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

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Darlington church welcomes new pastor

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Pastor Kevin Howard, who recently took over ministerial duties at Darlington's Church of God of Prophecy, is that rare sort of person who always knew what his career path would be, even as a small child.

"I knew from a young age that I would go into the ministry. I've felt the call of God all my life. I remember preaching to my teddy bears," Howard recalls. "I would set them up and preach to them from my little Bible, so I knew God had

a hand on me at a young age."

Howard, 30, has degrees from Winnsboro Technical College (business) and Holmes Bible College of Greenville. He credits his late aunt, Darnell Howard, with keeping him in church through his youth and inspiring him to pursue a life of faith. Howard also cites Bernie Levesque as a mentor and a great help in forming his identity as a pastor with the Church of God of Prophecy.

"I've been a pastor for seven years. I pastored in the Pentecostal Holiness Church for a while, and then the Lord

led me here to the Church of God of Prophecy, and I've been in it for three years," he says. "It just seemed to fit my style of ministry better. I sing and play the piano, and I feel like that fits in very well here."

With a grounding in the energetic preaching styles of two denominations, Howard says his pulpit messages are "happy" and in the "traditional southern gospel style." He incorporates vibrant musical selections into his services, and hopes that the positive energy and earnest sermons will inspire newcomers and those

looking for a church home to visit the Church of God of Prophecy.

"The apostle Paul said 'preach Christ and Him crucified.' Without the cross, there is no victory. Victory was won on the cross, so there's no other message to preach but his sacrifice. Jesus atoned for our every sin – past and present. So if there's someone who is looking for a church where that is the message, we invite them to attend a service," says Howard.

PASTOR ON 3A



Church of God of Prophecy Pastor Kevin Howard
PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES



From left, Senator Gerald Malloy, SC PPP Director Jerry B. Adger, and Deputy Director for Field Operations Michael D. Nichols.
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Malloy honored by SC PPP

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The South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (PPP) presented an honorary badge and certificate to SC Senator Gerald Malloy (District 29) on Friday, August 18 in appreciation of his efforts to reform criminal sentencing laws and break the logjam of minor crime cases clogging the court system and state prisons.

As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Malloy sponsored the 2010 Omnibus Crime Reduction and

Sentencing Reform Act, which has significantly reduced the state's prison population and saved the state nearly \$30.5 million in its first five years. It has been hailed by national criminal justice reform groups as a model for other states. Malloy serves as chair of the Sentencing Reform Act Oversight Committee, which has monitored implementation of the legislation.

Before the presentation, Malloy spoke about some of the problems that inspired the legislation. He said the Senate decided in 2009 to focus on sentencing reform by diverting lower level drug offenders and non-violent offenders away from

incarceration so those prison beds can be used to house those found guilty of serious and/or violent crimes.

"The war on drugs just didn't work. And we had many people that were incarcerated in the Department of Corrections for (lower level crimes.) The third most incarcerated offense in South Carolina during that time was driving under suspension, non DUI-related...and if you had a DUS second offense, there was mandatory jail time," said Malloy. "How are you going to incarcerate those folks and take up those bed spaces? It bottlenecks the sys-

tem."

Sen. Malloy said that sentencing reform is a valuable step toward streamlining the judicial and correctional system, and he noted that the Senate plans to address several "low-hanging fruit" related matters in the near future, but there are currently no plans to tackle the hot topic of drug decriminalization.

"The larger issue of decriminalization of marijuana that's going around the country, I think would require another debate that would stand alone," said Malloy.

MALLOY ON 3A

DCSD names interim superintendent

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Less than a week after being named Acting Superintendent of Darlington County School District, Dr. Willie "Bill" Boyd Sr. was named interim superintendent.

During the Aug. 14 DCSD Board of Education meeting, board members voted unanimously to have Boyd fill the open position left by Dr. Eddie Ingram's departure for the superintendent position in Berkeley County School District.

In a statement released by the district, board chairman Jamie Morphis said that the board was happy to have such a qualified person to serve in the interim.

"We are very pleased to have Dr. Bill Boyd agree to serve as our interim superintendent as we begin a new school year," Morphis said. "With more than 50 years experience in education, almost 30 in district-level leadership roles within our district, Dr. Boyd knows what needs to be done and how to do it. He knows our people, our schools, and our communities, and he is very good at bringing people together. We've had a great start to the year thus far, but if something does come up, Dr. Boyd has the knowledge, experience, and ability to handle it. I think Dr. Boyd is the best choice to guide us through this transition, and the rest of the board unanimously agreed."

Boyd said that he is grateful for the chance to serve as interim.

"I appreciate the opportunity

"I appreciate the opportunity to lead the district and I am thankful for the confidence the board has placed in me."

Dr. Willie "Bill" Boyd Sr.

to lead the district and I am thankful for the confidence the board has placed in me," Boyd said. "Together we have already accomplished a great deal, but we are not finished. I have a good working relationship with the board, as well as our principals and employees. We are going to give it 110 percent."

Boyd will receive a monthly salary supplement of \$2,500 with a vehicle allowance of \$500.

Former superintendent Dr. Rainey Knight was chosen to lead the district's search for the next superintendent. She served with the district from 1999 until 2013. Knight serves as an educational consultant and has helped in similar searches before, such as the one in Florence School District One in 2014 that resulted in the hiring of Dr. Randy Bridges. Knight will compile applications and information packets from potential candidates and present them to the board.

DCSD ON 3A

Lloyd resigns from Lamar Town Council

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Lamar Town Council member Mike Lloyd turned in his resignation at Council's August 14 regular meeting, citing personal reasons following the recent passing of his wife. Lloyd served almost 20 years on Council, including nearly three full terms in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and then from 2008 to the present.

Lloyd's primary responsibility for the past several years has been the town's water department, which was hit hard in February of 2016 when South Carolina DHEC shut down the second of Lamar's two water wells due

to trace radium detection.

The Town of Lamar has been purchasing all of its municipal water from the Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority (DCWSA), and Lloyd has worked steadily to find and repair multiple leaks that cost the town thousands in unbilled water losses.

Lamar is currently pursuing a loan/grant package to finance nearly \$3 million in repairs and updates for its municipal water system. The project would address several key system needs, including building a new water treatment plant at a cost of \$1.2 million, painting and upgrading two water towers at a cost of nearly \$500,000, sinking a new 250 GPM (gallons per minute) well for \$362,700, and replacing dated and unreliable water meters with new RF (radio frequency) models.

LLOYD ON 3A

PDRTA opens solar-powered bus station

The Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority officially opened a new solar-powered bus shelter at the Darlington Walmart with a ribbon cutting ceremony held Thursday, August 17.

This new aluminum structure is meant to provide store patrons and PDRTA riders with some protection from the elements during inclement weather. The project cost \$9,425 and was paid for with funds from the Federal Transit Administration and Walmart Stores, Inc.

On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony were (left to right) PDRTA executive director Chuck MacNeil, PDRTA rider Mamie Hudson, Darlington Mayor Pro Tem Coleman Cannon, Darlington City Council member Elaine Reed, PDRTA rider Doris Hudson, and Darlington city manager Howard Garland.

MacNeil said he was very pleased with how the shelter turned out, and hopes that it will benefit to PDRTA riders and Walmart patrons for years to come.

"The Darlington Walmart



store is a popular stop on our Darlington DART bus route, and we are very happy to work with Walmart manager Kevin Lane and Walmart Inc. to provide this new amenity to our mutual customers," said

MacNeil.

Walmart of Darlington is located at 251 Andover Place, and the bus shelter is located on the northern side of the parking lot, to the left of the front entrance.

To learn more about PDRTA, their routes and schedules, and locations of similar shelters, visit them online at www.PDRTA.org, or call Chuck MacNeil at 843-519-0886.



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A Story About Brooms

By Bill Shepard

Recently, my nephew who lives in Cross Hill, SC sent me an article about brooms. It seems the writer was remembering when he was a youngster and seeing folk sweep their yards with a broom. That writer had to have lived on a mill village and a way back before there were pretty green lawns and lawn mowers. Anyway, the article set my own mind in motion, so here I go on a memorable journey into my past. Come along and perhaps your memories will be stirred, but you will have to travel a way back, if you are to keep up.

When I was a boy, if there was a lawn mower in existence, it was not seen on the mill village, where I grew up. I don't recall seeing a gasoline propelled lawn mower, until I was a grown man. In fact, there was no need for one, as folk did not allow grass to grow in their yards. It was a weekly chore at the Shepard's dwelling to hoe the grass from the yard. "Nut grass" grew easily in the sandy soil at our house and though hoed each week, it would grow back and the process would need repeating in a matter of days. After hoeing the grass, it would need removing. Yard brooms were used to sweep the yards as clean as our living room, if we would have had a living room.

Both hoeing and sweeping yards were a way of earning show fare to be spent at the Liberty Theater on the square each Saturday, and I might have enough left over with which to buy a triple dip of ice cream at Metropolis on the square.

Brooms used for sweeping yards had to be cut from the woods near the village. The strong bushes that were used for making brooms grew profusely in the pasture at the edge of Swift Creek and were easily cut. I am not sure whether or not I have the name of the bush correct, but we called the bush, gallberry bush. I cut and sold a lot of those brooms for a nickel each.

Yard brooms made from canes were better, but canes were scarce and hard to find in Darlington when I was a boy. Being scarce, if I could find a cane grove in the woods, I could make and sell cane yard brooms for a dime each. A yard broom made with canes would last for years.

There was another kind of broom that was popular when I was a boy. It was the straw broom used for sweeping inside the house. This broom was made from the sage straw that grew plentifully in the open fields that stood idle year after year. The sage straw grew to be as much as six feet tall and would be ready for cutting and making into brooms in the late fall and early winter. The straw broom was popular and widely used for sweeping the floors inside. On the hearth, near my fireplace here in Piedmont, stands what is left of the two straw brooms my mama used when I was a youngster. When first made, they were probably five feet long. After a long time of use, they are now less than three feet long. Mama would sweep all the inside of our house, including the two porches. No fancy stick brooms in those days!

To earn money, the boys of the village could be seen cutting and wringing the straw on cold winter mornings. The going price, if lucky to find a buyer, was six brooms for a quarter! Sometimes a buyer might even get ten for a quarter.

It would be hard to believe how widely used the straw brooms were. Old David, the black custodian at St. John's Elementary when I was a boy, swept that entire building with straw brooms of the kind of which I write. I can see him now pushing his cart down the hall, as he swept and cleaned the building each day. A large barrel filled with the straw brooms rested on the cart, as he pushed it along, stopping at each room, going inside and sweeping. All the children loved Old David. I never knew his last name. Anyone able to help with that name? I'm back in the early 30's now. I remember well the last day that David worked at the school. That's another story!

Fields, where I once spent hours gathering the straw on Saturday mornings and making the straw into brooms, are now covered with houses. I pass them at times when I visit Darlington. Instead of seeing houses, I see tall sage straw waving in the breeze. The two stubs of brooms on the hearth, near my fireplace, tell me stories of a time and a person and easily bring tears to my eyes.

Bill Shepard

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

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Dear Editor,
I have read the opinion column by Phil Noble in this publication over the years. I must respectfully disagree to his conclusion in the column "Is the American Dream alive or dead in South Carolina?" published on August 1, 2017.

I find it very interesting yet extremely offensive that it seems that Mr. Noble is implying that the American Dream or rather the South Carolina Dream is divided

Dear Editor,
Sitting in my car at the Food Lion, I noticed my neighbor putting groceries in a truck. I thought she got a new truck... She went back in the store (She works there). On

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along racial lines. The Harvard University study he cites shows that black people cannot or are having difficulty achieving the American Dream. Such studies perpetuate the idea that black people are so inept they can only succeed only through the good will and benevolence of white people. The truth be told, the American Dream will not be achieved by all individual Americans because it is not their dream. One per-

son's dream is another person's nightmare. For Mr. Noble to imply that his definition of the American Dream is for all is presumptive and frankly rather arrogant. Only the individual can attain their version of the American Dream which may be vastly different from another's. Further to state that a color line has been drawn preventing the achievement of the American Dream for blacks is racist in itself and is intended

to instigate racial division. I believe a dream is something hoped for and not all hope for the same thing. Dreams only becomes your reality when they are achieved and not all will be. We must embrace the belief that each individual is responsible for his or her own Dream and its achievement; race is not a factor.

Rujon Williams
Darlington

the phone, still in my car, I saw a gentleman walking across parking lot, with a cane in each hand to help him walk, he got into that truck...How lucky that store is to have an employee that cares enough to

help their customers this way. You could tell this man really appreciated her help. I know her actions made an impression that meant a lot for being so helpful to him...so, if you go to Food Lion, let them know

Dena Thomas is a great asset to their store, they should be proud to have someone like her as an employee.

Cheryl Boykin
Darlington

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Political 'false choices' are crippling South Carolina

By Phil Noble

Neil Robinson is a man who should be listened to.

He is an eminent Charleston attorney with a prestigious statewide law firm. He is highly respected by his peers and community as testified by a wall crowded with commendations and accolades. With his head full of white hair, his well-tailored suits and his air of quiet confidence, he has a distinguished and slightly imposing bearing.

