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

EDMUND BURKE

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## City Council approves contract extension for City Manager

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After a contentious special meeting on July 27, the citizens of Darlington came out in droves for the August city council meeting, packing the courtroom and standing along the back wall.

The first order of business was a short executive session, listed on the agenda as necessary 'to discuss City Manager's

Contract'. In the end, city council voted to extend Howard Garland's contract for one more year, a decision that was met with applause from the audience several of whom were there to support Garland.

During the citizen comment portion of the meeting, Ben Williamson asked council to get professional help to resolve heated discussions in the future.

"I was sad yesterday to hear

that there was so much and so deep bad feelings on the city council," Williamson said. "I congratulate y'all on coming to a decision tonight but I still would like to say that I don't think Darlington can continue the progress we've been making lately, such a good report from the Chamber of Commerce, if the feelings are as bad as I heard yesterday. So what I would like to ask is that y'all consider mediation, hiring

a mediator, so that when difficult questions and issues come up we can get some professional help."

In old business, council gave final reading to Ordinance 2017-26, approving the purchase of the property at 909 Pearl Street from Donald and Dewayne Weatherford. During the regular July council meeting, Garland explained the necessity of this purchase.

"The stormwater drain runs

directly under the building," Garland said. "The building was built there in 1950 and I don't know why someone would build right over a stormwater drain but they did. We need that as a part of that stormwater project ... this is in the budget for that project."

Council also approved a demolition list for properties around the city. The list includes multiple properties on Tallulah St., Jefferson St.,

Pinehaven Ave. and Second St., among others. Letters have been sent to owners of nineteen of the properties, informing them of the city's intention. Letters have not yet been sent to the others on the list but they will be forthcoming. Garland told council that the city will likely not have to take down all of the properties on the list.

CONTRACT ON 3A



Director of Early Childhood Education, Kacy Keels.

PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

## Early Childhood Director wants to help DCSD students grow, change the world

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The Darlington County School District recently announced the hiring on Kacy Keels as the district's Director of Early Childhood Education. Keels worked previously at Thornwell School for the Arts, as well as in a district in Columbia.

"I've been in education for ten years but even as an undergrad and in graduate school I worked with children," Keels said. "I always knew that I wanted to be a part of the education system, I just didn't know how until I went through my student teaching."

It wasn't quite the training she expected, which pushed her even further into a desire to make a difference in the education system.

"It really wasn't a great

experience," Keels said. "I was with a teacher who was disgruntled and was having a hard time. It was then that I knew that there had to be something more, because I wanted to help. I decided then to go to grad school where I got my master's in Language and Literacy, where we focused on how children learn to read and write and how to be a coach to teachers."

Encouragement from a professor spurred that inclination to reach both educators and students.

"I had a teacher in grad school who told me that once I finished working with the little ones to get involve with adults," Keels said. "Since then, I've really wanted to help everyone, students and teachers. Students have such a small little voice sometimes in the world of education and I want-

ed to reach out and do a little more."

Keels said that it wasn't just one teacher who influenced her but many.

"There are a lot of teachers that I met along the way that I learned a lot from that inspired me to do what I do today," Keels said. "We think that high school is boring but I had a wonderful teacher who taught us to think and put our thoughts into a research paper. It wasn't just about answering questions; it was about our thoughts and how to communicate those with others. She really empowered us."

Keels, a mother of two, said that she understands concerns that parents have when it comes to Early Childhood Education and the push to be the best from the very start.

"With Early Childhood Education, especially in

kindergarten now, people have concerns with it being a watered-down first grade classroom with kids sitting at desks, the urge to have all these high stakes testing and be on top," Keels said. "Within that race, it turns kids away from school and away from reading; that is not what I believe in at all. I think children need to develop a strong love for reading. They need to be passionate about it and they need to feel like they are going to learn from it. Also, with early childhood, language and play are so very important for their development."

Keels said that she has been meeting with literacy coaches and principals to see what the district is already doing right and how they can improve.

DIRECTOR ON 3A

## Hartsville contracts with water park builder

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The planned expansion of the popular Piratesville Splash Pad into a multi-featured water park took another step forward as Hartsville City Council voted at their August 1 special meeting to contract with a design and build firm.

After reviewing four design build proposals, Hartsville opted to use Trident Construction, LLC of North Charleston for their Design Build contractor. Trident lists several similar projects among their building credits, including water parks and splash zones built for Charleston County Parks and Recreation and aquatic centers built for Orangeburg and New Bern, North Carolina.

Mayor Mel Pennington said the city has been communicat-

ing with several groups that use the soccer fields at Byerly Park over concerns that the fields would be sacrificed to expand the water park. He said that trimming some features from the water park plans will allow the soccer fields and the new park expansion to co-exist.

"At one point, we were entertaining the thought of doing a crystal lagoon, which was going to consume all of the fields. Now that has been tremendously scaled back, so we should have plenty of space," said Pennington.

Also on the agenda, Council passed Resolution 08-17-02, approving a bid award of \$767,287 for North American Construction Company, Inc. of Quinby to perform upgrades to the Black Creek Pump Station.

PARK ON 3A

## Study reveals \$179 million economic impact by FDTC

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Florence-Darlington Technical College makes a substantial difference when it comes to the cost of tuition and the amount of money a student pays to take basic college courses. A study shared during a recent meeting of the Florence-Darlington County Commission for Technical Education shows that the college also has a substantial impact on the local economy.

The study, which reflects the 2015-2016 fiscal year, was done by outside firm Emsi who conducts similar studies across the country. The study shows that the impact FDTC makes on the local economy is \$179 million in added income or supporting roughly 3, 257 jobs. Those jobs come in the form of college staff and faculty as well as staff for

local grocery stores, restaurants, autobody shops and other service facilities that are used by staff and students.

Of that \$179 million, \$33.8 million of that added income is specifically from FDTC's payroll and day-to-day spending. Added income for students comes in at \$11.2 million of that total income impact. Alumni account for the final piece of the puzzle with more than \$134 million in added income.

One aspect of interest mentioned by Suzanne Kopan Sakwa when presenting the study via conference call was the fact that FDTC brings students in from outside the county who would likely never have a reason to visit otherwise. Those students shop in the FDTC service area, bolstering those economies.

FDTC ON 3A

## Discussions start on 2017-2018 capital needs for DCSD

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The Darlington County School Board held a special-called meeting Friday, Aug. 4 to discuss capital needs and what of those needs was most pressing for the 2017-2018 school year.

Chief Finance Officer Ashley Smith said that the list she presented to the school board included requests from all the district's schools. Requests included everything from replacing field lighting on the baseball and softball

fields at Hartsville High to new cafeteria windows at Spaulding Middle to improve energy efficiency. There were also district-wide needs such as a paint schedule for all the schools, large band equipment and a fleet of vehicles for the district's social workers to transport students to and from doctor's appointments.

"I hesitate to make recommendations because I know everything on here is very important to each of the schools," Smith said. "However, I based it on needs that I know we need throughout the district...There are also some items on here that I know people have asked for for a number of years, items like air conditioning units in schools that have failed and we need to replace, things of that nature."

Smith said she wanted the board to take special note of a request for Brockington Elementary School.

"Another one that I wanted to point out is Brockington Elementary," Smith said. "Their parents have raised around \$20,000 to help build a playground. I think it is important for the district to help with the playground expense, especially because the parents have raised that amount of money."

When discussing the need to take care of gutters on school buildings to prevent leaking and rot, board chairman Jamie Morphis pointed out that many of the items on the capital needs list are actually maintenance projects.

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Board members had a lot of questions regarding capital project suggestions. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS



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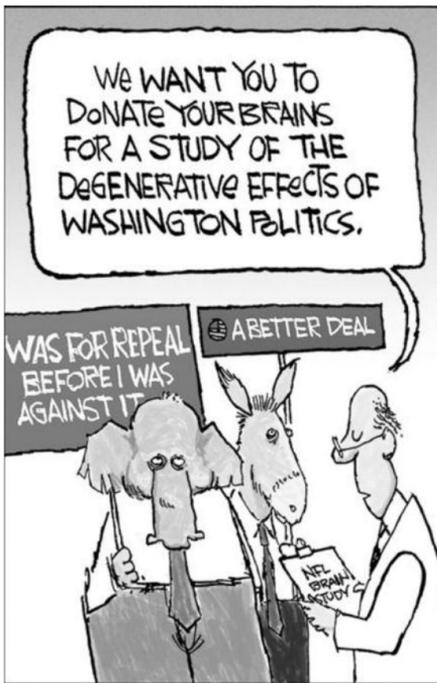
## Word of the Week

Diminution: the act, process, or an instance of becoming gradually less (as in size or importance) : the act, process, or an instance of diminishing : decrease

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OP-ED

## Reminiscing - August 2017

By Bill Shepard

August is here, bringing memories from away back when. Has anyone noticed how fast time seems to be passing by? The older I get, the faster time seems to move and the slower I move. How would you define the word...time? Now that's an interesting question! Someone said that time is the stuff that life is made of. If that is true and I believe it is, then time is our most precious commodity and the one we waste the most!

Someone wrote the following lines and I'm not sure who it was; they have been in my possession for a long, long time; they should be a reminder for each of us. Here they are....

"I have a tiny little minute,  
Only sixty seconds in it,  
Forced upon me, didn't choose it,  
I must suffer if I lose it.  
Just a tiny little minute, but  
Eternity is in it!"

Enough said about that, I've strayed from what I started out to write about, I'll try again. August, with its hot and humid days are upon us. Thank God for air conditioners, electric fans, refrigerators, electricity, and the money to pay the electric bill when it comes each month! Only those who can remember a time when those items were not available know how to appreciate them. I remember! Imagine facing the hot and muggy days in August without the comforts we now enjoy at the flip of a switch on the wall.

I can recall as a boy following the ice-man through the village and gathering up small chips of ice that were made when he cut the large block of ice into smaller pieces. I think the kind old man made some extra chips on purpose to fill little hands that reached up to him. A nickel or a dime's worth of ice would last a long time when wrapped with a piece of heavy cloth material. A glass of iced tea would be a welcomed addition to any meal.

August, when I was a boy was noted for an extra invasion by mosquitoes, gnats, and flies! With windows raised high and no screen windows, the above tormentors were free to enter at will! There was always an epidemic of the dreaded "sore eyes" that happened as certain as the month of August rolled around! Miss Fellows, the village nurse would be busy treating the children whose eyes would be infected by the dreaded disease. Ask anyone who suffered through a season of the sore eyes and they will agree few things could be worse! I've written about them and how I and other members of my family suffered with them, so I'll move on to things more pleasant.

August was the time for picking cotton! The fields on the farms near the village would begin to show white and I and the other village children would have a watchful eye on them. Just a mile or two or three away, the rich farm lands owned by some wealthy farmers would be reaching harvest time. The children of the village would welcome the chance to earn some spending money, this writer included. Unlike today, the cotton was picked by hand and the process of gathering the cotton required picking the cotton as it opened. A field would require picking over three or four times during one season. The price paid for picking the cotton ranged from as little as twenty cents per hundred pounds picked to forty cents. We were lucky to have someone pay the top amount. As hard as the work was, I can truly say that I enjoyed cotton picking time!

The farms where I worked as a boy began just beyond where the mill village ended. The

Smith farms, reached along the old Hartsville highway, along Smith Avenue, both east and west and north a ways. The W. P. Law farms began where the Smith farms ended and reached to the large W. P. Laws plantation farther on.

My clearest memories of picking cotton were made at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Broach, one of W. P. Law's share-croppers. As soon as the cotton bolls began to open the village children would show up ready to pick cotton. Mrs. Broach would fit each child with a pick-sack and show us the field where we were to begin picking. Each evening Mr. Broach come to the field and weigh each person's pickings. Saturdays were payday! We would meet at the old courthouse on the square and receive our earnings. Not much, but a little went a long ways and made a lot of good memories.

*A letter this week came from Mrs. Dorothy Martin, a life-long Darlingtonian. Dorothy's father was owner of one of the farms mentioned in the above article. Dorothy writes that the site where the old mill once stood looks better since the recent clearing. Thanks a bunch for staying in touch!*

Bill Shepard

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OP-ED

## We need to reinvent public education in South Carolina

By Phil Noble

Cindi Ross Scoppe is one of the most important people in South Carolina. And, she has recently put forward one of the most important ideas for this state – perhaps the most important – for the last generation or so.

Now I know that sounds like extreme hyperbole, but bear with me on this one, I think I'm right.

First, about Scoppe and her idea.

She is the editorial writer for The State newspaper in Columbia. On a personal level, I don't really know her very well. Over the years we have had a lunch or two and talked on the phone some. She has been kind enough to publish some of my columns – but that's about it.

When I googled her, I learned that she grew up on a tobacco farm outside of Burlington, N.C., went to UNC at Chapel Hill and worked on a couple of newspapers in North Carolina. She has won a boatload of journalism and civic awards from state and national organizations for her work.

Her bio on The State website says "She is a lover of cats and a baker of cakes and volunteers with the (Episcopal Church) parish's annual mission work trip to Appalachia."

But most importantly, she "has covered state government and the General Assembly since 1988, first as a reporter and now as an editorial writer. She focuses on tax policy, public education, election and campaign finance law, the relationship

between state and local government, the relationship between the people and their government, the judiciary and the executive branch of government."

In short, she knows more about state government, politics, politicians and policy than just about anyone in the state of South Carolina.

I don't always agree with Scoppe, but I always read her as she is insightful, poignant and from my perspective most importantly, her heart is in the right place and she has the right values.

Now, about her idea. A few weeks ago, Scoppe wrote a column with this headline, "Imagine if we built a brand-new school system for South Carolina."

The first paragraph read, "LET'S TRY an experiment: Let your guard down, pretend everyone is acting in good faith, and imagine we're creating a brand-new public school system — using all of our knowledge and experience but no allegiance to the existing system."

She then walked through each of the major issues that have crippled education in this state for the last generation – lack of funding, too many school districts, teacher quality and pay, inequality based on race and geography, course offerings and administrative structures, etc. In each area, she identified the problem and in broad terms outlined the solution.

