ritz
Date of Death: 3/11/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600308
Personal Representative: Douglas M Ritz
Address: 403 Eastburn Court, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Lula Belle Lane
Date of Death: 3/20/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600310
Personal Representative: Charles Edward Lane
Address: 704 New Hampton Road, Hartsville 29550

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3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Travis J Hancock
Date of Death: 4/18/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600244
Personal Representative: Brian Joseph Hancock
Address: 1008 Deer Moss Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550
Attorney: Paul V Cannarella
Address: PO Box 38, Hartsville, SC 29551

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF DARLINGTON DOCKET NO. 2017CP1600059 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, v. Candace James; Carlette Elaine Benton, Individually; Carlette Elaine Benton, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Minal B. Wingate ; Mae Arlee Legette; Dorothy B. James; Mutual Savings and Loan Association, F.A. ; Any unknown Trustee(s) of the Minal Wingate Revocable Trust; Defendant(s). (013263-09463) SUMMONS Deficiency Judgment Waived TO THE DEFENDANT(S): Any unknown Trustee(s) of the Minal Wingate Revocable Trust: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 1302 Glendale Dr, Hartsville, SC 29550, being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 033-00-06-053, of which a copy is here-with served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 100 Executive Center Drive, Suite 201, Post Office Box 100200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3200, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian ad Litem Nisi, Warren R. Herndon, Jr., Woodward Cothran and Herndon, 218 E. Main Street, Suite 2, Lexington, SC 29072, made absolute. Columbia, South Carolina 06/14/2017 FN STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF DARLINGTON DOCKET NO. 2017CP1600059 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, v. Candace James; Carlette Elaine Benton, Individually; Carlette Elaine Benton, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Minal B. Wingate; Mae Arlee Legette; Dorothy B. James; Mutual Savings and Loan Association, F.A.; Any unknown Trustee(s) of the Minal Wingate Revocable Trust; Defendant(s). (013263-09463) LIS PENDENS Deficiency Judgment Waived NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Barney Wingate and Minal Wingate to Wachovia Bank, National Association dated March 5, 2008, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on March 13, 2008, in Mortgage Book 1052 at Page 5136. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association. The premises covered and affected by the said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF DARLINGTON, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT A, LOT 18B, ON A PLAT PREPARED BY JACK D. EPPERLY, PLS, FROM A SURVEY DATED MARCH 29, 1987, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR DARLINGTON COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 113 AT PAGE 11 AND BEING BOUNDED AND MEASURING AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BY LOT 18A, FOR A DISTANCE OF 230 31 FEET, MORE OR LESS, EAST BY HOFFMAN CIRCLE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 170.03 FEET, MORE OR LESS; SOUTH BY HOFFMAN ROAD, FOR A DISTANCE OF 182 33 FEET, MORE OR LESS; WEST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF OLIVER, FOR A DISTANCE OF 206 40 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND NORTHWEST BY

LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF OLIVER, FOR A DISTANCE OF 72 93 FEET, MORE OR LESS. This being the same or lesser property conveyed to Barney and Minal Wingate as tenants in common with the right of survivorship by deed of Earl W. Mullis dated June 29, 2000 and recorded July 3, 2000 in Deed Book 281 at Page 23 in the Office of Register Deeds for Darlington County. Subsequently, Barney Wingate died on June 27, 2015, thus vesting title to the subject property in the remaining cotenant, namely Minal Wingate, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Darlington County, in Case No. 2016ES1600267. Subsequently, Minal B. Wingate died in testate on June 23, 2016, leaving the subject property to her heirs or devisees, namely, Candace D. James, Carlette E. Benton, Mae Arlee Legette, and Dorothy B. James, or alternatively, to the Trustee(s) of the Minal Wingate Revocable Trust (if any) as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Darlington County, in Case No. 2016ES1600308. Property Address: 1302 Glendale Dr Hartsville, SC 29550 TMS# 033-00-06-053 Columbia, South Carolina 01/20/2017 NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS: Any unknown Trustee(s) of the Minal Wingate Revocable Trust YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on January 24, 2017. Columbia, South Carolina 06/14/2017 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention. To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC. Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC represents the Plaintiff in this action. Our law firm does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice. You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date you are served with this Notice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, THE FORECLOSURE ACTION MAY PROCEED. Columbia, South Carolina 06/14/2017 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF DARLINGTON DOCKET NO. 2017CP1600059 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, v. Candace James; Carlette Elaine Benton, Individually; Carlette Elaine Benton, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Minal B. Wingate; Mae Arlee Legette; Dorothy B. James; Mutual Savings and Loan Association, F.A.; Any unknown Trustee(s) of the Minal Wingate Revocable Trust; Defendant(s). (013263-09463) ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI DEFICIENCY Judgment Waived NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court, upon reading the Motion for the appointment of Warren R. Herndon, Jr. as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability, it is ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRPC, Warren R. Herndon, Jr., be and hereby is appointed Guardian Ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons under a disability, all of whom may have or may claim to have some interest in or claim to the real property commonly known as 1302 Glendale Dr, Hartsville, SC 29550; that Warren R. Herndon, Jr. is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendant(s), unless the said Defendant(s), or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians Ad Litem for the said Defendant(s), and it is FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall forthwith be served upon the said Defendant(s) by publication thereof in the News and Press, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above entitled action. Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF Robert P. Davis (SC Bar #74030), Robert.Davis@rtt-law.com Andrew W. Montgomery (SC Bar #79893), Andrew.Montgomery@rtt-law.com John J. Hearn (SC Bar #6635), John.Hearn@rtt-law.com Kevin T. Brown (SC Bar #064236), Kevin.Brown@rtt-law.com Jason D. Wyman (SC Bar #100271), Jason.Wyman@rtt-law.com John P. Fetner (SC Bar #77460), John.Fetner@rtt-law.com Clark Dawson (SC Bar #101714), Clark.Dawson@rtt-law.com 100 Executive Center Drive, Suite 201 Post Office Box 100200(29202) Columbia, SC 29210 (803) 744-4444 Scott B. Suggs Clerk of Court for Darlington County Darlington, South Carolina (013263-09463) June 16, 2017 A-

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SPECIAL REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE OF A decree heretofore granted in the case of: TD Bank, N.A., Successor by merger to Carolina First Bank v. Charles B. Baxley, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Frank Edward Floyd, et. al, Civil Action Number 2017-CP-16-159, W. Haigh Porter, Special Referee for Darlington County, has ordered that following property, which is the subject of the above action, be sold on July 18, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Darlington, to the highest bidder:

Real Property: All that certain parcel or lot of land with improvements thereon situate and being in the City of Hartsville, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, and being more particularly shown on that plat prepared for Frank E. Floyd by J. H. Walker & Associates dated December 11, 1996, and found recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 152 at page 189; said property bounded as follows: NORTH-EAST by U.S. Highway 15 (5th Street); SOUTHEAST and SOUTHWEST by property now or formerly of Hartsville, South Carolina Joint Venture, a partnership; and NORTH-WEST by Poole Street (S.C. Highway S-16-198).

TOGETHER WITH a permanent, non-exclusive easement appurtenant for vehicular and pedestrian egress and ingress as is more particularly defined and shown in the deed to Frank E. Floyd dated January 13, 1988, and found recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on January 14, 1988, in Book 923 at page 82. This being the same property conveyed to Frank E. Floyd by deed of Hartsville, South Carolina Joint Venture, a Tennessee general partnership of Richard A. Rice, Robert F. Koehler and 6116 Property Company, Ltd., recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County on January 14, 1988 in Book 923 at Page 82. Frank E. Floyd died testate on August 16, 2015, conveying his interest in the property Charles B. Baxley as Trustee of the Frank E. Floyd Trust.

TMS No.: 056-14-04-074
Property Address: Corner of S. 5th Street and Poole Street
Personal Property: (1) Equipment. All equipment including, but not limited to, all machinery, vehicles, furniture, fixtures, manufacturing equipment, farm machinery and equipment, shop equipment, office and recordkeeping equipment, and parts and tools. All equipment described in a list or schedule which I give will also be included in the Property, but such a list is not necessary for a valid security interest in my equipment.

