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

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Darlington city complex to get keyless entry system

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In an effort to continue security upgrades on the City Hall complex, the Darlington City Council voted Oct. 3 to approve a bid for a keyless entry system.

The vote was unanimous to approve the bid from Russco Networks LLC for \$27,505.

"We spoke to three different companies and the price varied by about \$20,000," said Darlington Police Chief Danny

Watson. "The two most recent that we have were actually a difference of about \$8,000. The company that had the lowest bid was (Russco) Networks out of Darlington, right here on Drew Drive. They gave us a price of \$27,505."

Watson said that this bid included work that would make day-to-day operations easier at the City Hall complex.

"This will give us 21 doors throughout the entire complex that will be carded," Watson

said. "If you have a keycard or passcard it will let you through certain doors and there will be a record of it. The system will be set up so that at 8 o'clock, the outside doors will open for us and then lock for us at five o'clock so that way we don't have to worry about somebody coming in and opening doors or locking doors; it will automatically do that for you."

The keycard system will also make sensitive rooms more secure.

"It will help us secure various parts of the building as far as particular areas that you just don't want everyone in," Watson said. "Take our records room for instance. There are only like three or four people in the entire city that should have access to be able to go into our records room, which is where our servers are for the Police Department, servers are for the Water Department; that is the brain, if you will, of our entire computer network so you don't

want anyone going in there and messing with it. I think this is a good bid and this is certainly something that would help us be modernized and secure."

Several downstairs rooms will have alarmed doors that will send notifications to Watson and other city officials, as well as 911, if the circuit is broken.

Under unfinished business, City Manager Howard Garland gave council and citizens an update on the bridge project on

North Main Street that has caused some concern over SCDOT's plans.

"Staff had a long meeting with (SCDOT) on Tuesday Sept. 26 and I just want to give a few notes for public record," Garland said. "SCDOT will replace that bridge; they are planning on starting it after Labor Day 2018. They plan to finish the work by January 2020."

KEYLESS ON 3A



City of Darlington staff rolled out their best rose-hued outfits last week, keeping up the annual tradition of coming to work clad in pink to show support for breast cancer patients and their loved ones. Though this disease gets a lot of attention every October, with everyone from government leaders to sports superstars wearing pink, statistics show that breast cancer remains a preeminent health concern in America. In 2017, an estimated 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,410 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer. While 1 in 8 women in the U.S. will develop invasive breast cancer during her lifetime, men are not immune; a man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 1,000.

County planning public forums to discuss courthouse

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At their October 2 regular meeting, Darlington County Council voted to contract with a facilitator to set up five public meetings where Council will receive public input about the pending decision to rehab the existing county courthouse or construct a new facility.

Council approved the expenditure of \$9,250 to hire Weathers Group of Columbia to preside over these forums, which will be held in varying locations convenient to all county residents. The exact dates and venues for these forums have not yet been finalized.

County administrator Charles Stewart said that ideally the forums would occur in November, December, and January, which would give the county adequate time to assess public feedback and determine a course of action. Stewart said that if public opinion indicates support for a new courthouse, the county would need to draft and approve a referendum by the end of July, 2018 for inclusion on the November 2018 bal-

lot.

At a work session held August 29, Stewart said that ballpark estimates to build a new courthouse range between \$30 and \$40 million and would require a new penny sales tax to finance. Rehabbing the current building and adding needed security measures could cost \$8 or \$9 million, which could be financed by general obligation bond. This option would not levy any additional sales tax on Darlington County shoppers and would not require voter approval.

Also on the agenda, Council carried over second reading for Ordinance 17-12, which would repeal a requirement for county department heads to reside within Darlington County. The old requirement was never enforced and now, the ordinance says, several department heads reside outside county limits. Repealing this restriction would remove the possibility that these employees could be dismissed with notice for not relocating their residence inside the county.

COUNTY ON 3A

After almost five decades, Reggie Hubbard retires from Darlington Veneer

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When Reggie Hubbard graduated from Wofford College, he went looking for a job. Now, almost five decades later, Hubbard is retiring after having found a career he loved at Darlington Veneer Company.

"I had minored in accounting and I wanted to go into the banking industry," Hubbard said. "In 1970, the banking industry was in a bad recession so I was looking for a job. I heard that there was a job opening here in the accounting part of the business so I applied for it and came to work. My original job was

accountant/office manager. I was twenty-two when I started."

Hubbard was responsible for more than just accounting but that was what he enjoyed the most.

"I was responsible for all aspects of the accounting from first journal entries to financial statements," Hubbard said. "I love that sort of thing so it fit right in with what I had been trained to do, so to speak. Needless to say, at that time, everything at Darlington Veneer was done by hand; we did not have computers. Everything was done by hand including typing the checks, posting entries. That was one of the first things I helped do to convert us over to the

computer age. We still had a switchboard when I came here, that you literally plugged in to connect to people's phones."

Having planned to enter the banking industry, Hubbard had to be a quick study in 'Plywood 101.'

"I knew nothing about plywood," Hubbard said. "I had to do was do a cost study on a lot of our costs in the mill and that is how I got involved in the plant. That was, again, right up my alley. I got into the mill and started learning a little bit about the product, the how, where and when, all that sort of thing."

That study helped Hubbard learn the business and also helped him

find ways to improve it.

"The cost study revealed that we could purchase part of our veneer cheaper than we could manufacture it here," Hubbard said. "We had at that time what we called two green ends. We actually peeled the log and created part of our own veneer. Part of my cost study showed that we were losing money doing that. Actually, after doing the cost study I handed it in and they said no way, go back and do it again."

He did do it again but turned it pretty much the same study.

HUBBARD ON 3A



John Ramsey and Jim Ramsey present Reggie Hubbard with a plaque in appreciation for all he has done for Darlington Veneer Company in his 47-year tenure.
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Brunson-Dargan program builds "Girls of Character"

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The message of girl power gets a signal boost every time the young ladies from Brunson-Dargan Elementary School's "Girls of Character" group gets together. These hand-picked students meet weekly for chat sessions where they interact with local leaders, learning and laughing their way to stronger self-esteem and socialization.

"These girls were chosen for their leadership ability and the fact that they want to go even higher with their levels of responsibility," says GoC organizer Kim Nelson of the

Darlington Police Department. "We're trying to help them build character and spread positivity."

Meetings are usually structured around a theme or a guest appearance by a man who works in a position of responsibility in the Darlington County community. Nelson says she opted to focus on male guest speakers to prove to the girls that they should matter to the men in their lives, that good men should care about their opinions and want them to be strong, happy, and successful.

"These are men who have accomplished great things and have influence in the community, and I wanted the girls to see that these men who come to speak with them care about them and expect great things from them," says Nelson.

CHARACTER ON 3A

Coker named All-Steinway School

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Coker College has recently earned the coveted designation of an "All-Steinway School," making the Hartsville school just the third South Carolina college, the only Pee Dee Region college, and one of only 175 institutions worldwide to have this distinction.