The overarching theme – and the essence of its radicalism (and it is radical) is

the first word of her column's title – imagine.

In that one simple word, imagine, Scoppe has identified the problem and the solution. It is a lack of imagination on the part of lawmakers and educators and the great potential of what we could do if we set aside all the problems of what is and simply imagine what could be.

Robert Kennedy expressed the same idea in a different way when he often quoted George Bernard Shaw, "Some men see things as they are and ask why, I dream things that never were and ask why not."

We in South Carolina have suffered from an utter lack of imagination.

Scoppe's thesis is that we should identify the problems, develop the best possible solutions and then do it – whatever it takes, no matter what the cost.

Instead, today we begin with a broken system, suffer from a legislature that is dominated by small-think and refuses to act – and then they force us to settle for continuing poor schools and uneducated children. And, we have.

All across the country, other states are improving their educational system – but not in South Carolina. We're not even close. We are at the bottom and heading in the wrong direction.

Scoppe's idea is truly big, bold and radical.

Some would argue it's too big, too bold and too radical and we should not take the risk. My response is to ask "what do we have to lose?"

If our schools are rated the worst in the country – and they are – then why not try something big, bold and radical.

To return to Scoppe's inspiration – imagine.

Imagine... that there was a grassroots, bottom up "reinvented education movement" that produced a plan developed by the people and then they demanded that the so-called political and education leaders "do it."

Imagine... how we could transform education if everyone – students, parents, teachers, community – got really, really excited about this big and bold initiative and then they went to work in their local schools to make it happen.

Imagine... that the business community got involved and provided resources and created apprenticeships and connections and pathways for a smooth transition for students from schools to careers.

Imagine... that South Carolina became known nationally and even globally not for having the worst schools in the country but as the state with the biggest and boldest ideas to reinvent education in the globally connected, digital world of the 21st Century.

While I breathe I hope.

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OP-ED

## Enough with the parting gifts

By Abby Nugent for TheNerve.org

According to a contract obtained by the Post and Courier, the former head of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Catherine Templeton, accepted a contract with the agency just one day after she left her position in January of 2015. As director, she was paid \$13,500 a month. After signing her no-bid consulting contract, she was paid \$17,300 a month—a 28 percent increase.

Templeton's predecessor, Earl Hunter, did the same sort of consulting at a rate of \$15,000 per month for three months after he left DHEC, and current director Catherine Heigel (set to leave her position on August 4), was offered the same position, but announced yesterday to The

State that she will not accept it amid this controversy.

One might think that, after agency heads leave their positions as government employees, their days of receiving taxpayer-funded salaries are over. This has not been the case. And it raises the question, why was the consultant paid more than the agency head, even after having received a pay raise of thousands of dollars shortly before leaving her post at DHEC?

DHEC Deputy Director Barbara Derrick says no one but the former director had the current knowledge of the agency that the consulting required. Templeton says that with expenses such as taxes, the rate of pay for the consulting work ends up being the same as her agency-head salary.

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# Kemp McLeod named 2017 South Carolina Farmer of the Year

Alexander "Kemp" McLeod of McBee, S.C., is a hard-working farmer who raises 22 peach varieties, strawberries, pumpkins and row crops. He operates a successful roadside store along a busy four-lane highway where he sells his fruit and where visitors enjoy an outstanding agritourism experience.

A farmer for 44 years, his farm encompasses 7,500 acres, 2,500 acres of rented land and 5,000 acres of owned land.

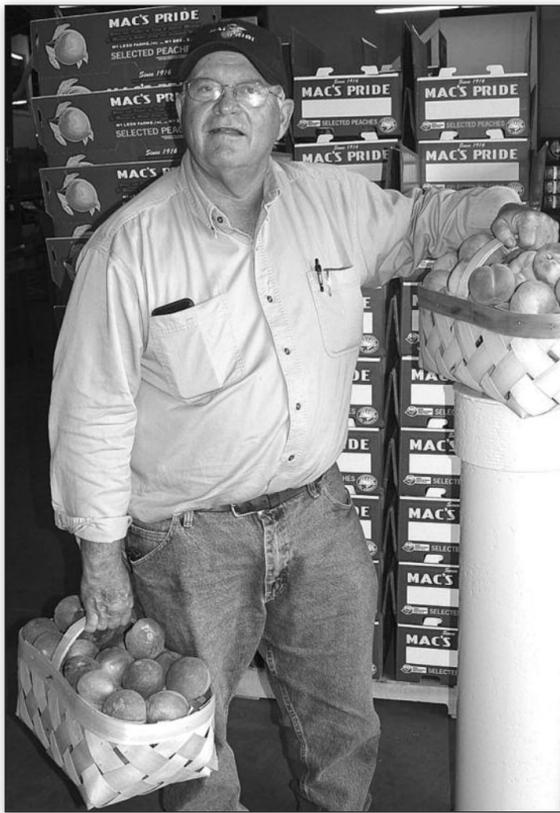
As a result of his success as a peach and crop farmer, McLeod has been selected as the state winner of the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year award. He joins nine other individuals as finalists for the overall award that will be announced on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Sunbelt Expo farm show in Moultrie, Ga.

He also grows seed crops, including rye, browntop millet and sericea lespedeza. In past years, he grew bicolor lespedeza seed.

McLeod's peaches on 1,000 acres yield 500 bushels per acre. Strawberries from 50 acres yield 30,000 pounds per acre. His dryland corn on 600 acres yields about 100 bushel per acre while irrigated corn on 500 acres yields about 180 bushels per acre. His soybeans on 2,000 acres produce about 40 bushels per acre and his wheat on 1,200 acres produces about 80 bushels per acre. He estimates his rye seed yields from 1,000 acres at 30 bushels per acre.

He also grows about 15 acres of blackberries. McLeod has added 500 acres of irrigation for his row crops since 2015.

His peaches produce high yields. He pioneered in drip irrigation of peaches. He has 45 wind machines he operates when there is a freeze threat. Air circulation can reduce freeze damage to young peach fruit.



Alexander "Kemp" McLeod

Row covers help prevent strawberry freeze damage, while improving early maturity, yields and quality.

He also uses New Zealand-developed hail cannons that send sonic waves into low hanging clouds to disrupt hail development. McLeod can't prove the hail cannons work, but uses them because he suffered severe fruit losses from hail in the past.

One of the peach varieties McLeod grows is named Cary Mac and it was developed on his farm. Cary Mac is a mutation of the Loring variety and is about a

week earlier and has more color than the yellow Loring peach.

McLeod packs his peaches, strawberries and blackberries and ships them to grocery chains and produce terminals throughout the East Coast. He markets these crops through Richter and Company, a brokerage firm based in Charlotte, N.C.

At his roadside store south of McBee on State Highway 151, McLeod also offers a museum featuring old cars, antique tractors and home appliances. Visitors can view these antiques free of charge. The site also fea-

tures Big's restaurant operated by McLeod's sister, Beth Watford. She named Big's after one of her cats.

"McLeod Farms is highly involved in agritourism," says McLeod. "We have festivals each year surrounding the strawberry, peach and pumpkin seasons. Over 5,000 school children visit the farm throughout the year for field trips. During the fall, our McLeod Farms corn maze attracts more than 8,000 visitors. Visitors can also go to the field and pick their own strawberries and pumpkins."

McLeod actually sells from three locations, the roadside market south of McBee, a packinghouse north of McBee and at the Farmer's Market in Florence, S.C.

During the 1990's, he launched an online gift pack business for shipping peaches directly to customers. The third party Primus organization verifies the safety of his peach and strawberry fruit crops.

He graduated from Clemson University in 1976 with a degree in agronomy, and returned to the farm to join his father and expand their operation.

McLeod was a commissioner of the Chesterfield County Conservation District and was named Outstanding Conservation Farmer in the county. He is a member of the McBee Town Council and has been on the Chesterfield County Economic Development Board.

On the state level, he has been a member of the S.C. Farm Bureau's Fruit and Vegetable Committee. He received the John W. Parris Agriculture Leadership Award. He served as president of the S.C. Peach Council. He received the honorary state FFA degree in 2004. His farm was recognized as a Century Farm for operating more than 100 years. He also received the Order of Palmetto honoring his contribu-

tions to the state of South Carolina.

He is a contributor to the Harvest Hope organization that collects food for the needy. He's also an alumnus of the Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural college fraternity.

Nationally, he received an honorary American Farmer FFA degree and has been a member of the National Peach Council.

His wife Gaie helps to supervise field trips to the farm by school groups. She helped to welcome about 3,400 students to the farm during this year's strawberry season, and says that 5,000 to 6,000 students visit the farm each year. She is also busy in the late summer and early fall when she welcomes school children to the farm during pumpkin season.

Kemp and Gaie have been active in McBee Presbyterian Church. She is on the United Way Allocations Committee for Chesterfield County. She is a member of the Pee Dee Agritourism Committee and has been a member of State S.C. Agritourism Association.

McLeod Farms also helps to sponsor the popular "Making it Grow" television program that airs weekly on S.C. Public Television stations. This program features gardening and home horticulture information along with features on innovative South Carolina farmers. Gaie has been a frequent guest on the program.

Their son Spencer, who earned a degree in ag mechanization from Clemson and later earned a Master's of Business Administration degree from Clemson, is back working full time on the farm.

Spencer has taken the lead in developing computerized technology for the farm such as wi-fi, apps for remote management, and making sure that all electronic devices used on the farms can

be interconnected. He is especially good at tracking inventory and making sure he has records showing that fruit handling complies with safety standards and good agricultural practices. Spencer is also working on a system to better track labor and equipment costs to specific commodities produced on the farm.

Kemp is a member of the fourth generation of his family to farm in this location, and son Spencer is the fifth generation to farm.

Kemp and Gaie have three other children, daughter Amanda Odegard, son Alexander McLeod III, and a daughter Rachel McCormick. Amanda is an English teacher. Alexander works as an electrical engineer in Greenville, S.C., while Rachel lives in Nashville, Tenn., and operates a day care facility.

Brian Callahan with the Clemson Extension Service coordinates the Farmer of the Year award in South Carolina. McLeod was nominated for the honor by Tony Melton, a Clemson Extension horticulture agent in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.

"He is the best farmer I know," says Melton.

Melton worked as a youth for the McLeods on their farm, and used the money he earned there to attend Clemson University. The McLeods honored Melton's horticultural career by helping to fund a Clemson scholarship in Melton's name.

As the South Carolina state winner of the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo award, McLeod will receive a \$2,500 cash award and an expense paid trip to the Sunbelt Expo from Swisher International of Jacksonville, Fla., a \$500 gift certificate from Southern States cooperative and a Columbia vest from Ivey's Outdoor and Farm Supply.

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"There may be some that are taken off (the list) because, once we advertise those, we do have some owners of the property that will come in and take care of it themselves," Garland said.

In new business, council

approved first reading of Ordinance 2017-27 for the sale of the property at 410 Pearl Street to Genesis Health Care for \$100,000.

Council also heard from Curtis Boyd on the issue of a multi-use trail system for the City of Darlington. Boyd showed council a map with the proposed trail loop.

"There are a lot of runners,

walkers and bikers and people who like to be active," Boyd said. "I would much rather they be active in my gym than on a rail trail but we all love to run outside. I have hundreds of treadmills but I love to run outside so most of my running is actually done outdoors."

Boyd said that right now, runners and bikers are limited to where they can be active in

Darlington.

"When I run through the city of Darlington, that I love so dearly, I have about three or 4 miles that I can run on sidewalks and I run 15 to 25 miles a lot of times," Boyd said. "A lot of areas I go to and run in different states they have rail trails and stuff; they have a rail trail in Florence. A lot of places I've been, they have trails 26,

30 miles long that you can go run on safely and bike."

Boyd told council that he would like them to look into investing some hospitality tax funds into creating a loop around Darlington. He said that some citizens have said they would be willing to allow the loop on their property.

"You have a couple people in the community who are saying

that they are willing to donate land," Boyd said. "I'm actually willing to donate part of my property also to connect to the trail."

The trail would be in three phases, starting at just three miles but eventually connecting almost all of Darlington.

Council received Boyd's presentation just for information.

## FDTC

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The study shows that in the FDTC service area, a student with an associate degree earns over \$10,000 more at their career midpoint than someone with only a high school diploma. The study shows that on average high school graduates in the service area will make around \$28,000 a year versus someone who pursued higher education and earned a bachelor's degree, who could potentially earn around \$52,000.

For every dollar spent by an FDTC student, they receive a \$5 return in lifetime earnings.

South Carolina taxpayers receive an even higher return at \$7.40 in added taxes and public sector savings per \$1 invested. While not as high, for every dollar invested local taxpayers are seeing a \$4.50 return in added taxes and public sector savings.

Several commission members said that they knew the importance of higher education but that this study shows that value all the more clearly.

"We get a lot done with our dollar," Joseph Griffin said. "Everyone has a chance at Tech and that is a lot to be proud of."

In the year of the study, FDTC had 8, 214 credit students, 3,158 non-credit students and 600 employees.

## Director

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"Darlington County has a lot of great things going on," Keels said. "They have the summer reading program. Going to school is hard in the summer. I was talking to the literacy coaches and they were telling me how some of the students would come into the program not happy about having to go to school in the sum-

mer and left the program loving reading. That is all that matters. We've got the BookMobile which we hope to get around to the whole district. Really, we just need to be promoting literacy and getting books in the hands of children, whether they can read them or not. We need to teach them how to make meaning of these books so that they can grow and learn and one day hopefully change themselves and the world."

## DCSD

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"We need to have a get together about how we look at things with maintenance," Morphis said. "I know that we are in a transition period with our maintenance, so to speak, but I would think going forward that we need to budget for gutter type stuff, any of that, grease-trap clean-up, things that are on-going. We can't allow that to accumulate and I'm still not sure that I would consider that a capital project."

Boardmember Wanda Hassler agreed with Morphis

saying that any costs that are recurring or on-going should not be taking away from true capital project needs.