(2) Specific Property. ALL FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT located at the Real Property. Equipment, Brand, S/N WALK-IN COOLER, VOLL-RATH, 880280120R FR-1 WALK-IN FREEZER, VOLL-RATH, 880280120R FR-1 MULTIPLEX (DRINK MACHINE), MULTIPLEX, 888-000802 FRYER EXHAUST HOOD, GAYLORD GESID, 4527-020288 BROILER EXHAUST HOOD, GAYLORD, FRYER #1 (PRICED AS A GROUP), FRYMASTER, 88021B10106 FRYER #2, FRYMASTER, 88021B0105 MULTIPOT #1, FRYMASTER, 88021B0108 MULTIPOT #2, FRYMASTER, 88021B0107 FRYER COMPUTER #1 (TIMER) (GROUP PRICE), FRYMASTER, 89962 FRYER COMPUTER #2 (TIMER), FRYMASTER, 89985 MULTIPOT COMPUTER #1 (TIMER), FRYMASTER, 90009 MULTIPOT COMPUTER #2 (TIMER), FRYMASTER, 90013 FRYER FILTER MACHINE, FRYER DUMP STATION, FOOD SERVICE, 874810288 EGG GRILL, LANG BROILER, NIECO, 7031304 STEAMER (INCLUDED W/PREP COUNTER), HATCO, 4105709502 MAIN PREP, COUNTER, 853850288 HEAT CHUTE MICROWAVE #1, AMANA, 9609139641 MICROWAVE #2, PANASONIC, AB8195002446 MICROWAVE #3, SHARP, 05164 MICRO WAVE #4, SHARP, 05175 STAINLESS STEEL WORK TABLE, FOOD SERVICE, HATCO #1 COLLECTRAMATIC SPECIALTY FREEZER BROILED CHICKEN THAW/DISPENSER, BERNRYE AI 1213314, 1213314 MEAT FREEZER WELL, FOOD SERVICE FRONT COUNTER REFRIGERATOR, HH353367-A ICE MACHINE #1, ICE ONATIC, AB815-00075-W ICE MACHINE #2, HOSHIZAKI, KM-1200SR8 BISCUIT OVEN, VULCAN, 8802570 CRESCOR BISCUIT HOLDE DRIVE-THRU SERVICE COUNTER, FOOD SERVICE DRIVE-THRU ICE BIN, FOOD SERVICE DRIVE-THRU DRINK TOWER

DRIVE-THRU CUP DIS-

PENSER 3M COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, 3M HME DRIVE-THRU TIMER, HME, 42484 FRONT SERVICE COUNTER, FOOD SERVICE, 0942288 MENU BOARD (FRONT COUNTER) MENU BOARD (DRIVE-THRU) FASFAX POS SYSTEM, FAS-FAX, LA1333 SELF-SERVICE DRINK BAR, FOOD SERVICE REMCOR ICE DISPENSER #1, REMCOR REMCOR ICE DISPENSER #2, REMCOR DRINK HEADS #1 DRINK HEADS #2 TAYLOR SHAKE MACHINE 5454, TAYLOR DINING ROOM PACKAGE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, SOFTPLAY PLAYGROUND TABLE/CHAIRS, FOOD SERVICE CDI PLAYER, 007247 VCR (TV & VCR PRICED AS SET), 054181233169 TV, 722475501 SAFE TIME CLOCK LEVEL LIGHT BAR SYSTEM WASH/RINSE/SANITIZE SINK SALAD PREP. SINK HAND SINK #1 HAND SINK #2 PARAPET BANDS BUILDING LETTERS BUILDING LOGO SIGN #1 BUILDING LOGO SIGN #2 POLE SIGN WITH MARQUIS SMALL WARES/MISC STAINLESS RACKS ETC. PRINCE CASTLE TOASTER, PRINCE CASTLE BISCUIT OVEN TIMER SPECIALTY TABLE, FOOD SERVICE FRONT COUNTER CUP DISPENSER REACH-IN REFRIGERATOR (BACK), SILVER KING, 360553 DRIVE-THRU CAUTION/CLEARANCE SIGNS HEALTH SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). Personal Deficiency being demanded, the bidding will remain open for 30 days, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.0% per annum. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its rights to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. W. Haigh Porter Special Referee, Darlington County Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP B. Keith Poston Attorney for Plaintiff P. O. Box 11070 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-2000

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AMENDED NOTICE OF SPECIAL REFEREE'S SALE

CASE NO. 2016-CP-16-0723
BY VIRTUE OF A decree heretofore granted in the case of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture against Sherri Phillips, I, the Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 12:30 o'clock p.m., at the Darlington County Courthouse, Darlington, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina being designated as Lot 6 on a plat dated January 23, 2004 by Nesbitt Surveying Co., dated January 23, 2004, and recorded in Plat Book 197 Page 117. Reference is also made to a Plat of Lot 6, Crickentree Place Subdivision, Surveyed September 22, 2009 for Sherri Phillips by Prosser Surveying Co., Inc. Said Plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 207 at Page 157. Reference is made to said plat for more complete and accurate description.

