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

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## Hartsville declares Irma emergency

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Hartsville City Council convened a special meeting on Thursday, September 7 and formally declared a State of Emergency for the city in advance of Hurricane Irma, which was expected to bring severe weather to a wide swath of the southeastern U.S. for several days.

City manager Natalie Zeigler said the city was asking residents not to place any additional trash

or yard debris on the curb before the storm, and added that city workers would not be picking up trash on Monday or Tuesday (Sep. 11 and 12). She said that sanitation crews would work additional hours after the storm to catch up and get back on schedule.

On the regular agenda, Council did not vote to advance two ordinances related to the planned water park expansion: Ordinance 4300 would have consolidated the water/sewer sys-

tem with the new water park enterprise, and Ordinance 4301 was related to the issuance of not more than \$10 million in system improvement revenue bonds, with proceeds going toward constructing and equipping the city's planned water park expansion project.

Zeigler explained that the water park project is still going forward as planned, but on the advice of the city's bond attorney the financing plan is being restructured.

Council approved Ordinance 4302, leasing office space to The Governor's School for Science and Mathematics at 145 W Carolina Ave for Startsville Innovation Center. GSSM leased this space for the past year for the Startsville offices and were originally going to pay rent of \$800 a month, but this new lease grants them the space rent-free for a period of three years.

The meeting included a time allotted for public comments regarding Coker College's new

comprehensive strategic plan, which includes the purchase and improvement of the Medical Arts Office Complex located on Railroad Avenue, installation of a synthetic turf field and soccer stadium upgrades on the existing soccer field at Coker College located on Second Street, and infrastructure improvements, upgrades of internet lines and fiber optics lines at the college. No private citizens spoke during this comment period.

Council approved issuance of an endorsement letter, which will support Coker's efforts to secure direct loans and/or grants from

the United States Department of Agriculture.

A contract with low bidder Asbestos Inspections, LLC of Conway was approved in the amount of \$1,595 for asbestos surveying and air monitoring of Neighborhood Initiative Program Properties, with additional rates as provided for monitoring services required by the Department of Health and Environmental Controls and SC Housing. This precaution is necessary to ensure that derelict homes taken down by the city do not pose an air quality threat to nearby residents.

HARTSVILLE ON 3A



Members of the Dixie Force Darlington team received a plaque and certificate recognizing their outstanding fundraising efforts to benefit Relay for Life of Darlington. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

## Dixie Force tops Relay for Life fundraising

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Dixie Force Darlington, the community outreach team from Georgia Pacific / Darlington Dixie Cup, was recognized last week for their top fundraising efforts on behalf of Relay for Life. Members of the Dixie Force team received a plaque and certificate commemorating their county-leading contribution of \$20,555 to the American Cancer Society event.

"The Dixie Force team did an awesome, awesome job raising over \$20,000 and we are so thankful," said Chinel Boateng, senior community development manager for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life (covering Darlington, Florence, and Marion Counties). "When you have individual employees who are making dona-

tions like this, it really means a lot to us." "We want to thank all of our employees for their contributions. We asked for donations and people really stepped up to help," says Ashley Black, coordinator for Dixie Force Darlington.

This year, Relay for Life of Darlington raised \$66,538 of their \$89,000 goal. Corporate sponsors included Sonoco, Hartsville YMCA, Darlington Police Department, Raceway Ford, Stingray Boats, and iHeart Media.

"The Darlington Police Department was our Rookie Team of the Year, raising \$2,123 for ground-breaking cancer research. In all, we had 31 teams and 196 registered participants. Relay for Life helps people get well, stay well, and lead in the fight against cancer," says Boateng, noting that contributions help fund the

American Cancer Society's educational programs, patient and family services, and scientific research.

She adds that more help is needed to keep the event going, and both financial donations and volunteers are welcome.

"Relay for Life is a volunteer driven and staff supported event, so we're always looking for volunteers who actually put the event on...and there are many roles to play, because it takes a lot of people to make this event happen," says Boateng. "We can basically put anybody to work. There are no special skills required, just a servant's heart."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the spring 2018 Relay for Life event can contact chinel.boateng@cancer.org. To learn more about the event, visit www.relay.acsevents.org.

## City moves forward with property demolition

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The City of Darlington will have fewer blighted properties thanks to a vote from city council to move forward with a demolition project presented by Codes Inspector Alex Gainey.

The project involves more than 50 properties, including commercial structures. Gainey said that the city could go one of two ways: they could bid the work out or use an employee of the city with demolition experience, keeping the work in-house.

"We need to decide what is the best option for the City of Darlington," Gainey said. "Right now, we have 51 residences and three commercial properties on the list; originally we had 59, which was 56 (residences) and three (commercial). A couple of houses have already been taken down and then we've had a couple of people that have told us that they were going to tear a house down or bring them up to code."

Gainey said that it is expected that more properties will be

taken off the demolition list.

"We do have one commercial property that is going to be taken off the list because it is going to be torn down in the next two to three weeks; that is going to be at the corner of 401 and 52," Gainey said. "The same contractor is also going to be taking down a house at the corner of Broad and Vaughan Street that was owned by Diamond Hill Plywood."

Though there are commercial properties on the list, Gainey said they wouldn't be the focal point of the demolition work.

"Our focus right now is going to be on the residential structures in the City of Darlington; that is going to leave two commercial structures," Gainey said. "We are going to focus on the residential because we can take those down for a lot lesser cost. Right now, we have about \$60,000 in our budget for demolition."

One consideration the city must make when deciding whether to bid out or work in-house is the regulations that DHEC has for demolition projects.

DEMOLITION ON 3A

## Leadership Symposium speaker encourages participants to inspire others

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An all-day Women's Leadership Symposium, hosted by the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 8 featured a variety of speakers and included several break-out sessions for participants to network and get more hands-on. Chamber President Quinetta Buterbaugh said that the conference has been in the works since February and she was thrilled with the results.

The keynote speaker for the day was Lynn Good, CEO of Duke Energy. Good spoke about the importance of leadership for companies of any size and in any market, relating her points to many experiences she has had a Duke.

Good broke down what a great leader looks like using attributes that Duke identified.

"This was born out of my desire to be very clear about what leadership should look like at Duke," Good said. "We've identified five leadership attributes. I'm hope that you hear something as I talk that will resonate with you and be something you can build upon for your own career or for the people that you work with."

The first point was, Live Your Purpose.

"At Duke Energy we have a very noble purpose, we power the lives of our customers and the communities that we serve. If you think about what we do, we have a very big impact on the quality of your life because when we are not there, and you don't have power, you truly appreciate the power of what we bring," Good said. "I want nothing more than for our employees to feel deeply and passionately about how important our purpose is for our customers that we have the honor to serve...If we have leaders at Duke Energy who define their purpose very big and they inspire their employees to define their purpose in a very big way, you can see the magic that can come from that."

The second point was, Work As One.

"In a company the size of Duke Energy, it is easy to work in that silo," Good said. "Leaders who are going to excel have to be able to work across those organizational boundaries. They absolutely must own the issue that we are trying to solve and bring all of Duke Energy to that solution."

LEADERSHIP ON 3A

## GSSM alum at convocation: I expect great things from all of you

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Carl Garris, a 2013 graduate of the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics encouraged seniors to expand their horizons during his speech at the school's annual convocation, held Sept. 7 at the Center Theater in Hartsville.

Garris shared some advice but also a few inside jokes.

"Six years ago, I was sitting where you are," Garris said. "There are many things I wish I'd known then. If only I'd known that early was on time at the Governor's School, on time is late and late is simply unacceptable. So juniors, be early for Dr. Jones-Cooper's class."

Reflecting on the special day, Garris admitted that the Governor's School offers opportunities as well as challenges.

"When I attended my own convocation, I had scarcely an inkling of what was in store for



Carl Garris speaks during the 2017 GSSM Convocation. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

me," Garris said. "I was excited, intimidated and I felt like an imposter surrounded suddenly by such brilliant peers."

Pointing out the regalia he donned, along with all GSSM faculty, Garris said he had to come to terms with his major after graduating from a STEM school.

"You'll notice that I'm wearing two tassels: one gold and one silver; one for the sciences and one for the humanities, or more properly the arts," Garris said. "I'm a bit of a black sheep, historian spawn from the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics. That's how I

viewed myself anyway on graduating and heading to the University of South Carolina as a fresh history major. But that's not how I view myself now. The more I studied and learned about, well, learning, the more I realized how artificial and, in many ways, flawed the barriers we've erected between disciplines actually is."

Garris said that he realized interdisciplinary projects find great success because they take the best from both fields of study.

"The knowledge that we seek is often inaccessible to one discipline alone, increasingly so,"

Garris said. "Only through working together through interdisciplinary projects and research can we roll the ball of progress forward in the 21st Century."

As he found a love for the sciences and the humanities, Garris encouraged students to seek not only what they love but also the unexplored.

"As you embark on your GSSM journey, I want each and every one of you to keep your eyes open and your horizons broad," Garris said. "Both juniors and seniors, don't feel limited to your favorite subject. Branch out from Physics to Chemistry, from English to Computer Science, Mathematics to History. You'll find the fruits that grow there rare and delectable."

Garris, a Richard Hofstadter Fellow, currently pursuing his PhD in medieval history at Columbia University ended his speech with a Latin phrase know to many.

"Remember always what makes you unique, what you are contributing to the university and the world, because you're you," Garris said. "I'll end with a Latin imperative, a command for you: Carpe Diem. Seize this day and make it your own. I expect great things from all of you."



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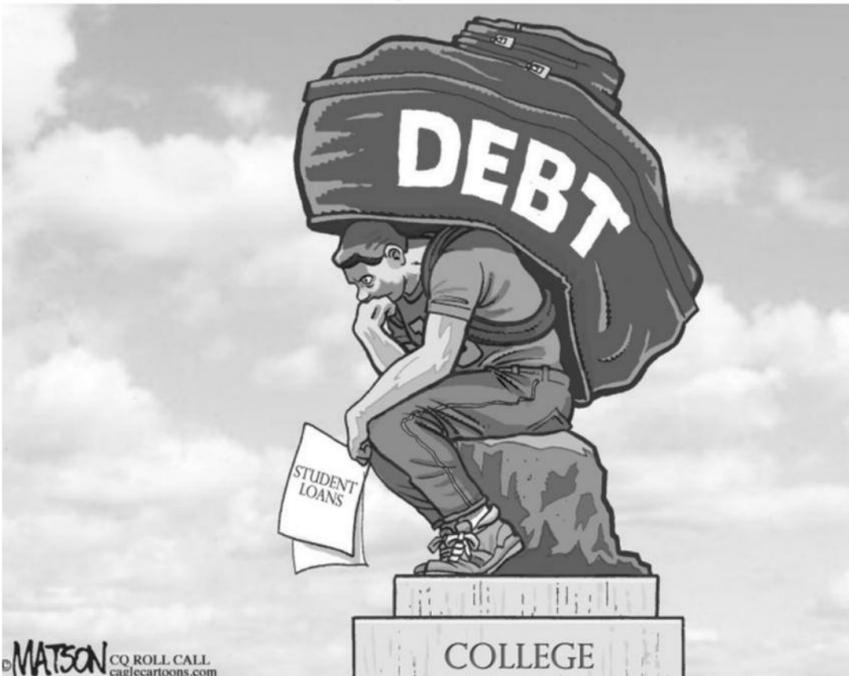
Word of the Week

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to vehement insistent outcry

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## I Am What I Am

By Bill Shepard

When I first gave thought to writing this article and to the title, my mind went back to a comic strip I read as a boy. One of the characters was Popeye and his favorite line seemed to be, "I y'am what I y'am, I y'am Popeye the sailor man!" I bet that line stirs a lot of memories! So, here I go again!