But none of this is why we should all listen to him.

He is the Chairman of the State Education Oversight Committee (EOC). The EOC is an independent, nonpartisan group made up of 18 educators, business people and elected officials who have been appointed by the legislature and governor to enact the South Carolina Education Accountability Act of 1998. The Act sets standards for improving the state's K-12 educational system.

When it was passed, the legislation was sponsored by all the right people in the Legislature and was approved by both the House and Senate unanimously – not a single dissenting vote.

One would assume that therefore the EOC would be extremely powerful and effective in shaping and reforming education in our state – but one would be wrong.

As Robinson explains, the EOC has very little real power to affect change. They can study issues, make recommendations, gather data and research, and consult with the best experts in South Carolina and around the country.

They can do all manner of things – other than pass legislation and affect real change. It all ends up in the hands of the legislature.

One former member of the EOC said probably the most effective thing he could do

would be to light his hair on fire and run through the Statehouse passing out recommendations – "other than that, no one pays us much attention."

This is not to say that the 18 members of the EOC are not dedicated, sincere, smart and talented people. They are, but they have no real power to make the needed changes.

This situation with the EOC is a perfect example of the 'false choices' that abound in South Carolina politics, especially in the Statehouse. It goes like this: set up a simplistic choice between Option A and Option B and force the political debate on these terms – when in reality, neither are the right answer. The outcome is more of the same.

Most often the framing of the two options is based on knee jerk, rigid ideological policies (liberal or conservative / Democrats or Republicans) and not facts, or policy or what's needed. It's a lot easier for politicians to hurl partisan insults than develop effective policies, i.e. good outcomes.

EOC, False Choice #1: Appoint a committee to come up with good ideas to improve education (Option A) or stick with the status quo and do nothing (Option B). The outcome is to create a committee but give them no power to do anything.

Education Spending, False Choice #2: When I was meeting with Robinson, he gave me an analysis of spending per student in each of the state's 83 school districts compared to the number of students that were college ready in reading and math.

It was shocking. On average statewide, we spend \$12,696 per pupil and the percent ready for college is only 29 percent in reading and 23 percent in math.

As shocking as these numbers are, what is more shocking is the comparison of what we

spend and get in the various school districts. Let's look at those districts where we spend the most and the least.

In analyzing the top and bottom ten districts' spending (and kicking out the two outlier districts in each group), here is what we find:

Top Spending Districts: average \$17,221 per student with scores of 10 percent readiness in reading and 3 percent in math.

Lowest Spending Districts: average \$9,926 per student with scores of 27 percent in readiness in reading and 22 percent in math.

Clearly there are lots of other factors related to performance other than how much is spent, but the pattern of false choices is clear.

Instead of doing real work to figure this out, it's a lot easier to revert to false choices. Option A

– increase education spending or Option B spend less on education. The outcome, we get spending that is unrelated to outcomes.

State Government Spending, False Choice #3: There is probably no policy issue that is a better example of false choices than overall government spending. Option A: traditional liberals/Democrats say we need more government spending because we have so many problems in the state that need fixing. Option B: traditional conservatives/Republicans say we need less government spending so people can keep more of their tax money and spend it on what they want, not what the government wants. The Outcome is across the board spending cuts or increases.

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Showing Up

By Danny Watson,
Darlington Police Chief

As a police officer it is commonplace to interact with individuals who will only see the situation from their point of view. Many people could care less about those around them because they never actually have contact with them. Electronic devices have reduced human contact to its lowest level ever.

Is it any wonder that many young police officers are so ill equipped to deal with the general public? The communication gap is no longer a small ditch that one could leap across with a minimal effort.

The gap has become a raging river of troubled waters that must be carefully navigated.

We have a tendency to attach the meaning to electronic messages based upon our interaction with the sender in the past. Electronic media has removed the art of communication from our everyday lives. What do we do to reverse this trend? Well the first thing we can do is to put down our electronic devices and actually start communicating again.

Electronic devices are great tools! However, you can never discount the importance of being willing to just listen in person. So as people attempt

to get a handle on this ever-widening communication gap, I suggest police officers do the same.

I don't believe we are ever going to go back to where we were before. There are some jobs and some things that simply can't be done any other way. As police officers our never changing goal is, and will continue to be, to connect with the people we serve. Anyone can do the same by attending government functions where the decisions that affect their everyday lives are made.

The things we do affect others who are around us whether we intend it to do so

or not. We must move away from only being concerned with what is a foot in front of our face in our outstretched hands on a tiny screen. The first step to getting back to where we need to be starts with showing up. Take the time to communicate in person you might be surprised of the results it will bring.

Chief Danny Watson MPA FBI NA # 228, Chief of Police for City of Darlington, has been on the Darlington Police Department since 1994 and Chief since 2011. You can keep up with the department on their Facebook page: Darlington Police Department.



Bill Boyd oversees his first school board meeting as DCSD interim superintendent. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

DCSD

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In other business, district director of technology Diane Sigmon spoke to the board about new regulations that will be implemented for attendance throughout the district. Before diving into the new regulations, DCSD Attendance Supervisor Julia Peterson told the board that chronically absent and truancy are two completely different things.

"Truancy is a student missing three consecutive days or five sporadic days," Peterson said.

Sigmon added that the reason for the absence does become a factor.

"If a child has medical excuses for three consecutive days they are not considered truant," Sigmon said. "There are also different levels of truant. With chronic absences, it doesn't matter why they are out; those days still factor into them being chronically absent."

The new regulations are coming down from the state, which in turn is getting the requirement from the federal government.

"This is part of the implementation of the Every Child Succeeds Act," Sigmon said. "The United States Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Report that we

have to fill out every year, is requiring the South Carolina Department of Education to report chronic absenteeism."

Sigmon said that recording late students will change under the new regulations.

"Now, instead of recording a tardy for a child who signs in at 10 o'clock in the morning, they will be recording the time the child signed in," Sigmon said. "That time will then equate to a number of lost minutes. So, we are basically taking attendance by minute. The sign-in will be recorded with a time; the sign-out will be recorded with a time. What they are saying is that students who miss more than ten percent of their instructional time, as calculated in minutes is considered chronically absent. The interesting thing, to us, is that this becomes a rolling type of situation because it is based on the number of days a child is enrolled."

The 'rolling' calculations means that students can be put on a chronically absent list on the tenth days of the school year and come off on the twentieth day simply because there have been more days of school and they've been present.

Sigmon said she has only been told that the information is being gathered; no punitive measures have been given for students who are chronically absent.

Darlington Library Homeschool Hub back in action

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As students all around Darlington County head back to school, the Darlington Library held a refresher class for local homeschooling parents on tools available to them through the library. Liz Davis, with the library's children's services led the 'tour.'

"The online catalogue is wonderful because you can actually reserve books and download free e-books and audio books through OverDrive," Davis said. "If you download OverDrive onto your phone or your computer or your laptop, you can listen to or read books so that is a pretty amazing service; the children's selection is great."

Late fees are a thing of the past with children's material,

Davis said, and online books don't need a second thought.

"The nice thing about the electronic collection is that it just disappears after two weeks and you don't have to worry about returning it," Davis said. "It is one less thing you have to do."

Just as with paper books, online books are not always available immediately. However, more e-books are available than paper books so students can always find something to read while they wait.

"There is a waiting list but there is also a way to be able to sort your books to be able to see what is available now," Davis said. "Say you wanted to read *Escape from Baxter's Barn*, we have a copy of that out on the shelf. But say you wanted to try *Amare Stoudemire's S.T.A.T.* about

basketball. We don't have that on the shelf so you might want to read that online; that is just one of the items that you can read online.

Patrons have the ability to use Ancestry.com at the library to do research on their family history.

"You have to be in the library to toodle around Ancestry.com but you can do your digging with the rights clues, as long as it is here in America or Canada," Davis said.

Though their schools might look a little different, homeschooled students still have to take tests and the library website has a tool for that.

"Learning Express is a beautiful thing because there are all types of text preparation available," Davis said. "There are practice exams to buff up your

skills and that is fourth grade all the way through high school. There is even a practice exam for the citizenship test."

Several fun features that Davis pointed out are IndieSC, which allows readers to find local authors, and Maps, which features regular geographical maps as well as fun maps like the South Carolina BBQ Map.

Davis said that the homeschool tour was just a short introduction to what is available at the library and through the library's website. She encouraged all the students to get online and explore all the tools at their fingertips. The Homeschool Hub meets each Wednesday at the Darlington Library at 2 p.m. Each session features a craft or other activity for children. For more information, visit www.darlingtonlib.org or call 843-398-4940.

Pastor

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One major goal for Howard is to grow the congregation by bringing in an intergenerational audience of members who prioritize genuine spiritual connection over social capital.

"Church is not a museum for saints, it's a hospital for sinners," says Howard. "And we've got to get back to having the church be the focal point of the community. In my little church when I was growing up, when there was a death or a disaster, we knew we could find hope by just going to the church. That's what I want to bring here to Darlington. I want people that feel like they have nowhere else to go to know that they can come here to the church and find hope here. This is home."

Sunday services include Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m., and an Evangelistic service at 6 p.m. Wednesday nights, there is a Bible Study service at 7 p.m.

Darlington Church of God of Prophecy is located at 920 W. Smith Avenue. Their phone number is 843-393-8538. You can visit them online at www.facebook.com/DarlingtonChurchofGodofProphecy

Lloyd

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The water tower rehab project is funded by SC Rural Infrastructure Authority and Lloyd said at the August 14 meeting that engineering ground work has begun at both towers. He noted that the project could take up to one year to complete.

Lloyd had a spot of good news to share: a resident discovered a massive water leak on his property and reported it to Town Hall. Repairs were made to the broken ¾ inch line, which Lloyd estimated was dumping 15,000 to 20,000 gallons per day into a ditch. The savings from fixing this leak will be fully reflected on the town's next water bill from DCWSA, but even a partial month's bill shows a huge difference.

"We saved 235,000 gallons of water over the month before, which was about a \$655 savings," said Lloyd. "We have made a big hit on the water losses...right now, it's repaired and the numbers are looking excellent."

He said the estimated monthly savings of around 600,000 gallons should deeply cut into the 1 million gallons of unbilled losses the town incurs each month.

Also at this meeting, citizen Inez Lee spoke about

stormwater flooding problems around Pearl Street and Davis Street. She offered thanks for the town's efforts to clear a blocked ditch near her mother's home, and asked if there is any way citizens and the town can team up to help ease the problem of clogged ditches and standing water at multiple locations around Lamar.

Mayor Randy Reynolds said that many of the troublesome ditches were dug by Darlington County and subsequently covered over the years at the request of property owners who objected to the appearance, odor, or liability presented by open ditches. He added that covering the ditches might improve aesthetics, but it can seriously impair their drainage function.

Reynolds suggested Lee and other concerned citizens meet with Council member

Angele White Bradley and form a committee, which could then lobby Darlington County Council to deploy some heavy equipment and manpower to clear up some of the major problem ditches.

"If we as a town make a presentation or go to the County Council meeting and say, 'Hey, you all dug some ditches, they are stopped up, and we're stuck. Our citizens are complaining and we don't have the equipment or the wherewithal to know where the ditches are and dig them out,'" said Bradley. "We can't do anything. We don't know where (the county ditches) are and we can't dig them."

Bradley planned to meet with citizens on Wednesday, August 23 at Town Hall to discuss specific problem drainage areas and determine a course of action on the matter.

Notice of Application

A meeting of the City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission will be held in City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Monday, August 28, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of those interested in the Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness, as listed below.

Item # 1 (Case 07/10/17) Property of Joseph & Julie Phillips, located at 404 Cashua St., Tax Map No. 164-15-04-002; bordered on the North and Northeast by Cashua Street; bordered on the Southwest by the property of Edith Sanderson, Tax Map No. 164-15-04-001; bordered on the Northeast by the properties of Norma & Jerry Gunter, Tax Map No. 164-11-02-039, and David & Alicia Tallent, Tax Map No. 164-11-02-038; bordered on the Southeast by the property of Deborah Gandy, Tax Map No. 164-15-04-003; and bordered on the South by the property of Gregory Suggs, Tax Map No. 164-15-04-065.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCT 288 SQ. FT. WOOD STORAGE BUILDING WITH SHINGLED ROOF.

Individuals may submit comments in writing by Thursday, August 24, 2017, to City Planning Department, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540, or they may provide comments in person at the Commission meeting. Info: 843-398-4000 x 103 or darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Choices

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The real issue should be what is effective, what provides the most return on investment or what issues are most pressing. Instead, either side wants to raise or cut spending and so they take the simplistic way out – they split the difference by raising or lowering spending. This principle of split the difference applies not only to overall state spending but it filters down to the political horse trading of spending on individual agencies and programs.

This same false choices problem extends to a myriad of other issues: more or less regulation, shorter or longer sentences for criminals, corporate or individual taxes ... it goes on and on.

It does not have to be this way. What's needed is a basic common-sense approach not distorted by ideology or spe-

cial interest lobbyists. We need to ask: does it work, is it effective, is it really important, will it save money in the long run, what is the cost if we do nothing?