This being the same property conveyed to Sherri Phillips by deed of Terrence E. Larrimore dated October 8, 2009 and recorded on October 12, 2009 in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1058 at Page 098. TMS # 151-00-04-006
Property Address: 2642 Crickentree Lane, Darlington, SC 29532

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and

applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty



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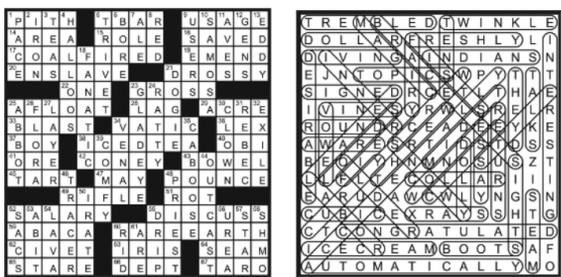
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Conservation continues on H.L. Hunley

NORTH CHARLESTON -- It is no secret that the crew compartment of the H. L. Hunley, the world's first successful combat submarine, was small. Conservators working to save the pioneering vessel have a new understanding of just how cramped and intimidating it must have been for the eight-man crew in 1864 when they cranked the Hunley into world history. Working in the small confines of the roughly 4-foot tall hull, scientists are slowly breaking off the concretion - a layer of sand, sediment, shells and corrosion products - that built up slowly over time while she was lost at sea for over a century.

The concretion completely masked the original surface of one of maritime lore's greatest artifacts as well as many of its finer operational features. "The work can be exhausting, but I love this job. I get to watch the submarine come out of its shell and be one of the first people to actually see the crew compartment in over a century. It is really very exciting," said Clemson University's Warren Lasch Conservation Center's Associate Director and Senior Conservator Lisa Nasanen.

The delicate effort to clean the crew compartment has already yielded some interesting finds:

Human Remains Found: A tooth was found in the concretion on crank position number 3, where it is believed crew member Frank Collins sat. His remains were buried in 2004 alongside his crewmates and others that lost their lives in the testing and development of the Hunley. At the time of his burial, several teeth were missing from his cranium. Forensic analysis of the skull indicated the teeth were lost after his death from decomposition, meaning the discovery of more human remains was not a totally unanticipated find.

Operational Discoveries: Cleaning the inside is offering a greater understanding of the vessel's overall operation. The Hunley's design was more sophisticated and dynamic than originally thought. The flywheel that powered the propeller can now be seen as a clever piece of engineering. It has a system of different size gears that helped enhance the output of the crank-generated power, helping maximize the impact of the crew's hard work.

Practical Design: The iron crank system was designed to address the vigorous challenges of cranking. Cranking for the length of time needed to reach the enemy target ship was strenuous work and no doubt caused muscle fatigue with blisters and sores. It appears a thin metal tube was wrapped loosely around the crank to allow for easier work. The tube was also covered in a cloth material, likely meant to soften and alleviate the rub on the hands.

The De-concretion Project

Until recently, the concretion completely covered the vessel both inside and out. It is being removed so that a conservation treatment can be completed to ensure the submarine is preserved for our generation and the ones to come. It has been a multi-year process with several different phases.

First, the exterior of the submarine was cleaned of this encrustation. Then, in 2016, scientists moved their work to clearing it off the interior. They are hoping once the submarine is completely uncovered it will help offer a better understanding of the events that led to the disappearance of the submarine and her eight-man crew.

"We are finally getting to see many previously hidden details of both the hull and the mechanisms the crew used to operate the submarine the night of the attack. These new clues will likely prove essential to our investigation to understand what really happened to the Hunley," said Clemson Archaeologist Michael Scafuri.