To be named an All-Steinway School by esteemed piano makers Steinway & Sons, Coker met the strict requirements to have 90 percent of the school's pianos be Steinway & Sons, Boston or Essex pianos. Coker also formulated a maintenance plan to keep all pianos in performance quality condition.

Coker College has an inventory of 12 Steinway & Sons Boston vertical pianos and 11 Steinway & Sons grand pianos. It took \$600,000 and five years of dedicated fundraising to



Dr. Ryan Smith, associate music professor and Coker's music program coordinator, sits with one of Coker's 23 Steinway Pianos.

achieve this goal.

"The All-Steinway School designation demonstrates Coker's commitment to excellence by providing out students and faculty with the best equipment possible for the study of music," says music professor

Dr. Will Carswell, Coker's vice president for external relations.

Carswell says the prestige of being known for top-tier instruments will give Coker a competitive edge when recruiting promising music students.

"We recruit a student's

teacher just as much as we recruit a student. We have to convince a music teacher that the student they've been working with is going to have a strong education and will be playing, performing, and rehearsing on quality instruments. That's what we now can assure them of," says Carswell.

Dr. Ryan Smith, associate music professor and Coker's music program coordinator, agrees.

"Over the years, I've heard professors and concert pianists say they went to a school because they had nice pianos, or that they didn't go somewhere with a good program because that school did not have nice pianos," says Smith. "The fact that Coker has new pianos that are very well built and beautiful instruments is going to be really attractive to potential students."

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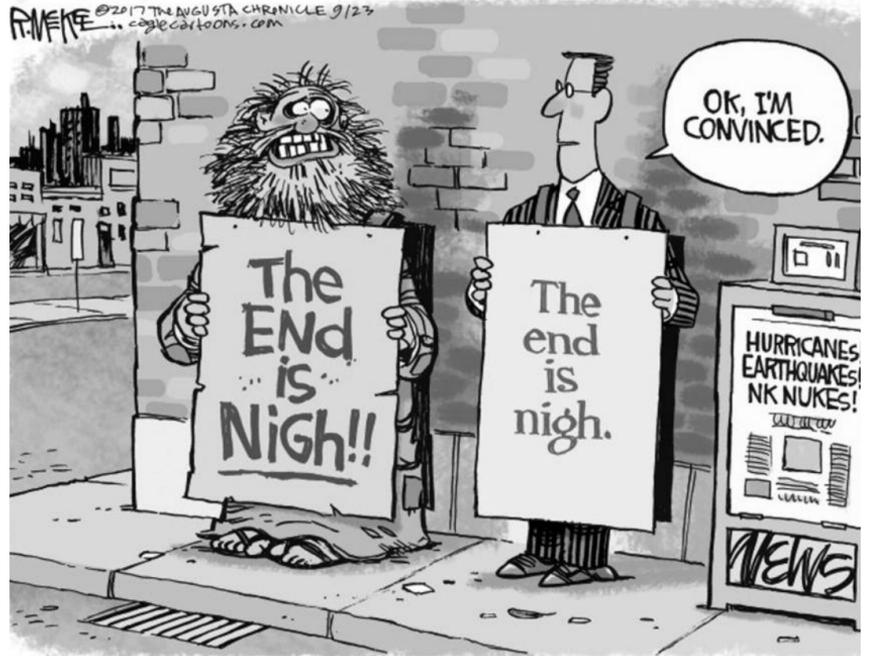
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OP - ED

This Or That, One Or The Other

By Bill Shepard

Can you remember when most every decision one had to make fell into the category of one or the other, or this or that? Choices were limited to this or that. It certainly made shopping in the market place more simple and less strenuous on the mind. Cars came in the colors of black or blue only. For a long time they were black only. A man's suit was either black or blue serge, before pinstripe was added. Shoes were either black or brown, and men's dress shirts were white and his work shirt was blue chambray to match his blue denim overalls. Those

are just a few of the items that once fell into the one or the other category. With so many choices being available, shopping can be a stressful experience these days. I went to the store recently to purchase a loaf of bread. There before me were at least a half dozen name brands. There was thick slice, thin slice, light, wheat, rye, and several others. I thought of the donkey that I read about, that was going along the road and came upon a bale of hay, a sack of wheat, and a bundle of fodder. Being hungry, the donkey stopped to eat. He started to take a bite of the hay, but the wheat looked better so he turned to it. Just before filling his mouth with the wheat, he decided the fodder might be better. But then he looked back at his first choice. The poor donkey was later found where he had starved to death trying to make a decision.

Back to light bread, that's what we called it when I was a boy. I remember when it came in one size only and not sliced. It cost a nickel a loaf. In the summer time when I went to the field to pick cotton, I would often stop by the local store and purchase a loaf. With

another nickel, I would buy a can of Pork & Beans. At noon, I would break the loaf in half, dig the inside out, and fill the cavity with the beans. What a meal! And all for a dime. Of course just having the light bread was a real treat in those days.

Life is just not that simple any more. Take us humans for instance. Could we all be placed in one category or the other? Recently I read a poem and the writer said that there are only two kinds of people. This is what he wrote - "There are just two kinds of people, just two, I ween, those who lift and those who lean." Would not life on this planet be less complicated if that were true? However, it just ain't so! No, this or that, one or the other, went out of style a long time ago. As to Lifters or Leanners, I have found in life that some who are at one time heavy leanners, at another time they prove to be strong lifters. I have found that to be true in many of my own situations. At times I needed someone to lean upon and was grateful that they were available. At other times I have been able to be a lifter and help someone with their heavy load. Yes, I

have found myself in both categories.

Perhaps we should try two other headings for our list. Why not, Good and Bad? Surely we can divide the human race into those two groups. Not so! We have all seen both traits show up in everyone at one time or another. I don't believe that I have ever met a person who was All Good or All Bad. A few times I might have thought I had, but over time and with close scrutiny I learned better. Concerning the Good and Bad issue, I like the lines that were written by someone other than myself that go like this, "There is so much good in all of us, and so much bad in all of us, that it doesn't behoove any of us, to criticize the rest of us." That just about sums up the Good and Bad categories.

Try forming some other groups like, those who can and those who can't; those who will and those who won't; those who have and the have-nots. What about the educated and the uneducated, whatever those terms mean; then the rich and the poor?

Now the rich and poor group would be a hard one to define. It would depend on so

many things, like where a person lived. The poorest person in America might be considered rich if he lived in one of the poverty-stricken nations elsewhere. Also, one would have to determine what was meant by rich or poor. I have never been a rich person when wealth is determined by material things but by other standards such as health, peace, and contentment, I consider myself to be a very wealthy person. I don't like labels. They can be so misleading and so terribly wrong. I am wise enough to know that I wear them. Not the ones that I have chosen for myself, but those that other folk have penned on me. You wear them, too! Those that the world has placed upon you. That could account for a bit of the unsolicited mail we get these days, as well as the phone calls from the Tele-marketers.