The board plans to hold a work session with their maintenance staff to discuss their needs, which include vehicles and equipment, as well as a place to store their equipment.

Administration staff will present a new list to board members at the Aug. 14 meeting based on the recommendations and comments during the special-called meeting. The capital projects that are approved will be paid for with money from a previously approved bond.

## Park

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In May, Council approved Resolution 05-17-03 to allocate match dollars from Water and Sewer Reserve Funds to pay for Black Creek Pump Station upgrades. The city committed \$456,225 so SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) would commit \$321,575 for this project. The bid amount will result in \$445,712.00 being deducted from the city's Water and Sewer Reserve Fund.

Upgrading this pump station should fix the decaying wet well and make it structurally sound. The project also aims to reduce debris being pumped to the wastewater treatment facility, provide increased capacity for the pump station, and provide an emergency backup if the city's pump station

is hit with an electrical failure.

Council unanimously approved Resolution 08-17-01, adopting changes to the City of Hartsville's FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) policy in compliance with new state regulations.

All FOIA requests for public records and documents must be made in writing and submitted either in person at the Hartsville City Hall (located at 100 E Carolina Ave, Hartsville), by mail to City of Hartsville, Attn: City Clerk, P.O. Drawer 2497, Hartsville, SC 29551, or by email to city.clerk@hartsvillesc.gov.

An official FOIA request form is available from the city, and the complete fee schedule for FOIA related printing, materials, and labor costs is available as well. Minimum charge for any FOIA processing is \$3, plus .25 per page for paper

## Gifts

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Still, is this pricey consulting really necessary to facilitate the transition from director to director? That Heigel turned down the contract suggests it isn't. According to The State, DHEC regulator David Wilson plans on handling her responsibilities until

a new director is chosen. If her consultation services were absolutely necessary, he wouldn't be able to do that.

A consultant is also less accountable than an agency head, who has clear duties, yet taxpayers foot the same bill for the job, which seems like a parting gift. Heigel says this has been the "normal way to do it." Maybe it's time for that to change.

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I have put my hope in your word.*

Psalm 119:114

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**Phillip Windham**

Phillip Windham, age 53, passed away Thursday, August 3, 2017. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday, August 6th in the Lamar chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Newman Swamp Cemetery. The family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home in Lamar.

Born June 8, 1964, Phillip is the son of the late James K. Windham and Fannie Fields Windham. He was a graduate of Lamar High School. Phillip worked hard to provide for his family by farming and raising cattle and horses. He was a member of Oates Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Christy Lynn Wright Windham of Lamar; his daughters, Alexis Windham, Haley Windham, Jacalyn Windham, Katelyn Windham, all of the home, Brooke Windham, Kaleigh Windham, and Lindsey Windham, all of Hartsville; several grandchildren; his sisters, Elinor "Lou" (Richard) Adams of Darlington, Joann (Bucky) Dudley of Hartsville; his brother, Steve (Tracy) Windham of Camden; and a special friend, Jack McElveen.

Memorials may be made to the McLeod Hospice Foundation, PO Box 100551 Florence, SC 29502-0551.

A guestbook is available online at [www.belkfuneralhome.com](http://www.belkfuneralhome.com).

## Darlington County School District announces new personnel assignments

Following the departure of former Darlington High School (DHS) Principal Dr. Greg Harrison for another professional opportunity, the district has named DHS Lead Assistant Principal Cortney Gehrke as the school's interim principal.

Gehrke began working for the DCSD in 2005 as an English teacher at Lamar High School. She also taught and worked as an administrator at Spaulding Middle School and Hartsville Middle School. She holds a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education and a Bachelor of Arts in English with Secondary Certification from the College of Charleston.

The district also announced that Kacy Woodham Keels will be the district's new Director of Early Childhood Education. In her position, Keels will supervise the development, organization, implementation, coordination and evaluation of early childhood instructional programs to

ensure that all students meet or exceed state and national academic expectations.

Keels previously worked for the DCSD during the 2012-13 school year, when she was named Thornwell School for the Arts' 2013 Teacher of the Year. She has also served in other school districts and schools as a reading interventionist, literacy consultant and first grade teacher. She most recently worked as a literacy coach at McBee Elementary School in Chesterfield County. She holds a Master of Education in Language and Literacy and a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from the University of South Carolina.

The district further announced that C. Matthew Ferguson, the district's former coordinator for K-12 English/Language Arts (ELA), Social Studies and early childhood, will become the new Director of Personnel. Ferguson will develop and manage screening, recruitment, retention, and employment

evaluation practices. He will assist in all facets of the district's Human Resources domain.

Ferguson began working for the DCSD in 2008 as an English teacher and an Adult Education site coordinator. He has also served as the director of the Darlington Summer Academic Program, ELA coordinating teacher and Title 1 coordinator. He holds a Juris Doctor from the Charlotte School of Law, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education, a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Lesley University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and English Education from Coker College.

"All three of these individuals bring unique and welcome skills sets to their positions. We are fortunate to have their leadership in our district and I look forward to seeing what they accomplish in their roles," said Dr. Eddie Ingram, DCSD superintendent.

LIVING ON PURPOSE

## Are we a spectator or a participator?

By Dr. William Holland

We do not have to look very far to find someone that needs a miracle. There are lots of people who are suffering some type of crisis with everything from health problems, their children, and grieving over a loss, to finances, marriage issues and addictions. When we see and hear about difficulties, we become sympathetic, but how often do we consider that God may have brought these individuals to our attention so that we can not only pray but to intervene and help meet their needs? Instead of just discussing the situation and having pity, maybe we are their miracle and the answer to their prayers. We can remain the spectator like always or with God's power we can become a participator and an agent of change!

Remember the times you have been discouraged or in trouble and you cried out for God to please send somebody to help? If someone responded, you knew they were a Godsend, right? If no one came, we assumed they were too busy or maybe just did not want to take the time or money to become involved. I believe our reactions toward others reveal more about us than we care to think about. It seems that most people are convinced this life is their own to do whatever they want and I can understand this point of view for a non-Christian. However, for those who are followers of Jesus Christ, the Bible clearly explains our way of thinking is to radically change from only concentrating about ourselves to obeying God as our highest priority. This renewing of our mind will produce generosity and compassion as we develop a willingness to become more like Christ in His attributes and character. I Corinthians 6:19-20 says, "What? Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." When we accept the covenant of salvation, we are letting go of our selfish independence in order

to become sensitive to God and the needs of others.

The Bible refers to those who are God's children as instruments and vessels of honor. The idea of being used by the Master of the universe is a privilege and something that should not be taken lightly. For those who are serious about becoming a disciple for Christ, we can learn how to listen for His voice and develop our spiritual awareness. He may be guiding and preparing us to present a Bible scripture with a friend at work or maybe to share our heart in a letter to a loved one that we are concerned about. There are so many opportunities all around us where we could bring encouragement. I know there are times in my life where I could have used someone's kindness. It feels good to know that someone cares enough to make an intentional effort to bless us as we all desire to feel loved and respected. There is a passage in Galatians chapter six that talks about our deeds being like seeds and that we all reap according to what we sow. Applying this spiritual principal to our life, we can see how important it is to reach out to others in the same way we would like them to care about us. If you need a miracle, become someone's miracle, if you desire to have more friends, go out of your way to be friendly, and if you want to be loved, ask God to help you learn how to love. He can connect us but our responsibility is to make ourselves available. Jesus told a parable in Luke chapter ten about a man who was attacked by thieves and was left beside the road nearly dead. Two different men passed by (one of them a minister) and yet both ignored him. Then a Samaritan man found him and literally saved his life. The good Samaritan became the wounded man's miracle and presents the question that is worthy of consideration; are we the one who passes by or the one who becomes involved?

*Dr. Holland lives in Central Kentucky where he is a Christian minister and author of, "A Lifestyle of Worship." Learn more at: [billyhollandministries.com](http://billyhollandministries.com).*

CHURCH NEWS

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**Choir Anniversary**

The C.L. BOWENS Choir of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 400 S Main St, Darlington, will celebrate their 36th Anniversary on Sunday, August 13 at 4 p.m., featuring the C.L. BOWENS Choir in concert. The public is invited to attend.

**C&M Retrievers Service**

Mechanicsville Baptist Church welcomes the C&M Retrievers on Aug. 13. The service will start at 6 p.m. For more information, call 843-393-1029.

**Homecoming and Revival Services**

Sandy Grove United Methodist Church, 2870 Sandy Grove Church Rd. Lamar, will celebrate their 2017 homecoming and revival services Aug. 13-16. This year they are celebrating 151 years of praising and serving the

Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

\*Sunday Worship Homecoming Service: August 13, 11 a.m.

\*Mon. - Wed. Revival Service: August 14-16, 7 p.m. each night

Rev. Darren McClam-Shiloh UMC Darlington, SC, will be the speaker each night for Revival Service.

**Annual Revival**

Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 552 E. Billy Farrow Highway in Darlington, will carry on revival the week of August 14th-17th at 7 p.m. nightly. The speaker for the revival is the Reverend Antwaun Richardson of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

**Block Party**

New Hopewell Outreach Center, 1416 Bethlehem Rd. in Hartsville, will hold a Block Party Aug. 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be pony rides, free food, games and performances by local artists. For more information, call 843-758-1240 or 843-383-2731.

**Usher Anniversary**

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 1421 E. Lydia Hwy. in Hartsville, will have their usher anniversary Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker is Minister Patricia Bowman.

**Singing**

Oates Baptist Church, 3569 Oates Highway Lamar, is proud to welcome The Believers Quartet from Sumter, SC on Saturday August 26th at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great night of music and worship. Admission is free, and open to everyone. If you have any questions you may contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

**Pastor Anniversary**

Pastor Demonta and Lady Wanda Bush along with the St. Mark Church of Deliverance church family at

700 East Carolina Ave in Hartsville cordially invite everyone to their first pastoral anniversary beginning August 23 -25 2017 at 7 p.m. nightly and concluding August 27 at 4pm. Please contact Evangelist Debra Jackson or Deacon Fredrick Jackson at 843-858-7377 for additional info.

**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.

**Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line**

Anyone who needs prayer for healing and deliverance is welcome to call the Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line at 843-393-8555. The prayer line is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**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](http://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.

**Prayer Line**

Anyone who needs prayer is invited to call the Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line. Whether you need prayer for healing from sickness and disease, deliverance from drugs and alcohol or some other issue. The lines are open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 843-393-8555.

**Happy 64th Birthday Momma**  
Geneva "Sneek" Gibson

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Dear Momma, We miss and love you more than you know, God called you home from this world below. Because He Lives, We will see you again, sitting beside Jesus and holding His hand.  
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## PETS OF THE WEEK



The Dynamic Duo! Snickers and Woody are so much fun! This super friendly pair has never met a stranger and are just as delightful and playful and affectionate as they come! Excellent with other dogs, they would be a great choice as a family pet who will keep the kids entertained for hours. Gentle natured and most unflappable, we adore this sibling pair and hope you'll stop on by to get a real slice of pet heaven by the name of Snickers and Woody! 1 yr old; hound mix; male



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

### Have you lost or found a pet?

If you have lost or found a pet, go online to [www.darlingtonhumane.org](http://www.darlingtonhumane.org) and click on the link **Lost/ Found Pets**. You will be directed to the [www.thelostpets.com](http://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

### 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.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting of big book and traditions studies weekly at 8 p.m. Monday

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.

### 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.

### St. John's Multi-class reunion

A multi-class reunion will be held on August 12, 2017 for classes 1970-74, at the Darlington Country Club. It will cost \$30 a person and is from 7-11 p.m.

You can send a check to Alex Cohen, 108 Nez Perce Street, Darlington, SC 29532.

If you have any questions, visit the St. John's High School class reunion on Facebook, or email Becky Moody Williamson at bewmson@gmail.com.

### Mayo Homecoming Registration

Saturday August 12, 1 - 3p.m. in the meeting room of American Legion Post 210 Parade Entry Fee: \$10 Reserved Tailgate Party Space: \$25/Class Vendor Contract: \$100 Advance Homecoming Dance Tickets: \$25 Each (\$30 Admission at the Door) Homecoming is Aug 25-27

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### Sept. 2017

### Bojangles' Southern 500

The tradition returns to the Darlington Raceway September 1-3. The VFW Sport Clips Haircuts 200 will take place Sept. 2. The Bojangles' Southern 500 will take place Sept. 3. Tickets and more information can be found at [darlingtonraceway.com](http://darlingtonraceway.com).

### DDRA Spring Concert Series

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

### Market on Darlington Square

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

### Darlington City Council Meeting

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

### American Legion

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

### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, September 11, 2017 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a

presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or [jbishop@dar-cosc.com](mailto:jbishop@dar-cosc.com).

### 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.

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

Friday September 29, 2017 – Meet and Greet Saturday September 30, 2017 – Dinner, Dancing and Fellowship Where: Wilds-Edwards House, Darlington, SC E-mail: [sjh87reunion@gmail.com](mailto:sjh87reunion@gmail.com)

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

### Oct. 2017

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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.

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noted differently at the Darlington Library or at the conference room at City Hall and as needed or requested by City Council.

### Spina Bifida Benefit Event

So-Lina invites you to join them for the third annual Bid to Benefit Spina Bifida, Saturday, October 28. Wheelz for Bryce Auto Show participants need to be set up by 10 a.m. If it goes, enter it into the show. Commemorative dash plaques will be given to entries while they last. Chicken bog served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get your tickets in advanced. Benefit auction begins at 2 p.m. All proceeds and donations benefit Spina Bifida Association (SBA). There will be raffles and live music. All activities will take place at 2085 Lamar Hwy. in Darlington. For more information, or to donate an item for the auction, call 843-393-7631.

### Speed and Feed

The 5th annual BBQ Cook-off and Car Show is open to all years and models. The event will be Oct. 28 at Darlington Raceway. There will be a classic car cruise around the Raceway. Awards will be given out in several categories, including President's Choice, Best Truck and Best Rat Rod. For more information, call Sarah Hill at 843-395-8808 or email [sehilla@darlingtonraceway.com](mailto:sehilla@darlingtonraceway.com).