I am what I am! I am a mill village boy, nothing more, nothing less. I am proud of my heritage and would not trade it for any other! Growing up on a cotton mill village during one of the hardest times in American history helped to prepare me for the long journey ahead.

The 20's and 30's of the past century were difficult times, not only in America but around the globe. World War I had ended leaving the entire world in shambles. Jobs were scarce, starvation stalked the nation like a hungry wolf and bread lines were formed with hungry people in many parts of America. Veterans, many sick and unable to work camped out on the White House lawn in Washington seeking help from a government that was unable to respond. That was my world as a small boy.

Fortunately for the south, the textile industry was on the move from the New England states southwards to be near the large cotton plantations and cheap labor that was plentiful. Poor share-crop farmers flocked to the mills where they could find work that offered more than they could earn ploughing another man's fields. That was what prompted my dad to move with his family to the textile mill (cotton mill) in Darlington where I spent my happy childhood. Though the times were hard as nails and some suffered more than others, I can honestly say that I never missed a meal, and went to bed every night with a shelter over my head. I was awakened every morning by the sound of a whistle from the big mill and knew my dad was on his way to work to earn the money that made my well-being possible!

I was rich while growing up in a world of poverty! I was rich in the abundance of my surroundings.

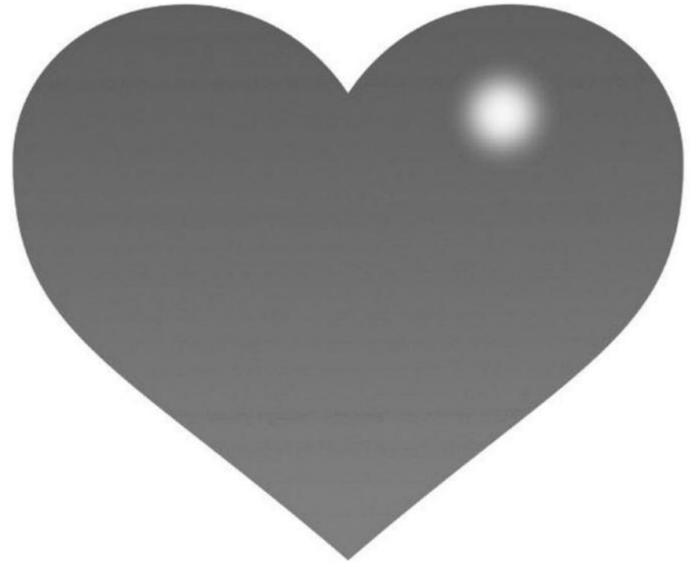
I was part of a loving and caring family; a dad that worked long hours for little pay, and a mom who knew how to stretch that little pay as far as it could go. I had the love of two older brothers and two younger sisters! We had our difficult moments and differences but when the day ended and darkness covered our household, we slept in peace.

I was rich in the things that nature provided! I knew where the wild plums grew and ripened in the springtime. Besides eating until I could eat no more, I would pick bucketfuls for mom to make jelly. It would be so good on cold winter days that would follow.

I knew where the wild grapes (muscadines) grew in the treetops of the forest nearby, and I knew where to find the hickory nuts that ripened in the early winter. If I could beat the squirrels to them I would gather a-plenty to carry home to eat later on the cold winter days ahead.

SHEPARD ON 3A

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EVERYTHING'S BIGGER IN TEXAS

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## S.C.'s Nuclear Scandal, Political Corruption and Accountability

By Phil Noble

The current scandal of SCANA's (S.C. Electric and Gas parent company) and Santee Cooper's nuclear debacle is arguably the biggest scandal in our state's history in the last 100 years.

It involves over \$9 billion in wasted money which millions of South Carolinians are being asked to pay and the wholesale corruption of our Statehouse that enables it all to happen.

It is a sorted scandal of long-term political corruption, short term corporate incompetence (or worse) and the total denial of responsibility by all who are at fault.

If this isn't the biggest scandal in our state's history, please tell me what is.

And, the great irony is that it did not have to happen. It was totally preventable.

My recent columns on the nuclear scandal have generated a lot of response. Below, is an email that says it all:

Dear Phil,  
I read the subject article, written by you, as part of a personal Google search launched to better educate myself on the shutdown of the V.C. Summer project. I am not a resident of your state or an investor in SCANA or any firm associated with the project. My interest comes from a life spent working in the nuclear industry. I have been blessed with opportunities as a Senior Reactor Operator, senior manager of multiple nuclear departments and executive positions in nuclear generation and support com-

panies. I am committed to the view that nuclear generation is a carbon free source of electricity needed to maintain living standards in developed countries as well bring a better life to underdeveloped ones.

It is from this perspective that I SUPPORT your article. The collapse of the V.C. Summer project has resulted in the squandering of ratepayer investment, unemployment in your state and the loss of a needed carbon free electricity supply. This failure has damaged stakeholders well outside the boundaries of your state. The root cause is not a failure of an organization or process. It is the result of the failure of individuals to perform. Multiple people did not do their job(s). They did not personally invest themselves adequately to exercise financial stewardship, demonstrate personal ownership or provide project oversight. Under performers must feel consequences commensurate with to the significance of their failure.

I don't know the details of this situation. My sources are the papers I have read. More details will come as the current state investigation continues. However, I am confident the specifics will not change the obvious conclusion(s);

People failed.  
Many more will bear the consequences for their failures

It didn't have to end this way.

Name withheld by request  
Now the politics. This scan-

dal was enabled by the passage of the Base Load Review Act in 2007 that allowed the utilities to begin building these nuclear facilities and bill the rate payer in advance plus guarantee SCANA a 10.25 percent profit – even if the project failed, as it did. The legislation was passed in just a few days with only six state House members and no Senators voting against it.

Over the years, the utilities have spent millions of dollars (no one knows how much) to essentially buy the legislature and other state politicians. Is this an unfair statement? Consider these facts and you decide.

Over the years, the utilities spend millions on campaign contributions lobbyists, and dark money payments to legislators and then got their special legislation (written by utility company lawyers) passed in a highly unusual manner in just a few days.

SCANA gave Gov. Henry McMaster \$115,000 in campaign contributions in June, just as he's beginning to negotiate with SCANA. In the first quarter of 2017, he also received \$33,500 from the electric co-ops (allied with Santee Cooper). McMaster says he has 'no intention' of giving any of the money back.

Not one of the 170 members of the legislature has disclosed how much dark money they have received from the utilities in unreported payments of retainer fees, consulting contracts and the like to themselves and their immediate fami-

lies. Recently, 32 legislators were appointed to investigate the utilities scandal and ALL of them have received money from either SCANA or the co-ops and 27 received contributions from both. Only four have returned the money.

In recent years the nine members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation have received over \$630,000 in campaign and other contributions during the time that SCANA was seeking a special tax break from Congress. Three of the politicians have stock in SCANA, and best I know, none recused themselves from working on behalf of SCANA's special multi-million tax break.

And now, accountability. One thing is absolutely clear – the responsibility for the nuclear debacle rests solely with SCANA and Santee Cooper. And, the second thing that is equally clear is that the SCANA and Santee Cooper boards of directors and management have refused to take responsibility as they have looted their companies for obscene personal gain. Consider this:

The top management of SCANA was paid more than \$21 million in performance bonuses during the time that the nuclear project was going down the tubes, and none have resigned and no Statehouse politicians have publicly said they should give the money back.

NOBLE ON 3A

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Madam Mayor and Aldermen respectively,  
I address you in this public forum to openly applaud and exhort you, Darlington City Council, for finally taking a long awaited, muchly welcomed, and an appreciated, brave, positive and progressive step forward to position our beloved Pearl in a way that will assure the entire citizenry, - all 7,000 plus of us – will eventually benefit from the \$1.9 million seed investment you are presently sowing into the City of Darlington's recreational infrastructure!  
This is quite a big deal considering this unsettling era of the new resident in the White House, - an avowed CEO who has expressed a desire to "make America great again!"  
I submit this exhortation and appeal to all citizens near and far, imploring all of us to help CEO DJ Trump meet his aspirational goals! We, as citizens of the U.S. Of A., should want nothing but success for our serially challenged and embattled CEO, as only and uniquely 'we

the people' are constitutionally empowered to do! You, Darlington City Council - specifically, as the anointed representatives and stewards of our collective interests, can assist CEO Trump by effectively demonstrating, as you are doing on the local level - how to successfully reach his "make America great again" vision. One community at a time – and from the bottom up!  
We, in Darlington, are in a unique position to show real and inspired leadership - from the bottom up', because our present situation informs us that 'gone are the days', at least temporarily, that smart and effective leadership will now come from the top down!  
This is just the new reality of our times and we might as well face up to it!  
CEO Trump is more committed to deconstructing 'the American experiment' of self-government that 'we, the people' have struggled for the past 241 years to make 'more perfect'!  
In short, I am suggesting that you, City Council, by your

informed as well as favorable actions, have already committed to priming Darlington's aspirational 'economic development' pump with the proposed infusion of \$1 million plus in future hospitality tax revenue! That is a bold statement that you are serious about doing something, and quite unlike preceding Councils that have had the same opportunities, but did not possess the intestinal fortitude to do the right thing!  
I, as one of the 7,000 plus 'average' citizens, am in complete agreement with the proposed targeted expenditure of funds - thus far!  
However, I believe you can be even more specific and progressive in your planning by formally including – on the front end – the original Central ParkSouth (CPS) economic development aspirations into the overall recreation enhancement strategy!  
"Shovel readiness" is the gold standard when entertaining contemporary tax-centric supported projects. If ever there was a 'shovel ready' project, the

20 years delayed original CPS proposal, if done in part or in total, is the apparent poster child of shovel ready!  
I do not say this because CPS was/is my idea, but rather because no matter what your politics is or where you see yourself in the changing demographics, CPS is just the right and appropriate thing to pursue determinedly!  
Nonetheless, everything that has been sought so far, in light of the bond measure as proposed by Rec. Dir. Lee Andrews is sorely needed, but the centerpiece of CPS, the proposed and updated Lil DIR (Darlington Inter-Community RacePark), if pursued with forthright diligence, will ignite a synergy of positive growth in the Central Business District and do more to advance economic development in north downtown/ physically UpTown Darlington than all the failed attempts of the several past Municipal administrations in total!  
Sincerely,  
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## Demolition

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"One thing we are trying to do is stay out of the Greater Project criteria through DHEC," Gainey said. "In years past when demolition was done, in my understanding, it was stopped because it fell under Greater Project criteria and the proper paperwork was not filed through DHEC; the proper permits were not obtained. Basically what happens when it falls under Greater Project, you have to have asbestos and lead paint testing and sampling done. If there is asbestos then you have to have the abated side of it done before you can ever tear the property down."