Recently, I had a call that began with, "I'm doing a survey in your area and you have been selected. Would you answer a few questions for me?" Before I could answer, the caller continued, "Are you married or single? Do you own your own home? What is your age and your yearly

income?" The answer to the last two questions wrapped it up. There was a click, followed by silence. As I sat and stared into space, the operator spoke, "if you want to make a call, please do so, if not please hang up." I figured it out; I was placed in the column of, 'too old and too poor!'

Too many categories and too many choices have added complications to our way of life. It is certainly not as simple as it once was. Right sometimes looks wrong and wrong sometimes looks right. Good and evil is often decided in the eyes of the beholder. Rich and poor may depend on what one values as wealth, and whether one is lifting or leaning might depend on the moment in time.

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OP - ED

Corruption is crippling South Carolina

By Phil Noble

The ever deepening and broadening corruption scandal that is unfolding daily across the front pages of newspapers is crippling our state.

It is crippling us in ways big and small – seen and unseen.

It does not have to be this way.

Let's begin with an ever so brief summary of the scandals by putting things in two different but interrelated (slop) buckets: the legislature and the utilities.

First the legislature. We see daily how the legislature has kept all the money and all the power in the Statehouse where they can auction it off to the highest bidder. By all accounts, the biggest auctioneer is Richard Quinn and Associates and his legislator son, Rick Quinn, who keep a generous cut of the auction price for themselves.

The folks on the 'selling' side are Quinn's clients who include: Gov. Henry McMaster, Sen. Lindsay Graham, Rep. Joe Wilson, Attorney General Alan Wilson, Treasurer Curtis Loftis, Superintendent to Education Molly Spearman, Pres. Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, College of Charleston President Glenn McConnell, and more than three dozen members of the legislature and other elected politicians in our state's Congressional Delegation in Washington.

On the 'buying' side are those that benefit from the favorable actions of the politicians and include: South Carolina Electric and Gas and Santee Cooper (more on them later), The State Ports Authority, University of South Carolina, S.C. Trial Lawyers Association, a variety of health care companies and dozens of others.

So far, the legislative scandal has ensnared former Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell, former House Majority Leaders Jim Merrill and Rick Quinn and Sen. John Courson. (Courson is contesting his charges and we should presume him innocent until proven guilty.)

And there are no doubt dozens of others, Democrats and Republicans, who are waking up in the middle of the night with the cold sweats worrying about what may happen next.

The safe bet is that a lot will happen next. Published accounts are that in addition to Solicitor David Pascoe's staff, another four solicitors' offices are investigating as well as the FBI, the Justice Department, the Securities and Exchange Commission and probably others. The buzz is that at least 10 or 15 other legislators will be indicted and that does not include others in state agencies and businesses.

The second major scandal is the \$9 billion (maybe as much as \$17 billion) utilities scandal of South Carolina Electric and Gas and Santee

Cooper's failed nuclear debacle in Jenkinsville. The utilities were given a blank check by the legislature to charge its customers in advance for all the cost of building the plants with an additional guaranteed profit of 10.25 percent.

Estimates are that the average family of four in the state will be stuck with a \$9,000 bill that they may be paying off for 60 years.

And to add outrage to injury, Lonnie Carter, President of Santee Cooper (and a state employee) walked off with a \$16 million golden parachute. And, the five top executives at SCE&G pocketed \$21 million in so-called performance bonuses while the nuclear project went down the tubes.

And as part of the transactions, the utilities have given Gov. McMaster, the Congressional Delegation in Washington and legislators – Democrats and Republicans – millions in campaign contributions. In fact, of the 32 members of the legislative committee that are to 'investigate' the scandal, all of them have received campaign contributions from either SCE&G, the co-op allies of Santee Cooper – or both.

Only four legislators have agreed to give the money back. All 160 members of the legislature that have received campaign contributions should give the money back – or even better, give the money to charity.

CORRUPTION ON 3A

OP - ED

The dangers of interaction with the mentally ill

By Danny Watson
City of Darlington Chief of Police

So can mentally ill people be dangerous? The answer to that question is quite complex. Sometimes people who are mentally ill can be dangerous and many other people can be as well. I would venture to say that in dealing with mentally ill community members you have to take the same approach you do to everyone else. The vast majority of the mentally ill are the same as any person that is in fact not mentally ill.

There are very rare occasions when you can just look at someone and know that person is definitely mentally ill. We get a significant number of calls about people who are presenting some pretty strange behavior that turn out not to be mentally ill. Sometimes people do things that just so far depart from common sense it boggles the mind. Those people are not mentally ill but have other issues.

Being a good police officer is built around the culture of knowing the people you serve. We need to ask the right questions. We need to interact with the local organizations that handle the support and care of those who are afflicted with this malady. We need to encourage members of that person's family to always let us know what we are dealing

before we arrive on the scene. Trying to tell us a person is mentally ill while we are trying to take them in custody is a bit problematic. Help us to do our job by giving us all of the information we can get before we arrive. It's a job that is not easy or simple in any way at the best of times but you can help us by giving us all of the facts. So dealing with the men-

tally ill is no more dangerous than dealing with anyone else who suffers from a disease. A mentally ill person might be standing right next to you and you would never know it. Our stance is simple we are here to stand with them and not against them. We will recognize it for what it is a disease.

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Keyless

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Garland said that the annual Car Hauler Parade was the reason for starting after Labor Day next year. While traffic will be shifted, Garland said, people would still be able to use the street.

SCDOT has proposed that the city split costs for work related to the water system on North Main.

"SCDOT has asked the City of Darlington to pay part of the cost of relocating the water sewer lines for the new bridge," Garland said. "DOT has said that they would pay \$65,000 and they want the city to pay \$60,000. We told DOT we didn't have money in our budget for that request and they responded to use that it would be possible to work out a trade. I'm just putting this out for information tonight."



Mayor Gloria Hines signed a proclamation written by Bobby Ross declaring October 3, 2017 to be "13 Child Warriors Day" recognizing the efforts of Black students and parents to desegregate St. John's High School. Photo by Melissa Rollins

The trade proposal would include the city taking over streets currently owned and maintained by SCDOT.

"SCDOT proposes to give us a yet to be determined list of streets in town that DOT currently owns," Garland said. "In

return for the City of Darlington taking ownership of those unspecified streets, they would pay for the complete replacement of the water sewer lines on North Main Street. That cost is around \$125,000. That is a decision

we'll have to make in the next few months; they'll give us a list of streets."

Several citizens who own property that would be affected by the project have expressed their concerns during past council meetings. Garland said that those were passed along to SCDOT.

"We did bring up the issue of them taking up properties," Garland said. "We expressed our strong desire that they do not do take those but it was their opinion that they plan to take them and that they will give them fair market value."