There is no Democratic or Republican way to fill a pot hole. We need to insist that more is not better, less is not better – but better is better.

We will only find solutions to our problem when we realize it's really about change vs. status quo, about openness vs. closed government, about reformers vs. political insiders, about the people's interest vs. the special interest, about new innovative leaders vs. corrupt career politicians.

We are a great state and we can do great things – with big change and real reform.

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

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Malloy

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SC PPP director Jerry B. Adger thanked Malloy for his commitment to easing the criminal justice system gridlock, and asked that the senator do what he could in the future to ensure that PPP receives adequate funding to retain good employees and keep fulfilling their expanded responsibilities.

"The agency stands ready to deal with the offenders that are not going to prison, that are going to be in the community.

We've created a new Division of Rehabilitative Services within PPP, and the whole focus is on integration, education, and employment," said Adger. "We are deeply honored to present this badge and plaque in appreciation of Sen. Malloy's efforts to reform the state prison and community supervision programs, which have impacted thousands of lives and saved the state's taxpayers millions of dollars."

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Notice of Appeal

A meeting of the City of Darlington Board of Zoning Appeals will be held at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of those interested in the Appeal to the Board, as listed below.

Item # 1 (Case 08/14/17) Property of Piyush & Sneha Patel, Tax Map No. 165-05-01-007; bordered on the North by Stone Road; bordered on the West by the property of Piyush & Sneha Patel, Tax Map No. 165-05-01-006; and bordered on the South by Pearl Street.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO ARTICLE V OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE SIGN REGULATIONS TO INSTALL A DIGITAL SIGN WITHIN 300 FEET OF A DWELLING.

Item # 2 (Case 08/15/17) Property of Linda D. Byrd, Tax Map No. 164-15-01-034; bordered on the North by Pearl Street; bordered on the West by the property of Michael Lynch, Tax Map No. 165-02-02-092; and bordered on the South and East by the properties of Louigene Hodges & Mary Tyson, Tax Map Nos. 164-15-01-033 and 164-15-01-035.

PROPOSAL: REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO ARTICLE IV OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION TO USE A PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR ASSEMBLY.

Individuals may submit comments in writing by Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, to City Planning Department, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540, or they may provide comments in person at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Info: 843-398-4000 x 103 or darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:8

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Windol Henry Stone
Windol Henry Stone, age 80, passed away Tuesday, August 15, 2017. A visitation was held from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, August 17th at Belk Funeral Home. The family will hold a private burial at a later date.

Born October 25, 1936 in Portsmouth, VA, Windol is the son of the late Curtis Windol Stone and Ada Virginia Hogge Stone. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and then owned and operated the One Hour Martinizing in Darlington from 1966-1997. He also owned several investment

properties in Darlington.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Robbie G. Stone of Darlington; his daughters, Ginger Stone (Lawrence) Holland of Hartsville, and Martha Stone (Kevin) Sturgeon of Florence; his grandchildren, Lewis Stone Holland of Hartsville, Thomas Grayson Sturgeon of Florence, Jonathan Wells Sturgeon of Darlington, and Curtis Reid Sturgeon, U.S. Army, of Fort Stewart, GA.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 512 Spring St. Darlington, SC 29532; or to a charity of one's choice. A guestbook is available online at

www.belkfuneralhome.com.

Lucile Fredericka Felder Lang
Mrs. Lucile Fredericka Felder Lang formerly of Darlington died Monday, August 14, 2017 in Philadelphia, PA.

Local viewing for Mrs. Lang was 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2017 in the Jordan Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment was 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at Saint John United Methodist Church Cemetery in Oates directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc. of Darlington.

LIVING ON PURPOSE

We can be aware without being afraid

By Dr. William Holland

Lately, people have been asking me about the coming eclipse and now the situation with North Korea. It seems whenever strange or crisis events are predicted, people become nervous. Of course, it's only natural to wonder what is going to happen and I am reminded of the famous Y2K scare that was a huge topic in 1999. We all know this ended up being a false alarm like the boy who cried wolf, but it doesn't take long for the masses to forget about it and embrace the next doomsday prediction as the hype starts all over again. I'm not trying to downplay the seriousness of these events or be disrespectful toward those who are panicking but rather offering the suggestion to take a few deep breaths and rest in the comforting thought that God is in control. We can find peace in God's presence no matter what will come as we are reminded that fear is the opposite of faith. Let us remember that fear is seeing God through the eyes of circumstance while faith sees circumstances through the eyes of God.

When it comes to discussions about the end of the world, the religious crowd commonly refers to this as signs of the end times. Christianity believes the Bible is filled with indicators which reveal when certain events will happen. These predictions are called prophecies but unfortunately, many of these guideposts are so shrouded with symbolism they are difficult to interpret. For those of you who are students of eschatology you have no doubt discovered there are countless opinions and disagreements about time-lines and how everything will fit together. Nonetheless, I believe the Bible is true and with serious prayer we can at least have some general clarity about what the future holds. Most importantly we are reminded in II Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

The coming eclipse is interesting to many who follow Bible prophecy because it will cover the entire country. Why is this significant? Without going into a long and drawn out Bible study about the return of Christ, let's just say that many agree that America has not exactly followed the straight and narrow path of spiritual obedience and is in danger of judgment from the Almighty. This sign is being recognized as a part of the end-time calculation and considered as another warning from heaven. Jesus spoke these words in Luke chapter 21 and verse 25, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations; with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring." The chapter goes on to say that even though the masses will be afraid, those who follow God will continue to trust Him like they always have. He uses the fig tree as a simple way of teaching and compares the end of the age with the ripening of the fruit. We can watch and eventually know that as the fruit becomes ripe the harvest is very near. He is saying there is a way to spiritually discern the difference between what is real and what is another opinionated guess.

We realize there have always been earthquakes, eclipses, and wars and many people will be quick to argue that we have heard about Christ returning since we were children. This is true, but allow me to leave us with a closing thought. Our focus is not trying to figure out what day or hour Jesus is coming back because we have been told in Matthew chapter 24 that only our heavenly Father knows when this will happen. This basically means there is an appointed time that He has marked on His calendar and each day that passes is one day closer to this date whenever that may be. The point of becoming more aware of Biblical promises and prophecies is to draw nearer to the Lord and be prepared when Christ appears. When the sea of voices overwhelms our mind with the anxiety of doom and gloom, we can always run into the endless compassion and protection of God's open arms.

Red Cross and Sport Clips Haircuts offer free haircut coupon to blood and platelet donors

Feel good, do good and look good this September by donating blood or platelets with the American Red Cross and get a free haircut coupon from Sport Clips Haircuts. Blood and platelet donors of all blood types, especially type O negative and O positive, are urgently needed to replenish the blood supply following a critical summer blood shortage.

"We are excited to continue the Saving Lives Never Looked So Good campaign and partnership with Sport Clips this September," said Donna M. Morrissey, director of national partnerships, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "We are grateful for Sport Clips showing its support of the Red Cross and saying 'thank you' to those helping save lives through blood donations."

Those who come out to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-30 will receive a coupon for a free

haircut via email several days after their donation. The coupon is valid through Nov. 11, 2017, at participating Sport Clips locations. Donors must have a valid email address on record to receive the coupon.

"Sport Clips is proud to support the blood collection efforts of the Red Cross on a national level," said Amanda Palm, corporate communications manager of Sport Clips. "There is always a need to maintain the blood supply in our country, and a free haircut is a simple way we can thank donors for their lifesaving donation."

Donors are urged to make an appointment to donate using the free Blood Donor App, online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross and Sport Clips encourage donors to use the hashtag #SavingLivesLooksGood to share their new looks and invite

others to give.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities

Darlington
9/1/2017: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Walmart Darlington, 251 Andover Place

Hartsville
9/6/2017: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Coker College, 451 E. Carolina Avenue

9/7/2017: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Emmanuel Baptist Church - Hartsville, 949 North Marquis Highway

How to donate blood
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 questionnaire 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.

CHURCH NEWS

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

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.

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.

Anniversary/Homecoming
The Palmetto Baptist Church Family, 1104 Piano Road in Florence, will observe their Annual Revival Services, Monday, August 28th through Wednesday, August 30th 7 p.m. nightly. Revivalist will be the Reverend Michael McMillan, Pastor of Chaney Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Timmonsville. For more information, call 843-393-2750.

Church Dedication
Community Grace Church, 143 Broad St. in Bishopville, will hold a church dedication service Aug. 27. The guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be Dr. Ralph Canty, Pastor of Savannah Grove Missionary Baptist in Florence. The 5 p.m. dedication speaker will be

Pastor Marion H. Newton of Jehovah Missionary Baptist in Sumter.

Usher Anniversary
The Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Ushers' Ministry invites everyone to come and celebrate the 62nd anniversary on Sunday Aug. 27, 2017 at 4 p.m. Pastor Daniel K. McCowan of Maxwell Baptist Church from Florence will be the guest speaker. For more information, call the church at 843-383-6361.

Revival
Bible Truth Holiness Church, 5360 Indian Branch Road in Lydia, will hold revival services August 27 through September 1. Sunday will begin with Sis. Linda Boughtman from Carrollton, GA bringing the morning message at 11 a.m. and our evening service at 6p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the revival all week, Monday thru Friday, at 7 p.m. each night. For more information, call Pastor Hazel Mixon 843-332-3442 or 843-858-1209.

Revival
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Pastor Appreciation
Pastor Appreciation for Oates Baptist Church, 3569 Oates Highway in Lamar, will be on Sunday September 10th, at 11 a.m. They will be welcoming Kings Cause from Lancaster, S.C. Join them for a great morning of music and worship. Please come and show your appreciation for their

wonderful pastor and his family. For any additional information contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

Women of Worth
Women of Worth, the ladies ministry of Great Commission Ministries in Darlington, invites all ladies to attend its monthly meeting Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at the church at the corner of Wire Road and Billy Farrow Highway. Light refreshments, fellowship, and devotional.

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

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION TOWN OF LAMAR - GENERAL ELECTION

The Darlington County Board of Elections and Registration announces the General Election for the Town of Lamar to be Tuesday November 7, 2017. Persons desiring to vote in the upcoming election must be registered by October 7, 2017. To register, one must contact the Darlington County Board of Elections and Registration.

The following offices shall be included in this election:
Mayor Town Council - 2 seats to fill
Town Council - 1 seat to fill (Unexpired term of 2 years)

Citizens desiring to be candidates for one of the above listed offices may file at the Lamar Town Hall, 117 W. Main St. Lamar, South Carolina. Books will open for filing at 12:00 p.m. on August 24, 2017 and remain open during regular business hours until September 7, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. The filing fee for the office of mayor is \$168.00. The filing fee for the office of council is \$78.00. The filing fee for the unexpired term of 2 years is \$39.00.

At 9:00 A.M. on said Election Day the poll managers will begin examination of the absentee ballots return envelopes. The examination will be held at 131 Cashua Street, Darlington, South Carolina.

On Thursday November 9, 2017 at 10:00 at 131 Cashua Street in Darlington, South Carolina The Darlington County Board of Elections and Registration will hold a hearing to determine the validity of ballots challenged in this election.

Any runoff will be held two weeks after the election on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

The following precincts and polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.:

Precinct	Polling Place	Address
Lamar # 1	Lamar Town Hall	117 W. Main St.
Lamar # 2	Lamar Town Hall	117 W. Main St.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Never meeting a stranger, I pride myself on being the center of attention and keeping folks busy going and doing. A great choice if you have other dogs and cats, it's possible I may be caught snacking on cat food so be forewarned on how smart and sneaky I can be especially when it comes to food! Hope you'll stop by soon to check out Class Clown, Blaze! lab/bully mix; 55lbs; 2-3 yrs old; male



Folks swoon over Misty the dark tortoiseshell beauty. A very loving, calm and well mannered wee one, she's super with other cats and dogs! Even in busy, hectic environments, Misty keeps her cool and quietly explores around or finds a little niche to curl up in and nap away the day. Stop by soon and see why Misty could be the perfect new girl for you! 10 wks old; female; 4 lbs

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

Centennial Farmers Market

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

Darlington Elks Lodge

Tuesdays: Swing/Shag dance lessons, "New" line dance lessons from 8-10 p.m.
Wednesdays: Karaoke from 8-10 p.m.
Thursdays: Bingo at 7:30 p.m.

Darlington Elks Lodge is located at 836 Timmonsville Hwy. For more info: 843-393-1451

Paws to Read

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

Story Time

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

Library 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 nights at Trinity UMC on Pearl Street. Use Orange Street entrance. Info: 843-395-6897.
AA meets at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street: 12 noon and 6 p.m. Monday/Wednesday; 12 noon and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; and 8pm Sunday.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon is a fellowship of adult relatives and friends of alcoholics for mutual support. Visitors are welcome. Childcare is not available. Al-Anon meetings:
Thursdays at 8p.m at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street. Info: 843-992-2981.