### Nov. 2017

### American Legion

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

### Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, November 14 (due to Thanksgiving) the third Thursday of every other month at 9 a.m. unless noted differently at the Darlington Library or at the conference room at City Hall and as needed or requested by City Council.

### Dec. 2017

### Darlington County Ambulance Commission

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

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# Clemson psychologist's study will track public perception of Aug. 21 eclipse

CLEMSON, South Carolina — In ancient times, total solar eclipses were known to terrify people who were bewildered by what was happening — without warning — in the sky. While modern day science has quieted these fears, our perceptions of a total solar eclipse are still likely to differ from person to person and place to place.

Forming new understandings of these perceptual anomalies is the core of a new study by Clemson University psychology professor Cynthia Pury and graduate student Darlene Edewaard in the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences. The researchers are inviting the

entire American public — from west to east coasts — to participate in a series of online surveys before and after viewing the Aug. 21 "Great American Eclipse." The results of the study will give Pury and Edewaard an in-depth look into how people respond, visually and emotionally, to the phenomenon.

"Darlene is graduate student in our human factors psychology program. She studies vision and she is interested in thinking about the eclipse in terms of people's actual visual perception of it," Pury said. "I'm a positive psychologist, meaning that I study people's positive emotional experiences and strengths."

The eclipse provides Pury with an ideal opportunity to study positive emotions during one of the most astounding, once-in-a-lifetime events any human being will ever experience.

"To my knowledge, this will be the first time that awe — a profound emotional experience that people have in response to breathtaking natural phenomena and life-changing events — is studied through a very particular experience that we're all sharing at the same time," Pury said.

Not only will the results be "pretty cool," according to Pury, but they will give onlookers throughout the

country a chance to deeply ponder their own experiences.

Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to participate in the surveys, which will come in four parts. The first survey, to be taken before the eclipse reaches the West Coast, asks about viewers' expectations and personal world views. A second, shorter survey will be issued after the eclipse concludes on the East Coast to gauge viewers' feelings after the spectacle. Pury and Edewaard will follow up with a third survey about two to three weeks after the eclipse, and then a final survey in October.

Participants are free to leave questions unanswered

and they can withdraw from the study at any time. The only requirement for participation is a valid email address so that the researchers can link participant responses over time. Pury and Edewaard emphasize that eclipse viewing safety is of high importance for involvement in the study; participants should wear certified eclipse shades and ensure that their viewing equipment is protected against the damaging rays of the sun.

The first survey can be found here: [https://clemson.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3yqbxTrtRtIgbK3X](https://clemson.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3yqbxTrtRtIgbK3X)

Email questions to Pury at [cpury@clemson.edu](mailto:cpury@clemson.edu).

## Taste of Coker Set for Monday, Oct. 9

The Coker College Athletic Department and Cobra Club will host the 12th annual Taste of Coker on Monday, Oct. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the Harris E. and Louise H. DeLoach Center.

The Taste will feature more than 40 cooks serving a variety of dishes from chicken wings to desserts to multiple types of "bogs". There will also be live entertainment, athletic demonstrations and games, as well as a chance to meet and interact with the Coker coaches, players and staff.

Tickets are \$15 for single, \$25 for couple and \$40 for families. Kids under 10 are free with a paying adult.

For more information on the Taste of Coker, contact Christian Stryker at 843-383-8068 or [cstryker@coker.edu](mailto:cstryker@coker.edu).

## Princeton Review names Coker 'A Best Southeastern College'

Coker College has once again been named in The Princeton Review's "Best Colleges: Region by Region" web feature. The publication's recently released 2018 edition recognizes Coker as a "Best Southeastern" school. This is the 13th consecutive year in which the college has achieved this honor.

"I am very proud of our college community, and thrilled to see us named to the 'Best Southeastern' list again this year," says Coker College President Robert Wyatt. "Our faculty and staff are extremely committed to providing a quality educational experience for our students, both in and out of the classroom, so it's wonderful to see how those efforts are making an impact."

Additional information about admissions, academics, and campus culture at Coker College can be found at [www.coker.edu/about-coker](http://www.coker.edu/about-coker).

## Public forum takes on K-12 teacher shortage crisis

CHARLESTON, S.C.—The Zucker Family School of Education at The Citadel is inviting collaboration aimed at tackling South Carolina's teacher shortage crisis at a public educational leadership and innovation forum this month. The Education Workforce: Crisis of Shortages, Promises of Excellence, will address the educator shortage issue apparent in the high numbers of unfilled teaching positions in the state.

The forum will take place 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017, at the Francis Marion Hotel located at 387 King St. Education professionals, lawmakers, business leaders, parents and community members interested in taking part in solving the teacher shortage issue are encouraged to attend. The forum will feature panel presentations, breakout sessions, table discussions, and culminate in idea generation for implementation. The goal of this forum is to develop strategies to submit to the South Carolina General Assembly, Department of Education and other policy influencers.

"Charleston County School District, like many districts in South Carolina and across the nation, is experiencing impacts from the teacher shortage crisis as we begin the 2017-18 school year," said William Briggman, chief human resources officer for Charleston County School District. "During peak hiring season, we saw fewer candidates as compared to previous years. As a result, we are turning to alternative route certification programs—professionals with experience in their fields who become teachers, entering the classroom without the benefit of a teaching degree. Although a traditional route through a university or college tends to offer the best preparation for new teachers, it is inevitable that school districts across the nation are

becoming more dependent on these programs to meet the teacher shortage need."

According to Briggman, math, science and Spanish teaching positions are currently the most difficult to fill.

The keynote speaker will be Kelly Kovacic, Ed.L.D., director of regional educator initiatives at the Dallas-Fort Worth Commit! Project. Commit! is a Texas program that addresses teacher recruitment and retention. Also scheduled to deliver remarks are South Carolina State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman, Representative Joseph Jefferson of South Carolina House of Representatives District 102, and Citadel Provost and Dean of the College Connie L. Book, Ph.D.

Forum panels will focus on helping participants understand the teacher shortage and the need to bolster the pipeline leading people to become teachers. Currently, the teacher education programs in South Carolina produce only about half of the needed teachers for the state. Panelists will include educators, concerned citizens, and others with an interest in addressing the educator shortage in effective ways. Panel topics include a discussion on the national trends of educator shortages and prerequisites for school districts to have in place to attract top talent teachers.

Additionally, the deans of education from Benedict College, Clemson University, College of Charleston and the University of South Carolina will also participate in a panel on innovative programs and strategies for recruiting and retaining quality educators.

Speakers presenting on panels and in breakout sessions include Roy Jones, Ph.D., director of the Call Me M.I.S.T.E.R. program at Clemson University; and Carolyn Stone, Ph.D., professor of school counseling at the University of North Florida.

## Senators Scott, Warner champion homeownership for "credit invisible"

WASHINGTON — In a bipartisan effort to help more everyday Americans achieve homeownership, U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-SC) and Mark Warner (D-VA) introduced legislation to include some of the 26 million "credit invisible" individuals in the housing market.

The Credit Score Competition Act directs the Federal Housing Finance Agency to create a process by which credit-scoring models can be validated and approved for use by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (GSEs) when they purchase mortgages. Currently, the GSEs are mandated to consider a decades-old credit scoring model that does not take into account consumer data on rent, utility, and cell phone bill payments. This exclusion disproportionately hurts African-Americans, Latinos, and young people who are otherwise creditworthy.

"After growing up in a small, two-bedroom house with my grandparents, I came to understand and appreciate the independence that comes with the notion of owning a home," said Scott. "Homeownership is a huge part of the American Dream, and I want to help folks across the country accomplish that goal. The current credit scoring model at the center of our housing market overlooks a large swath of people that are paying their monthly bills on time and deserve an opportunity to pursue homeownership. This is an opportunity to make our system more fair for everyone without lowering the bar for qualification."

"There are millions of Americans who pay their rent, utilities, or cell phone bills on time, yet aren't considered 'credit-worthy' under federal housing finance standards because they lack access to traditional lines of

credit, such as auto or student loans. These 'credit invisible' Americans are disproportionately young, new Americans or people of color. Our goal in introducing this legislation is to encourage Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to consider more inclusive methodologies in determining a borrower's creditworthiness. Alternate scoring models have the potential to make homeownership a reality for more qualified borrowers who lack access to traditional forms of credit," said Warner.

In South Carolina alone, only 77 percent of adults can be scored under the model currently used by the GSEs. An additional 16 percent of South Carolinians can be scored under newer credit scoring models in the market.

The legislation has already received support from twenty consumer and industry groups.

## Kevin O'Kelly, MD Joins McLeod Urology Associates.

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## Coker Graduate Cabral Signs Professional Contract with Santo André Super Vôlei

Recent Coker men's volleyball graduate Artur Cabral has signed a professional contract with Santo André Super Vôlei, located in Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil.

Cabral will compete for the professional men's volleyball club during the 2017-18 season.

"It is a traditional team that will play against all of the best professional clubs in Brazil," stated Artur Cabral. "This will be a huge challenge in my young professional career and I'm honored to be a part of this club."

During his playing days with the Navy and Gold, Cabral snapped the Coker career kills record by collecting 938 kills during his four years with the Cobras. The former Coker outside hitter also holds Cobra records in career service aces (156), single season kills (367, 2015), single season kills per set (3.90, 2015), single

season service aces (50, 2015), and single season service aces per set (0.60, 2016). In addition, Cabral finished second in the nation in service aces per set for two consecutive years in 2015 and 2016.

Cabral continued his dominance throughout his collegiate career by being named to the inaugural All-IVA Tournament Team, the Off the Block/Springbak All-Independent Team, and being voted the Off the Block/Springbak National Fan Choice Player of the Year for DI-DII men's volleyball in 2016.

"I am extremely proud of Artur, he's worked very hard to get to this level," said head Coker volleyball coach Julia Rowland. "I know he will do great things at the next level and I'm looking forward to following his team and becoming a fan of Santo André Super Vôlei."



## Southern 500 champ Truex Jr. takes a spin on Ramsey's Pond

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After winning the 2016 Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway, NASCAR driver Martin Truex Jr. returned to the track on August 1 for a far more leisurely visit, casting lures and fishing on Ramsey's Pond with Darlington Raceway president Kerry Tharp and legendary bass angler Guy Eaker.

Truex Jr. drives the No. 78 Bass Pro Shops/TRACKER Boats Toyota, and he said that spending a day fishing was an ideal confluence of his two great loves: racing and spending time outdoors. Truex Jr. added that he was really happy to return to the track where he scored one of the most meaningful victories of his career.

"I can't tell you how special it was to win here in Darlington," Truex Jr. said. "You talk about the history of this racetrack, what it means to the sport, what it means to drivers today... but I think for us as drivers, it's such a tough, demanding racetrack – The Lady in Black, the Track Too Tough to Tame – those names



Kerry Tharp, Darlington Raceway Track President, joins Martin Truex Jr. and legendary bass angler Guy Eaker for a media day at Darlington Raceway on Aug. 1. PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES

stand out for us as drivers as a challenge, as the type of racetrack you want to win at."

Joining Truex Jr, Tharp, and Eaker were Harold Brasington III (grandson of track founder Harold Brasington) and Jim Ramsey (grandson of Sherman Ramsey, who owned the original track site property and its adjoining pond).

Tharp shared the story of how the Darlington Raceway

came to be egg shaped, recounting that during construction in 1948-49, Brasington was asked by Sherman Ramsey if his minnow pond south of the site could be left undisturbed. Ramsey was a nature lover and conservationist, and Brasington agreed that preserving the pond was important. He narrowed turns 1 and 2 (which have since become turns 3 and 4), giving

the track its distinct shape and leaving the pond intact.

Eaker, Tharp, and Truex Jr. fished Ramsey Pond with members of the South Florence High School fishing team. Later that day, Truex Jr. visited the McLeod Hospital Center for Cancer Treatment and Research in Florence. Darlington Raceway donated \$2,500 donation to the Cancer Center on behalf of Truex Jr. and Sherry Pollex for their support of cancer research and awareness.

Darlington Raceway's award-winning throwback campaign is The Official Throwback Weekend of NASCAR featuring the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500® on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017. The NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017. Tickets available by calling 866-459-7223 or visiting [DarlingtonRaceway.com](http://DarlingtonRaceway.com). Children 12 and under can get in free to Saturday's NASCAR XFINITY Series race.

## Cobras Ink Two Division I Transfers

HARTSVILLE, S.C.- Coker women's basketball inks two Division I transfers, as announced by coach Shannon Johnson. Janaea Williams and Erin Houser will begin their Cobra careers in the 2017-2018 season.

Williams, a 6'3" forward/center graduate student, played at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington before signing with the Cobras. As a red-shirt junior this past season, she played in twenty-five games averaging 2.1 points and 1.9 rebounds per game. Versus Drexel, Williams tied her career high 10 points and the following game, against James Madison, grabbed eight rebounds. While sitting out the 15-16 season to fulfill NCAA residency requirements, she was the recipient of CAA Commissioner's Academic Award. Prior to her time at UNC-W, Williams spent two seasons with the North Florida Ospreys as a two-year letter winner. As a sophomore, she set her career high rebounds with 12 at Lipscomb. Williams blocked 38 shots the same year, finishing with the fourth-most blocks in UNF single-season history.

During her time at Pinecrest High School as a Patriot, Williams was a three-sport athlete in track, volleyball, and basketball. As a four-year letter winner, she earned multiple all-district, all-conference, and all-region selections. She finished fourth in the state in high jump in 2013. Academically, she graduated with honors and was designated a NC Scholar.

Coach Shannon Johnson raves, "We couldn't be more excited to welcome Janaea to the Hartsville community as she will be pursuing her master's degree while playing for us. Janaea will provide lead-

ership to our team with her previous collegiate experience. She will bring a huge presence in the post on both ends of the floor. She will make an immediate impact to our team and is an essential piece of our Cobra family."

The Pinehurst, N.C. native is the daughter of Lisa Williams and will be pursuing a Master of Science in Applied Criminology.