In new business, Mayor Gloria Hines signed a proclamation declaring October 3, 2017 to be "13 Child Warriors Day" in honor of the first Black-American students to attend St. John's High School.

She also signed a proclamation recognizing the Bicentenary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Baha'i Faith.



Brunson Dargan Elementary School's "Girls of Character" welcomed magician Chuck Miller (seated) and gifted him with his own handmade cape emblazoned with the super GoC logo

Character

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The guest speaker roster includes 4th Circuit Deputy Solicitor Kernard Redmond, Darlington Police Chief Danny Watson, and Darlington County Adult Education director Chuck Miller, who performed a spell-binding magic show and encouraged the girls to explore careers and hobbies (like magic) that are traditionally dominated by males.

In regular sessions, Nelson says the Girls of Character learn about conflict resolution, how to avoid escalating disagreements, and how to keep their chins up during troubled moments. By encouraging the girls to figuratively "raise their shields" - a reaction accompanied by a physical gesture that recalls Wonder Woman crossing her gauntlets - they learn to let negativity bounce away harmlessly and go about their day with a positive attitude.

Nelson says the lessons of

generosity and kindness learned by the girls were readily evident when she recently asked them whether they want to allow new kids to join their group. Instead of fearing new people disrupting their established routine, the Girls of Character lived up to their name and voted to allow the class to expand and welcome new additions.

"They said they wanted other girls to learn to have character and experience what they are experiencing," says Nelson.

As a sign of their member-

ship, each Girl of Character receives her own cape, handmade by Nelson, emblazoned with the "GoC" logo. Guest speakers also receive a souvenir cape as a reminder of the continuing mission to imbue young ladies with the confidence, strength, and character to live their lives as the heroes of their own stories.

To learn more about helping out or speaking with Girls of Character, contact Kim Nelson at the Darlington Police Department, 843-398-4026.

Coker

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Not only will Coker's 20 to 25 music majors enjoy the pleasures of playing a Steinway but the students of Coker's Community Music program will also get to take advantage of the instruments.

Smith notes that Steinways are versatile instruments, capable of beautifully voicing everything from classical music to rock and roll, so they will meet a player's needs regardless of stylistic choice. He says that the difference between playing a Steinway piano and an assembly line product is noticeable

and significant.

"It's hard to describe tangibly, but there's a sound quality that is different from a general manufactured piano. Steinways are handmade, and there is a real difference in the responsiveness a pianist gets when they are performing," says Smith.

School officials stressed that this distinction would not have been possible without the support of Coker's fundraisers and donors.

"Becoming an All-Steinway School exemplifies the college's determination to live up to and extend the fine legacy that is Coker's heritage and our student's future. We continue to

be enormously grateful for the loyal support of Coker's alumni and friends who are making this initiative possible," says Charles Sullivan, chair of the Advancement Committee for the Coker College Board of Trustees.

On Friday, October 27 at 7 p.m., Coker College will host an event with Ron Losby, president of Steinway & Sons, and Steinway artist David Osborne to celebrate the college's designation as an All-Steinway School. This event will be free and open to the public. At 8 p.m., the college will host its first annual Coker Society gala, a private event for donors and supporters.

Danger

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Family members who have the knowledge of what is going on need to tell us what we are getting into. We want to know for everyone's safety including yours and theirs.

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

Corruption

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These millions in campaign contributions does not include untold millions more in unreported dark money payments to legislators for retainers, consulting contracts and such. All legislators should report the dark money they have received as well.

All this adds up to little more than millions of 'legal' bribery.

This corruption is directly and personally hurting you, your family and our state in other big and small ways - seen and unseen.

As bad as these scandals are, the bigger problem is that these scandals keep us from getting all of the good things that we want and deserve -

good schools, honest utility rates, safe highways, secure pension for teachers and state employees, lower taxes on the middle class and small business, good jobs to provide economic security for our families - and on and on it goes.

And, there are lots of other ways that we are paying dearly - that we never see.

For a number of years, I did a lot of business overseas in over 45 countries. As a part of accepted international business etiquette, whenever I would go to meet with global business leaders, knowing where I came from they invariably had done a Google search on South Carolina and read about what was happening in our state.

When our state's business people go abroad today - they soon learn that their global counterparts know all about the corruption, shady dealings

and general sleaziness of doing business in our state - they have read all about it online in our state's newspapers.

In the last few days, a former business colleague in Brussels asked me, "Has South Carolina become a Third World banana republic?" That is a direct quote.

Every day there are thousands of such business leaders, investors and government leaders Googling South Carolina - and asking the same question. Too often, they then quickly click over to the next state on their prospect list of where they are considering doing business. We never see it.

And, these scandals are debasing the moral character of our state. What kind of lesson is this to our young people when they see our political leaders taking bribes, and our major business leaders lying to

their customers and 'stealing' our money?

How should we respond? The answer is simple: We want our money back, and someone (probably lots of people) need to go to jail.

It does not have to be this way. It really doesn't.

We can demand more. We can vote the crooked politicians out of office and we can demand these corrupt utility executives roll back our utility rates and give back their millions in bonuses and golden parachutes.

If we don't, they won't. It's up to us.

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South Carolina's teen birth rate continues steady decline

South Carolina's teen birth rate has declined by 67 percent since peaking in 1991, continuing decades of success for communities across the state. This includes a 9 percent decrease from 2015 to 2016, landing the teen birth rate for 15-19 year olds at 23.8 per 1,000 females. Declines over the past 25 years have been most substantial among African American youth ages 15-17 whose teen birth rate has decreased by 82 percent since 1991. While teen birth rates have decreased for all ages and races in previous years, Hispanic teens (15-19) experienced a 12 percent increase in teen births from 2015 to 2016. Still, older youth (18-19 year olds) continue to drive the overall South Carolina teen birth rate, currently making up 75 percent of all teen births among 15-19 year olds.

As the teen birth rate continues to decline, STI and HIV rates remain an area of concern. In 2015, South Carolina ranked in the top 10 nationally for rates of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and diagnosed HIV for all ages. From 2015-2016,

South Carolina saw a 4.6 percent increase in the rate for Chlamydia, a 16.2 percent increase in the rate for Gonorrhea, while HIV prevalence saw a 22.7 percent decrease (15-19 year olds, per 100,000 population).

The South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (SC Campaign) continues to focus efforts in this direction by working with agencies like the United Way of Anderson, Helping Hands, Inc. and OCAB Community Action Agency, Inc., through a multi-year project entitled Expanding the Reach. Other counties actively partnering with the SC Campaign include Bamberg, Barnwell, Darlington and Dillon. The organization also works with programs in Horry, Richland and Spartanburg Counties. All programs emphasize abstinence as the safest, most effective way to prevent pregnancy. The programs support knowledge and the use of various forms of birth control and condoms among sexually active teens. This is critical to not only preventing teen pregnancy, but STIs and HIV as well.

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Public hearings and final readings were held and approved for two ordinances.