Monthly Events

Yoga for Beginners

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

Darlington County Coordinating Council

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

Hartsville Pilot Club

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

Hartsville Kiwanis Club

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

Hartsville Lions Club

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at Mr. B's Restaurant

Hartsville Rotary Club

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

Hartsville Toastmasters

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

Book Club

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

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County Board of Education meets on the second Monday of each month. Additional meetings may be called for worksessions and information sessions. The meeting will begin at 6 pm for regularly scheduled meetings. The Darlington County Board of Education normally meets in the Board/Community Conference Room of Administrative Annex #1 at 102 Park St. in Darlington except where noted on the schedule.

August 2017

Election Filing Period

Citizens desiring to be candidates for Darlington City Council Wards 1, 2, and 3 may file at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., beginning at noon on August 24 and ending at noon on Sept. 7. Filing fee is \$204.

Historic Landmarks Commission

A meeting of the City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission will be held in City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Monday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m.

Conservation Board

The Darlington Soil & Water Conservation District Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28 in the Clemson Extension Kitchen, 300 Russell St., Room 207, Darlington. 843-393-0483

Car Hauler Parade

The Darlington Car Hauler Parade and Festival will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 31 at Florence Civic Center. At 7 p.m., watch the car haulers parade 12 miles to Darlington for RaceFest. For questions, call the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau at 843-

664-0330.

Southern 500 Parade

The Southern 500 Parade begins at dusk (approximately 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.) at the corner of Pearl Street and Edwards Avenue near Piggly Wiggly in Darlington. See Hall of Fame drivers, local and regional queens, marching bands, drivers past and current, state and local delegation members, and more. Free.

U.S. Rep. Tom Rice Mobile Office

Representative Tom Rice will hold a mobile office Aug. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Darlington City Municipal Court Building, Old City Hall Council Chamber, 400 Pearl Street.

September 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.

Bringing Downtown Alive! Concert

Free concert with The Recollections Band Friday, Sept. 1 from 7 to 10 p.m. on Liberty Lane and Pearl Street downtown Darlington. Food and beverages available for purchase.

Market on Darlington Square

Market on Darlington Square, Saturday, Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., holds its annual Kids Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest. Vendors, food, produce, live music, and more. Free admission.

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@darcosc.com.

Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education meets Sept 11 at 6 p.m in the Training Room at the Administrate Office located at 120 Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Williamson Park Committee

The City of Darlington Williamson Park Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12 at Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. 843-398-4000

Society Hill Town Council

The Society Hill Town Council will meet September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Society Hill Town Hall, 280 South Main Street in Society Hill. For more information, call 843-378-4681. Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of handicapped persons attending the meeting upon request. Special assistance requests can be made to the Town Clerk at 843-378-4681, 72 hours prior to the meeting.

NAACP Meeting

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

Water and Sewer Authority

The Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority Board of Directors will meet at 5 p.m. Sept 18, in the conference room, 1701 Harry Byrd Hwy., 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 Professional Women

The Darlington Professional Women group meets at noon Sept 20 at Darlington Country Club.

Beautification Board

The City of Darlington Beautification Board will meet at 5 p.m. Sept. 20 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St. Darlington. 843-398-4000.

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.

October 2017

Market on Darlington Square

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

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Yam Jam Concert

Held in conjunction with the S.C. Sweet Potato Festival on Saturday, October 14 at Palmetto Furniture, 308 S. Main St. from 6 to 9 p.m. Bands include Level 10 and Eagle Wing Band. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 12 and younger, and free for ages 2 and younger. Bring a chair if you like. Food and beverages available for purchase. No coolers please.

Darlington Planning Commission

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

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 sehill@darlingtonraceway.com.

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Darlington County School District teachers attend a workshop on Google Mail and Calendar.

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Teachers attend professional development day to prepare for new school year

By Melissa Rollins
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Gone are the days when a teacher prepared for class by simply cleaning and decorating their classrooms with encouraging and engaging posters and making lesson plans. Today's teachers are preparing by catching up with the latest technology, bridging the gap between the classrooms they learned in and the ones their students are entering. Last week, teachers from all across Darlington County converged on Darlington Middle School for a day of professional development sessions.

Included in those sessions were topics like state standards, instructional updates, professional expectations and Google Mail and Calendar.

During the Google sessions, teachers got a reminder on how to use their school district email accounts but also learned valuable information on how to use Google calendars to connect with other teachers, as well as parents.

In years past, parent-teacher conferences had to be

signed up for in person. DCSD teachers learned how to block off a period of time on their calendar and send a link for parents to reserve a slot that is convenient for them. This eliminates the need for back and forth communication over which spots have and have not been filled, saving time for parents and teachers.

In a session on SAFE-T teacher evaluations with Meredith Taylor, Director of Teacher Quality for DCSD, teachers about formal evaluations and how they will be changing in the coming years.

"This is our formal evaluation process, however, this is the last year that SAFE-T is implemented the way that you all are going through it," Taylor said. "You may have heard people talk about the 4.0 rubric and the changes that are being made. That will apply to teachers who are being formally evaluated next year. In other words, the year that your certificate is up for renewal, that's the year that you will be formally evaluated with the rubric."

Taylor said that principals

may also use new standards for informal evaluations in the meantime.

"You may be informally evaluated with the rubric, because principals are going through, walking through, and giving you feedback," Taylor said. "That is not anything you have to worry about as far as formal evaluation."

One area that will see new standards for the 2017-2018 school year is the arts. For example, in music the new standards address four artistic processes: connecting, performing, creating and responding. Goals for students are outlined in "I can" statements for each student. At a Novice Low level in instrumental music, the statement is 'I can notate rhythm patterns using a defined selection of

note values' while an Advanced High level student is aiming toward the more difficult, 'I can compose and arrange short musical works for a large ensemble.'

All standards that have been updated in recent years have been done to ensure that they align with the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate, an overall standard for what knowledge students should have gained throughout their elementary and secondary education years. That profile includes students having world-class knowledge, world-class skills and life and career characteristics. Find out more about the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by visiting the South Carolina Department of Education website, ed.sc.gov.

Registrations being held for Darlington Recreation Department fall sports

Fall League Softball: For girls ages 5 to 12, as of January 1, 2018. Cost: \$25. Register by September 6 at the Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St. For more information, call 843-398-4030

Line Dancing with Wali: Join Wali, AKA Step Masta Ice and former member of the Pee Dee Sliders, for line dancing lessons every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., Darlington. For more information, call 843-398-4030 or 843-713-6160

Cross Country Track: For ages 7 to 18. Cost: \$25 includes uniform. Register by October 1 at the Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St. Birth certi-

cate required. For more information, call 843-398-4030

Co-Ed Softball: For ages 18 or older or with parental consent. Cost: \$375 per team. Register by September 8 at the Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St. Info For more information, call: 843-398-4030

Beginner Karate Classes: For ages 4 and older. Learn self-defense, self-control and self discipline from Sensei Josh Beavers. Classes are Mondays and Wednesday from 6 to 6:40 p.m. at the Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St. For more information, call 843-992-3751 or text 843-610-0937. Info: www.japankarateinstituteDF.com

Hartsville man arrested following altercation

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies have arrested Bradley Dale Wright, 26, of Hartsville. Wright is expected to be charged with three counts of pointing and presenting a firearm and one count of domestic violence, first degree.

Patrol Deputies responded to a residence on New Market Rd. in the Hartsville area of

Darlington shortly after midnight Sunday in reference to an altercation and a gun being fired. It is alleged that Wright got into an argument with someone over money and pulled a firearm firing it several times.

Wright is currently being held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center awaiting arraignment.

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SCDCA fields nearly 2,000 complaints during first half of 2017

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) received 1,997 consumer complaints from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017, resulting in a total of \$667,447 credits, refunds and adjustments for consumers.

The number one complaint category for the first half of 2017 was Vehicles, totaling 19.5 percent of SCDCA's complaints received. The most common complaints were in reference to used cars, repairs, and credit sales.

The rest of the top five complaint categories, and their most frequently occurring complaint types, are as follows: Utilities (cable television and telephone services), 13.5 percent; Debt Collection (harassment and unconscionable debt collection practices) 8 percent; Contractors (solar, home security systems, and landscaping) 7 percent; and Real Estate (timeshares and homeowners associations) 6 percent. The top four categories mirror the complaints received by SCDCA in 2016.

The Consumer Federation of

America's 2016 Consumer Complaint Survey Report, which includes data from thirty-nine agencies in 23 states, also lists vehicles as the national top complaint category in 2016. The national report features anecdotal data regarding the complaints from SC residents, including a car complaint SCDCA successfully mitigated. Because of SCDCA's intervention, the consumer received extensive repairs to a recently purchased used car for free, resulting in over \$6,000 in savings.

SCDCA processes and mediates consumer complaints against businesses regulated by DCA, refers complaints that fall within another agency's jurisdiction, and mediates those complaints against businesses that are unregulated. To file a complaint, visit www.consumer.sc.gov and click FILE A COMPLAINT. To see if a business has complaints against it, consumers should take advantage of the Search Complaints tool on the Consumer Information page of SCDCA's website.

Kevin O'Kelly, MD Joins McLeod Urology Associates.

McLeod Urology Associates is pleased to welcome Kevin O'Kelly, MD to our advanced practice. Dr. O'Kelly is an experienced physician and longtime active member of the Florence community. Dr. O'Kelly joins Dr. Fukuda, Dr. Horger and Dr. Santa-Cruz in providing patients with the highest quality in urological care. Our highly-skilled team of specialists perform the latest techniques in minimally-invasive procedures and utilize leading-edge technology including robotics in the treatment of a full-range of urological conditions. McLeod Urology Associates welcomes patients by physician referral.

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Boys and Girls Club hosts Night of Hope

The Hartsville Boys and Girls Club is hosting their second annual Night of Hope, August 26 at Lawton Park. The event will be from 6 to 10 p.m. The community is invited to celebrate and support the Hartsville Boys & Girls Club with music, hors d'oeuvres, open bar and an auction. Individual tickets are \$50. All

proceeds go directly to the Hartsville Boys & Girls Club, to help kids achieve academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character & citizenship. Tickets are available at Minnie's, Burry Bookstore, and Brandi's on College. For more information, call Dianne at the Boys & Girls Club 843-332-1400.

Miscues and mishaps cost Darlington against Cheraw

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Cheraw – If a win was determined by the resolve of a team, the ability to not quit and keep going no matter what is stacked against them, then the Darlington Falcons would have easily defeated the Cheraw Braves this past Friday in Cheraw.

Unfortunately that is not how football games are decided and while Darlington never threw in the towel, never quit trying, the combination of Falcon mistakes and Cheraw's capitalization of those mistakes resulted in 51-19 loss.

"I thought we put our defense in some bad positions," Darlington head coach John Jones said. "I thought we did some good things early. You can't turn the ball over twice in their red zone and you can't turn in over ten times, nine times, however many we turned it over, and that's not counting the two punts. We can't make mistakes at this level, especially against good football teams like Cheraw."

Cheraw scored its first touchdown following a Falcons interception. Its sec-

ond touchdown came after recovering a fumble and that was just in the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Braves struck for an 84-yard touchdown reception after a busted coverage in the secondary left the Cheraw wide receiver wide open for the easy score and it did not stop there.

Later in the second quarter, Darlington was lining up to punt, but the snap sailed over the Falcons' punter's head, letting Cheraw set up on the Falcon 24-yard line with just 2:56 left before half. Five plays later the Braves found the end zone again increasing their lead to 28-6.

Darlington had another special team blunder in the opening drive of the third quarter as Cheraw blocked the Falcons punt attempt after another high snap, returning it for a touchdown to go up 35-6 a minute and two seconds into the start of the second half.

"We had snapping issues with both and we have to fix that," Jones said. "Sometimes it comes down to focus and sometimes it comes down to coaching."

That blocked punt was just

the beginning of miscues in the third quarter.

Midway through the quarter, Darlington fumbled deep in its own territory setting up a 34-yard field goal and 19 seconds later the Falcons fumbled again, mishandling a snap with Cheraw recovering and trotting into the end zone for the touchdown. By the time the third quarter ended, the Falcons were down 44-6.

It was in the fourth quarter, when Darlington could have easily mailed it in, that this young Falcons team showed the heart, the grit and determination that they really have.

On Cheraw's opening drive of the fourth quarter the Falcons came up big with a forced fumble that Thorn Huntley recovered and returned for a touchdown and Darlington's defense did not stop there.

The Falcons forced their second straight fumble on the next Cheraw possession and two plays later Javorius Williams ran in for a 26-yard touchdown, his second score of the game. Williams first came on a 49-yard scamper in the first quarter.

Darlington kept the momen-



tum going in the fourth following Williams' touchdown, blocking a punt of its own on Cheraw's next possession.

Cheraw took the momentum right back, however, as the Braves picked quarterback Silas Barr, returning it back to

the Falcons 11-yard line. Two plays later Cheraw was back in the end zone, this time for the last time, increasing its lead to 51-19.

The 32-point loss is definitely not how Darlington wanted to get the season started, but

most believe that a team improves the most between week one and week two. When asked what the team is going to work on this week as it prepares for Wilson Jones had a real simple answer.

"Everything, everything."