Houser, a 6'2" small/power forward sophomore, comes over from North Carolina Central University. She was named Rookie of the Week in November 2016 when she scored a career high 19 points versus Johnson & Wales. Averaging 3.4 points and 2.2 rebounds, Houser saw action in twenty-four games while starting one.

As a high school athlete for the Orangeburg-Wilkinson Bruinettes, Houser was named Region 8 3A Player of the Year, All-State, All-Area, and All-Region. She averaged 12.8 points, six rebounds, three steals, and two assists per game. Houser was ranked as one of the top twenty women's basketball players in the state of South Carolina.

"We are extremely excited about Erin returning to her home state and joining our Cobra family to finish out her career," said head women's basketball coach Shannon Johnson. "Erin will come in with collegiate experience, and with her versatility, she will be able to make an impact on both ends of the floor. Erin can score the ball in multiple ways and we are looking forward to what she will bring to the team."

The Orangeburg, S.C. native is the daughter of Shamika Randolph and Eric Houser. She plans to major in social work.

## 4-H Pinckney Conference molds future leaders

CLEMSON — Hartsville High School junior Kerlyn Mondesir Jr. returned home ready to lead after a week on Clemson University's campus for the South Carolina 4-H Clementa Pinckney Leadership Conference.

The 16-year-old plans to pursue a career in government and work to improve the quality of life in disadvantaged communities. The Pinckney Conference was his first experience with 4-H. "I thought it was about farming, but it's not. It's about improving yourself for the future," Mondesir said. "I've learned a lot about myself. I've made a few good friends, also. I wish it was longer. I had a ball."

The weeklong 4-H Pinckney Leadership Conference brought 30 high school sophomores and juniors from across South Carolina to Clemson's campus to participate in numerous activities designed to promote teamwork, leadership and citizenship. They spent a morning whitewater rafting and an evening play-

ing capture the flag. Educational sessions at the conference focus on understanding various leadership styles and getting to know themselves better. Each participant leaves the conference with a "vision board," a plan to have a positive impact on their community.

South Carolina 4-H created the conference last year to honor the late Clementa Pinckney, the pastor and state senator who was among nine churchgoers killed in June 2015 during a Bible study group meeting at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston. Pinckney was a strong advocate for 4-H, the youth development arm of Clemson University Cooperative Extension. He's one of the organization's most notable South Carolina alumni. He received the 4-H Distinguished Alumni Medallion from the National 4-H Council last year.

Mondesir plans to join 4-H in Hartsville and continue to craft his skills in leadership and citi-

zenship.

Fellow conference attendee Anaiya Whaley does as well. The 15-year-old sophomore at High School for Health Professions in Orangeburg said she aspires to be a government attorney.

"I want to make a difference in my community so I came here," she said. "I have learned so much about self-awareness, integrity, respect, teamwork and patience."

Mondesir and Whaley were named "Most Valuable Leaders" by conference counselors. Barbara Skipper of Columbia and Benjamin McIntosh of Darlington received the conference's character awards and Jasmine Blair of Lancaster was named most improved.

The weeklong conference culminated July 29 with a breakfast featuring keynote speaker Sen. Vincent Sheheen, Sen. Pinckney's desk-mate in the S.C. Senate. Sheheen told the students that true leaders cannot live in fear or hatred.

## Darlington Raceway partners with Monster Energy for can recycling initiative

Darlington Raceway and Monster Energy are partnering to offer fans the opportunity to enjoy on-track activities on Friday, Sept. 1, for free by recycling any size Monster Energy can.

Friday activities at Darlington Raceway feature practice sessions, four in total, for both the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 and NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 races.

Fans may bring an empty Monster Energy can and recycle it at the frontstretch ticket office behind the main grandstands to receive free admission to practice day. Gates will open at noon. "We appreciate the opportunity to partner with Monster Energy on this initiative to encourage recycling and in turn receive free admission to our Friday practice activities,"

Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp said. "We're always looking for ways to be environmentally friendly and these types of programs are important to those goals."

"We are very excited for the Darlington weekend of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series and are happy to partner on this fun way to enjoy this event. Bring your friends and family and join us at the track this weekend," said Mitch Covington, Vice President of Sports Marketing for Monster.

This is the second recycling initiative Monster Energy has done at a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series track. The series sponsor also partnered with Pocono Raceway in June and had tremendous success with the program.

Darlington Raceway, along with Monster Energy and NASCAR, will ensure all cans

are recycled. Under the NASCAR Green umbrella, a comprehensive recycling effort has accounted for millions of bottles and cans being recycled annually thanks to designated bins in the grandstands, concourse, suites, garage, and campgrounds at almost every track NASCAR visits. For more information visit [NASCAR.com/Green](http://NASCAR.com/Green).

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# Florence-Darlington Technical College serves more than 600 students at Back to School Bash

Florence-Darlington Technical College's (FDTC) 2nd annual Back to School Bash, served more than 600 people during the school supply giveaway on Saturday, July 29, 2017.

Kids of all ages visited FDTC's campus on Saturday to collect school supplies and to spend the morning having fun at the free event.

FDTC's Back to School Bash's car show featured classic and exotic vehicles.

Vendors were set up inside and outside of the 5000 Building. Kids participated in an array of games and activities, while the Wilson High School marching band and others performed.

Music was provided by local DJ, Dan E. Lockemy, and iHeart Media's WJMX-FM 103X broadcasted live from the campus.

The Florence County Sheriff's Office, Florence City Police, Florence County EMS and West Florence Fire

Department provided an up close and personal look of their emergency vehicles for the kids in attendance.

For more information on Florence-Darlington Technical College, visit [www.fdtc.edu](http://www.fdtc.edu). To keep up with the latest updates and news from around the college's campuses, like Florence-Darlington Technical College on Facebook, and follow @FloDar\_Tech on Twitter and Instagram. Contributed Photos.



## Market on the Public Square in Darlington

The monthly Market on Darlington's Public Square featured a wide variety of vendors Aug. 5 and also included giveaways of backpacks and school supplies for local children. Bounce houses, corn hole and rock painting kept the littlest market-goers busy.

Photos by Melissa Rollins



## Do you know Darlington County?



The last photo we ran was inside the 100 building at Florence-Darlington Technical College which students visit to register for classes. We didn't have any correct guesses for the location. 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:

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## Trinity UMC welcomes renowned Christian comedian, Aug. 10



Dennis Swanberg  
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If laughter is truly the best medicine, then Dennis Swanberg, America's "Minister of Encouragement" is just what the doctor ordered – and Trinity United Methodist Church of Darlington will host Swanberg and his unique brand of comedy at a free concert on August 10.

With his down-home charm and heaping helping of hospitality, this Austin, Texas born pastor-turned-comedian has won the hearts of audiences across the country. Raised in what he calls a "mostly blue-collar, but sometimes ring-around-the collar" family during the fifties, that old black and white television in the corner of the living room became an important part of making Swanberg the success he is today.

"Most moms yell at kids to go outside and play," says Swanberg, "My mom would say, 'you sit there and watch that television - your daddy worked so hard for it!'"

Her encouragement paid off. One of the first voices the future impersonator nailed as a child was his television hero, Barney Fife, from "The Andy Griffith Show." Today Swanberg

takes Barney Fife and over twenty other lovable impersonations, together with his side-splitting stories of growing up, families, and the funny side of church, to over 250,000 people every year. His audiences range from churches looking for fresh and new inspiration, to marriage enrichment seminars, city-wide concerts, business related events and corporate gatherings.

His national broadcast television shows, "Swan's Place" and "The Dennis Swanberg Show", are described by the networks as "an hour of good, clean fun and entertainment as well as spiritual insight and encouragement" and are viewed by over one million households weekly.

This year Swanberg will appear at over 150 churches, conferences, businesses and concert events while his popular TBN and FamNet television shows continue to be aired weekly. He has also authored seven books and an additional book on men's ministry is scheduled to hit the marketplace during the upcoming year. And as always, he'll be bringing a note of encouragement, a

pocketful of hilarious stories and a great big bag of joy and laughter wherever he goes.

"I try to bring people laughter, but my advice to them is always that joy is a choice. Happiness is dependent upon what happens in your life, but joy is a choice you can make every single day," says Swanberg. "It takes an act of your will...even if you don't feel joyful at the moment. And it takes dying to yourself and coming alive in the lives of others around you. I want to motivate my audiences to have courage, to be strong, to look for the moments in life that make them realize they are an important part of this world. Do your best to go out there risking. We live in a world where you can afford to fail and try again. I want people to realize that this is a great life to enjoy. And the one way you can enjoy life is by helping other people enjoy it too."

Dennis Swanberg will appear live at Trinity UMC of Darlington on August 10 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Trinity UMC is located at 126 Pearl Street in Darlington.

## Senator Scott accepting applications for Service Academy nominations

The 2017 Military Academy Nomination process is in full swing! The Office of U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) is accepting applications for Service Academy Nominations through Friday, October 13th at 5 pm.. High school students interested in attending one of the four service academies – U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, or U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – may submit applications and other necessary documents.

Students interested in being considered for a nomination by Senator Scott must submit an application, SAT/ACT scores, 2 essays, high school transcripts, and three letters of recommendation.

For more information about the Service Academy nomination process, visit the Senator's FAQ page or call the Service Academy Coordinator at (803) 771-6112. During the last academic year, Senator Scott nominated 45 students from across South Carolina to be considered for an appointment to one of the four service academies for the class of 2021.

## Riders stop in Darlington on fundraising ride across the country

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A lot of people dream of traveling across the country. Not many envision that journey on the seat of a bicycle but that is exactly what one group is doing, raising money along the way.

The Fuller Center for Housing offers Bike Adventures several times a year to help raise money for their projects. This year, the organization is celebrating its 10th year and raising the fundraising bar to a record of \$400,000. If that mark is reached, the all-time fundraising will have reached over \$2 million.

A group of riders recently took a pit stop at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Darlington on Aug. 1, having ridden 77 miles from Southern Pines. They resumed their ride on Aug. 2, heading 90 miles to Monck's Corner.

Ride liaison Jessica McLain said that each year the group is pretty diverse.

"You get a mix of riders," McLain said. "You have a lot of retired people and then people who are teachers, which works out really nicely. Some of them are only here for a week or so and just took time off of work. A lot of our whole-way riders you'll find that teachers, retirees and students are a big part of the group. Then you have anomalies: last summer we actually had a lady quit her job to come with us."

McLain said that meeting the record fundraising goal relies solely on the riders.

"Raising money is on a totally individual basis but a lot of them raise it from friends and family," McLain said. "We have little fun competitions to motivate them and make it fun for them. Some people have silent auctions or other things like that but more often than not, it's from friends and family donating."

The ride fundraising supports the housing ministry, which builds nationally and internationally.

"We are a Christian affordable housing ministry based in Americus, Georgia," McLain said. "We build and repair homes in about 60 American communities and then 20 countries worldwide; we built in 18 of those last year. Right now the biggest project that we have is we have an 86 home village going up in El Salvador right now. That is one of the big projects that money can



Cornerstone Baptist church recently hosted a group of riders from the Fuller Center Bike Adventure, traveling the country to raise money.

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go towards."

Riders can designate their funds to specific Fuller Centers if they choose to.

"We had a rider that was with us the first two weeks and he actually started a center in Nashville, Tennessee," McLain said. "He designated all of his funds to go to the center that he runs. Different riders have different causes on their heart. A lot of them are returning riders so if they have designated the funds they will probably go to the same place. Most funds are undesignated and so they go to where they are most needed."

Group leader Connor Cement said that his relationship with the Fuller Center started as a desire to ride across the country but changed into something else along the way.

"Back in 2015, I was graduating college and I just wanted to ride my bike across the country," Cement said. "I didn't know much about the organization but I knew it was a good way to do it

and, in the process, give back to folks. The first week of the trip, I fell in love with the way in which the Fuller Center reaches people and the way in which the Bike Adventure is able to get the word out, raise funds but also build side-by-side with families. That experience totally changed my life. Instead of going to take a job, I've been volunteering with the Fuller Center ever since."

Cement said that the way the Fuller Center works is really inspiring.

"The Center's partnership housing model, to me, is one of the most beautiful ways to reach people who need a hand up," Cement said. "In the process of building the home, we require people to put in some sweat equity. A lot of times that brings people out of their comfort zone but it gives them an amazing sense of ownership in the home in the process. Whatever they are able to pitch in, whether it be bringing the workers water, whatever they can do is great because they are



Connor Cement, ride leader, said that working with the Fuller Center has changed his life.

still a part of the process."

The Fuller Center allows people to realize the American dream while also paying it forward.

"The connection that they

have with the people who are volunteering to build their homes is really strong," Cement said. "The process of repayment, having them set up a mortgage on terms they can afford and repay the cost

of the building material with no interest over time, is an opportunity for them to complete the ownership cycle and also gives the opportunity for a hand-up to another family."

## Governor's School Names Jon Shannon Executive Vice President

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) is pleased to announce Jon Shannon, GSSM's chief information officer, has been named executive vice president.

In his new role, Shannon will serve enhanced functions and engage in day-to-day strategic planning alongside GSSM President Dr. Hector Flores.

"Jon has my trust and that of his fellow leadership team members, earned through his passion, hard work and loyalty to this very special school. I am confident he will continue to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and leadership in his new role," said Dr. Flores.

Shannon has served as the School's chief information officer since 2005 and he is currently spearheading GSSM's yearlong strategic planning initiative.

Prior to GSSM, Shannon was the director of information technology at Northfield Mount Hermon School, a selective boarding school in Massachusetts.

Shannon holds a B.S. in

Political Science from Coker College and M.Ed. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. His early career included teaching computer science in higher education institutions and developing software for corporate environments.

After many years in information technology and business development, he returned to higher education at Coker College. While there, he collaborated with staff at GSSM and admired the close relationship between students, faculty and administration.

When the opportunity arose, Shannon moved his family to Hartsville to join the administration and build a technology base that supports all facets of the school's work and extends across the state to deliver the Accelerate Virtual Engineering Program.

Shannon has been recognized by the National Association of Independent Schools and presented at major conferences across the country on topics such as technical administration and strategic planning.