No. 17-09 increased the number of lots off an access or utility easement from two to six. Previously, developers and landowners had to go before the Planning Commission and request a variance before creating more than two lots with access to a public road.

No. 17-10 cleared the receipt and expenditure of \$17,191 in supplemental State Aid Funds for the Darlington County Library System.

A public hearing was held on a the proposed lease of space in the Society Hill Neighborhood Center at 223 Hall Street to Crystal Jackson and I Am Visible LLC (a tutoring and academic enrichment after school program), but a vote on the matter was carried over pending receipt of further information regarding the lessee's insurance requirements.

After the regular agenda, Council held an executive session and briefly reconvened. They voted unanimously to extend county administrator Charles Stewart's contract for another two years. Stewart's contract was set to expire at the end of October.

Hubbard

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"After doing it again, I brought it back two or three months later and it was virtually the same thing," Hubbard said. "Then they said 'Maybe you're right.' We shut down the green ends in '72 or '73. We had a lumber core department where we made lumber core and we shut that down. We had a pre-finish area where we put a top-coat on the plywood; we shut that down. Things really picked up for us after that. Those were three non-profitable parts of our business and we started doing some other things, we put in equipment, we put in some different procedures. Over the years we have tweaked the business to the point that it looks a lot different than it did 40-something years ago."

As a young man fresh out of college, the study could have been a turning point in his job.

"It scared the hell out of me when I had to turn that cost study in," Hubbard said.

"I was here less than a year and I was going in to talk to somebody who had been here thirty years and I was telling them that my figures didn't jive with theirs. I was a little bit concerned about my job but they began to see that maybe I was right. We had not had any real, true cost studies done in a long time and now that we've shut these operations down we're beginning to make some good money."

Hubbard began working under the General Manager, getting promoted to Assistant General Manager and eventually General Manager. He retires as Vice President, which goes to show that hard work pays off. Though someone new will sit behind the VP desk, Hubbard will continue to stay on for a few days a week.

His time outside the office will be filled with children and grandchildren; with six of them he will have plenty to fill his time.

"I turned 69 and decided it was time to slow down," Hubbard said. "It feels great to say that I'm retiring. I worked hard for it."

35th Annual South Carolina Sweet Potato Festival
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The SC Sweet Potato Festival includes a day of fun for the whole family on the courthouse Square in Darlington, South Carolina. The event includes well over 100 vendors of food, crafts, games, and exhibits from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sweet potatoes and sweet potato dishes abound. Throughout the day entertainment takes place along with a classic/antique car show. A new feature this year will be a live auction of an array of interesting items worthy of your bid, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Darlington County Humane Society. Admission is free. For more information, visit the Pilot Club website at www.darlingtonpilotclub.org or contact Ruth Flowers at 843-393-3526.

QUOTE

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

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Darrell Talbert
Edward Darrell Talbert, age 83, passed away Thursday, October 5, 2017. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday, October 8th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery.



Born April 26, 1934, Darrell is the son of the late Wade Henry Talbert, and the late Curtis Easterling Talbert. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He worked in maintenance at Maytag, and also worked as a truck driver and an electrician. He served in the Darlington Moose Lodge for 47 years, and was awarded the office of Pilgrim in the Moose Lodge 595. Darrell was a Commander in the V.F.W. number 318, and also served as District Commander for many years. Darrell enjoyed people and having a good laugh with them. He was a member of the former Vision Assembly Church in Darlington.

Surviving are his wife, Brenda M. Talbert of Florence; his daughter, June D. Talbert of Hartsville; his sons, Chris Talbert of Hartsville, and Eddie Talbert of Myrtle Beach; his grandchildren, Lindsey, William, Alexander, Katie, Justin, Josh, and seven great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his step-sons, Terry (Kelly) Montrose, Tracy Montrose, Joey Thompson, a number of step-grandchildren, and a special step-granddaughter, Kayla Montrose; his sister, Vera Mae French of Darlington, and his special pet, Sugar Baby.

He was preceded in death by his son, Dicky Lee Talbert; three brothers, and one sister. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Belk Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Swamp Fox V.F.W. 3181, 236 S. Greer Rd. Florence, SC 29506; or to the Darlington Moose Lodge 595, PO Box 84 Darlington, SC 29540.

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

Wayne Smothers

Robert Wayne "Bad Boy" Smothers Jr, age 37, died suddenly on September 23, 2017. A memorial service was held in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 27 at 7 p.m. The family received friends from 6 until 7 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home and other times at 409 White Magnolia Dr., Darlington.

Born September 15, 1980, Wayne is the son of Nancy Stokes Smothers and the late Robert Wayne Smothers. Wayne was affectionately called the "Gentle Giant", partly because of his willingness to help others and partly because he never met a stranger. He enjoyed doing carpentry work, listening to music and singing, and at one time sang in the Darlington Young Singers. Wayne enjoyed the time he spent here on earth, and he lived his life to the fullest.

In addition to his mother of Darlington, he is survived by his fiancé, Brandie Weatherford Morris, his brother, James (Amber) Smothers,



his niece, Londyn Smothers, an aunt, Beth (Leonard) Morse, all of Darlington, a special cousin, Grover "Bubba" Smothers of Raleigh, his best friend, Jason O'Neal and his faithful canine companion, Alley.

He was preceded in death by his father, Grandparents; Gladys and Grover Smothers, Pansy Stokes Gee and James Stokes; a special aunt, Sandra Stokes and a cousin, Clifford Smothers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to any children's charity of ones choosing.

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

Bobby Lee Tucker

Bobby Lee Tucker, Sr., 86, of Darlington died on Monday, October 2, 2017.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 5 at 2 p.m. at the First Church of God in Darlington. Burial followed in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home of Darlington. The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4 at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Bobby was born in Darlington, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Robert Bleechman Tucker and Ottalee Bryant Tucker. Bobby was a lifetime member of First Church of God in Darlington. He established Tucker's Used Cars in 1948 and Tucker Enterprise Trucking Company in 1978. Bobby was a long-standing member of the Carolinas Independent Automotive Dealer Association and the National Independent Automotive Dealer Association. He earned repeat awards as a top buyer from Manheim Auction in

Darlington and was a staunch supporter of the RNC and President Donald J. Trump. Bobby had a heart of gold and will be missed dearly.

Surviving are his loving wife of 69 years, Eunice Howle Tucker of Darlington; his children, Rachel Anderson and husband, Tony of Darlington, Marilyn Bonniott and husband, Punk of Darlington, Carolyn Goodson and husband, Eddie of Darlington and Lee Tucker and wife, Tami of Florence; his grandchildren, Sonia Bailey (Charles), Tia Matthews (Eddie), Tiffni Owens (Chad) Justin (Jaby) Talbert, Josh (Kendall) Talbert, Bobby Goodson (Tracey), Dorene Goodson (Patrick) Bouska, and Tamilee Tucker; his great grandchildren, Andrew Talbert, Kaelin Talbert, Zackery Talbert, Joey Goodson, Aiden Bouska, Trevor Bouska, Elayna Bouska, Christina Caudle (Blake), Ashley Bailey (Kris), Brooke Bailey, Anthony Matthews, Sheridan Matthews, CJ Owens, and Chase Bailey; his great great grandchildren, Jackson Bailey, Paisley Caudle, and Kali Rae Lambert; his special friends Jerry and Sandra Bryant; and his beloved pet, Black Jack.