Darlington Raceway to honor Dale Earnhardt Sr., Dale Earnhardt Jr. with dedication of turn 3 suite towers

In celebrating the legacy of Dale Earnhardt Sr. and honoring Dale Earnhardt Jr. in his final NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 start, Darlington Raceway is dedicating its Turn 3 suite towers in their names, respectively.

Earnhardt Towers will feature an assortment of graphics that depict memorable moments of Earnhardt Sr. and Earnhardt Jr., featured on the backside of each tower. The Earnhardt Towers name will also be proudly displayed on the front of the towers facing the track.

Earnhardt Towers will join a great tradition of historical names that the Lady in Black has given to its facilities, including:

- Brasington Tower Grandstands (Turn 1) – named after Darlington Raceway's founder and first president Harold Brasington

- Colvin Grandstands (backstretch) – named after Bob Colvin, Darlington Raceway's president from 1952-67

- Tyler Tower Grandstands –

named after W.D. "Red" Tyler, Darlington Raceway's president from 1982-89

- Jim H. Hunter Media Center – named after Jim Hunter, Darlington Raceway's president from 1993-01

- Pearson Tower Grandstands – named after David Pearson, NASCAR Hall of Famer and Darlington Raceway's all-time wins leader (10) in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series

- Cale Yarborough Garage – Darlington's Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series garage is named after the Timmonsville, S.C., native, who holds five victories in the famed Bojangles' Southern 500

"Darlington Raceway is fortunate to have many of the sport's legends honored throughout our property," said track president Kerry Tharp. "We felt that it was fitting to honor Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Dale Earnhardt Jr. for their positive impact on the sport and on the track Too Tough To Tame. Earnhardt Towers will forever celebrate and recog-

nize their achievements and be a lasting landmark at our tradition-rich facility."

As part of the dedication, Darlington Raceway will be holding a special ceremony on Friday morning of race weekend (Sept. 1), featuring track president Kerry Tharp and Kelley Earnhardt Miller, co-owner of JR Motorsports and daughter of Earnhardt Sr.

The towers will be dedicated just before cars hit the track for NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 and Bojangles' Southern 500 practice sessions, which are free to the public if fans bring an empty Monster Energy can to the track as part of its Free Can Friday initiative (<http://www.darlingtonraceway.com/Articles/2017/08/Monster.aspx>).

Earnhardt Sr. held Darlington Raceway in high regard and always cherished a victory at the track Too Tough To Tame. His nine Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wins at Darlington rank second

all-time (David Pearson had 10 wins). He won races at the Lady in Black in 1982, 1986, 1987 (2), 1989, 1990 (2), 1993 and 1994. He also won three NASCAR XFINITY Series races at the track (1986, 1987 and 1991).

Earnhardt Jr. will be racing in his final Bojangles' Southern 500 on Sunday, Sept. 3 (6 p.m. ET, live on NBCSN, MRN and SiriusXM). He has four top-five and 10 top-10 finishes at the track in 21 career starts. He has been a loyal supporter of the track's award-winning throw-

back campaign, which honors the history and heritage of the sport.

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

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You can keep up with all of the latest news from Darlington Raceway at DarlingtonRaceway.com, on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway](https://www.facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway) and on Twitter at [Twitter.com/TooToughToTame](https://twitter.com/TooToughToTame). Fans are encouraged to post their Bojangles' Southern 500 stories and memories using #TraditionContinues, #BojanglesSo500 and #SportClips200.



Brad Keselowski Racing to end operations following 2017 season

STATESVILLE, N.C. -- NASCAR Camping World Truck Series team owner Brad Keselowski announced that his team will end operations at the conclusion of the 2017 season.

"The Truck Series is truly special to me given my family's ties to the history of the sport, and this decision comes with much contemplation. But, for a number of reasons, and as I plan for the long-term future, I've decided not to field a team in 2018," said Keselowski.

BKR has fielded trucks in NASCAR competition dating back to 2008. Since that time, the organization has provided

opportunities to more than a dozen up-and-coming drivers.

"My goal with BKR was to create a top-tier team which would allow me to give back to the sport by creating opportunities and quality experience for others, whether they be drivers, mechanics, engineers, or support personnel...I am very proud of this and intend to do my best to help my BKR team members stay and grow in the sport. "The team has also provided me with meaningful experience as a team owner," Keselowski continued. "I've never made it a secret that I would eventually

like to be an owner at the top level of the sport. And, while this is many years down the line, I want to start to prepare for that possibility now. Part of that preparation is seeking to develop an advanced engineering and manufacturing company that would be housed out of our 78,000 square foot facility in Statesville and ultimately help to support this vision."

BKR remain fully committed to pursuing victory in the remaining races on the 2017 calendar, and hopefully contending for the Series championship in Homestead.

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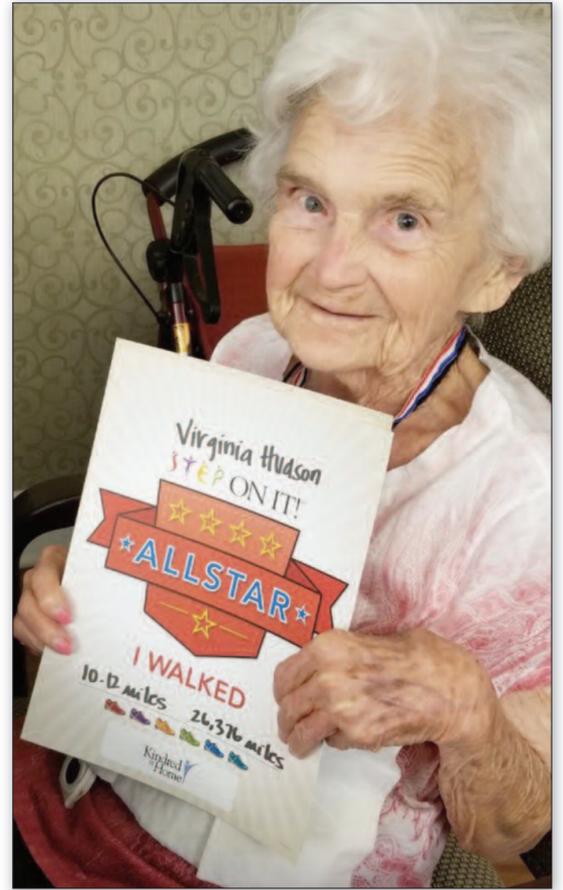
Pee Dee Gardens residents stepping up to the challenge



Residents at Pee Dee Gardens, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Florence, walked over one million steps over four weeks during a Walking Challenge sponsored by Gentiva Home Health.

Pictured here, Pee Dee Gardens residents Ouida Evans, Virginia Hudson and

Brenda Bullard proudly accept their Step-It-Up Awards for participating in the Walking Challenge. Residents broke up into teams and wore pedometers for four weeks, which were read weekly by Michelle Anderlik of Gentiva's Kindred at Home. All participants received a medal and certificate.



Former host of Headbangers Ball Riki Rachtman to serve as honorary emcee for Darlington Raceway's Throwback Weekend

Riki Rachtman, the long-time host of MTV's hit show Headbangers Ball and current host of the Racing Rocks! Radio Show, will serve as an honorary emcee for Darlington Raceway's Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 weekend on Sept. 1-3.

In his role, Rachtman will emcee various events during the Labor Day throwback weekend, including in the fan hospitality and display areas and pre-race ceremonies. He will also introduce Poison frontman Bret Michaels, who will be performing the Bojangles' Southern 500 pre-race concert.

"I've always thought that Darlington Raceway is the coolest race track. I came here as a fan in 1994 and have been here several times since then. It is an iconic place," Rachtman said. "Darlington is special and to help with their throwback celebration is definitely something I'm looking forward to."

"If you were ever a fan of hard rock music in the late 1980's and early 1990's, Riki Rachtman and Headbangers Ball was a staple for fans of that genre of music," track

President Kerry Tharp said. "With Riki joining the likes of Bret Michaels, rock n' roll music fans will be excited for our Bojangles' Southern 500 race weekend."

Rachtman got his first break with Headbangers Ball in 1989 when he began hosting the program as a guest host for the popular TV show, which featured music videos of some of the country's most popular rock n' roll and heavy metal acts. He would later go on to be the main host of the show from 1990-1995. But it all started in 1989. Previously, he emerged on the music scene in the late 1980's when he opened the legendary rock n' roll venue, The Cathouse, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in Los Angeles, Calif. in 2016.

"That was a memorable time for me and the hard rock/heavy metal music industry," Rachtman said. "Headbangers Ball was a staple for millions of rock fans across the country."

Racing Rocks! is a two-hour weekly music-intensive program that provides rock fans coast-to-coast with news, exclusive insights, interviews and dedicated coverage from the world of NASCAR, primar-

ily the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. The program debuted in 2003 and is syndicated throughout the United States. He was also a contributor on the SPEED Channel.

Rachtman visited Darlington Raceway today, Aug. 20, on his final stop of a 48-state solo charity motorcycle ride, notably called 'Riki's Ride.' South Carolina was the final state on his journey, which took two months, over 13,000 miles and raised over \$16,000 for cystic fibrosis.

"It made so much sense to end my epic ride at such an epic track," Rachtman said. "Riki's Ride raised thousands of dollars for a great cause. I'm looking forward to heading home to North Carolina today and being back here for the Sept. 1-3 Bojangles' Southern 500 race weekend very soon."

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Do You Know Darlington County?



The photo from last week was a marker at the Darlington County Courthouse on the Main St. side. The readers with correct guesses were Hoyt Campbell, Jim Stone, Dolores Talbert. Today, you will find another location shot from Darlington County. Do you know where it is? Please let us know by sending your guesses to: editor@newsandpress.net or call 843-393-3811. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Good luck!

Darlington Raceway's Bojangles' Southern 500 race weekend going green again

When the green flag drops at Darlington Raceway on Labor Day weekend, drivers could earn their "green stripe" on turn 4 at the track Too Tough to Tame.

Turn 4 will be painted green as a reminder to be kind to the environment. And Darlington Raceway is doing just that by using 100 percent Green Power for the electrical needs of the NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500. Green Power for race weekend is distributed by Pee Dee Electric Cooperative and generated by state-owned utility Santee Cooper.

To help celebrate Green Power at Darlington Raceway, fans can sign up to win three laps in a pace car on Sunday, Sept. 3, at www.DarlingtonGreenStripe.com.

"We are proud to say that our Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 race weekend will be 100 percent powered by green energy thanks to Pee Dee Electric Cooperative and Santee Cooper," said track President Kerry Tharp. "Darlington

Raceway takes great pride in being a facility that is powered by renewable energy. We appreciate our strong relationship with our electric providers and look forward putting on a great race weekend for our fans."

Pee Dee Electric Cooperative has earned its "green stripe" by being a longtime champion of Green Power. Jeff Singletary, Pee Dee Electric Cooperative vice president of marketing, said, "Pee Dee Electric Cooperative is always proud to partner with Santee Cooper and the Darlington Raceway in bringing this Green Power event to the area. This year we're doing something new, painting a green stripe on the 4th turn, so as to remind people to be kind to our planet. We are big supporters of clean, renewable energy and extremely pleased to host this event once again."

Santee Cooper has 28 megawatts of clean, renewable Green Power from sources including six landfill methane gas generating stations, six solar arrays and one wind turbine. Green Power is Green-e Energy certified and meets the environmental and consumer protection standards set forth by the non-profit Center for Resource

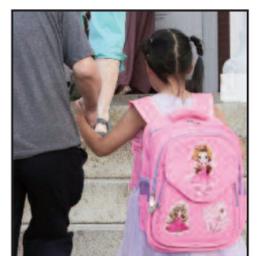
Solutions. Learn more at www.green-e.org. In fact, Santee Cooper is the only utility generating Green Power in South Carolina that is on the state's electric grid, and Pee Dee Electric Cooperative promotes Green Power sales to its 30,000 members.

"Innovative partnerships like this one allow us to continue to expand Green Power throughout the state," said Santee Cooper President and CEO Lonnie Carter. "Darlington Raceway and Pee Dee Electric go the extra mile for their commitment to Green Power and environmental stewardship, and we thank them for their commitment."

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

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Hitting the books *Darlington County students head back to school*



Linda Weatherford named Woman of Achievement

Linda Weatherford has been named the 2017 Woman of Achievement by the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce. Weatherford became SPC Credit Union's first female CEO in January of 2016. Prior to CEO, she served as the Director of Marketing and Business Development for SPC for 12 years. Since 1987, she has worked for credit unions in leadership roles, and has been an advocate for the credit union movement, promoting the philosophy of "people helping people."

Weatherford achieved success in her career by devoting herself to leadership and developing the credit unions she served into competitive organizations. Travis Walters, chairman of the SPC Board of Directors, said, "In addition to her business competency, Linda possesses tremendous integrity, vision and faith in God. She is passionate about the credit union movement and how we can help others, especially the underserved in our communities." Under her leadership as Marketing Director, SPC Credit Union's Cares2Share program received the 2014 Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award and the 2013 Dora Maxwell Social

Responsibility Award, which is coveted by credit unions across the nation.