There are several reasons demolition might fall under Greater Project, Gainey said.

"Number one, if it falls under a federal grant that makes it fall under a Greater Project," Gainey said. "If a city or municipality is tearing it down for roads, if you are tearing it down to build a school, if you tear down two or more properties in a compact city block, that qualifies as a Greater Project. What we have done here is, I've strategically placed them around the city so that when we start tearing down, whichever way we decide to go, we can tear them down in a manner that we stay out of the Greater Project. We can tear one down

in this neighborhood, tear one down in this neighborhood, keep going around until we get them all."

Gainey gave rough estimates for what he thought it would cost the city to bid out the project versus doing it in-house.

He said that he believed bidding out the project, to include asbestos sampling, would cost around \$195,000 meaning that the city would only be able to have 18-20 houses torn down. If the city employee does the work, asbestos sampling would not be required and the city could tear down all of the properties on the list and possibly still have money left from the allotted \$60,000.

Councilmembers Elaine Reed and Carolyn Bruce expressed concern over exposing a city employee to asbestos simply to save money on sampling and abatement costs. Gainey explained that the equipment the city would lease to complete the demolition would prevent any exposure because it would have an enclosed cab and a filter to trap asbestos particles. There would be no risk and it would allow the city to determine in what order the houses were torn down to stay out of the Greater Project criteria.

After some back and forth, council took a vote to move forward in-house with the demolition. The lone nay vote came from Mayor Gloria Hines.

Councilmembers Bryant Gardner and Coleman Cannon were absent.

Under old business, council gave final approval on the \$100,000 sale of 410 Pearl Street to Genesis Health Care.

During the public comment section of the meeting, Lindsay Byrd presented a plaque to Police Chief Danny Watson and Fire Chief Pat Cavanaugh. Byrd thanked the men for the work they have done in the past year with the soup kitchen staffed each Saturday with volunteers. Byrd said that since the kitchen was started in May 2016, around 9,000 meals have been given out.

Councilwoman Reed thanked everyone involved with the soup kitchen saying that many children in her ward benefit from the generosity of the volunteers.

Also in the public comment section, two citizens expressed concern over an SCDOT project at the Main Street Bridge. Doris Davis said that the project will greatly impact her property.

"I want to say that I hope they can widen the bridge without bothering any of us' property," Davis said. "I know on my side it is not as bad as it is on the other side but it looks like to me that they can widen that bridge without bothering any of us' property."

In City Manager Howard Garland's monthly manager report, he mentioned the

bridge project.

"The issue we (city staff) are having a hard time understanding is why SCDOT needs to buy right-of-way further down on North Main Street," Garland wrote. "Specifically on property owned by Doris Davis...and David Eads... (who) would lose significant portions of their front yards. We have been in contact with SCDOT and expressed our concerns at homeowners losing their front yards."

Garland also spoke out in the meeting about the desire for people to keep their property.

"Fix the bridge but don't take people's front yards," Garland said. "For us, it doesn't make any sense other than just shifting the road for the sake of shifting the road. The drawings neighbors have shown us, they won't have any front yard at all."

A proposal to accept bids from SCDOT for two pieces of property on Main Street was tabled. Garland said that the property in question, known to many as Psillos Garden, was gifted to the city and he would like more time to research whether any stipulations were placed on the gift by the family. Garland also said that the property had historical significance being that several soldiers were buried there until 1981 when they were moved to the National Cemetery in Florence.

## Shepard

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When the hot summer days arrived my brother and I swam and splashed in the cool waters of Swift Creek We knew where to find the red-fin pike and sun-perch that were in abundance in the small stream.

Than came that day in December 1941 when the world changed forever. My mill village days were over and I was introduced to another and different kind of world. My early years in the mill village have followed me and in many ways helped to prepare me for what I have become. I recall an instance that happened many years ago that speaks to what I am trying to write. I was being interviewed by a school superintendent regarding a position at his school. He asked if my parents were schoolteachers. When I answered they were not, he asked what kind of work they did. I answered my dad was a mill worker and I grew up on a mill village. I thought to myself, "it's over, he doesn't want to hire a mill village boy!" He offered me a position teaching in one of the most prestigious schools in South Carolina at that time. As time passed the superintendent visited my class-

room frequently. One day he said to me, "Shepard, I've never told you this but one of the reasons I gave you a position at this school was because of your background and growing up on a mill village. I knew the students would identify with you and feel at ease with your presence."

Most all the students at that school lived on the mill village of the large Riegall Textile Corporation. I remained there for seven more years and then moved on to other mill towns! Most of my working years as a teacher and pastoral minister were in mill towns. I credit my childhood years on the mill village in Darlington with preparing me for any success I have enjoyed.

I was, I am, and in my heart and mind will always be....a mill village boy....nothing more, nothing less!

Bill Shepard

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Duke Energy CEO Lynn Good received the Chrysalis Award during the Women's Leadership Symposium Sept. 8. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

## Leadership

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Thirdly, leaders must Deliver Results The Right Way.

"I want you to deliver results with the values that are deep within Duke Energy. So it is safety, it is integrity, it is service to customers, it is living the values that we hold deeply," Good said. "There are so many opportunities as a leader to push an organization to deliver results but the great leaders are

going to care about the way the results are delivered because that is what is sustainable in an organization."

Fourthly, leaders must Transform For The Future.

"We have to challenge long-held beliefs and that is really hard to do," Good said. "We have to adapt. We have to change. We have to embrace. We have to figure out with all of our creativity how we are going to reinvent ourselves to use this new technology in a way that our customers value

and our communities value. I need leaders who are bold enough and brave enough to transform and change."

Lastly, but still important, leaders must Inspire Employees.

"I think any of you who lead can appreciate what you cannot do in yourself," Good said. "That power of the people thing; wow. If you can get people aligned to a common vision to move forward and you can inspire them to do their very best, we can do great things."

## Hartsville

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Council approved first reading of Ordinance 4303 and 4304, reworking a real estate arrangement with the planned EdVenture Children's Museum satellite.

EdVenture currently owns .17 acres of property located at 146 West Carolina Avenue, and they wished to deed the property back to the City of Hartsville for \$5, and then lease the property from the city for five years at a rate of \$1 per year. Zeigler explained that EdVenture did not wish to own the property and preferred a lease arrangement.

Since all agenda items were covered in this session, the Hartsville City Council regular meeting planned for September 12 has been canceled.

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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. 18, 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. 14, 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.

## Noble

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Last year the top five senior managers of SCANA made on average \$2.8 million and CEO Kevin Marsh made \$6.1 million and \$28 million over the last five years.

At Santee Cooper, last year the top five senior managers (state employees) made on average \$321,682 and President Lonnie Carter made \$540,929. None of the Santee Cooper board has resigned and only one of senior management, President Lonnie Carter has been forced out.

According to published accounts, Carter's golden parachute will be worth over \$16 million dollars. Carter had previously presided over a \$250 million scandal of another botched plant construction. No Statehouse politicians have publicly said he should give it back.

In the last few days, Santee Cooper has refused to hand over to Gov. McMaster and the Legislature a 2015 report by the Bechtel corporation believed to detail how utility officials ignored numerous serious warnings about critical issues in the construction of the two reactors at the V.C. Summer power plant in Jenkinsville.

We are only at the beginning of the beginning of this scandal but three things are absolutely clear:

SCANA, Santee Cooper and

the Statehouse politicians are 100 percent responsible. The people who are being asked to pay, the ratepayers, had no responsibility.

The scandal proves that our Statehouse system of politics has become thoroughly corrupt and this corruption is what's keeping us from having those things we need and deserve - good schools, safe roads, fair taxes, sound pension, and much more.

It does not have to be this way. We do not have to accept this corruption. We can demand accountability and

vote the politicians out of office - of both parties- that refuse to personally come clean and reform the corrupt system of good old boy politics that produced this scandal.

The question is will we the voters do our part to clean up the system in the next election?

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

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Current students and teachers from each of the district's seven magnet programs will be on hand to answer questions and share information about the magnet programs: Brockington Elementary Magnet School; Hartsville Middle School's Art Magnet Program; Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology; Thornwell School for the Arts; Hartsville High School's International Baccalaureate Magnet Programme; Darlington High School's Early College Honors Program; and Darlington Middle School's Science & Technology Magnet Program. Admission is free.

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For more information, contact the Office of Innovative Programs at (843) 398-2242.

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**Betty Windham Greer**

Betty Windham Greer, a long-time resident of Florence, died Sunday, September 3, 2017 at McLeod Hospice House after a long illness.

Born April 4, 1944 in Lamar, SC to Sam and Nell Windham, Betty was a graduate of Lamar High School and Winthrop University. She went on to become a teacher and an administrator with Darlington County Schools.



Betty loved to travel, spend time with family, and serve in the community. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Florence for many years, joyfully attending the Price Sunday School class. Betty took great pleasure in her membership and work with the Morning Glory Garden Club and volunteered for many years with the McLeod Foundation. She was instrumental in establishing the FMU Sam and Nell Windham Environmental Center.

Betty was predeceased by her parents, her daughter Danelle Beasley, and her husband Grady Greer. She is survived by her brothers Melvin (Daisy) Windham and Sidney (Brenda) Windham of Lamar, her children Deborah (Ferd) Gregorie of Mount Pleasant, Pam (Chuck) Petty of Surfside Beach, and Bret (Marla) Greer of Florence, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends who brought great joy to her life.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at the Windham Family Cemetery in Lamar, SC. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, at Waters-Powell Funeral Home in Florence.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's research at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or McLeod Hospice, c/o McLeod Foundation, P. O. Box 100551, Florence, SC 29502 or [mcleod-foundation.org](http://mcleod-foundation.org).

**Katie Jacobs**

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Jacobs, formerly of

Darlington were held 11 a.m. Thursday, September, 7, 2017 at Lawson Grove Baptist Church.