Bobby was preceded in death by his daughter, Eunice Gail Tucker; his great grandchildren, Tyler Chase Talbert, and Caroline Grace Bouska; and by his brother, Robert William "R.W." Tucker.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1105 48th Ave North, Suite 109, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577.

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

LIVING ON PURPOSE The way we think defines who we are

By Dr. William Holland

When we talk about life being filled with possibilities, we usually imagine someone stepping into our situation and helping us achieve our goals. It's easy to fall into the habit of hoping that another person will provide what we need or figure out the solutions to our problems. True, there are times when we can depend on the generosity of others but God has given each of us a sound mind and unlimited potential if we can only learn how to activate these internal resources. A common spiritual principal is to pray and wait, and there is validity in that process, but I have also learned through the years that many times God is actually waiting on us to take the initiative to press forward. When we place our trust in Him and allow Him to change our attitudes into a positive force, that which seems unattainable moves into the area of possibility. Romans 12:2 points out that we have a responsibility to be transformed by the renewing of our mind in order that we may prove and demonstrate God's perfect will. We must allow the Lord to change our mind from fear to faith, as learning to believe is the basic foundation for success. If we focus on being the best we can be, good things will come but if we expect the worse, we release the powers of negativity that can diminish our joy and hope. With every situation we can respond with a positive confidence or a negative skepticism and these mental choices will always determine whether we live in spiritual peace or emotional misery.

I recently read a true story that was told by Hugh Fullerton, a famous sports writer many years ago. His account involved a man named Josh O'Reilly who managed the San Antonio baseball team that was a part of the Texas League. O'Reilly had an impressive roster of all-star players, including seven whose batting average was over three hundred. Everyone thought this super-team would easily win the championship but mysteriously they began the season losing seventeen of their first twenty games. For some reason the players could not hit the ball and as time went by, frustration boiled over into angry accusations against each

other. Just when it seemed the situation could not be worse, they were beaten badly by a weak Dallas team and managed only one hit the entire game. In the clubhouse after the embarrassment, the players were confused and depressed to say the least. O'Reilly knew he had the most talented team in the league but also realized the trouble was in their mind. They were not expecting to get a hit and were not anticipating a victory because they were thinking wrong. They had slowly allowed doubt and discouragement to fill their heart with negativity and defeat. Their mental focus had turned against them and had literally created difficulties not only with their confidence, but also physically with timing, strength and coordination. And yet, they were the only ones who could change the situation.

The story continues that a certain minister named reverend Schlater was very popular in the area at the time and he was drawing large crowds as his messages were filled with positive and faith filled encouragement. O'Reilly asked each player to lend him their favorite bats, to which he loaded into a wheelbarrow and told the players to stay in the clubhouse until he returned. He was gone about an hour and returned overflowing with excitement as he told the players this preacher had blessed the bats and they now contained a spiritual power that could not be stopped. The players were astounded and jumping with enthusiasm. The next day they overwhelmed Dallas with 37 hits and 20 runs scored. They continued their way through the league schedule and convincingly won the championship. Regardless of what we believe about praying over the bats, we can agree that something very powerful happened within the minds of the players. It was not the bats that changed but with a new way of thinking, the creative power of faith blossomed. Good news! Mark 9:23 declares this spiritual principal is available to all who believe.

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



Mrs. Kathleen O'Connor recently spoke to the students at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School. She talked about the importance of non-distractive driving and introduced the Justin O'Connor Memorial Scholarship. This fund will be implemented at the celebration held on the TBCS campus Sunday, October 29th from 4-5:30 p.m.

Do you know Darlington County?



Last week's photo was at the Sonoco Headquarters in Hartsville. Our only reader with a correct guess was Dolores Talbert. Today you will find another location shot. Do you know where it is? Please let us know by sending your guesses to: editor@newsandpress.net or call 843-393-3811. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Good luck!

CHURCH NEWS

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

Men's Day Service

St. Luke Pentecostal Powerhouse of Truth Church, 1401 Society Hill Road, is holding its Men's Day Service Oct. 15 at 4 p.m.

Marriage Conference

New Beginnings Church will be hosting a marriage conference with Brian and Jennie Edwards on Oct 21, 2017 at The Music Hall at 1945 Harry Byrd Hwy, Darlington, SC. The conference will begin at 10:00am. Married, Engaged, Divorced or Single all are welcome to come out and join us.

Centennial Celebration

Weekend

First Church of God in Darlington will celebrate their centennial on October 21-22. The church is located at 620 N Main St in Darlington. For more information, call 843-393-7942.

100 Women in White and 100 Men in Black Celebration

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 3208 N. Governor Williams Highway, will hold their annual 100 Women in White and 100 Men in Black Celebration Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. For additional information, call 843-669-2002.

The Upper Room Holy Ghost Mission

Sunday morning worship is at 11 a.m. Bible study Thursday night is at 7 p.m. at 109 Main St. in Darlington Come worship

under the leadership of Pastor Warren D. Spearman. Call 843-250-0418 for prayer.

Bible Study

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

Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line

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

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

3123 W. Palmetto St.,

Florence. Worship Time: 11 a.m. (4th Sunday 8:30 a.m.) Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Phone: 843-601-3672

Facebook: St.Catherine's EC Vicar: The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson

Lawson Grove Baptist Church

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

Streaming Available at lawsongrovebaptistchurch.com

Black Creek Baptist Church

Black Creek Baptist Church, located 139 Mont Clare Road, Dovesville, announces their hours: Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11a.m.

Worship Services and 6 p.m. Evening Worship. Wednesday: 6:30 Adult Bible Study; Youth Bible Study, Children (Children In Action) 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Covenant Baptist Church

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

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington announces their hours 1st/3rd Sunday Pastoral Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Church Services 11:00

Elder M. Frierson 2nd/4th Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 by Deacon Z. Frierson Service at 11:00 a.m. Min.Gerald Green. The community is invited to attend. Come expecting to hear the anointed Word. Contact Deacon.Z.Frierson 843-229-3158

The Lord Cares

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

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Such a friendly guy! Obviously a mix but he has the unmistakable boxer wiggle-butt, which his stubby tail helps show off. Never meeting a stranger, George has a nice medium energy and is great at meeting new people and other dogs. He's really at his best when he is right beside his person. Perhaps you are THAT Person? Come by today and see how perfect George is for you! 50lbs; boxer mix; male; 9-12 mos old



Merlock will have you at "Hello." One look at this chubby cheeked charcoal grey teen kitten and you will be in love! Arriving with 4 other siblings, this snazzy looking fellow is playful and friendly and ready to share his life with a family loaded with other pets and kids. Stop by soon and see why we all adore Merlock! 7 mos old; male; domestic short hair bobtail

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

Centennial Farmers Market

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

Darlington Elks Lodge

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

Paws to Read

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

Story Time

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

Library Programs

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

Crochet & Knit Clubs

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

Pee Dee SCORE

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

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.