Safety First

Given the extreme cramped confines of their workspace and challenging logistics, the deconcretion effort has not been going as quickly as once hoped. Scientists follow a sequence that starts with draining the 75,000-gallon conservation treatment tank that holds the submarine. Then the Hunley must be covered inch-to-inch with plastic wrap to keep it from drying out. Before entering the tank, the team gears up with protective body suits, goggles and respirators to protect them from dust and chemicals. At the end of the day, the protocol is reversed, ensuring at all times, that the submarine remains wet, until the tank is filled up again for the night.

The work is physically and mentally exhausting. They must stay curled up in various awkward positions for hours working in the small crew compartment. The focus required to use pneumatic chisels and small hand tools to remove the concretion can be quite stressful. One drop of a tool or slip-of-the-hand or other mistake could cause permanent damage to the fragile artifact.

Clemson University Conservator and Collections Manager Johanna Rivera-Diaz, "We are moving slowly, but we are moving. The extent of the site preparation and then limited time windows to work on the sub can be frustrating at times. Still, at the end of the day, the safety of the team and the submarine must always come first."

The Hunley Project

On the evening of February 17, 1864, the H. L. Hunley became the world's first successful combat submarine by sinking the USS Housatonic. After signaling to shore that the mission had been accomplished, the submarine and her crew of eight mysteriously vanished. Lost at sea for over a century, the Hunley was located in 1995 by Clive Cussler's National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA). The innovative hand-cranked vessel was raised in 2000 and delivered to the Warren Lasch Conservation Center, where an international team of scientists are at work to conserve the submarine for future generations and piece together clues to solve the mystery of her disappearance. The Hunley Project is conducted through a partnership with the Clemson University Restoration Institute, South Carolina Hunley Commission, Naval History and Heritage Command, and Friends of the Hunley.

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Earlier this month, the Mayo Globetrotters took off on their trip to Switzerland, Italy, and the Riviera for 10 days. This group is led by Ms. Knight and Mr. Flowers with Mrs. Blankenship and Ms. Long as chaperones.

Coker College partners with Florence-Darlington Technical College to offer two Bachelor's Degrees

In an effort to continue providing superior convenience and flexibility for students in the Florence area, Coker College is partnering with Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) in Florence, S.C., to offer FDTC graduates a B.S. in business management and B.S. in applied criminology.

Once FDTC students earn their associate degree in business management, business marketing or criminal justice technology, they can transfer those credits directly into Coker College's business management or criminology program, giving them two years of completed course requirements toward their bachelor's degree.

"We're excited to partner with Florence-Darlington Technical College to offer these two bachelor's degree pro-

grams," said Coker College President, Dr. Robert Wyatt. "We're two strong schools with solid representation in our communities. Working together will provide even more opportunities for students in our area, as well convenience and seamless transitions."

Both degree programs consist of one course on campus at FDTC and one course online, per each eight-week term. If students stay in their original cohort, they will be on track to graduate with their bachelor's degree in two years.

"This partner program allows us to provide highly accessible programs of study for FDTC graduates in way that ensure a clear and timely path to graduation," said Tracy Parkinson, Provost and Dean of Coker College. "If we, as partner insti-

tutions serving this region, want to provide the best opportunities we can for our students, this is one of the best ways to achieve that."

Coker College currently has a location in Florence at the Poynor Adult Education Center and will continue to offer classes at that location.

Interested FDTC graduates are encouraged to apply immediately. Applicants interested in applying for financial aid should apply before June 30. Coker College also offers an Achievement Scholarship worth up to \$2000, available for all graduates of FDTC.

Applications can be found at www.coker.edu/apply-adult-degree-program.

For more information contact adult-degree@coker.edu or 843-857-4213.

McLeod Sports Medicine Holds Symposium

More than 100 Certified Athletic Trainers, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and Occupational Therapist Assistants from South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia took part in a McLeod Sports Medicine Symposium on June 24, 2017. The symposium, entitled "The Art of Manipulating Pain in Your Athlete: Holistic and Manual Techniques," addressed clinician approaches to pain following an athletic injury.

McLeod Sports Medicine Professionals, Dr. Patrick Denton and Dr. Chadley Runyan of Pee Dee Orthopaedic Associates, along with colleagues from around the state presented on the following topics: The

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

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Each individual is the Total Package desiring a positive quality of life as the political leaders who carry negative bags for certain groups and community areas. Now more than ever, rural Darlington County is confronted with problems created by the government. Positive priorities must be established by political leaders to become aware of problems facing the people and begin using corrective action for survival results.

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