Interment followed in St. John United Methodist Church Cemetery directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc.

Mrs. Jacobs was born on May 2, 1921 in Darlington County to the late Wash and Ola Simmons. Both of her parents died when she was very young. Her aunt and uncle raised her, the late McKinley and Nan Jacobs.

She died August 27, 2017 in Randallstown, MD.

Viewing and visitation for Mrs. Jacobs was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017 in the funeral home chapel, and 10:30-11a.m. Thursday morning at the church.

**Celister Mack**

Funeral services for Mr. Celister Mack of Hampton, Virginia formerly of Darlington were held 12 o'clock noon Friday, September 8, 2017 at Lawson Grove Baptist Church in Hartsville.



Interment followed in the Peters Family Memorial Garden directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc. of Darlington.

Mr. Mack, 84, passed away peacefully at his home in Hampton, VA on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. He was born March 23, 1933 to the late Taft and Magnolia Mack in Darlington County. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Jacobs Mack; brothers Otis Lee, James, Thesalonia, and Taft Mack Jr.; and sisters Rosa Lee (McKinley) Jacobs and Bonnie Kay Horne. Left to cherish his legacy of fun, laughter, and love are daughters Bernetha Johnson, Janie Mack James, Elizabeth Franklin, Lorie Mack, and Cathy Hall; grandchildren, Keith Johnson (Katreli), Barbara Johnson Rome (Ivan), Kim Johnson Rush (Dealous), Will James, Angela Finch (Reshawn), Anthony J. Mack (Brandi), Aleshia Jenkins, Clarissa Austin-Johnson (Tiara), Jennifer James, Michael Mack, and Dante Hall; 13 great-grandchildren, three sisters, ten sisters-in-law, and a host of

loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family received friends at the residence of his sister and brother-in-law, Hattie and Otis Alexander, 823 Marshall Street, Darlington.

Visitation for Mr. Mack was 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home chapel.

**Phyllis B. Rostron**

Phyllis B. Rostron, age 69, died Monday, September 4, 2017 in Asheville, NC. A Celebration of her Life was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 8, at Northwood Worship Center, 1100 East McIver Rd., Darlington, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born in Darlington on June 19, 1948, she is the daughter of Carolyn White and the late Alton Thompson, Sr. Phyllis moved to Asheville, NC in 2004, living in Darlington until then. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and spending time with her family.

In addition to her mother of Darlington, she is survived by her husband, Frank Rostron of Asheville, her children: Durwood (Lisa) Barber, Sr. of Darlington, Michael Dean (Lisa) Barber of Darlington, Susan Barber (Steven) Hackett of Columbia; grandchildren: Durwood Barber, Jr., Alexandra Barber, Jacob Barber and Matthew Barber, and a brother, Alton (Emma) Thompson, Jr.

A tribute page for Phyllis is available at [www.belkfuneral-home.com](http://www.belkfuneral-home.com).

**Sylvester "S.O." Robinson**

Sylvester "S.O." O'Neal Robinson, age 83, passed away Sunday, September 3, 2017. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 6th at Central Baptist Church in Darlington, with burial following in Brown Springs Cemetery in Patrick, SC, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born December 17, 1933, S.O. was the son of the late Henry Robinson and Darky Coker Robinson. He served in the U.S. Army and served in Germany. He then worked for Vulcraft Steel, and then for the Darlington Police Department. S.O. was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, and served as city police sergeant for 18 years. He was a member

of Central Baptist Church in Darlington.

Surviving are his daughters, Faye (Cliff) Cantey of Lake City, and Cindy (Ricky) Steen in Hartsville; his son, O'Neal Robinson of Patrick; his grandchildren, Tina Gainey, Mia Evans, Chip Williamson, Daniel Steen, Derrick Steen, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille Chisholm Robinson; his siblings, Cloe Robinson, Mary Lou Watts, Carlyle Robinson, Dallas Robinson, and Herbert Robinson.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, September 5th at Belk Funeral Home.

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

**Christine M. Evans**

Christine Belva Miles Evans, age 81, passed away Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Funeral services were held 1 p.m. Saturday, September 9th in Temple Free Will Baptist Church, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The grandchildren will honor their grandmother by serving as pallbearers.

Born March 1, 1936, Christine is the daughter of the late Walter R. Miles and Ethelda Miles. She worked as a waitress for several restaurants. She was a charter member of Vision Assembly and loved playing piano and singing gospel music for them and also for Medford Nursing Home, Darlington Church of God, and enjoyed helping with nursing home tape ministry. She was a member of Temple Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are her sons, Melvin J. "Joey" (Cheryl) Evans, Jr., Johnny Evans, Jerry (Suzie) Evans, Terry (Alisa) Evans, and Daniel Evans, all of Darlington; her daughter, Lynn Ford of Florence; her sister, Kathleen Lyles of Tabor City; 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Belk Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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

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**Women Of Worth**

Women of Worth, the ladies of Great Commission Ministries in Darlington, invites all ladies to attend its monthly meeting on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 757 Wire Road in Darlington. The Church is positioned at the corner of Billy Farrow highway and Wire RD. 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](http://lawsongrovebaptistchurch.com)

**Black Creek Baptist Church**

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

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**Covenant Baptist Church**

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

**Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries**

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington announces their hours 1st/3rd Sunday Pastoral Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Church Services 11:00 Elder M. Frierson 2nd/4th Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 by Deacon Z. Frierson Service at 11:00 a.m. Min.Gerald Green. The community is invited to attend. Come expecting to hear the anointed Word. Contact Deacon.Z.Frierson 843-229-3158

**The Lord Cares**

Please continue to assist The Lord Cares in caring for those in need in the Darlington area.

T.L.C.'s food bank is located at 201 Grove Street in Darlington. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Donations of non-perishable food items (especially canned meats) are needed, as are toiletries, bathroom tissue, and paper towels. Mail monetary donations to: The Lord Cares PO Box, 1457, Darlington, SC 29540.

**Prayer Line**

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

**Community of Grace Church**

Community of Grace Church will have Sunday School at 10 a.m. The Sunday Morning worship service will follow at 11 a.m. The church is located at 143 Broad Street, Bennettsville, S.C. The pastor is Rev. Eddie L. Davis. For more information, call 843-456-5040.

LIVING ON PURPOSE

We are passionate about what we love

By Dr. William Holland

A while back, a good friend wanted to know if I would teach her husband how to play the guitar. Though I have led worship in church for years, I am not really what you would call a guitarist. I enjoy writing songs and using the music as a vehicle to relay messages about the Christian life. Anyway, she had an old guitar in the attic and thought it would be wonderful to hear her husband develop a musical gift. He is in his mid-sixties and up to this point has never mentioned anything about playing and singing. But, nonetheless, she announced for his birthday that she had paid me for several lessons and went on to say how excited she was to see this come to pass. With being put in such an awkward position, he pretended to be thrilled and as it is commonly called was, "a good sport about it." In the first lesson, I was able to speak to him privately and asked if this was really something he wanted to do. He would just laugh and sigh as he struggled with the chords that were killing his fingers. Each week I would bring more homework for him to practice and I could tell this idea had turned from being comical into more of a burden.

I'm not declaring it's impossible to learn something new when we are older, because we certainly can, but I am saying if we have never been passionate about a particular subject our entire life, this is probably not our calling. Gifts and talents are given by God and usually placed within our heart when we are filled with energy and enthusiasm. In this particular case, the individual had never felt a stirring deep within his soul to play music, and was only trying to make someone else happy. It was obvious he was not practicing during the week and of course was not advancing in his ability to play. Eventually he gave up just like everyone else that attempts to do something on a whim. Gold medals are not won by demonstrating a mediocre interest and a half-hearted effort. We can appreciate others when they attempt to persuade and

offer suggestions about our life but ultimately, it's our responsibility to discover what God has called us to do. I believe that unless we have a relentless passion and a driving determination to accomplish something, we will end up reminiscing about what could have been. It would be like a father telling his son how he wants him to become a body-builder. The dad converts the basement into a gym, plans all of his meals and then relays to everyone about what a champion his son will be someday. This just does not work unless a burning desire is embedded within the heart of the individual who cannot only see the vision but is consumed with a fervent aspiration to succeed no matter what it takes.

I guess by now you have figured out where I am heading with this and I confess it causes me to think deeply about my personal devotion to Christ. Is God really at the top of my priority list? The Bible mentions a condition called lukewarmness and I am sorry to say that I have been there many times. Sure, I can act religious and talk Christianese but the truth is that I do not always live like I should. Why? Because I simply do not want to. Much of the time I use excuses in order to justify my lack of spiritual enthusiasm. The principals of sacrifice we use to be successful in the natural world can also be applied when we attempt to draw closer to Jesus. Since we have a free will that relentlessly tries to influence our decisions, we will only be victorious when we lay down the law about who is really in charge. Where do I begin? First, I must understand that my carnal flesh hates everything that is connected with following God. Secondly, until my desire to accomplish God's will becomes stronger than the desire to serve my own, I will remain the same.

Learn more about his book, "A Lifestyle of Worship" and ask for a free copy of his new CD, "Keeper of My Soul" at: [billyholandministries.com](http://billyholandministries.com).

Celebrating the memory of "Deacon Nathaniel (Man) Gregg"

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It's been three years since God called you home, Your memory, we will carry on. Gone but never forgotten. Rest in peace!

Love, two daughters, two sons, grands, two sisters-in-law, one sister - Henrietta G. (Doll Baby) Robinson, two brothers - Ulysses-Ulylessen (Bubba) Gregg, David C. Gregg, one special niece - Geraldine G. (Today) Boyce and a special friend,.

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



Circe is a lovely plush grey kitty with softly green eyes. She is friendly and ready to be your new best friend. Only a couple of yrs old, Circe is affectionate and sweet and ready to get a move on to her new pet job! Stop by today and see how perfect Circe could be for you. 1-2 yrs old; female; DSH grey; 10lbs



Hannah is a calm, mellow girl who is very friendly. She did well with other dogs while on a walk but a home with no kitties would be best for her. Hannah is a pretty girl with a light butterscotch coat and soulful, dark eyes. One look into those eyes and you'll fall in love. Hannah hopes her forever family is out there and will give her a home with a soft bed, treats and belly rubs! 1 yr old; lab mix; female; 48lbs

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

### Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

## Area Happenings

### Weekly Events

#### Centennial Farmers Market

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

#### Darlington Elks Lodge

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

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

#### Paws to Read

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

#### Story Time

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

#### Library Programs

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

#### Crochet & Knit Clubs

Lamar: each Monday at 4:30 p.m. 326-5524  
Society Hill: each Friday from 2-4 pm 378-0026  
Darlington: 2nd Friday of the month 10 a.m. - noon 398-4940  
Hartsville: "The Stitchers" group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays and 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5 pm.