"As a professional who believes in investing in others' development, enriching the community, and balancing her personal and professional commitments, Linda Weatherford embodies the title of Woman of Achievement," remarked Hartsville Chamber President Quinetta Buterbaugh.

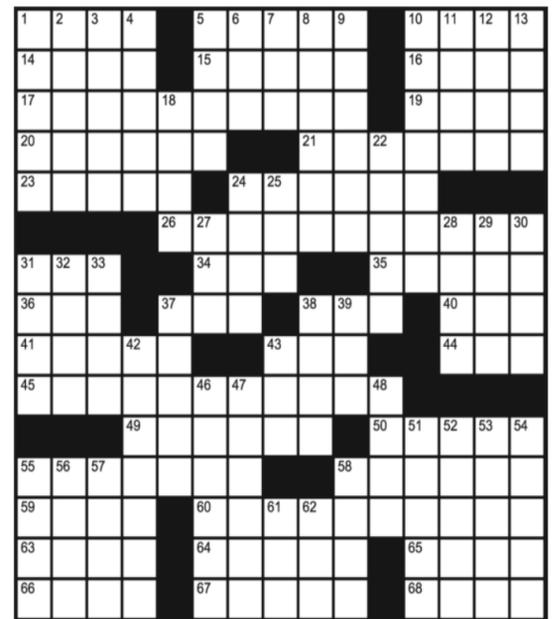
Weatherford serves on the board of the Carolinas Credit Union League (CCUL), as the board chairwoman, and the CCUL's South Carolina Governmental Affairs Committee, as the immediate past chairwoman. She has volunteered on behalf of numerous community organizations: Darlington County Free Medical Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, Harvest Hope advisory board, House of Hope, The Humane Society and Animal Shelter, The Hartsville Soup Kitchen, Cornerstone Baptist Church Parking Lot Missions, McLeod Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network. She has been a contributor to the McLeod Cancer Center and supporter of Relay for Life. She was named the 2010 Darlington Professional Woman of the Year.



The Chamber will present the award during its first Women's Leadership Symposium on September 8. For more information about the Symposium, visit www.hartsvillechamber.org. The Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based business

advocacy organization founded in 1910. The Chamber provides a voice for local businesses, supports economic development, and promotes the vibrant and personal community that makes Hartsville appealing to businesses and residents.

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Across

1. Wine holder
5. Literally, "for this"
10. Breezed through
14. Small buffalo
15. Common smoked cheese
16. Frost-covered
17. The act of deceiving yourself
19. Brother of Abel
20. Coveted
21. Like some breezes
23. Back
24. Floodgate
26. Person who sells services
31. Faint
34. Sylvester, to Tweety
35. African antelope
36. ___ v. Wade
37. Favorite
38. "A pox on you!"
40. Back talk
41. Baffled (2 wds)
43. "My boy"
44. "For shame!"
45. Places to buy car fuel (2 wds)
49. Letter
50. Army attack helicopter

55. Method, skill or art applied to a particular task (var. spell.)
58. Sent through postage
59. Advil target
60. One ÇOs native land
63. Chew the fat
64. French romance
65. Ashtabula's lake
66. Hit the bottle
67. Coffee order
68. Cleave

Down

1. Checks out
2. About
3. Crack
4. An infidel in Islam
5. Ancient
6. Elmer, to Bugs
7. Cast
8. Loathsome
9. Kitty treat
10. Tell tale activity
11. "Bye now"
12. Arabic for "commander"
13. Fraction of a newton
18. Animal shelters
22. Brouhaha
24. Bed board
25. Affranchise
27. Absorbed, as a cost
28. Preserve, in a way
29. Assortment
30. Back of the neck
31. Downer
32. Bit
33. Bungle, with "up"
37. Eucharistic plate
38. Bottom
39. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
42. Artsy one
43. Anger, e.g.
46. Sloth, e.g.
47. Puget Sound city
48. Cicatrix
51. Edmonton hockey player
52. Roar
53. Kidney enzyme
54. Extra
55. Boor's lack
56. Bounce back, in a way
57. Crack, in a way
58. ___ mortals
61. "Sesame Street" watcher
62. QB's cry

FDTC Foundation thanks donors

Last week, the Florence-Darlington Technical College Educational Foundation held their inaugural Donor Appreciation Night at the Florence Country Club. This event was their way of saying 'thank you' to the many donors, partners, and sponsors who make a difference in the lives of their hardworking students.

Six students and alumni shared their moving stories of how Foundation scholarships allowed them to stay in school and pursue better lives for themselves and their families. FDTC faculty and staff also spoke about the importance of supporting students through the Florence-Darlington Technical College Educational Foundation.

Pictured is nursing student Delma Carvajal.
FDTC PHOTO



Pilot, Anchor Clubs send love to DCSD teachers with care packages

Members of the Darlington Pilot and Anchor Clubs recently had a work day at Trinity United Methodist Church to put together 'Pick Me Up' bags for Exceptional Education staff in the Darlington County School District. The groups were able to put together 80 bags during their 'Welcome Picnic' day. After assembling the bags, President Judy Langley and Community Service Chair

Janice Flowers delivered them to the Exceptional Education Staff at Pate, Cain, Brockington, Brunson-Dargan, St. John's Elementary, Darlington Middle, Darlington High, Mayo, DCIS and the DCSD District Office. They did this to thank the Exceptional Education staff for all they do for the students and wish everyone a great 2017-2018 school year.

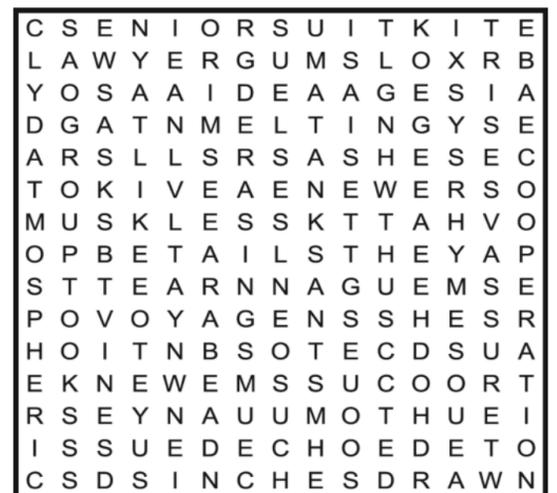


Above: Members of the Darlington Anchor Club pose with completed "Pick Me Up" bags.

Left: Darlington High School Exceptional Education teachers received a "Pick Me Up" bag from the Darlington Pilot Club and Anchor Club as the 2017-2018 school year begins.



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BOOKINGS REPORT

DARLINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER AUGUST 14 THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2017
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

- Cecil Maurice Franklin, 32, of 236 Swiftcreek Rd Apt F7, Darlington, Giving False Information; Fail to Appear DUS; Fail to Appear Fraud Check; Fail to Appear Fraud Check; Fail to Appear Fraud Check; Fail to Pay
- Clifford Ray Gardner Sr., 61, of 1056 Family Rd, Hartsville, RSG Value \$2000 or Less
- Darian Andre Hudson, 27, of 1621 Soloman Dr, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Andrew Jacoby Johnson, 29, of 505 E Howard St, Dillon, Safekeeping
- Antoine Jamel Mack, 31, of 314 Pine St, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Floyd Stewart III, 27, of

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

- 1434 Flag St, Hartsville, Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st
- Antwan Sharod Thompson, 29, of 2044 Anderson Farm Rd, Darlington, Burglary First Degree
- George Arthur Wilson,

- 51, of 106 W Smith St, Timmonsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Ju'Quesha Tasha Bishop, 21, of 825 H Street, Hartsville, Fail to Appear Shoplifting
- Jerome James Bonaparte, 49, of 100 Tedder St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance
- Tiffany Lashae Brady, 24, of 221 Williamsburg Ave, Lake City, Obtain Sign/Prop False Pretense >\$2000 <\$10,000
- Gary Gibbs, 61, of 103 Evangeline Dr, Darlington, Contempt Probated Court
- Roy Herbert Jackson, 50, of 2016 Cotton Trail, Darlington, Disregard Stop Sign; Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Return Drivers License After Susp; Fail to Return Drivers License After Susp; Fail to Appear; Fail to Appear DUS
- William Joshua Johnson, 25, of 2027 Garden Valley, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Jason Dwain Lewellen, 42, of 6015 Cox Farm Rd, Florence, Safecracking
- Ryan William Pontillo, 17, of 698 Gumbo Limbo Lane, Myrtle Beach, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under the Influence
- Matthew Jason Rogers, 37, of 628 Moore, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd

- Degree
- Juan Carlos Gomez, 32, of 625 Chipley Ave, Charlotte NC, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Driving Without a License
- Eereon Hickman, 18, of 809 Gibson Street, Hartsville, Attempted Murder; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Discharging Firearm; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person; Discharging Firearms Into a Dwelling; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime
- Mary Dixon Norton, 53, of 1231 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Dan Ross Turnage, 30, of 254 Nivens Road, Patrick, Fail to Appear Shoplifting
- William Thomas Warren, 34, of 1346 Clyde Rd, Hartsville, Malicious Inj to Personal Property >\$2000 <\$10,000; Public Disorderly Conduct
- Keith Allen Austin, 25, of 434 Mary Dr, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Edward Raquan Brown, 19, of 209 Davis St, Darlington, Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st
- Latrisha Jimmetre Campbell, 38, of 813 Harrell Street, Lydia, Assault and Battery High Aggravated Nature
- Travis Dickey, 21, of 321 Hill St, Marshville, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st

- Christopher Eugene Haigler, 51, 1212 Coppersmith Dr, Hartsville, Public Drunk
- Amber Rae Hill, 29, of 2414 Windstar Dr, Hartsville, Fail to Appear DUS; Fail to Appear DUS; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Fail to Appear After a Release for a Misdemeanor
- Mesheiko Chicenna Huggins, 20, of 405 Swift Creek D7, Hartsville, Fail to Appear Simple Poss Marijuana/Hash
- Jestina Nettles Johnson, 40, of 110 Sallie St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Carol Estefania Mendoza, 22, of 1271 Holland Road, Danville VA, Traffic/Stopping Standing Parking on State Hwy; Driving Without a License
- Benjamin Gray Pitts, 23, of 2552 Wesley Chapel Rd, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st
- Andrew John Talbert, 34, of 1737 E Home Ave, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Wendy Alexander Bateman, 47, of 1210 Swift Creek Road, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Lisa Marie Froese, 37, of 1011 Stuckey Bottom Rd, Hartsville, Trespassing
- Sharri Monique Peterson, 32, of 421 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, No Charge Data
- Kamal Vyas, 44, of 7726 Woodward Ave, Woodbridge IL, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

Sheriff's Office awarded body-worn camera grant

The Darlington County Sheriff's office has been awarded \$112,011.27 for the purchase and data storage of body-worn cameras through the Body-Worn Cameras Fund, which was appropriated by the General Assembly.

Sen. Gerald Malloy of Darlington, was the chief sponsor of S.47, the Body Camera Bill, which was passed in 2015.

This law requires all law enforcement agencies within the state to implement the use of body-worn cameras. Also, the law requires the state to fund local agencies with the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of body-worn cameras and ongoing costs related to the maintenance and storage of data recorded by body-worn cameras.

"I am pleased to support Sheriff Chavis and assist in getting funds," stated Senator Malloy.

"One of my goals as Sheriff is to obtain all available grant funding to best serve the people of Darlington County. The use of body-worn cameras protects the citizens, the officers, and the truth," Sheriff Chavis said.

This is the first time the Darlington County Sheriff's Office has applied for and received these funds since they became available in 2015.

Darlington County School District reminds of 'A Parent's Right To Know' ESSA parental notification

In December 2015, President Barack Obama signed the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) into law. Designed to ensure that all children have an opportunity to obtain a quality education, the law brought many changes to South Carolina's schools.

Federal law allows parents to ask for certain information about their child's classroom teachers and requires the

schools to respond to this request in a timely manner. Parents of students in the Darlington County School District have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their child and of the teacher's aides who assist that teacher.

To receive this information, parents should send a letter to their child's principal request-

ing the ESSA teacher qualification information, complete a request form and send it to the principal, or fill out a request form at the child's school. A copy of the request form can also be found on the Darlington County website at www.darlington.k12.sc.us. Once the request is received, the information will be mailed to the parents within 10 school days.

The Darlington County School District serves more than 10,000 students with 23 schools and an Adult Education program. Darlington County School District strives to prepare all students to be productive, career- and college-ready citizens by providing challenging educational experiences in a positive, safe environment supported by the community.

Hartsville Young Professionals gives to Humane Society

The Hartsville Young Professionals (HYP) organization hosted an Ales and Tails donation drive event for the Darlington County Humane Society on August 10 at Vintage Craft Beer and Wine Boutique. HYP members and the Hartsville community were invited to attend and donate an item or monetary donation of any size. Over \$1,000 was raised at the event, plus numerous items were collected. The donation drive is one of the

community service projects that HYP will put on this year.

A division of the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, Hartsville Young Professionals is an organization that strives to make Hartsville a better place for young professionals to live, work, and play. Professional development, community service, and social events are held throughout the year. For more information, visit Hartsvilleyp.org.