"I am humbled by Dr. Flores' confidence and honored to



take on this role at such an important time in GSSM's development," said Shannon. "The opportunities we can offer our students today have never been more varied and

impactful, and the future of the school has never been more promising. I look forward to being part of the emerging vision of excellence and growth that is GSSM 3.0."

## State grant allows Washington Street students to 'SHINE'

More than 40 Washington Street Elementary School students got the opportunity to "SHINE" this summer, thanks to a grant from the S.C. Department of Education.

SHINE, which stands for "Students Having Innovative New Experiences," focused

on strengthening students' skills in reading and writing while actively engaging them through in-the-field trips.

The program lasted three weeks. Each day began with the reading of a book by a teacher and continued with digital, literacy-based instruction. Each week con-

cluded with field experiences to educational sites such as Riverbanks Zoo, EdVenture, Discovery Place, Defy Gravity, Wonderworks and Ripley's Aquarium. Students also learned the fundamentals of yoga from instructor Casey Copeland, who is also director of

Florence-Darlington Technical College's Hartsville campus.

The S.C. Department of Education awarded Washington Street Elementary an extended learning grant in May after the school applied a month earlier.

## Miss Pee Dee and Miss Pee Dee Teen Scholarship pageants to be held at SIMT

The Miss Pee Dee and Miss Pee Dee Teen Scholarship pageants, under the directorship of Nikki Player will be held on Oct. 14th at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the SIMT building on the campus of Florence-Darlington Technical College.

The pageant is an official preliminary to the Miss South Carolina, Miss South Carolina Teen, Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen pageants. Miss Pee Dee will compete in the 2018 Miss South Carolina Pageant, while Miss Pee Dee Teen will compete in the 2018 Miss South Carolina Teen pageant, both to be held next June in Columbia.

"I want to thank SIMT and Vice President of Technology and Manufacturing Mark Roth and Director of Facilities Management Kathy Rogers for allowing us the opportunity to showcase their wonderful facility and bring an event of this magnitude to the college," Player said. "The Miss South Carolina and Miss America pageants are huge traditions and for us to hold a local preliminary for these pageants here will make it more prestigious."

In order to compete for the Miss Pee Dee title, contestants must be 17 years old and entering her senior year in high school as of the upcoming school year and must not turn 25 by December 31, 2018. They must also be a permanent resident for at least six months or be a full time student for at least six months in the State of South Carolina, never been married or have given birth to a child. The winner will be under contract as a contestant with the Miss South Carolina Organization and is only allowed to compete in her high school or college pageant during her reign. Miss Pee Dee Teen contestants must be 13-17 (rising junior in high school for

the upcoming school year) and be attending classes on a full-time basis in an accredited school or home school program and must be a resident of South Carolina for at least six months. This winner will also be under contract with the Miss South Carolina Organization and is only allowed to compete in her

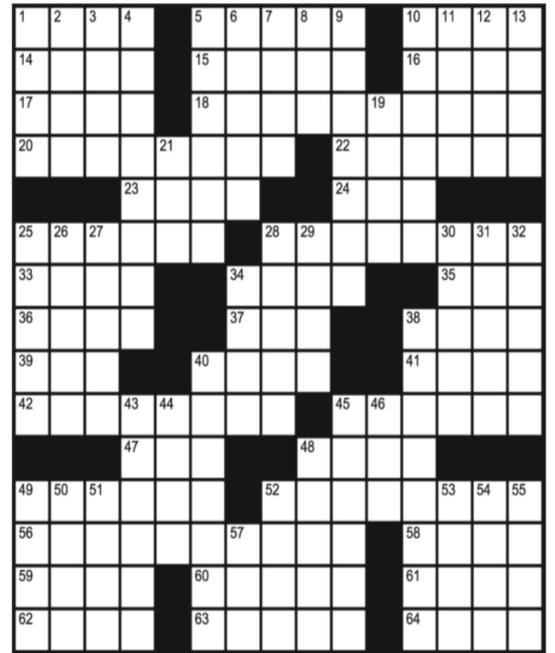
high school pageant.

"The Miss Pee Dee and Pee Dee Teen Scholarship Pageants encourage contestants to compete and vie for scholarship money that will allow them to use to further their education," Player said. "I want to highly encourage all young women between the ages of 13 and 24

to enter because the winners will not only get to compete for Miss South Carolina and Miss South Carolina Teen, but they will learn valuable lessons that will last for a lifetime."

If you are interested in competing in the pageant please Player at beautyrus2017@outlook.com.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

1. "Hamlet" has five
5. Heirloom location
10. Washington locale, with "the"
14. Farm soil
15. Hindu deity
16. \_\_\_ vera
17. Creole vegetable
18. Property of being chosen
20. Souvenir shop item
22. "I swear!"
23. Cheat, slangily
24. "... \_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
25. The \_\_\_ Union
28. Star on keyboard
33. Airy
34. Some Olympians, nowadays
35. Guy Fawkes Day mo.
36. Cabal
37. "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
38. Havana's home
39. Biochemistry abbr.
40. Sean Connery, for one
41. A Swiss army knife has lots of them

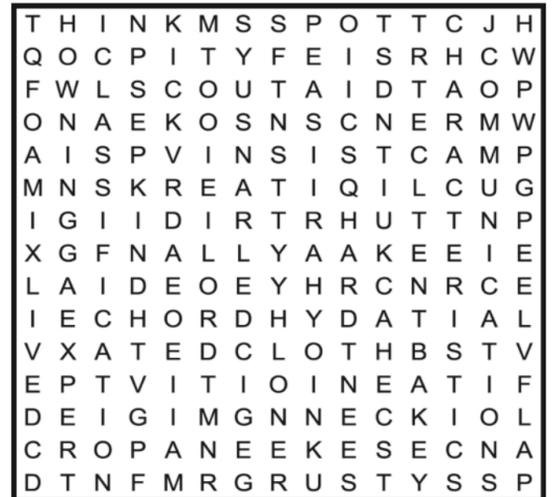
42. Lighter, brighter shade of vibrant color
45. People disliking something
47. "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
48. Air bag?
49. Great flood of water
52. Lifting device
56. End of the quip
58. Length x width, for a rectangle
59. Cheer starter
60. Noted blind mathematician
61. Blab
62. "Ah, me!"
63. Destitute
64. Fill

12. Red ink amount
13. "\_\_\_ we forget?"
19. Bolted
21. Clod chopper
25. Oops!
26. Express
27. Corrupt
28. Eagerness
29. Dirty coat
30. Occupied, as a lavatory
31. Dry
32. Russian beer with a sour taste
34. Clip
38. Diamonds can be used to do this
40. Make more attractive
43. Monasteries
44. Bacchanal
45. Empty stomach
46. "Go on ..."
48. Like composition paper
49. Buddhist divinity
50. Axis of \_\_\_
51. Coins of Bulgaria
52. Artifice
53. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g. (contraction)
54. Transmitted
55. Dressing ingredient
57. Cast

### Down

1. Bunches
2. Furnace fuel
3. Container weight
4. Crushing
5. Back up
6. "So \_\_\_"
7. Knight fight
8. "\_\_\_ fallen ..."
9. Official seals
10. Bearing
11. On the safe side, at sea

## WORD SEARCH



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|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Ally           | Ever    | Kind    | Pitch   |
| April          | Expert  | Knit    | Pity    |
| Arab           | Fact    | Laid    | River   |
| Assist         | Family  | Lamp    | Rusty   |
| Bake           | Flap    | Leaving | Scout   |
| Camp           | Foam    | Lies    | Site    |
| Classification | Giddy   | Lived   | Snarled |
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| Cone           | Hard    | Lord    | Tent    |
| Contract       | Haul    | Neat    | Think   |
| Crop           | Idea    | Neck    | Timer   |
| Crow           | Inks    | Nine    | Tramp   |
| Dirt           | Insects | Once    | Trip    |
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| Echo           | Kick    | Peel    |         |

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# BOOKINGS REPORT

DARLINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER JULY 24 THROUGH AUGUST 7, 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 that effect.*

## 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

• Daemya Monique Hale-McKnight, 18, of 313 Green Street, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Violation of Beginner Permit; Traffic/Expired Vehicle License

• Cathy Renee McCrea, 20, of 1410 Tiffany Ln, Darlington, Reckless Driving

• William Kashon Tyquan McFarland III, 24, of 357 Centerville Rd, Hartsville, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Driving Under Suspension

• Ricky Leon Nichols, 32, of 101 Conder Cir, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence; Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st

• Elijah Nathaniel Ross, 30, of 241 Rose Community Rd, Darlington, Non Support

• Julian Salone Washington, 39, of 2900 Redwood Drive, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Ora Lee Bailey, 61, of 725 East Carolina Ave, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Janetta Pearl Trice George, 26, of 1024 Store Drive, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Joseph Baxter McCoy, 48, of 1103 Robinson Street, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc Cocaine Base 3rd Or Sub; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School

• Winnie Rae Miller, 46, of 1147 Annette Dr, Florence, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Pay

• Sylvester Eugene Mixon, 30, of 3400 Carl Brewer Dr, McBee, Driving Under Suspension; Poss Less Than One Gram Ice/Crack Cocaine 1st

• Leon Wadley, 35, of 161 Sedgfield Road, Rockingham NC, Driving Under Suspension; Speeding More than 25 MPH Over the Speed Limit

• Craig Leon Warr, 44, of 5334 Middendorf Road, Middendorf, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Sched I B C LSD/Sched II 1st

• Jessica Alicia Wingate, 34, of 1024 Store Drive, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Breeann Marie Bennett, 33, of 206 Lamar St, Hartsville, Filing False Police Report of a Felony; Criminal Conspiracy

• Troy Granadas Dudley, 40, of 828 George Hayes Lane, Darlington, Non Support

• Warren Wade Godbold, 40, of 1139 Clarendon Ave, Florence, Breach of Trust w/Fraud Intent >\$2000 <\$10,000

• Kimberly Ann Gwyn, 35,

of 9605 Vinca Cir Apt F, Charlotte NC, Driving Under Suspension; Speeding More than 25 MPH Over the Speed Limit

• Cheyenne Leonard Knox, 18, of 710 Cashua St Apt #2, Darlington, Giving False Information; Driving Under Suspension; Traffic/Expired Vehicle License

• Felicia Lloyd, 42, of 1505 Bunny Dr, Darlington, Probation Violation

• Antoine Jamel Mack, 31, of 314 Pine St, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning

• Germaine Shkese Mack, 20, of 1806 Tomak Rd, Lamar, Fail to Appear DUI

• Anthony Bernard Rogers, 27, of 30 Oak Circle, Burlington NC, Driving Without a License; Speeding >15 But <25 MPH Over the Speed Limit

• Randy Charles Rostron, 52, of 625 Red Tip Ln, Darlington, Burglary Second Degree; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Larry Thomas, 29, of 649 Calvery Church, Bishopville, Entering Premises After Warning

• William Chad Brigman, 39, of 290 Douglas St, Patrick, Fail to Appear DUS

• India E Eason, 25, of 1333 James West Rd, Cassatt, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Tylorie Niesha Gilbert, 24, of 326 Orange St Lot5, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation

• Reyona Chalay Jefferson, 25, of 417 Howard St, Hartsville, Fail to Appear Simple Poss Marijuana/Hash

• Destinee Elise Jenkins, 28, of 290 Douglas St, Patrick, Shoplifting <\$2000; Fail to Appear DUS

• James Edward Walker Jr., 40, of 289 Anderson Hill Road, Bishopville, Driving Under Suspension; Traffic/Expired Vehicle License; Speeding >10 But <15 MPH Over the Speed Limit

• Elaina Michelle Wilks, 51, of 940 Cashua Ferry, Darlington, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Tyler Andrew Emory Bailey, 25, of 1116 Hunt Drive, Hartsville, Public Drunk

• Richard Leon Depugh, 37, of 112 S Twitty St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Traffic/Expired Vehicle License; Traffic/Too Fast for Conditions

• William Howard Gandy, 54, of 728 W Carolina Ave, Hartsville, Weekender

• Jason Oneil Hutchinson, 30, of 3413 Oakland Dr, Darlington, Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor (11-14Yrs) 2nd Degree; Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor (11-14Yrs) 2nd Degree; Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor (11-14Yrs) 2nd Degree; CSC With Minor 3rd Lewd Act Victim <16 Actor >14

• Russell Maurice Moses, 28, of 1101 East Home Ave Apt 12 F, Hartsville, Weekender

• Jerry Terrell Sanders, 46, of 318 Bell Ave, Hartsville, Fail to Appear Open Container; Fail to Appear Simple Poss Marijuana/Hash

• Samuel Junior Sims II, 41, of 3000 Apple Valley Dr Lot 22, Florence, Shoplifting <\$2000; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• Edward Jacob Ward Jr., 58, of 211 Short Howard Street, Hartsville, Fail to Appear Open Container

• Jonathan Dudley Boseman, 34, of 1953 Candy Lane, Darlington, Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Entering Premises After Warning

• Alexis Jevon Brown, 20, of 1149 Cameo Ct, Charlotte NC, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Faheem Angelo Forbes, 28, of 218 N Pinckney St, Timmonsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Robin Cresede Lewis, 31, of 4107 Rams Ct, Monroe NC, Driving Under Suspension

• Anita Michelle Pennington, 35, of 600 Pearl Street, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Chad Austin Sauls, 40, of 231 McLaughlin Rd, Effingham, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st

• Bernard NMN Scott, 45, of 312 Blue St, Darlington, Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Juan Valdez Wright Jr., 30, of 126 S Railroad Ave, Lamar, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Reginald Eugene Bailey, 33, of 708 Larkfield Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Driving Under Suspension (DUI) 2nd Offense; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation

• Delia Shandrica Johnson, 27, of 2205 Sunnyfields Dr, Hartsville, Weekender

• Bashia Vesta Virginia Rush, 26, of 1690 Hunting Rd, Branchville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

• Tyven Tyrone Yarborough Jr., 26, of 311 Kelly St, Hartsville, Fail to Appear Simple Poss Marijuana/Hash