#### Pee Dee SCORE

Pee Dee SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) offers Free confidential counseling to America's small business, serving Darlington, Florence and surrounding areas. Existing and start-up businesses can schedule an appointment by calling the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce at 843-332-6401.

#### 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 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington, except where noted on the schedule.

### Sept. 2017

#### 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.

#### Healthy Lifestyle Seminar

There will be a Healthy Lifestyle Seminar Sept. 17 at the Darlington County Library. The event will be from 3 to 4 p.m. and will feature speaker Dr. Karen J. Fulwood, DNP. The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information call 561-495-8861.

#### 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 County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, September 19, 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@darcountyc.com.

#### 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.

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

Friday September 29, 2017 - Meet and Greet  
Saturday September 30, 2017 - Dinner, Dancing and Fellowship  
Where: Wilds-Edwards House, Darlington, SC  
RSVP by July 14th  
E-mail: sjh87reunion@gmail.com

### Oct. 2017

#### Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting on October 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

#### Market on Darlington Square October 7

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

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Tuesday, October 9, 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@darcountyc.com.

#### Williamson Park Committee

The City of Darlington Williamson Park Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, October 10, November 14, and December 12 at Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. 843-398-4000

#### American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington will meet Thursday, October 12 at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. and the monthly meeting follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

#### Yam Jam Concert

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.

#### Sweet Potato Festival

This festival will be held on Darlington Public Square Oct. 14. A freshly baked sweet potato is like nature's cupcake. And these treats are a solid source of vitamins A and C. That right there deserves a party. And the S.C. Sweet Potato Festival in Darlington, South Carolina, has that covered. This potato party is teeming sweet potato pie, crafts, food, music, a car show and more.

#### 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.

### Nov. 2017

#### American Legion

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#### Darlington Planning Commission

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#### Darlington County Ambulance Commission

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

### Dec. 2017

#### Shop Small Downtown Open House

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

#### American Legion

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## Duke Energy named to top sustainability index for 12th straight year

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Continuing to build on a smarter and more sustainable energy future, Duke Energy today was named to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) for North America for the 12th consecutive year.

In the electric utility sector, 17 North American companies were evaluated for the index, and five were selected.

"Being listed on the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for 12 straight years clearly reflects Duke Energy's commitment to operating the right way for all stakeholders – especially our customers and communities" said Cari Boyce, Duke Energy's senior vice president, stakeholder strategy and sustainability, and President, Duke Energy Foundation. "This recognition also reflects the hard work of our 29,000 employees, who strive to improve our business every day."

Since 1999, the DJSI has evaluated the sustainability of leading companies worldwide.

In selecting the top performers in each business sector, the DJSI reviews companies on several general and industry-specific topics related to economic, environmental and social dimensions.

Among them: Corporate governance, innovation manage-

ment, environmental policy, climate strategy, and corporate citizenship.

The index is compiled annually by S&P Dow Jones and Zurich-based RobecoSAM (Sustainable Asset Management). More information is available at [www.sustainability-index.com](http://www.sustainability-index.com).

Duke Energy publishes an annual Sustainability Report that summarizes its efforts to advance energy efficiency, develop renewable energy, reduce emissions and more.

The 2016 report is available online at: [sustainabilityreport.duke-energy.com](http://sustainabilityreport.duke-energy.com).

Some of the highlights covered:

- Since 2005, Duke Energy's U.S. carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions decreased by 29 percent, sulfur dioxide (SO2) emissions decreased by 94 percent and nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions decreased by 70 percent.

- In 2016, Duke Energy continued to grow its renewable generation portfolio, with more than 5,400 megawatts of wind, solar and biomass capacity – owned or under contract.

- Electric customers continue to benefit from rates below the national average in all customer classes and all service areas.



Terry Lewis and his staff celebrated on Tuesday, Aug 29 with a Grand Re-Opening of his store. For the past 20 years, Lewis has owned and operated Medicap Pharmacy in Darlington. Having a heart for the people of Darlington, Lewis renamed his pharmacy Darlington Family Pharmacy when he decided to end his franchise with Medicap. The pharmacy celebrated the day with a ribbon cutting and cake,

offering special prizes and drawings. "The people in Darlington are important to me and I am thankful for all the support they have shown me over the years," Lewis said. "I am very blessed to have my great customers." Pictured left to right- Nathan Efrid, Linda Nance, Terry Lewis, Pamela Mullins, Melissa Wiggins, and Linzie Batchelor. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

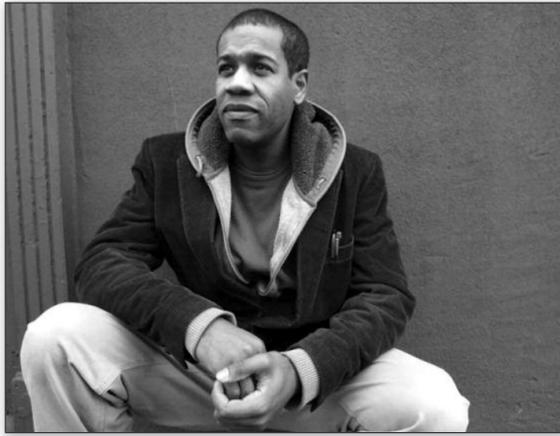
## Pulitzer Prize winner headlines Francis Marion University's Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival

Poet Gregory Pardlo, whose collection of works *Digest* won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, is the headliner for the 11th annual Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival at Francis Marion University.

The annual two-day festival will be held on campus in the Lowrimore Auditorium on Nov. 9-10. It features panel discussions and book signings by the authors. It is free and open to the public.

The festival serves as major cultural event on the FMU and the community's calendar. It also plays an integral role in fall classes at FMU. Works by the participating authors are taught in select classes. Students then have an opportunity to meet with the authors in special workshops and discussion groups.

Pardlo will be joined by award-winning authors Jennifer Haigh, Ross Gay and



Pulitzer Prize winner Greg Pardlo will headline FMU's annual Poetry Festival.

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Dr. Rebecca Flannagan, the chair of the University's Department of English, Modern Languages and Philosophy says this year's

crop of writers aren't attending just because they've won awards, but because of the impact they can have on students as well.

"Whenever we choose writ-

ers for the Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival, we always consider one thing: choosing writers whose texts will impact and affect our students and community," Flannagan says. "However, we have been fortunate to also bring in award-winning writers, as well... We're happy when accessibility and award-winning go together."

The Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival originated in 2006 as the Pee Dee Fiction Festival. The festival has expanded to include poets as well as fiction writers. Notable participating authors have included Andre Dubus III, National Book award winner Terrance Hayes, former Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, Tobias Wolff, and others.

For more information on the authors and events at the Festival, check out the Festival online at [peedeefiction.org](http://peedeefiction.org)

## Legislative event to be held

The local Chambers of Commerce will host a legislative program this week at the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology. The South Carolina Chamber Grassroots Tour will take place Sept. 13 at 8 a.m. The breakfast event will include a 2017 legislative review by

Florence and Hartsville chamber leaders. Participants will also be able to give their feedback on issues that affect local business and manufacturing. All chamber members and local officials are invited to attend. For more information, call 843-665-0515 or visit [www.flochamber.com](http://www.flochamber.com).

## Coker Student-Athletes Send Love, Support, and Clothes to Hurricane Harvey Victims

Coker College student-athletes have heard the call to action, and donated clothing items to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Led by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the Cobras sent multiple boxes of t-shirts, shorts, travel gear, and bags that were donated by several of the Cobra athletic teams.

With rainfall topping 50 inches in some areas, Harvey devastated a large region of Texas stretching from the Houston area into Louisiana. The natural disaster has affected Houston's economic growth and has killed at

least 39 people, including a Houston police officer.

Hartsville, and the surrounding southeastern region of the United States are no strangers to the havoc a hurricane can bring to an area. Just last year, Hurricane Matthew swept through Hartsville and damaged houses, cars, and a plethora of other personal property. In addition, some areas of the region were without power for weeks.

Although the Hartsville and Coker College community felt a fraction of what Harvey brought to Southeastern Texas,

numerous Coker student-athletes understood what the victims were going through, and decided to accept the challenge made by University of Houston head men's basketball coach, Kelvin Sampson, earlier this week, and donated clothes to those in need in the Houston area.

"We're sending our love and support to the people in Houston during this tragic time," said Coker student-athletes Faith Kent and Gary Baker. "Coker College is keeping everyone in our thoughts and we will continue to pray for your safety."

## When Good Weather Goes Bad: How Darlington County School District determines school closings

The decision to close schools in Darlington County School District for snow, sleet, extreme wind, rain or other dangerous weather conditions is a decision carefully made by school officials. The safety of more than 10,000 students is the determining factor to open or close the schools.

When bad weather strikes, school officials fan out across the county in the wee hours of the morning to determine road conditions. When making the decision to close, cancel or delay schools, district officials travel the roads and review road reports and weather reports, including from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). They also consult with the highway patrol, Emergency Operations Center and local law enforcement to help assess road conditions. The district will use all of those resources – law enforcement reports, NOAA weather

reports and eyewitness accounts - to determine whether to close or delay schools.

When a decision is made to close schools because of bad weather or the threat of bad weather, school officials will make a decision by 5:30 a.m. Any decision to close or delay schools will affect all schools in Darlington County. School officials will use the district's phone notification system, SchoolConnects, to call, text message and email parents and guardians of current Darlington County School District students. The district will also notify local radio stations, television stations and newspapers. The district will place an alert on the district website, as well as post updates on the district's Facebook and Twitter accounts. The district's website is [www.darlington.k12.sc.us](http://www.darlington.k12.sc.us).

From time to time, school is dismissed early because of bad weather or the threat of bad

weather. When that occurs, students will remain under adult supervision until the school buses leave for home or until students are picked up by their parents. Buses will run regular routes.

If it appears that school may be closed or students dismissed early because of bad weather, parents and guardians will be called by the district's phone notification system. Local television and radio stations will also broadcast the information. The Darlington County School District website will always have the most up-to-date information about school closings or delays.

Parents are asked to not call the radio or television stations, because doing so ties up the telephone lines. This could prevent school officials from getting through with important information. If Darlington County School District is not mentioned among the schools affected by bad weather, parents should

assume that schools will operate as usual. The television and radio stations only have time to list closed or delayed schools. They are unable to list all the schools that are opening on time.

School and district staff members are taught safety procedures for inclement weather. Teachers and staff practice these procedures throughout the year. Every school has a nurse and/or first aid "First Responder" on staff. They are trained to assist any injured people until medical professionals arrive.

If bad weather occurs during the school day, parents are asked not to panic. The staff of the school will keep children safe. Parents should not take risks out on the road trying to reach the school until they know it is safe to travel. Listen to radio and television for updates and news reports. The safety of the children is the district's highest priority.

DARLINGTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

# BBQ

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Sept. 28

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# Florence-Darlington Technical College Automotive Students guests of STP at Darlington Raceway

Fifteen Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) Automotive Technology students were guests of STP and enjoyed an experience of a lifetime during the Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on Sunday, September 3.

While at the track Too Tough To Tame, FDTC Auto Tech students toured the legendary track and learned firsthand how NASCAR teams operate on a race weekend. The experience was all courtesy of STP, a longtime partner of Richard Petty Motorsports.

"It was a privilege to host students from Florence-Darlington Technical College at Darlington Raceway," said Katina Wall, Marketing Director for STP. "There are automotive aficionados and future DIY-era in every community where NASCAR races. Their desire to learn more about the technological aspect of the sport, as well as future career options, is something STP is both happy to fulfill and enjoy seeing."

Former crew chief and NBC Sports analyst, Steve Letarte, greeted the students when they arrived at Richard Petty Motorsports' No. 43 team hauler. Letarte took the students inside the hauler and explained the process of how the team works on a race weekend. Afterwards, he gave

a guided tour of NASCAR's technical inspection in the garage area. Students followed a race team through the technical inspection process and saw just how perfect the cars had to be before they hit the high banks of Darlington Raceway.

"This opportunity was a dream come true for Florence-Darlington Technical College's Automotive Technology students," said FDTC Public Information Specialist Hunter Thomas. "The college can't thank STP and Richard Petty Motorsports enough for this wonderful experience. For the students to get a private tour by Daytona 500 winning crew chief Steve Letarte is just priceless. The knowledge that Letarte has of the sport is just unparalleled."

Following the garage tour, FDTC students experienced an up close and personal view of the NASCAR driver/crew chief meeting that's held prior to every event. All of NASCAR's superstars were gathered in one place as students stood by and learned about the various procedures that drivers go through during competition. Students then walked outside of the tunnel and attended an appearance by Richard Petty at the STP display area. At the end of the day, students enjoyed the 68th running of the Bojangles' Southern 500 from the grandstands.



Students get a tour from former crew chief and NBC Sports analyst, Steve Letarte. Photo Contributed.

## Darlington Chamber to host Biggest Tailgate

Join the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce for Darlington's Biggest Tailgate on Thursday, September 28, on Darlington Square from 6-8:30 PM. Enjoy live music from Johnny Glenn and the Chasers, local food vendors, and beverage vendors. This event will also serve as a canned food drive for The Lord Cares. You don't want to miss this community event; it will surely showcase our Darlington pride.

To add to the fun, the canned food drive will be a competition between your favorite teams. Bring your cans, and place them in your favorite team's donation bin. The team with the most cans at the end of the night will celebrate with their fight song and rally cheer. Not to mention, all of the brag-

ging rights that come along with winning.

This is the Thursday before Darlington High School's Homecoming game, and we really want to show them our Falcon pride. We hope to have the athletes, band, cheerleaders, students, and staff from DHS in attendance so that we can cheer them on.

This tailgate is all about community, and the best part is it's totally FREE. Come out to the Square with your tailgate chair, your favorite team attire, and lots of canned food. Coolers are not allowed but there will be food and drinks available for purchase. Help us cheer on the Falcons and collect donations for a local charity. For more information, call 843-393-2641.

## GSSM welcomes two Darlington County students

Jacob Pritchett and Chasity Waldron, of Darlington County, have been accepted to the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) in Hartsville. They join students from across South Carolina to form the Class of 2019.

GSSM students moved onto campus in mid-August and classes started August 14.

This year, the School celebrates 276 students representing 128 high schools and 35 counties.

Jacob Pritchett, son of Shelley and Stuart Pritchett of Swansea, and Chasity Waldron, daughter of Shannon Harrison Waldron and Lee Waldron of Hartsville, both transferred to GSSM from Hartsville

High School.

For nearly thirty years, GSSM has been one of the nation's top ranked residential high schools, serving the state's highest achieving juniors and seniors. It offers unique, college-level courses and a hands-on curriculum with a special focus on science, technology, engineering and math.

## Paddle sports enthusiasts to enjoy free fall Paddlefest

Whether you are new to paddle sports or want to learn a new skill, Fall Paddlefest will allow paddle sport enthusiasts to learn basic techniques of kayaking, kayak fishing, paddleboarding, and family canoeing.

The City of Hartsville Parks and Recreation department has partnered with Naturally Outdoors to bring this free event to Lawton Park, 716 Prestwood Dr., on Sept. 24, from 2 to 6p.m. One of the goals of Naturally Outdoors is

to help people get outside enjoying our natural resources safely.

This event will have a festival-like atmosphere with music and mingling. Those who have their own equipment are welcome to bring it and join in the activities. Other equipment and life jackets will be supplied at the event.

For more information about this event, contact Jessica Cohen at 843-339-2878 or jessica.cohen@hartsvillesc.gov.

## Students can read their way to the Big Game

Your child's ability to read is a critical predictor of educational and lifelong success. Help establish a strong literacy foundation for your child and support the Gamecock & Clemson championship traditions by participating in the South Carolina Department of Education's 2017 Read Your Way to the Big Game contest.

All pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students who read six books will qualify to win tickets to the Clemson vs. South Carolina game on November 25. Once students have completed their readings, they should turn in the list of books read to their teacher.

Winners will receive four tickets and pre-game sideline passes to the Clemson vs. South Carolina game.

Schools with at least 70 percent student participation will be entered to win one of two \$2,000 school library grants. Five participating teachers will be randomly selected to win \$500 for their classroom. Two teachers or media specialists who have the best decorated bulletin board, wall or door, using the contest as a theme and who submit photos can be selected to win \$500. For more information, visit [screads.org/read-your-way-to-the-big-game](http://screads.org/read-your-way-to-the-big-game).



Dear Race Fans,

On behalf of the entire team of Darlington Raceway, I would like to say "Thank You" to the race fans that attended our Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 and NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 events.

It was a special throwback weekend here at Darlington Raceway as we celebrated the history and heritage of NASCAR. We hope you enjoyed all the sights and sounds as much as we did.

The success of Darlington Raceway would not be possible without the passion and dedication of our loyal fans. We work tirelessly to provide a welcoming environment and we hope you walked away from the Bojangles' Southern 500 weekend with many memories that will last a lifetime.

Again, thank you to all of our fans in the Pee Dee area that have supported our Labor Day weekend tradition and we look forward to seeing you back at Darlington Raceway next year.

Sincerely,

Kerry Sharp

President of Darlington Raceway



## DCSD board member recognized for state training

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Maureen Thomas, vice chairwoman of the Darlington County Board of Education, earned recognition by the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) for achievement in the association's 2016-17 Boardmanship Institute.

SCSBA Boardmanship Institute, established in 1982, offers a year-round training curriculum to help board members develop skills and stay abreast of state and national education issues. Workshops focus on school law, advocacy and legislation, improving board operations, leadership for improving student achievement, and other timely topics.

Board members can achieve up to six levels of recognition by earning points that are accrued annually from July through June for participation

in statewide conferences and training provided onsite in their district.

Thomas reached Level Two by earning 40 points within one year. Level Two recipients receive a certificate and a silver pen.

Statewide, SCSBA recognized 147 school board members for reaching one of the six levels for the 2016-17 year with certificates of achievement and a lapel pin designating their level of accomplishment in the institute.

Each year, about 80 percent of board members statewide attend at least one training session.

SCSBA is the statewide professional organization serving as a source of information, training and advocacy for the state's 81 school district boards, county boards and state special schools.



## Hill-White Wedding

Allison Lynn Hill and Brenda Hanner White were united in marriage on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 5:30 in the afternoon. The wedding took place at The Greenbrier Chapel, The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

The ceremony was performed by The Honorable Steve C. Jones, with readings by The Honorable Leigh Martin May, both of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

The bride, escorted by her father, was given in marriage by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Sterling (Lynn Bowles) Hill of Timmonsville, S.C. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Alice Bowles and the late Glenn Thomas "Tom" Bowles of Timmonsville and Mrs. Laurie Young of Florence, and the late Carl F. Hill, Sr. of Florence.

The bride is a graduate of Clemson University, Calhoun Honors College and the University of Georgia School of Law. After clerking at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta, she now works as an associate attorney at King & Spalding LLP in Atlanta, Georgia.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Rebecca Hanner White and the late Daniel Upton "Dan" White of Athens, Georgia. He is the grandson of Mrs. Dolores Pelc of Hudson, Florida, the late Ivan F. Hanner, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (Mary Helen) Starr of Columbia, S.C.

The groom is a graduate of Furman University and the University of Georgia School of Law. He also clerked at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and is now an associate attorney at Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice, LLP in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ms. Lauren White, Timmonsville, S.C., best friend of the bride, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Brittany Dorriety Poole, of Lamar, S.C., Ms. Betsy Windham, of Timmonsville, S.C., Mrs. Alyssa Maute Smith, of Charleston, S.C. all friends of the bride, Mrs. Kaleena Hill, sister-in-law of the bride, of Timmonsville, S.C. and Ms. Maren White, sister of the groom of Lewisburg, W.V. Flower girls were Miss Evie Hill and Miss Sarah Hill, Timmonsville, S.C., nieces of the bride.

Best Man was the late Daniel Upton "Dan" White, father of the groom, posthumously.

Groomsmen were Mr. Amer Ahmad, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Ryan McClure, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Kevin McClelland, Indianapolis, Indiana, all friends of the groom; Mr. Timothy Hanner and Mr. Jonathan Hanner, Nashville, Tennessee, both cousins of the groom; Mr. Glenn Hill and Mr. Ross Hill, Timmonsville, S.C., brothers of the bride. Ring bearers were Masters Lucas Hill and Abel Hill, Timmonsville, S.C., nephews of the bride.

Ushers were Mr. Gaines Allen and Mr. Clarke Allen, Nashville, Tennessee, cousins of the groom. Guestbook attendant was Miss Elizabeth Allen, Nashville, Tennessee, cousin of the groom. Sterling Hill and Ryan Hill, both of Timmonsville, S.C. and nephews of the bride served as program attendants.

The bride wore a custom-made Lazaro ivory silk ball gown with a lace bodice and a crystal belt at the waist. She wore her mother's cathedral length veil. The flower girl dresses, made by her maternal grandmother, were adorned with lace from her mother's wedding dress.

A reception followed in The Cameo Ballroom inside The Greenbrier Hotel. The wedding ceremony, reception and all weekend events were planned and coordinated by the groom's sister, Ms. Maren White, Director of Weddings at The Greenbrier.