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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.

Pumpkin Festival

Pumpkintown, South Carolina will celebrate the 39th Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Oolenoy Community Building. The theme this year is "Oolenoy Valley." Activities include a parade, arts and crafts booths, music, clogging, food and fun activities for children. The festival starts with the parade at 9 a.m.

EAA International Young Eagles Rally

On October 14, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. kids 8 to will have the free opportunity to explore aviation with EAA Chapter 1058. Day of activities include ground course instruction, aeronautical exploration and a 15-20 min flight. Certificates awarded to all participants. The event will take place at the Hartsville Regional Airport. For more information, contact Chapter President, Sandi Brown at 843-307-1532.

Charity Fashion Show

The Ladies Philoptochos of Florence is hosting a Charity Fashion Show "Fall Into Fashion" on Saturday, October 14 from 3-5:30 p.m. at the Greek Church Hellenic Center off S. Cashua St. in Florence to benefit the local non-profit organization Help4Kids.

Billy Farrow Recognition Service

The Darlington County Historical Society and the American Legion will hold a 75th Anniversary Billy Farrow Recognition Service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at First Baptist Church. The service will end at the Darlington Veterans Memorial.

Darlington Planning Commission

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, October 17 - Joint meeting at 6 p.m. at the Darlington Library or at the conference room at City Hall and as needed or requested by City Council.

Pumpkins in the Park

Join Darlington Recreation for Pumpkins in the Park at 2 p.m. Oct. 20 at Williamson Park. For more information, call 843-398-4030.

Domestic Violence Walk

Saturday Oct. 21. Walk begins at 10 a.m. at The Square in Darlington.

Coffee with a Cop

Hartsville PD will hold a Coffee with the Cop event Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to noon at the Hartsville Safe Community Office, 710 S. Fifth St. Hartsville. There will be no agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. For more information, contact Lt. Richardson at 843-383-3011 or tenyonde.richardson@hartsvillesc.gov.

Fall Carnival

St. Luke UMC, 302 Dunlap Drive in Hartsville, will hold a free Fall Carnival on Oct. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be Trunk or Treat, games, food, face painting and bounce houses. For more information, call 843-383-5169 or visit stlukehartsville.com.

Steinway School Celebration

Celebrate Coker College's Designation as an All-Steinway School
Friday, October 27 from 7-8 p.m. at the Watson Theater, Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Performing Arts Center, 300 East College Avenue. This event is free and open to the public.

Color Run

St. John's Elementary School APT will hold a Color Run on Oct. 28 to raise money for the school. The My School Color Run is an untimed fun run for all ages and fitness abilities. Participants who register by October 13 will receive a t-shirt, race bib, and individual color packet. Sign up by visiting StJohnAPT.eventbrite.com.

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.

Color Run

St. John's Elementary School APT will hold a Color Run on Oct. 28 to raise money for the school. The My School Color Run is an untimed fun run for all ages and fitness abilities. Sign up by visiting StJohnAPT.eventbrite.com.

Darlington County Delegation Joint Meeting

Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, & Legislative Delegation will meet Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. The location is to be announced. Darlington County will act as host.

Nov. 2017

Darlington County Council Meeting

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

American Legion

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

Veterans Day Service

The Veterans Day Program will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Darlington Veterans Memorial at the corner of Orange and North Main Streets.

Darlington Planning Commission

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

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting on November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

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

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting.

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Pilots host “Fla-mingle” event

The Pilot Club of Darlington recently hosted a Meet and Greet “Fla-Mingle” Event at the Wilds- Edwards House. There were twenty-three guests who attended to find out more about the Pilot organization. There were many displays, posters, flyers, Pilot International promotional and informational materials, BrainMinder puppets and books, and scrapbooks for guests to view. Pilots were on hand to greet the guests, offer refreshments and share the story of Pilot.

Pilot International is a community-based volunteer organization founded in 1921 in Macon, Georgia. Elizabeth Leonard and six of her friends met on September 7, 1921, and the Pilot Club of Macon was born. Soon afterward, many Pilot Clubs were established.

The organization was founded on the basis of “friendship and service.” Pilot called its first International Convention in 1922 at the Dempsey Hotel in Macon, Georgia and Lucy B. Allen was elected the first President of Pilot International. The motto of “True Course Ever” was adopted. The colors green (for

life and vigor) and gold (for sincerity of purpose) were approved. The emblem adopted was a riverboat pilot’s wheel with eight spokes.

In 1926, at Pilot’s fifth international convention, Pearl Sparks, President of the Pilot Club of Florence, Alabama, presented “The Code of Ethics,” which continues to be used without change. In 1940, Pilots donated an ambulance to the Red Cross for use in England during WWII. In 1949, Pilot Clubs were chartered in Paris, France and London, England. Two years later, clubs were established in Bermuda and Japan. Pilot launched Anchor Clubs, named Helen Keller an honorary member, and granted the first scholarship in 1952. Pilot reached an all-time high of 20,877 members in 1985. In 2001, we introduced our signature focus of BrainMinders to teach children how to protect their brain for life.

Pilot International envisions a world where all are valued. Our mission is to influence change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service.

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- Encouraging brain safety and health
- Supporting those who care for others

As Pilots, we strive to “Do More. Care More. Be More.” in countries around the world...the

USA, Bahamas, Japan, and South Africa.

The Pilot Club of Darlington sponsors the Darlington Anchor Club, provides BrainMinder programs to teach children as well as seniors tips for brain safety, and supports caregivers by providing Pick Me Up projects to uplift those who tirelessly care for others. The Club sponsors the South Carolina Sweet Potato Festival the second Saturday in October in downtown Darlington. They also provide Project Lifesaver in cooperation with Darlington County Fire Department to help find loved ones who wander and bring them safely back home.

Pilots provide funds for the Safe Harbor Fund to assist Pilots and their communities in times of hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. Pilots also provide scholarships for undergraduate



Maggie Blackmon, Lacie Demaurice, Jennifer Griggs, and Pilot Membership Chair Melissa Schwier. Photo Contributed.

and graduate students and grants to clubs for special projects in communities around the world.

The Pilot Club of Darlington

meets the second Monday of each month at the Wilds-Edwards House. If you are interested in learning more about Pilot, please contact Pilot

Club President Judy Langley at 843-617-0689 or President Elect and Membership Chair Melissa Schwier at 843-858-9014.