• Ransom Edgar Byrd Jr., 49, of 434 Jasper Ave, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning

• Brandon Maurice McFadden, 32, of 1739 Tampa Dr, Darlington, DUI 2nd; DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 3rd or More; Giving False Information

• Desmond Pierre Samuel, 28, of 1575 Winding Ridge Dr,

Hartsville, Assault/Battery High and Aggravated Nature

• Ransom Edgar Byrd Jr., 49, of 434 Jasper Ave, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning; Fail to Appear

• Larry Will Flowers, 49, of 841 Frenchwood Ln, Lugoff, Non Support

• Chris Foxe, 55, of 2404 East Lydia Hwy, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Brandon Maurice McFadden, 32, of 1739 Tampa Dr, Darlington, DUI 2nd; DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 3rd or More; Giving False Information

• Desmond Pierre Samuel, 28, of 1575 Winding Ridge Dr, Hartsville, Assault/Battery High and Aggravated Nature

• Brian Claude Siner, 39, of 2248 Iseman Rd, Darlington, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only); Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Ezekiel Frequel Stevenson, 18, of 320 Jasper Ave #B, Hartsville, Safekeeping

• Josue Velazquez, 17, of 111 Eastwood Dr, Wingate NC, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Tiffany Danielle Walters, 26, of 2517 East Old Camden Rd, Hartsville, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)

• Larry Lee Blakney, 36, of 709 Camellia Lane, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Jamie Lee Hough, 39, of 2241 Ousleydale Rd, Hartsville, Sentenced by Court

• Carrie Lee Lashall Mazon, 37, of 816 Hampton St, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Gail Mazon, 17, of 816 Hampton St, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Teresa NMN McDonald, 26, of 2342 Turnberry Rd, Florence, Breach of Trust <\$2000

• Kristoffer Tremayne Moore, 42, of 120 Profit Dr, Darlington, Breach of Trust w/Fraud Intent >\$2000 <\$10,000

• Willie Lee Mungo, 30, of 2008 Oakdale Greet St, Darlington, Breach of Trust <\$2000

• Michael A Williams, 43, of 121 Sanders St Apt 1, Darlington, Non Support

• Bridget Diane Woodbury, 52, of 424 West Broad Street, Columbia, Entering Premises After Warning

• Russell Allen Young, 28, of 501 Coked Ave, Hartsville, Criminal Domestic Violence 3rd or Sub; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Property Offense 3rd or Subsequent

• Marilyn Bonnoitt, 60, of 1064 N Springville Rd, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Leon Davis Jr., 46, of 1147 Sandwood Dr, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree

• Kristopher Kyle Echols, 32, of 2247 Bullard Ford Road, Hartsville, Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Speeding >10 but <15 MPH Over the Speed Limit; DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken; Resisting Arrest with a Deadly Weapon 1st Off

• Kinyetta Lashay Lindsey, 27, of 3301 New Hopewell Rd, Hartsville, Fail to Appear Open Container

• Juantigo Lesabeian Scott, 26, of 1422 Sunburst Drive, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Godgreat Austin Setoh, 19, of 12409 Largo Drive Apt 177, Savannah GA, Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense

• Matthew Wayne Wilkes,

45, of 79 Press Walters Rd, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Gregory Lamont Bacote, 43, of 601 Mallory Duck Lane, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Carla Michelle Bisette, 48, of 523 Stanley Circle, Darlington, Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st

• Bridget Marie Penaloza Dominguez, 32, of 405 Race Track Rd, Darlington, Poss of a Sched 4 Controlled Substance

• Michael Gainey, 46, of 4085 Lee State Park Rd, Lamar, RSG Value \$2000 or Less

• Corey Leo Grandmaison, 20, of 1331 Hodges Dr, Hartsville, Manuf Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st

• Cristin Ashley Ann Hinton, 28, of 2325 Ruby Road A, Hartsville, Manuf Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st

• Ashley Wheeler Kind, 34, of 1825 Tomac Dr, Lamar, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; DUS (DUI) 1st Offense

• Michael Anthony Mungo, 51, of 829 Mineral Spring Rd, Darlington, Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor

• William David Odom III, 34, of 1320 S 4th St, Hartsville, Violation of City Ordinance

• Jennifer Hatfield Rhodes-Griffin, 39, of 1915 Shortpost Ln, Florence, RSG Value \$2000 or Less

• Christopher Bernard Andrews, 45, of 111 Howard St, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Terrence Maurice Bishop, 47, of 816 B Street, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Poss Less Than One Gram Ice/Crack Cocaine 1st; Fail to Appear Open Container; Fail to Appear DUS; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Driving Under Suspension; Speeding >15 but <25 MPH Over the Speed Limit

• Perry Allen Hill, 54, of 900 Hartland Dr, Hartsville, Fail to Appear DUS; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Fail to Appear

• Tanner Holloman, 17, of 25 Brittany Dr, Hilton Head, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Davante Jamar Hunt, 21, of 1704 Hidden Forest Dr, Coreens Bono NC, Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Maintain Proof of Insurance in Vehicle; Speeding >10 but <15 MPH Over the Speed Limit; Failure to Surrender Tag

• Allen Fitzgerald Johnson, 52, of 612 Society Ave, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; DUS (DUI) 1st Offense; Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic

• Christopher Trey Lloyd, 32, of 228 Donnerail St, Darlington, Criminal Domestic Violence 3rd or Sub

• Marquise Strel McCollum, 20, of 4424, Ladson, Armed Robbery Armed with Deadly Weapon; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime

• Samantha Morrison, 44, of 1204 Turtle Creek Rd, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• Russell Maurice Moses, 28, of 1101 East Home Ave Apt 12F, Hartsville, Weekender

• Ashley A Smith, 30, of 443 Campbell Branch Rd, Lamar, Neglect by Legal Custodian

• Codova Larmoine Smith, 44, of 600 3rd Street, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• James Tashawn Williamson, 36, of 2658 Crickintree Ln, Darlington, Safekeeping

• Christopher Saint Anthony Wilson, 45, of 568 Rapids Road, Columbia, Public Disorderly Conduct; Resisting Arrest

• Kenneth Austin Wright, 34, of 816 Wagon Rd, Darlington, Fail to Appear DUI; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense

• Jenny Lynn Beasley, 28, of 2317 Winburn Dr, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Joshua Lee Burch, 35, of 3404 Chisolm Tri, Florence, Criminal Domestic Violence

• Michael Eulander Freeman, 49, of 512 Darlington Street, Timmonsville, Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Appear DUS

• Michelle Lee Grooms, 47, of 400 McNair Avenue, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Pedestrian Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs

• Cynthia Michelle Hammond, 47, of 220 Stafford Cir, Chesterfield, Violation of City Ordinance

• Guykevin Dwayne Harris, 22, of 2140 Gallowaytown Road, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension

• Alonzo Tyrone Johnson, 22, of 116 Roscoe Rd, Timmonsville, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree

• Lamont NMN Johnson, 44, of 117 Nicholson Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor

• Robert Munn, 45, of 116 Center Lane, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree

• James Nicholas Player, 32, of 308 Cashua St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Maurilio Reyes Ramirez, 41, of 1213 Weatherford Lane, Florence, DUS (DUI) 1st Offense; Driving Under Suspension; Open Container of Beer/Wine

• Michael Smalls, 36, of 504 Icoe Ln, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Steven Kyle Davis, 34, of 2601 Porter Road, Cassatt, Illegal Night Hunting of Coyotes/Armados; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Delia Shandrica Johnson, 27, of 2205 Sunnyfields Dr, Hartsville, Weekender

• Kimberly Menius Lewis, 51, of 852 E Bobo Newsome Hwy, Hartsville, Safekeeping

• Misael Lucas Modesto, 23, of 317 Tema Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Bernard Mavrick Robinson Jr., 31, of 675 Willowtree Rd, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Driving Under Suspension; Transp Alcohol in Motor Veh w/Seal Broken; Damaging or Tampering With a Vehicle; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Rebecca Elizabeth Sumner, 27, of 1609 Bryant St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Shane Cameron Winburn, 20, of 3293 N Center Dr, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Appear DUS

• Shyquan Markus Gainey, 24, of 810 B St, Hartsville, DUI .10 2nd Offense

• Henry Pooler, 59, of 1308 S Main Street, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

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## Florence-Darlington Technical College helps manufacturing job seekers

Florence-Darlington Technical College's Corporate and Workforce Development (CWD) division seeks to provide training that keeps a pipeline of skilled workers ready for employment at area companies, as well as to support ongoing workforce development needs of employers in the Pee Dee region. The division is housed at the college's Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology (SiMT).

Earlier this year, CWD launched one of its most successful training programs, the Manufacturing Skills: Pre-Employment course.

"The Manufacturing Skills classes are designed to equip individuals who are jobless or underemployed

with three valuable manufacturing credentials in a fast and efficient manner, providing them an opportunity to be prepared for employment quickly," said Lauren Holland, Associate Vice President of CWD.

The Manufacturing Skills: Pre-Employment course, which is offered each month, consists of 25 hours of certifications in Forklift Driving, Six Sigma Yellowbelt and OSHA 10 for General Industry. The program is offered during the day, but will be expanded this year to include evening sessions, in order to accommodate individuals who are currently working, but seeking an opportunity for a new career path. On the last two days of each course, employers with hiring

needs are invited, and come to interview students for open positions they have within their companies.

Two modifications of the program to provide quick training that will support workforce development and recruitment of employees for both Warehousing / Logistics and Food Production industries are currently being explored and developed.

CWD Office Manager Elizabeth Shelton said the program has had much success. Shelton said, "We've placed nearly 30 students in jobs since we began the program in March, and employers are thrilled with the program, because where else are they going to see 15 job seekers with these credentials at one time?" Holland said,

"This program is a win-win for both employers and jobseekers."

Three of the Skills Manufacturing programs' biggest supporters are the Pee Dee Community Action Partnership, South Carolina Works and the state Vocational Rehabilitation Department. Patrick Williamson with the Florence Regional Office of the state agency said, "The partnership has been great for us because many of our clients are finding better paying skilled jobs."

To learn more about the Manufacturing Skills: Pre-Employment at FDTC, or, for a schedule of upcoming classes, contact CWD via email at Elizabeth.Shelton@fdtc.edu or call 843 413-2727.

## Darlington man arrested for multiple burglaries

Darlington, SC – Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators and Patrol Deputies were seeking Kenneth Austin Wright, 34, of Darlington for multiple daytime burglaries and thefts in the area of Iseman Rd. in Darlington.

The Darlington County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Florence County Sheriff's Office, searched for Wright during the afternoon of August 1st into the morning of August 2nd in the area of Iseman Rd. Wright was arrested and held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center awaiting arraignment.

## Darlington Man Charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor

Darlington County Sheriff's Special Victims Unit Investigators have charged and arrested Jason O'Neil Hutchinson, 30, of Darlington with three counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor, second degree, and one count of criminal sexual conduct with a minor, third degree.

Investigators allege that over a two year period Hutchinson engaged in sexual acts with a victim under the age of 14. Sheriff's Deputies were notified by a family member of the victim on July 24. Hutchinson was arrested following a court hearing on July 28.

## Sheriff's Deputy Graduates Criminal Justice Academy

Recently, Darlington County Sheriff's Deputy James Smith successfully completed the South Carolina Criminal Justice in Columbia. Deputy Smith, a native of Darlington, previously served twelve years in the United States Marine Corps and was sworn in on March 20. During his twelve weeks of training, Deputy Smith served as Class Leader of Class 668.

Deputy Smith is the second uncertified Deputy hired by Sheriff Tony Chavis to complete

the Criminal Justice Academy. Deputy Smith is assigned to the Patrol Division under the command of Lt. Mike Hall. He will begin his field training immediately.

Also, Deputy Rachel Chapman completed a two-week training course at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy to become a Class 3 officer. Deputy Chapman has 30 years of law enforcement experience and previously worked for the Magistrate's Office.



## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TITLE

To all persons claiming interest in: 1992-24 -PB24- Tracker Pontoon. William G. Joyner will apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803)734-3858. Upon 30 days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/outboard motor has not been reported stolen, SCDNR shall issue clear title. Case # 20130730950694

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indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: James Franklin Jones Date of Death: 6/11/2017 Case No: 2017ES1600339 Personal Representative: Franklin Jamard Jones Address: 933 High Hill Rd, Darlington, SC 29540 Attorney: William J Tuck Address: POB 933, Darlington, SC 29540

### (2p3 leave in thru 8-9-17) SUMMONS AND NOTICE (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE (Deficiency Waived) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO.: 2016-CP-16-00689 United States of America by and through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Plaintiff,

The Personal Representatives, if any, whose names are unknown, of the Estates of James A. Smith and Betty Jean Smith, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devises of James A. Smith and Betty Jean Smith, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in the property subject of this matter; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, Defendants.

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

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

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of South Carolina Code 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the attached mortgage is perfected and Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing

the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original note and mortgage and the Complaint which was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on September 28, 2016. HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A. Donald W. Tyler #5664 Taylor A. Peace #100206 135 Columbia Avenue Post Office Box 1000 Chapin, South Carolina 29036 (803) 345-3353 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

### (2p3 leave in thru 8-9-17) SPECIAL REFEREE'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE HERETOFORE GRANTED IN THE CASE OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture against Eric E. Daniels, et al., I, the Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on Tuesday, August 15, 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, together with all improvements placed thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot 6-A, Hillside Estate Subdivision, on a plat made by Lind, Hicks & Assoc., Surveyors, dated August 6, 1987. For a more particular description reference is hereby made to a plat above referred to, a copy of which is recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 114, at Page 221. Reference to said plat is hereby craved for a more complete description of said property. Be all measurements a little more or less.