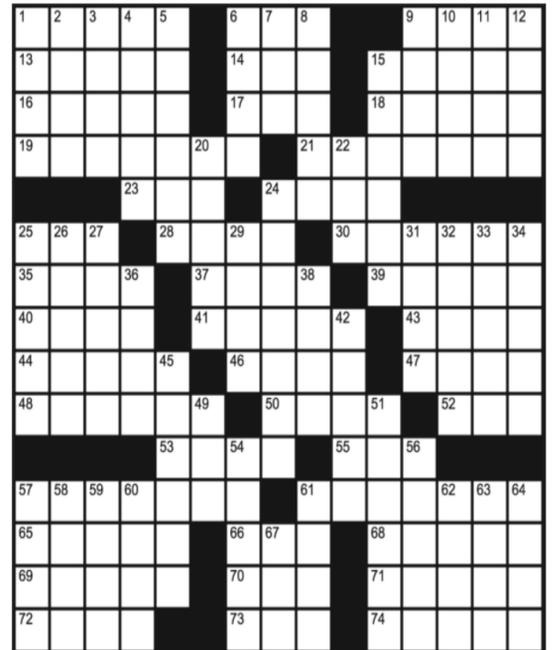
After a honeymoon to St. Lucia, the couple now resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

The bride and groom were honored with a rehearsal dinner hosted by the groom's mother, Mrs. Rebecca White at Howard's Creek Lodge on the grounds of The Greenbrier Resort.

The bride was honored on April 8 with a bridal luncheon hosted by Ms. Jane DuBose and Ms. Beverly DuBose at their home in Timmonsville. A bridal shower followed at Pine Grove United Methodist Church in Timmonsville, hosted by Ms. Lauren White, Mrs. Marie White, and the women of the church.

Mrs. Jane Allen, aunt of the groom, also hosted a bridal shower at the Ansley Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia.

## CROSSWORD



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- 6. Ale holder
- 9. Eye
- 13. Deposed leader, perhaps
- 14. Propel, in a way
- 15. Overthrow, e.g.
- 16. Turn red or yellow, say
- 17. Chester White's home
- 18. Blackberry dupes
- 19. Core
- 21. Funny
- 23. The "p" in m.p.g.
- 24. House
- 25. Matterhorn, e.g.
- 28. Absorbed
- 30. DVD names
- 35. Drag queen's collection
- 37. "General Hospital," e.g.
- 39. Cunning
- 40. Big blowout
- 41. Dry
- 43. Indian bread
- 44. Character
- 46. Galileo's birthplace
- 47. Song and dance, e.g.
- 48. Sunglasses
- 50. Gobs
- 52. "Comprende?"

- 53. After-bath wear
- 55. "\_\_\_ alive!" (contraction)
- 57. Feeling
- 61. Carrying of boats, goods, etc.
- 65. Acquiesce
- 66. "Malcolm X" director
- 68. Avid
- 69. Unstable leptons similar to electrons
- 70. Alkaline liquid
- 71. Femme fatale
- 72. Seats with kneelers
- 73. Appetite
- 74. Chinese zodiac animal

### Down

- 1. "Catch!"
- 2. x, y or z
- 3. Business slumps
- 4. "The sweetest gift of heaven"; Virgil
- 5. Sawbuck
- 6. Ask
- 7. \_\_\_ grass
- 8. Assignment
- 9. Boat in "Jaws"
- 10. Beam
- 11. Marathon
- 12. Ashtabula's lake
- 15. Nocturnal insects with pincers at rear

- 20. Boorish
- 22. "Sesame Street" watcher
- 24. Fixed in position
- 25. Members of the clergy
- 26. Disinclined
- 27. Ottoman title
- 29. Dope
- 31. Yellowfin, e.g.
- 32. Untruthful people
- 33. Carry away, in a way
- 34. Taste, e.g.
- 36. Like show horses
- 38. 100 centavos
- 42. 4:1, e.g.
- 45. One thing after another
- 49. Costa del \_\_\_
- 51. Beat
- 54. Stomach
- 56. Soil
- 57. Pack (down)
- 58. Chill
- 59. Boast
- 60. Addition column
- 61. Hammer part
- 62. City on the Yamuna River
- 63. Nerd
- 64. Coastal raptor
- 67. Artist's asset

## WORD SEARCH



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| Asks         | Doubt   | Kiss    | Sock    |
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Answers on 11A



On Thursday, August 24th, Darlington Veneer Company celebrated two longtime employees at Sam Kendall's in downtown Hartsville. Joe Dennis has been employed with Darlington Veneer for forty-eight years and Lydia B. Stokes has been with the company for twenty-eight years. Both will be greatly missed by their colleagues and the industry as a whole following their retirement. Pictured are Joe Dennis, Reginald H. Hubbard, Vice President and General Manager of Darlington Veneer Co., and Lydia B. Stokes.



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### Deputies arrest felon with gun

On September 2, while Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies were on scene at the Darlington Burger King investigating an armed robbery they recovered a loaded revolver with five bullets, meth, crack cocaine and marijuana from an individual.

Deputies arrested Gregory Lamont Benjamin, 32, of Hartsville. Benjamin has been charged with distribution of cocaine base, possession of less than one gram of meth, possession of a

firearm by a convicted violent felon, and simple possession of marijuana.

Benjamin was released on a \$10,000 surety bond in March having been charged with assault and battery, first degree, and has since been indicted. Benjamin is being held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center on a \$11,000 surety bond.

### Two wounded in Hartsville area shooting

Darlington County Sheriff's deputies are investigating a shooting that occurred in the area of Blanding Dr. and Primus Park Rd. around 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5. Two individuals were wounded. One individual is believed to not have life-threatening injuries. The severity of the second individual's injuries is unknown at this time.

If you have any information you are asked contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or text tip number

274637 (CRIMES). You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

### Darlington Burger King armed robbery

At 1:24 a.m. Saturday, Darlington County Sheriff's deputies were notified of an armed robbery that occurred at Burger King located at the intersection of Lamar Hwy. and S. Governor Williams Hwy. in Darlington. Deputies were told that a lone black male suspect wearing a masked armed with a long gun entered the restaurant after an employee walked out of the front door. The suspect ordered employees into a freezer demanding everything they had. The suspect left without any items through a rear door.

More information will be released as it becomes available. If you have any information you are asked contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-

888-CRIME-SC or text tip number 274637 (CRIMES). You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

### Motorcyclist Evades Darlington City Officers; Captured by Sheriff's Deputies

Friday night a motorcyclist traveled at a high rate of speed through the downtown area of Darlington while a concert was being held and traffic was being re-routed. The motorcyclist maneuvered between two City of Darlington Police Officers almost striking them. Officers notified the Sheriff's Office.

Darlington County Sheriff's patrol deputies were able to locate the motorcyclist on N. Governor Williams Hwy, near the intersection of Mineral Springs Rd., and briefly pursued the driver before the driver stopped. Sheriff's Deputies arrested Steven Richardson of Charlotte. Richardson was found in possession of illegal

drugs, had a suspended driver's license, and the vehicle tag did not belong to the vehicle he was operating. Richardson will face multiple charges including failure to stop for a blue light. Other charges may result.

### Deputies investigating deadly house fire

The Darlington County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the deadly fire in the Hartsville area of Darlington County on Persimmons Rd. as a homicide. Sheriff's Investigators believe the homicide to be drug related. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is assisting the Darlington County Sheriff's Office with this investigation.

If you have any information contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or text tip number 274637 (CRIMES). Coroner Todd Hardee has not released the identification of the victim at this time.

# BOOKINGS REPORT

DARLINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7, 2017  
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

• Taylor Reed Atkinson, 24, 2856 Poor Farm Road, Florence, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Joseph Robert Brown, 29, of 353 Hawkins Rd, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Driving Under Suspension; Open Container of Beer/Wine; Fail to Return Drivers License After Susp

• Tyrone Antonio Brunson, 35, of 405 Wells Street, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct; Violation of City Ordinance

• Amy NMN Gaskins, 38, of 430 Durant R, Lake City, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Alizer Clinton Lee Jackson, 19., of 231 S Darlington Ave, Lamar, Entering Premises After Warning

• Nathaniel NMN Joe, 40, of 716 E McIver Rd, Darlington, Weekender Serving Time

• Richard NMN Murphy, 26, of 419 Law St, Bishopville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Fail to Maintain Proof of Insurance In Vehicle; Hit and Run Accident with Property Damage

• Laura Lee Osmunson, 40, of 2176 Resting Place Dr, Timmonsville, Neglect by Legal Custodian; Neglect by Legal Custodian

• William Ray Paylor, 31, of 1502 Lily Circle, Darlington, Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Driving Under Suspension

• Richard Thomas Quick, 42, of 4580 Ebenezer Road, Bennettsville, Harassment 2nd Degree; Impersonating Law Enforcement Officer

• Steven Anthony Richardson, 23, of 4008 Houndscroft Rd, Indian Trail NC, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Driving Under Suspension; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School

## 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

• Joseph Maurice Addison, 34, of 436 Sparks St, Timmonsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Gregory Lamont Benjamin, 32, of 917 Mandora St, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st; Poss Firearm by Convicted Violent Felon

• Carla Michelle Bissette, 49, of 523 Stanley Circle, Darlington, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• Anthony Blair, 52, of 429 Mary Dr, Darlington, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree

• Keasia Briana Ceaser, 20, of 208 Woodhaven, Darlington, FTC Fraud Value \$500 or 6 Mths (Enhance 16-1-57)

• Djuandala Silette Collins, 55, of 114 Reid Street, Darlington, Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Jesse Lee Duggins Jr., 31, of 649 Bulah Rd, Lake City, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 2nd Off; Fail to Maintain Proof of Insurance in Vehicle; Operating Motor Carrier w/out Reg Card; DUS (DUI) 1st Offense

• Kelsey Jamal Duggins, 25, of 637 Beulah Rd, Lake City, Open Container of Beer/Wine

• Adam Joseph Faile, 35, of 714 Colonel Cash Road, Cheraw, Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Non Support; Non Support

• Johnny NMN Isaac, 51, of 1432 Mechanicsville Hwy,

Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Seatbelt Violation; Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Appear

• Herbert McCurry, 50, of 124 Sparks St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Isaac Cisco McLeod, 64, of 815 Tuskegee St, Hartsville, Pedestrian Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs

• Elijah Rouse, 54, of 1529 Jamonica Lane, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence

• Carelius D Wilson, 40, of 221 Harlem St, Bishopville, Driving Under Suspension

• Gary Glenn Ashworth, 39, of 114 Bassett Ct, Goose Cr, DUI 2nd

• Shaquanna Crandell Bennett, 25, of 405 Swift Creek Rd #F8, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Douglas Emil Carlson Jr., 26, of 34 W Pigon Ridge Ct, Scottsburg IN, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Timothy Allen Carter Jr., 20, of 1807 Osprey Dr, Florence, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Tyshana Monique Commander, 25, of 508 Mallard Duck Circle, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Violation of Beginner Permit; Leaving Scene of Accident Unattended Vehicle