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SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DOCKET NO. 2017-CP-16-0198 Lisa Anderson Barber, Plaintiff

vs. Travis Cornelius Smith, Defendant. TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1704 Main Street, Post Office Box 58, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof. Your answer must be in writing and signed by you or by your attorney and must state your address or the address of your attorney, if signed by your attorney. McDONALD, MCKENZIE, RUBIN, MILLER AND LYBRAND, L.L.P. Post Office Box 58 Columbia, South Carolina 29202 (803) 252-0500 John F. McKenzie Attorney for the Plaintiff March 6, 2017 NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT TRAVIS CORNELIUS SMITH: Notice is hereby given that the Complaint in the foregoing action, together with the Summons, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County

on the 8th day of March, 2017. McDONALD, MCKENZIE, RUBIN, MILLER AND LYBRAND, L.L.P. Post Office Box 58 Columbia, South Carolina 29202 (803) 252-0500 John F. McKenzie Attorney for the Plaintiff August 17, 2017 (6c3 leave in thru 9-6-17)

SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NO.: 2017-GC16-00025 Francis C. Humphries, Jr. Petitioner, Vs. Lamar United Methodist Church, Mt. Elom Church, Epworth Children's Home, Darlington County Hospice, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, The American Red Cross & The Salvation Army, Respondents. TO: DARLINGTON COUNTY HOSPICE:

SUMMONS YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer or other responsive pleading to said Petition on the subscriber at 504 South Coit Street, Post Office Box

2527, Florence, South Carolina 29503, within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer to the Complaint within the time aforesaid, Petitioner will seek an Order of the Court granting the relief demanded in the Petition. YOU WILL PLEASE ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the original Summons and Petition were filed with the Darlington County Probate Court on July 20, 2017 at 1:42 P.M. the object and prayer of which is appointment of a successor Trustee, Declaratory Judgment and Termination of Trust as is set forth in Petition. Gena Phillips Ervin Attorney for Plaintiff

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the Respondent, Darlington County Hospice and their Attorney if any be served with a copy of the Summons, Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing be served by publication of the same once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in The News and Press, a newspaper published in Darlington County, South Carolina which said newspaper is hereby designated to give such notice to said unknown Respondents. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that service in this matter be

made on the Defendants by publishing copies of the Summons, Notice of Filing Petition, and This Order of Publication in The News and Press, a newspaper published in Darlington County, South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. Gena Phillips

Ervin Attorney for Plaintiff (6c3 leave in thru 9-6-17)

Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00124 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Guild Mortgage Company vs. Andrew E. Mattox; Mazingo Investments, LLC, I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on September 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: Legal Description and Property Address: All those certain pieces, parcels or lots of land lying, being and situate near the City of Darlington, Darlington County, South Carolina, being known and designated as Lot 17, Block B as shown on a plat of Forest Acres Subdivision surveyed by Banks & Powers, Registered Surveyors dated

May 29, 1962 and recorded in Plat Book 44 at Page 183. For a more complete description as to metes and bounds, reference to said plat is hereby craved. This being the same property conveyed to Andrew E. Mattox by deed of Evans Construction of the Carolinas, Inc. dated February 13, 2015 and recorded February 19, 2015, in Book 1074 at Page 7152, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County, South Carolina. 190 Dogwood Avenue Darlington, SC 29532 TMS# 163-14-03-136 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 00/100 (4.00%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the

terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Special Referee for Darlington County Darlington, South Carolina _____, 2017. Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700 (6c3 leave in thru 9-6-17)

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(5p3 leave in thru 8-30-17) NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2016-CP-16-0730

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 v. Rodger E Johnson, Pamela J. Barfield, a/k/a Pamela C. Barfield, and Ronald Dean Barfield, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on September 5, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina to the highest bidder: ALL that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with all improvements to be placed thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot 3 and shown to contain 0.77 of an acre on plat made by J.E. Tucker, Jr., Registered Surveyor, dated May 9, 1990, whereon said lot is shown to front on S.C. Road 28 for a distance of one hundred five (105) feet, and to be bounded as follows: On the North by S.C. Road 28; on the East by property of Laverne Dixon (Lot 4) for a distance of two hundred forty-two and seventy-on-hundredths (242.70) feet; on the South by a farm road for a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet, and on the West by property of Rose J. Webster and Harold W. Jacobs (Lot 2) for a distance of two hundred ninety-seven and eighty-nine-one-hundredths (297.89) feet. For a more particular description reference is hereby made to plat above referred to, a copy of which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 131 at Page 77. This being the same property conveyed to the Mortgagors by deed of Harold W. Jacobs and Rose J. Webster, recorded or intended to be recorded coincidentally herewith.

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TMS No.: 147-00-02-048 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee for Darlington County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. 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 9.000% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

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that, pursuant to a Judgment granted in the case of Evelyn Rebecca Woodham v. Godley Auction Company, Inc., et al., 2016-CP-16-0560, I will sell at public auction at the front of the Darlington County Courthouse in Darlington, South Carolina, on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 12:30 O'CLOCK P.M. to the highest bidder for cash the following described property: (Darlington County Tax Map Nos. 166-00-02-001 and 165-14-01-026) All that certain parcel or tract of land in and adjacent to the City of Darlington, and having such dimensions and boundaries as shown on plat incorporated herein by reference; the tract hereby conveyed is designated as Tract C and is shown to contain 32.1 acres on said plat and is bounded on the North in part by parcels hereinafter described and in part by S. C. Route 52 By-Pass; on the East in part by a small lot, now or formerly, of Clareth Jackson and in part by a farm

road separating said 32.1 acre tract from lands formerly of Parrot; on the South by a farm road separating said 32.1 acre tract from lands now or formerly of Marvin E. and Hugh D. White; and on the West by a farm road separating said 32.1 acre tract from lands now or formerly of Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company. ALSO: All those two irregularly shaped parcels of land containing in the aggregate approximately 5.5 acres and marked with two red check marks on the plat made by O. Powers, R.S., dated April 15, 1974, and recorded in Plat Book 66 at Page 124 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County; said two parcels are together being bounded on the North by S. C. Route 52-By-Pass which separates Tract C of 32.1 acres hereinabove described and on the West by farm road separating said Tract C from a 3.97 acre tract also of grantor. LESS AND EXCEPT conveyance of 1.84 acres, more or less, therefrom to Joseph W. Johnson, Jr. by Deed dated June 18, 1975, recorded in Darlington County Deed Book 732 at Page 577; LESS AND EXCEPT 3.00 acres, more or less, conveyed to Nexus Corporation by deed dated February 15, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book D343 at Page 322.

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BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of American acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture v. Ethel M. Dunham, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on September 5, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with improvements to be placed thereon, situate, lying and being in High Hill School District, Darlington County, South Carolina, fronting 150 feet of Public County Road (sometimes called Grey Road and designated as Lot B on a plat made by J.E. Tucker, Jr., Registered Surveyor, dated April 20, 1972, and being bounded according to said plat as follows: On the North by Lot A, as shown on said plat, for a distance of 251 feet; on the East by land of Albert L. Flowers, Jr. for a distance of 172 feet; on the South in part of land of Pearlie May Coe and/or Lister Mack for an aggregate distance of 330 feet, and on the West by said Public County Road. For a more particular description reference is hereby made to a plat above referred to, a copy of which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 57 at Page 165. Being the same property conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed of the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration dated June 23, 1986, and recorded or intended to be recorded coincidental herewith. TMS No.: 149-00-01-012

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee for Darlington County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. 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 9.500% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

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IN ADDITION all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in Darlington County, South Carolina, together with any improvements thereon, being near the City Limits of Darlington County, South Carolina and fronting 60 feet on an unnamed road, and being bounded, now or formerly, as follows according to a plat made by T. E. Wilson, C.E., dated June 12, 1956, on the North by property of Dr. P. A. Betha, along which it extends for a distance of 125 feet; on the East by said road on which it measures and fronts 60 feet; on the South by property of Marvin and Hugh White along which it extends for a distance of 60 feet. For a more particular description reference is hereby made to a copy of which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 25 at Page 43. This being the same properties conveyed to Godley Auction Company, Inc. by Deed of Moody-Godley Action Company, Inc. dated December 28, 1988 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Deed Book 966 at Page 230 on December 29, 1988. Property Address: Highway 52 By-Pass Darlington, South Carolina 29532 Tax Parcel #: 166-00-02-001 and 165-14-01-026 AND (Darlington County Tax Map No. 165-14-01-009) All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, with the improvements thereon, in the City and County of Darlington, South Carolina shown to contain 25.38 acres on a map by Ervin Engineering Co., Inc. dated December 30, 1974, a copy of which is recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 95 at page 195. By reference to the above described map, the property herein described is bounded, now or formerly, on the North and Northwest by Chestnut Street, on which it measures a distance of 180.2 feet and by land of undesignated ownership (being next herein below described) on which it measures a distance of 200 feet; on the Northeast by land of undesignated ownership, upon which it measures a distance of 695 feet and a distance of 782.32 feet; on the East by a dirt road upon which it measures a distance of 471.66 feet; on the South by U. S. Highway No. 52 By-Pass, upon which it fronts and measures a distance of 1473 feet; and on the West by a dirt road upon which it measures a distance of 945.5 feet. This being a portion of the property conveyed to Godley Auction Co. of S.C., Inc. by deed of Richard B. Cox recorded November 26, 1996 in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Deed Book D147 at Page 17 and a corrective deed from Godley Auction Co. of S.C., Inc. to Godley Auction Company, Inc. of South Carolina dated August 14, 2001, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Deed Book D323 at Page 233. Property Address: Highway 52 By-Pass Darlington, South Carolina 29532 Tax Parcel #: 165-14-01-009 AND (Darlington County Tax Map No. 165-14-01-008) All that certain parcel or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, in the City and County of Darlington, South Carolina, being irregular in shape and containing 3.45 acres and being bounded on the North 189.5 feet by lot of Darlington Propane Gas Company on the East 540 feet by a farm road running in a generally southerly direction from Chestnut Street, on the South 379.7 feet by S. C. Route 52 By-Pass and on the West 492.6 feet by Seaboard Coastline Railroad right-of-way. This being the same property conveyed to Godley Auction

Company, Inc. by deed of Moody-Godley Auction Company, Inc. recorded December 29, 1988 in Deed Book 966 at Page 230 in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. Property Address: Highway 52 By-Pass Darlington, South Carolina 29532 Tax Parcel #: 165-14-01-008 AND (Darlington County Tax Map No. 166-00-02-054) All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying, being and situate in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, known and designated as Tract One containing Fifty and Seven Hundredths (50.07) acres, more or less. Reference being had to a plat prepared for Godley Auction Company by Ervin Engineering Company, Inc. dated January 10, 1990 and recorded in Plat Book 126 at Page 159 in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. LESS AND EXCEPT 5.30 acres conveyed to Carolina Power & Light Company by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1024 at Page 3580 on November 20, 2002. LESS AND EXCEPT 1.57 acres conveyed to J. Bryan Howle, Jr. by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1038 at Page 3065 on April 27, 2005. LESS AND EXCEPT 3.316 acres conveyed to County of Darlington by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1058 at Page 2096 on November 3, 2009. LESS AND EXCEPT 1.78 acres conveyed to Germaine Simon by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1059 at Page 3329 on April 1, 2010. This being a portion of the property conveyed to Godley Auction Company, Inc. by deed of Linda S. Lombard recorded January 24, 1990 in Deed Book 986 at Page 136 in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. Property Address: 273 Auction Avenue Darlington, South Carolina 29532 Tax Parcel #: 166-00-02-054 AND (Darlington County Tax Map Nos. 165-14-01-028, 165-13-01-030 and 165-13-01-031) All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina containing 24.924 acres as shown on a plat made for Jeanene Locklair Leonard by Ervin Engineering Co., Inc. dated August 4, 1994, whereon said property is shown to be located at the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 52 By-Pass and S. C. Hwy. 340 (Washington Street). For a more particular description, reference is hereby made to the plat above referred to, a copy of which is filed in the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 158 at Page 127. LESS AND EXCEPT 2.0 acres conveyed to REFCON, LLC by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1037 at Page 4353 on February 24, 2005. LESS AND EXCEPT 1.75 acres conveyed to James C. Boyd by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1042 at Page 6691 on March 9, 2006. This being the same property conveyed to Godley Auction of S.C., Inc. by deed of Jeanene Locklair Leonard recorded March 15, 1995 in Deed Book D92 at Page 154 in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County and corrective deed from Godley Auction of S.C., Inc. to Godley Auction Company, Inc. of South Carolina dated August 14, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book D323 at Page 235. Property Address: Highway 52 By-Pass Darlington, South Carolina 29532 Tax Parcel #: 165-14-01-028, 165-13-01-030, 165-13-01-031

NOTICE is further given that the successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, at said sale will be required to deposit immediately with the Special Referee an amount equal to five (5%) percent of his bid in cash, and if such deposit is not made, the Special Referee will resell said property on the sales day or some subsequent sales day as may appear advantageous. In case the successful bidder should fail to comply with his bid by payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after acceptance of his bid, his deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold on some subsequent sales day without further Order of the Court, at the risk of the purchaser. The purchaser will be required to pay for the deed, documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale through date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.00%. Since a deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding shall be closed upon the date of sale. This property is sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null,

void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Haigh Porter, Special Referee _____, 2017 Florence, South Carolina