This being the same property conveyed to Tillie M. Davis by deed of the United States of America dated May 28, 1992 and recorded on June 1, 1992 in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book D22 at Page 67. Property Address: 1431 E. McIver Rd., Florence, SC 29501

### TMS # 202-12-02-008 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 (30) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Special Referee for Darlington County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.25% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, Darlington County taxes, easements, and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

W. Haigh Porter Special Referee for Darlington County GRIMSLEY LAW FIRM, LLC 1703 Laurel Street P. O. Box 11682 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 233-1177 Edward L. Grimsley Benjamin E. Grimsley

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Notice of Right to Foreclosure Intervention and/or Certificate of Exemption from Administrative Order 2011-05-02-1, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions, Certificate of Exemption/Withdrawal from Arbitration and Mediation, Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on September 28, 2016. HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A. Donald W. Tyler #5664 Taylor A. Peace #100206 135 Columbia Avenue Post Office Box 1000 Chapin, South Carolina 29036 (803) 345-3353 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action will be commenced within twenty (20) days of the filing of this Notice upon Complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendants for the foreclosure of a Mortgage dated August 20, 1996 given by James A. Smith and Betty Jean Smith ("Mortgage"), said Mortgage having been recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court or Register of Deeds for Darlington County on August 21, 1996 in Book M228 at Page 113. The said mortgaged premises affected by the foreclosure are situate in Darlington County, in the State of South Carolina, and described in said Mortgage as follows: All that one certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, situate, and being located near the Town of Lamar, and being designated as LOT NO. EIGHT (8) on a plat prepared for Ben L. Watford on May 25, 1971, by Lind Surveying Company, and duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 55 at page 93, with further reference being craved to an individual lot plat made for the Mortgagors herein, the same having been made by JE Tucker, RLS on 4/8/96, and recorded likewise in Book 165 page 123; Both said plats reflecting that Lot. No. Eight (8) as having the following metes and bounds: North: By other lands of Ben L. Watford Estate for 115 ft; East: By Lot No. 7 on said plat for a distance of 265 ft; South: Fronting on Jackson Street for a distance of 115 ft; West: By a 10 foot "reserved strip" for 265 feet. This lot is a portion of those premises designated as Darlington County Tax Map No. 90-00-02-001; this being the same premises conveyed under the mortgagors herein by deed of NANCE, Inc., which is being recorded simultaneously herewith in the office of the clerk of court for Darlington County. TMS No.: 090-00-03-008. Address: 645 E. Jackson Street, Lamar, South Carolina 29069 HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A. Donald W. Tyler #5664

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Attorneys for the Plaintiff (2c3 leave in thru 8-9-17)

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Attorney: John Jay James, II Address: PO Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540

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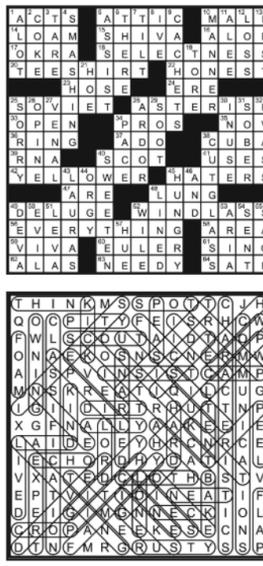
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**Camp Meeting Month at Trinity UMC**

Do you enjoy singing good old Gospel hymns? Hymns like Victory in Jesus, Since Jesus Came Into My Heart and When We All Get to Heaven, just to name a few. There are so many beloved hymns and Trinity is planning to include as many as possible during each service. In addition, plans are to include guitars, banjo, fiddle, tambourine and more. Members and visitors alike are encouraged to help lead the hymns by joining the choir or playing instruments. The choir meets at 9:30 in the choir loft for 15 minutes to rehearse. Dress is casual for all. Worship begins at 11 a.m. The church is located at 126 Pearl Street in Darlington, across from the old Post Office. A nursery is provided for the service. For more information, contact Chris Lollis or Ann Miles by calling 843-393-4852. Join Trinity all month long as we celebrate Camp Meeting.



Tierra, Jaila, Ashia, Cierra, Shania, Jamison, and Maliyah smile for the camera at conclusion of awards ceremony

## Local Girl Scouts celebrate achievements and milestones

On Saturday, July 29, 2017, members of Troop 423 had their Awards, Bridging, and Scholarship Ceremony. The purpose of the ceremony was to recognize achievements by the members during the current membership year and throughout their tenure in Girl Scouting. During the event, members received patches, certificates, pins, and scholarship checks. Additionally, girls bridged from one level of Girl Scouting to another based on grade level. The ceremony was followed by a reception.

Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina offer two Council-sponsored product sale activities each year. Girls can use money generated from these product sales to go on trips, attend movies, ballets, and other outings, and contribute toward community service projects. The top three salespeople for fall product sale were Ashia Hodges, Jada Bailey, and Cierra Parnell. The top salespeople for the cookie sale were Jada Bailey, Cierra Parnell, Shania Taylor, and Maliyah Taylor.

Troop 423 participated in several community service projects during the 2016-2017 membership year. Girls also received recognition for participation in these community service projects. In October, girls participated in Breast Cancer Awareness activities which included preparation of chemo care kits which were donated to McLeod hospital, preparation of breast cancer awareness pins, and participation in the Juliette Gordon Low Breast Cancer Awareness walk. The next community service project was preparation of military care boxes and cards. Girls also donated non-perishable food items to the Old People's Christmas food drive. The year ended with donation of clothes



to Goodwill and Salvation Army. Girls recognized for participation in community service projects were Jada Bailey, Tierra Bivens, Jaila Davis, Jara Davis, Ashia Hodges, Kassie McDowell, Jamison Mingo, Cierra Parnell, Maliyah Taylor, Shania Taylor, Tamia Willoughby, and Tianna Willoughby.

Patches were also distributed for participation in activities during the year. Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts had very diverse interests and encouraged the girls who became Girl Scouts to participate in a wide range of activities including fine arts, sports, animals, leadership, fashion, and more. Consequently, girls participated in a wide range of activities, which included attending the ballet, a fashion show, Thinking Day, ice skating, and a movie. Girls were also recognized for their academic performance and participating in the arts. Recognized for academics were Jada Bailey, Jaila Davis, Jara Davis, Kassie McDowell, Jamison Mingo, Cierra Parnell, Maliyah Taylor,

Shania Taylor, Tamia Willoughby, and Tianna Willoughby. Recognized for participation in the arts were Jada Bailey, Tierra Bivens, Jaila Davis, Ashia Hodges, Kassie McDowell, Jamison Mingo, Cierra Parnell, Maliyah Taylor, Shania Taylor, Tamia Willoughby, and Tianna Willoughby. Many activities within Girl Scouting are completed as a troop, but other recognitions are because of individual accomplishments. Jara Davis earned a patch for learning Sign Language and Shania Taylor earned a patch for completion of JROTC IV.

The bridging ceremony involved girls bridging from Junior to Cadette, Cadette to Senior, Senior to Ambassador, and Ambassador to Adult Girl Scouts. Bridging from Junior to Cadette were Jara Davis, Kassie McDowell, and Tianna Willoughby. Bridging from Cadette to Senior was Tierra Bivens. Bridging from Senior to Ambassador was Jaila Davis, Ashia Hodges, and Maliyah Taylor. Bridging to adulthood were Jada Bailey, Jamison Mingo, Cierra Parnell, and

Shania Taylor. The girls bridging to adulthood received a bridge to adult pin from their moms, as they were welcomed to adult Girl Scouting.

The finale of the ceremony was the awarding of numeral pins for years of membership and scholarships. Three girls received pins for 10+ years of membership in Girl Scouting - Cierra Parnell (10 years), Shania Taylor (11 years), and Jamison Mingo (13 years). The four graduating seniors each also received a \$500 scholarship - Jada Bailey (Lander University), Jamison Mingo (Fort Valley State University), Cierra Parnell (University of South Carolina via Midlands Technical College Bridge program), and Shania Taylor (Benedict College). This ceremony was an excellent reminder that opportunities are available to make lasting friendships, build skills, and impact your community. Girls in grades 5K-12 may join. If you are interested in registering a young lady to join or in becoming a volunteer, contact the Girl Scout office at 843-669-5174.

## A message from Senator Gerald Malloy on Hemp Industry

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture has now opened the application process for the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program, created in H.3559, passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor on May 10, 2017. The SOUTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM allows for the cultivation of industrial hemp by residents of the state for potential use in such varied products as cloth, construction materials, cordage, fiber, food, fuel, paint, paper, particleboard, and plastics. Under the program, the Department of Agriculture will allow up to twenty permits for the cultivation of up to twenty acres of land per permit in the first year, up to forty permits for the cultivation of up to forty acres in the second and third years, and afterwards the department, along with institutions of higher learning, will evaluate the program to determine the number of permits to be issued and the amount of acreage permitted. When applying for a permit, each applicant, at a minimum must submit to the department, global positioning system coordinates of where the industrial hemp will be grown and such other required information as fingerprints and the appropriate fees required by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to perform a fingerprint based state criminal records check and for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to perform a national fingerprint-based criminal records check. No person who has been convicted of any felony, or any person convicted of any drug-related misdemeanor or violation in the previous ten years from the date of the application, shall be eligible to obtain a permit.

Before the department will issue a permit to the applicant, the applicant must have proof of a signed purchaser with a contract.

The department may charge fees to administer the program, not to exceed one thousand dollars annually per registrant. Applicants must provide written consent allowing SLED to enter onto all premises where industrial hemp is cultivated, processed, or stored for the purpose of conducting physical inspections or ensuring compliance with the program. The legislation includes requirements for periodic laboratory testing to ensure that industrial hemp crops do not have unlawfully high levels of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, and samples with unlawfully high THC levels are required to be destroyed. Criminal penalties are established to address the cultivation of industrial hemp as a means of disguising marijuana production or distribution operations. A violation is a misdemeanor that carries a term of imprisonment for up to three years and/or a fine of up to three thousand dollars. Universities are authorized to conduct research on industrial hemp as an agriculture commodity and work in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture to identify solutions for applications, applicants and new market opportunities for industrial hemp growers. The application and required letter of intent forms can be found on their website - agriculture.sc.gov With the application, you should also find a FAQ page. The application must be mailed or hand-delivered to SEDA (they cannot accept email submissions) and will remain open until 5:00 pm September 15, 2017.

## McLeod Hospice offers training

McLeod Hospice is offering a new "Hospice Volunteering 101" class in Hartsville for persons interested in helping Hospice patients and/or assisting the Hospice support staff.

The volunteer training program will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Welsh Neck Baptist Association, 1048 E. BoBo Newsome Highway, in Hartsville. A brunch will be provided during the training.

Volunteers play a vital role in McLeod Hospice. Volunteers may make deliveries to patients' homes or provide companionship by visiting patients either in their homes or at the McLeod Hospice House. They may also provide massage therapy, pet therapy or play the piano

or another instrument for patients. Volunteers perform clerical work (serving as a receptionist for the Hospice House, putting together charts or filing), bake or sew for patients/families or provide gardening skills in the McLeod Hospice Sensory Garden.

A life-limiting illness can be devastating and have far-reaching effects. Patients and their families need a solid support system during this time of crisis. McLeod Hospice provides that support.

Attendees must register in advance if they plan to participate in the training.

For more information or to register, please call Courtney Sullivan, Volunteer Coordinator for McLeod Hospice, at (843) 777-5667.

## Blood donations urgently needed in the final weeks of summer

The American Red Cross urges blood donors to give in the final weeks of summer to help overcome a chronic summer blood shortage.

In August, regular donors may delay giving as final summer vacations are planned and back-to-school activities ramp up. To fully meet the needs of hospital patients in the coming days and weeks, donations are urgently needed from new and current donors. Those who donated blood earlier this summer may be eligible to donate again. Blood can be safely donated every 56 days, and Power Red cells can be donated every 112 days.

As a special thank you, those who come out to give blood or platelets with the Red Cross now through Aug. 31 will be emailed a \$5 Target eGiftCard™.\*

Appointments can be scheduled by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To help reduce wait times, donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass.

**Upcoming blood donation opportunities Aug. 15-31**  
Darlington County  
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8/30/2017: 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Darlington County Institute of Technology, 160 Pinedale Drive Hartsville

8/19/2017: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Danielle Harrington LSL, 111 East Carolina Avenue

8/21/2017: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., First Baptist Church, 104 East Home Avenue

8/22/2017: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., St. Luke United Methodist Church Hartsville, 302 Dunlap Drive Florence

8/15/10 a.m. - 4 p.m., McLeod Plaza, 555 E Cheves St

8/15/ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., McLeod Regional Medical Center, 555 E Cheves St

8/15/ 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

8/16/11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

8/18/6 a.m. - 2 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

8/19/6 a.m. - 2 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

8/20/ 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 2536 W Hoffmeyer Rd

8/21/1 p.m. - 6 p.m., General Electric, 3001 Radio Dr

8/22/11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

8/23/10 a.m. - 3 p.m., HopeHealth, Inc., 360 North Irby Street

8/23/11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W.

Palmetto Street  
8/25/6 a.m. - 2 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

8/26/6 a.m. - 2 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

8/26/11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Chick-fil-A Florence, 2016 South Irby Street

8/28/11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Otis Elevator, 1500 Otis Way

8/29/10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Florence Darlington Tech, 2715 W. Lucas Street

8/29/11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

8/30/11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Florence Blood Donation Center, 1555 W. Palmetto Street

8/31/11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Francis Marion University, 4822 East Palmetto Street

**Community partners play vital role in maintaining the blood supply**

The Red Cross relies on community partners to help ensure a sufficient blood supply for patients. About 80 percent of blood donations made to the Red Cross are through blood drives set up by community organizations, groups and businesses, such as Suburban Propane.

As a proud national sponsor of the Red Cross Blood Services, Suburban Propane hosts blood drives throughout the year, encourages its employees and customers to donate during the

challenging summer months, and provides employee volunteers across the country in one of the largest nationwide corporate volunteer efforts in support of the Red Cross Blood Services. Suburban Propane also supports a summer public awareness advertising campaign to educate people about the constant need for blood and platelet donations.

To become a community partner by hosting a Red Cross blood drive, visit redcrossblood.org for more information.

### How to help

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history ques-

tionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

### Volunteers needed

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

### About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.