• Duane McDonald Denton, 54, of 9225 Old Stone Rd, Willow Springs NC, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Joshua Elder, 21, of 7020 Tramore Ln, Clemmons NC, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Samantha Goldstein, 20, of 120 Foxtail Terrece, Gathersburg MD, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Delia Shandrica Johnson, 28, of 2205 Sunnyfields Dr, Hartsville, Weekender

• Hykem Ramale Mack, 23, of 411 Pine Street, Darlington, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree

• Christopher McKenzie, 27, of 1003 Allen Drn, Marion, Public Disorderly Conduct; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• Donald Moeller, 59, of 74 Comply Rd, Lincoln Pk NJ, Public Disorderly Conduct

• James Martin Napier, 54, of 5701 Hedgemoor Dr, Raleigh NC, Driving Under the Influence

• Ronald Odom Jr., 45, of 415 Branham Drive, Darlington, Non Support; Fail to Appear DUI; Fail to Appear DUS

• Michael Robert Scherrer, 44, of 102 Barley St, Goose

Creek, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Charles William Seals, 27, of 1039 Tasker Rd, Augusta ME, Manuf Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st

• Kenneth James St Cyr, 24, of 851 Rainbow Lake Rd, Inman, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Jonathan Wells Sturgeon, 23, of 137 Edwards Ave, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

• Quinton Gerard Thomas, 59, of 4048 New Hopewell Road, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Thomas Michael Torchia II, 56, of 4828 Grand Canyon Rd NW, Concord NC, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

• Steve NMN White, 35, of 212 Wilkes Circle, Hartsville, Criminal Domestic Violence 1st; Non Support

• Patrice Frances Williams, 31, of 212 Wilkes Dr, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Thomas Brock Cook, 27, of 15 Arabian Dr, Charleston, Driving Under the Influence

• Christopher Vernon Crabtree, 30, of 19941 Guinns Rd, Laureal Hill NC, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Anthony Lavell Graham, 18, of 1318 Larry Road, Darlington, Petty Larceny <\$2000; Entering Premises After Warning; Petty Larceny <\$2000; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored

• Delonte Markavis Jackson, 19, of 1228 Pineforest Ln, Darlington, Manuf Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Entering Premises After Warning

• Kyle Davis Johnson, 24, of 9151 Lindley Mill Rd, Snow Camp NC, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Murray Carnelius Kennedy, 33, of 1127 Franklin Street, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• John Eric Mack, 52, of 1620 S Main St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct; Assault Police Officer While Resisting Arrest

• Stephen Neal Matthews, 48, of 149 Amy Ln, Benson NC, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• I Mary Brockington McLeod, 66, of 1608 S Fifth Street, Hartsville, Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Dustin Blake Perritt, 25, of 2908 Mercer Dr, Conway, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Brady Alexander Todd, 22, of 472 Cochran Rd, Chatsworth GA, Pedestrian Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs

• Anthony Darnell Williams, 50, of 1041 Palmetto Sands, Hartsville, Speeding >15 but

<25 Over the Speed Limit; Driving Under Suspension

• John Faron Wilson, 55, of 11101 Old Stage Rd, Willow Spring NC, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Mary Allison McKenzie, 17, of 829 Tema Rd, Hartsville, Driving Without a License

• Ivory Laquersha Stevenson, 33, of 829 Harvest Ln, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Appear Disorderly Conduct; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Giving False Information

• Danielle Alana Vaughan, 33, of 509 Weaver St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

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• William Johnathan Brunson, 34, of 1013 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored; Criminal Conspiracy; Entering Premises After Warning; RSG Value \$2000 or Less

• Jayne Marie Haynes, 44, of 4574 Wallace Dr, Wallace, Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored; Criminal Conspiracy; Entering Premises After Warning; RSG Value \$2000 or Less

• Mary Allison McKenzie, 17, of 829 Tema Rd, Hartsville, Driving Without a License; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000

• Corrie Louise Mitchell, 41, of 2746 Whitehall Ln, Hartsville, Manuf Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st

• Larry Muldrow, 49, of 45 Muldrow Lane, Cades, Threatening Life, Person of Family of Official

• Ivory Laquersha Stevenson, 33, of 829 Harvest Ln, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Appear Disorderly Conduct; Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor; Giving False Information

• Danielle Alana Vaughan, 33, of 509 Weaver St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

• Eric Octavious Wilson, 29, of 918 A June Ln, Florence, Driving Under Suspension

• Anna Margaret Broach, 57, of 1221 Lovelace Ln, Hartsville, Contempt Probated Court

• Levern NMN Jackson, 56, of 1405 E Old Camden Rd, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Violation County Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance

• Davonne Kali Joseph, 24, of 146 Sparks St, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Desiree Gabriel Lancaster, 38, of 1305 Tremont Cir, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Michael Goodson Sumner, 28, of 1609 Bryant St, Darlington, Non Support

• Ryekeem Rochelle Wilson, 28, of 602 Chestnut St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

• Robert Lee Windham III, 22, of 907 Crestwood Dr, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Glenn Stanley Larymore, 55, of 1325 Larymore Dr, Darlington, Assault/Battery by Mob (Serious Inj) 2nd Degree

• Robert Deandre McCurry, 24, of 124 Spark St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance; Violation of City Ordinance

• Tiffany Danielle Walters, 26, of 2517 East Old Camden Rd, Hartsville, Sentenced by General Sessions Court

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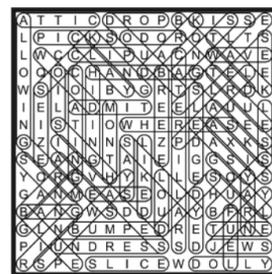
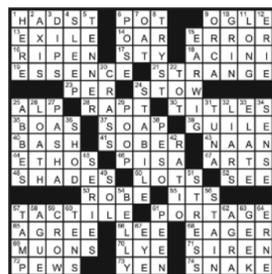
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ADVERTISE YOUR AUCTION in 99 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Your 25-word classified ad will reach more than 2.1 million readers. Call Alanna Ritchie at the S.C. Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Notice of Sale**  
C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00418  
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Caleb W. Jones; Home-Net, Inc., I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on October 2, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:  
Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land with improvements thereon, situate lying and being Northeast of Hartsville, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, and being designated as Lot 2, Section C, of Sherwood Forest Subdivision as shown on plat made by W. R. Banks, RLS, recorded in plat Book 39 at Page 93. Said lot also being shown on an individual plat prepared for Rose Marie Goyeneche and Jonathon Diven by Lind, Hicks & Associates, Surveyors, Inc., recorded in Plat Book 198 at Page 619, Darlington County Records. Reference being held to the aforementioned plats for a more complete and accurate description of metes and bounds. THIS BEING the same proper-

ty conveyed to Caleb W. Jones by virtue of a Deed from Home-Net, Inc. dated December 15, 2015 and recorded December 21, 2015 in Deed Book 1077 at page 4070 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina. 127 Robinhood Road Hartsville, SC 29550 TMS# 055-03-01-041  
**TERMS OF SALE:** For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 750/1000 (4.750%) 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  
(9c3 leave in thru 9-27-17)  
**DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
OCTOBER 2, 2017  
6 P.M.  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX/EMS BUILDING  
1625 HARRY BYRD HIGHWAY (HWY. 151)

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The Public Hearing for the proposed ordinances and lease listed below was previously published to be held on September 11, 2017, but cancelled due to impending severe and hazardous weather.  
Notice is hereby given that the Public Hearing has been rescheduled to be held before the Darlington County Council on the date and time above stated to receive comments on the following proposed ordinances and lease: Ordinance No. 17-09, An Ordinance To Amend Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Appendix A (Development Standards Ordinance), Article Two (Activities Governed By The Ordinance), Section 2.3 (Plat Approval, Recordation) To Require New Lots To Have Direct Access, A Legal Right-Of-Way, Or Private Easement To A Public Road; And Article Five (Development Design Standards), Section 5.8 (Lot and Parcel Design Requirement) To Increase The Number Of Lots Off An Access Or Utility Easement; And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance  
Ordinance No. 17-10, An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 17-02 (Darlington County FY17/18 Budget Ordinance) For A Supplemental Appropriation To The Library Fund To Receive And Expend An Additional \$17,191 In State Aid Funds For Darlington County Library System And Establish The Effective Date Of This Ordinance  
Ordinance No. 17-11, An Ordinance To Amend The Darlington County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 10 (Businesses), Article III. (Hospitality Tax), To Add A Section Establishing Lamar Local Hospitality Tax - A Local Hospitality Tax On The Sales Of Prepared Meals And Beverages Sold In The Corporate Limits Of The Town Of Lamar In Darlington County  
Proposed Lease Of Certain Space In Society Hill Neighborhood Center, 223 Hall Street, Society Hill, SC, To Crystal Jackson, dba I Am Visible, LLC, A Tutoring And Academic Enrichment After-School Program  
Anyone wishing to present an opinion on these ordinances and/or lease may do so at this time.  
Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of handicapped persons attending the meeting upon request. Special assistance requests should be made to J. JaNet Bishop, Clerk-Council, at 843-398-4100, seventy-two hours prior to the

scheduled public hearing.  
(9c1 leave in thru 9-13-17)  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES**  
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim.  
Estate: Hannah Jean Bonaparte  
Date of Death: 7/11/2017  
Case No: 2017ES1600428  
Personal Representative: Carol Evette Roberts  
Address: PO Box 7551, Florence, SC 29502  
(9p3 leave in thru 9-27-17)

**President Trump signs emergency declaration for South Carolina**

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal emergency aid has been made available to the state of South Carolina to supplement state, tribal and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions in the area affected by Hurricane Irma beginning on September 6, 2017, and continuing.  
The President's action authorizes FEMA to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in South Carolina's 46 counties and the Catawba Indian Nation.  
Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. Emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent federal funding.  
Specifically, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent federal funding.

# HEROES AND VILLIANS INVADE LAMAR

The Lamar Library was over-run with heroes on September 9 as it hosted its first ever Comic Con event, complete with prize giveaways, a cosplay contest, and special appearances from Batman and the South Carolina Ghostbusters. Lamar Library branch manager Michelle Wallace said that aside from being great fun for local children and library staff alike, the comic con provides a great way to encourage kids to read.

"With all of the movies and television shows now focused on superheroes, reading comics and graphic novels and books gives them another way to interact with the characters they like and learn more of their stories," said Wallace.

Cosplay contest winners received \$10 gift certificates to Legends Comics in Florence, and interacted with judges and guests to demonstrate their knowledge of their characters. First place honors went to Jada as Miraculous Ladybug, second place went to Jessica as Megara from Disney's Hercules, and third place went to Shelby as Batgirl.

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