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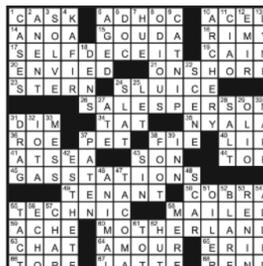
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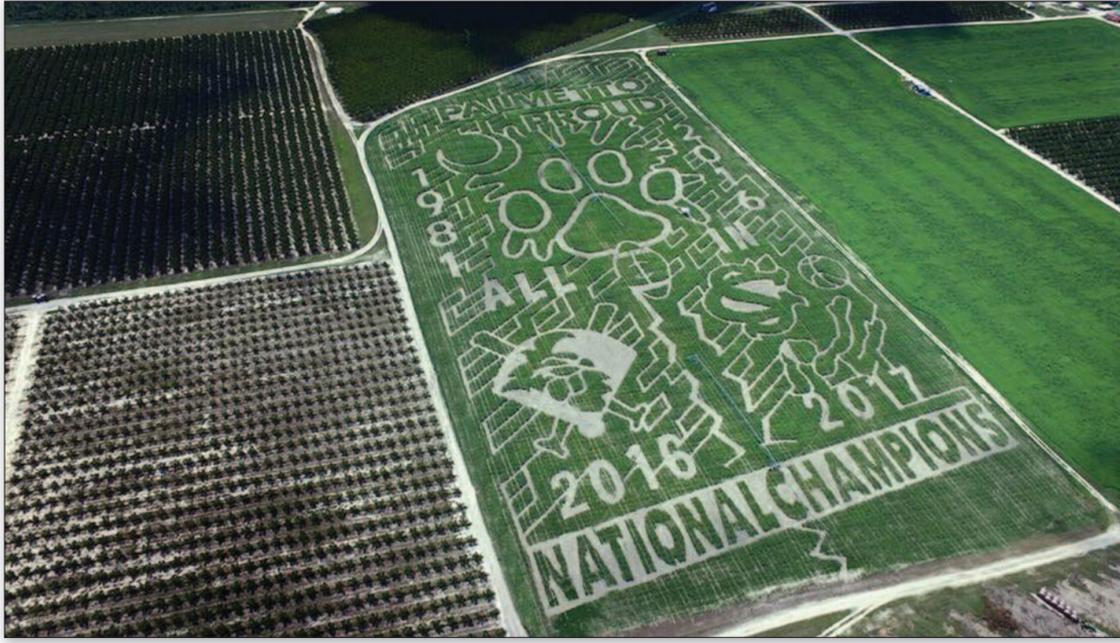
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South Carolina's top legal group names a new president

Columbia – The South Carolina Association for Justice (SCAJ) has named a new President. Midlands' attorney Hugh McAngus, Jr. of Chappell, Smith & Arden is taking over leadership of the state's largest association of plaintiff lawyers. He will be replacing attorney Alex Cash, whose term has expired.

SCAJ has over 1200 members and is the state's leading advocate for matters related to justice and access to fairness under the law. McAngus will bring a unique mixture of legal experience and policy expertise to the position.

"The Association's work is vital to protecting our system of justice, and it makes a positive difference in people's lives. The legal profession is much more than a job to me. It's a calling, and I am honored to be serving as President of such an active and effective Association," McAngus said.

before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

McAngus joined Chappell, Smith & Arden as a law clerk and has practiced as an attorney since 2006. Maintaining leadership positions in many professional associations, he currently is South Carolina's Revitalization Board Member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ). He has also served on the Membership and Underride Committees of the AAJ's Trucking Litigation Group.

At the SCAJ annual convention, several other attorneys rose to new positions of leadership. Thiele McVey of Columbia became President—Elect and James "Jay" Ward of Charleston was elected Vice-President with Richards McCrae of Rock Hill now serving as Secretary/Treasurer.

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The South Carolina Association for Justice was founded in 1957 to serve as advocates for those who are harmed by the actions of others and to strengthen the justice system through education and action. With membership from all across South Carolina, SCAJ is a strong and growing organization fighting for fairness under the law. Visit www.SCAJ.com for more information on the Association.

S.C. Humanities names Governor's Award recipients

SC Humanities is pleased to announce that four extraordinary South Carolina individuals will be recipients of this year's annual Governor's Awards in the Humanities, to be presented at a luncheon on Thursday, October 19. The winners are: Karen Alexander (The Auntie Karen Foundation), arts-based community programs; Orville Vernon Burton, historian and author; Dixie Goswami, literacy education researcher; and Betty Jo Rhea, former mayor of Rock Hill and cultural advocate.

Established in 1991, the Governor's Awards in the Humanities recognize outstanding achievement in humanities research, teaching, and scholarship; From 1991-2016 seventy-four awards have been presented.

Karen Alexander is the CEO of the Columbia-based Auntie Karen Foundation. This global nonprofit's mission is to "empower, enlighten and educate through the arts." Alexander established the foundation in 2001. Since then, she has used her experience and talent to build the impact of the foundation. Her creations and events include Auntie Karen's Young Entrepreneur's Conference, Gordon's Garden, Olivia the Octopus, Auntie Karen's "Legends of" Concert Series, and Auntie Karen's Black History Museum Celebration. It is Alexander's love for the arts that inspired her to leave her corporate position with Xerox Corporation to offer something different. And the programs offered by the Auntie Karen Foundation do that with outstanding help from volunteers, sponsors, community support and independent contractors.

Orville Vernon Burton is Professor of History, Pan-African

Studies, Sociology, and Computer Science at Clemson University. From 2008-2010, he was the Burroughs Distinguished Professor of Southern History and Culture at Coastal Carolina University. He is emeritus University Distinguished Teacher/Scholar, University Scholar, Professor of History, African American Studies, and Sociology at the University of Illinois where he was also the Associate Director for Humanities and Social Sciences at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) and the founding Director of the Institute for Computing in Humanities, Arts, and Social Science (I CHASS). He serves as Executive Director of the College of Charleston's Low Country and Atlantic World Program (CLAW). Burton's research and teaching interests include the American South, especially race relations and community, and the intersection of humanities and social sciences. He has served as president of the Southern Historical Association and of the Agricultural History Society and was elected to honorary life membership in BrANCH (British American Nineteenth-Century Historians). In 2015 Burton was elected into the S.C. Academy of Authors. Burton is a prolific author and scholar (twenty authored or edited books and more than two hundred articles). The Age of Lincoln (2007) won the Chicago Tribune Heartland Literary Award for Nonfiction and was selected for Book of the Month Club, History Book Club, and Military Book Club. His most recent book, Penn Center: A History Preserved (2014), traces the school's history since 1862 and

discusses its current efforts at preserving Gullah culture.

Dixie Goswami, Professor emerita of English at Clemson University, was a Senior Scholar at Clemson's Strom Thurmond Institute for Policy and Analysis and a Senior Scientist at the American Institutes for Research in Washington, DC. She is director and co-founder of the Write to Change Foundation, which supports youth leadership, literacy, and advocacy, and director of Special Projects for Middlebury College's national Bread Loaf School of English Teacher Network. As a longtime member of the Middlebury Bread Loaf faculty, she held the Robert Frost Chair of Literature and Language; as a South Carolina educator, she received the Richard Riley Award for Service to SC Public Education from the SC Council of Teachers of English. She holds honorary degrees from Presbyterian College and Middlebury College. Goswami's current work focuses on inclusive education policies and practices that provide vulnerable young people with the skills, resources, and support they need to thrive. She serves as Director of the Middlebury Bread Loaf NextGeneration Leadership Network, which is supported by a two-year grant from the Ford Foundation's Youth Opportunity and Learning initiative. BLTN NextGen will engage an exceptionally diverse cohort of youth from six states, including South Carolina, as allies and advocates in writing and acting for social and educational change. Goswami's 15 great-grandchildren represent a wide range of ethnicity and experiences in South Carolina and beyond.

Elizabeth Josephine Rhea, known to everyone simply as

'Betty Jo,' has served her hometown of Rock Hill and the state of South Carolina in a number of roles. She and husband Jimmy began their civic involvement with organizations like the Jaycees and Junior Welfare League. Rhea's reputation with the League led to an invitation to join Rock Hill's Parks and Recreation Commission, which she chaired. This was the springboard for her political career, which included eight years on Rock Hill's City Council and twelve years as the city's first female mayor. Throughout her career, Betty Jo Rhea has championed the arts, historic preservation and beautification, often in the face of stiff opposition. Rock Hill's innovative strategy, Empowering the Vision, resulted in the city becoming a model for others because of the progress made in tree plantings and ordinances in support of beautification; a completely renovated downtown; the designation of historic districts and the introduction of public art. Rhea particularly championed public art, speaking at events across the United States about its importance to quality of life. She frequently lobbied the S.C. Legislature and the U.S. Congress in support of arts funding. Once when joining other urban leaders in protesting cuts to the budget of the National Endowment for the Arts, she spoke out at a press conference in the U.S. Capitol, saying, "We have to look after the soul of the people that live in our cities." Most recently, Rhea has served on the SC Humanities Board.

To learn more about the Governor's Awards in the Humanities visit www.schumanities.org.

Statement from Clemson University and family of Tucker Hipps

On September 22, 2014, Cindy and Gary Hipps, and the Clemson University community, tragically lost a son, a friend, and a lifelong Tiger, Tucker Hipps. Tucker was a talented and much loved young man known for his leadership skills and his warm and friendly nature.

Before Tucker's death, Clemson had begun instituting changes to its policies regarding its Greek system. After Tucker's death, the University accelerated its efforts and made additional substantial changes to its Greek system including:

- Adding new staff members to implement leadership and health/wellness programming, and to increase council advising support.
- Increasing new member education on hazing, alcohol, sexual misconduct, academic success and more, from a one-day session in fall 2015 to a four-week education series in fall 2016.
- Adding Fraternity and Sorority Life Certified Peer Educators to implement peer-led wellness programs.

As a result of these changes, the 2016-2017 academic year saw a substantial decrease in major charges and violations of the Student Code of Conduct by fraternity members. The Hipps family supports the University's continued efforts to address issues related to the Clemson University fraternity system so that it truly represents the best of Clemson's values, and the University deeply appreciates their support.

As part of their efforts to enhance the amount of information concerning Greek organizations available to students and parents, the Hipps were instrumental in the passage of the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act, which requires colleges and universities in South Carolina to post information on their websites detailing fraternity and sorority student organization misconduct. Clemson fully supports that Act.

Clemson is committed to further strengthening its Greek community. The Hipps support these efforts.

Six Southern states receive top awards in national competition

NORFOLK, VA – State department of transportation projects that swiftly addressed a spike in wrong-way driving fatalities and that used safety improvements to encourage pedestrian and bicycle travel were winners in the southern regional America's Transportation Awards competition.

Now in its 10th year, the competition attracted 21 project nominations from 10 southern states. Six of those states today received awards for eight winning projects at the Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Annual Meeting in Norfolk, Va.

"Every project nominated in this competition represents the hard work and dedication of state DOTs across the country to meet the transportation needs of the communities we serve," said David Bernhardt, president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation. "For 10 consecutive years, the America's Transportation Awards have given state DOTs the recognition they deserve for providing the essential connections that keep people, goods and our

economy moving forward."

Sponsored by AASHTO, AAA, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the competition recognizes transportation projects in three categories: Quality of Life/Community Development, Best Use of Technology and Innovation and new this year, Operations Excellence. Winners were chosen by an independent panel of judges from within the transportation industry.

Two state DOTs took home awards in the Quality of Life/Community Development category. Virginia DOT won in the small project group (projects costing under \$25 million) for its Route 50 Traffic Calming project through Middleburg. The winner in the medium project group (projects costing between \$25 million and \$200 million) was South Carolina DOT's Broad River Road Bridge project.

In the Best Use of Technology and Innovation category, three winners were named. Florida DOT won in the small project group for its Wrong-Way Driving Mitigation Initiative. Arkansas DOT won in the medium project group for the Broadway Bridge over Arkansas River project. And Georgia DOT's I-75 South Metro Reversible Express Lanes project won in

the large project group (projects costing more than \$200 million).

Three state DOTs won awards in the Operations Excellence category. South Carolina DOT's Lexington Roundabout project won in the small project group while Virginia DOT's I-66 Active Traffic Management System won in the medium project group. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Ohio River Bridges: Downtown Crossing project won in the large project group.

This is the fourth and final regional competition. The three highest-scoring projects from each region have advanced into the "Top 12." The Top 12 projects will now compete for the Grand Prize, determined by an independent panel of expert judges and the People's Choice Award, selected by the general public. Online voting for the People's Choice Award begins Aug. 21. The two top prizes come with a \$10,000 check, to be donated to a charity or scholarship of the state DOT's choosing. The winners will be announced at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Phoenix, September 27.

To learn about the competition and to vote online go to: www.AmericasTransportationAwards.org.

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