Hartsville Chamber hosts candidate panel

The Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce will host a panel discussion among Hartsville City Council candidates October 23 at 6 pm at the Hartsville High School gymnasium. Candidates participating include incumbent candidates Adlena Graham (District 1) and Teresa Mack (District 3). They will be joined by candidates Tre Gammage (District 1), Carolyn Govan (District 1) and Trevor McDonald (District 3). Mayor Mel Pennington and councilman Bob Braddock are running unopposed and are unable to participate. The program will include a 5-minute introduction for each candidate to lay out their agendas followed by a question and answer session with the moderator.

The chamber is encourag-

ing the community to attend and take advantage of this unique opportunity.

“Through this forum, the community will have an opportunity to hear from candidates in a friendly, yet important, atmosphere prior to the election,” said Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce President Quinetta Buterbaugh. “My hope is that voters will find this opportunity to be a positive experience. Our city has made great strides and the community-business and citizens alike are interested to know how the candidates plan to continue the effort.”

The event is free and open to the public, and is expected to last around an hour. For more information, contact the Hartsville Chamber by calling 843-332-6401.

Yahoo breach affects 3 billion accounts

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is encouraging Yahoo Mail users to take action to secure their online accounts in light of the most recent breach announcement.

While the company initially reported that one billion addresses were compromised during 2013, they have now revealed that likely every person who had a Yahoo email address in 2013 was affected. Information stolen includes names, email addresses, phone numbers, birth dates as well as encrypted passwords and security questions and

answers. Yahoo Mail users should consider the following:

- Change your password and security questions immediately. Use strong, creative passwords (uppercase, lowercase and special characters) and don’t share them with anyone. Don’t use the same passwords or security questions for multiple accounts, especially when using your email address as the login name on that site.
- Watch out for phishing attempts. Asking for personal or sensitive information via a phone call, text or e-mail is a tactic used by scammers.

Never reply to texts, pop-ups, or e-mails that ask for verification of personal information. Avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments from suspicious emails or texts. Report scams to SCDCA’s Identity Theft Unit online or by calling 844-835-5322.

Closely monitor financial and benefits statements/accounts. Check all monthly statements and account activity, especially for financial accounts saved as payment options on internet merchant sites. Review them carefully and notify the financial institution/provider as

soon as you spot an unauthorized or suspicious item.

Consider a fraud alert and security freeze. Prevent scammers from opening new accounts using your information by placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on your credit reports. A fraud alert tells a business accessing your report to take extra steps to verify that you are the one seeking its goods/services. When a security freeze is in place, no one can access your report without your “okay.” For more information on these tools visit the Identity Theft Unit’s webpage or call 844-835-5322.

For 30th anniversary Pee Dee Coalition focuses on the future

During October 2017, Pee Dee Coalition, supported in part by United Way, marks major milestones with news of increased focus for the future on preventing interpersonal violence. This October is the 30th anniversary of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month as well as the 30th anniversary of Pee Dee Coalition’s 24-hour hospital response to victims of family violence and sexual assault.

For three decades Coalition-trained advocates have met with victims at hospitals, offering support and resources to assist in their recovery. Crisis intervention, emergency safe shelter and victim services including transitional shelter for women and their children who have left abusive relationships, remain as key components of Coalition work. However, executive director Ellen Hamilton says this is the time to raise awareness and build community capacity to focus on preventing interpersonal violence.

Hamilton says, “Our next step will be organizing and facilitating a community round-table to launch the Alternatives to Violence Project or AVP.”

The project began in 1975 when inmates at Green Haven Prison in New York State asked local Quakers to help them teach incarcerated youth how to resolve conflicts nonviolently.

“This Project was and continues to be enormously effective in teaching individuals, communities, schools, faith-based organizations and those who are incarcerated how to resolve conflict without

resorting to manipulation, coercion, or violence,” said Hamilton.

It fits well with Pee Dee Coalition, she says, because AVP like the Coalition is a volunteer-run program. It is also a good fit with Pee Dee Coalition’s existing Alternatives to Violence batterers’ intervention program known as ATV, which will continue its re-education work with court-referred domestic violence offenders.

Interpersonal violence is a common, complex, and consequential public health epidemic. It is a universal issue occurring in every culture and social group. One in every four women has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime. One in seven men has been victimized similarly and according to UNICEF, the single best predictor of children becoming either perpetrators or victims of domestic violence later in life is whether they grow up in a home where there is domestic violence. Studies from various countries support the findings that rates of abuse are higher among women whose husbands were abused as children or who saw their mothers being abused.

“It’s important to intervene in crisis situations and offer recovery and re-education services,” said Hamilton. “It is equally if not more important to focus more attention and resources on primary prevention of interpersonal violence. That requires participation across the region, which we plan to engage in this next year.”



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A look back at where Darlington stands coming off the bye

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

The Darlington Falcons wrapped up its week off from competition this week and now will set its eyes on a region road game this week against the Lakewood Gators.

Currently 1-6 overall and 0-1 in the region, the Falcons have very little room for error with only three region games left for the season if they want any chance to make the playoffs.

It starts this Friday in Sumter against Lakewood before Darlington travels back home for the last home game of the year against Lugoff-Elgin. The Falcons end the regular season on the road against one of their biggest rivals, the Hartsville Red Foxes.

But before we get ahead of

ourselves about these next three football games let us take a moment to look back and see just how the Falcons got here.

Cheraw 51, Darlington 19

Opening the game on the road, Darlington kept the game close for about a quarter with the Falcons trailing only 14-6 after a quarter of play. Those six points, however, were all Darlington would score until late in the fourth quarter when Cheraw had its second string defense on the field.

Wilson 37, Darlington 14

This game might go down as the game of missed opportunities. The Falcons were 0-4 in the red zone in the first half and turned the ball over way too many times. Fourth down defense was also a problem as

the Tigers converted at least one fourth down on three of the five touchdown drives of the game.

Lamar 57, Darlington 6

This was by far the worst game of the year for the Falcons. Maybe it was because the game was moved up to Thursday because of weather, but regardless Darlington looked like it never got off the bus. Right from the start Lamar did anything it wanted.

Marlboro County 40, Darlington 7

After starting on the road for the first three games of the season, the Falcons were able to play their first home game of the year. While the Falcons Nest might be friendly confines for Darlington it was also pretty cozy for the Bulldogs who were up 40-0 at half.

Darlington 36, Lake City 8

This game was a breath of fresh air. After two poor performances against Lamar and Marlboro County, Darlington put together a complete, dominating game against the Panthers in front of home crowd cruising to its first win of the season.

South Florence 28, Darlington 27

This was definitely the most exciting game of the year and it might be one of the most exciting games I have ever covered for Darlington, especially when it comes to how it ended. Down by seven, quarterback Brian Robinson connected with Jordan English for the seven-yard touchdown to bring the Falcons to within one as time expired on the clock.

With momentum riding and the game not effecting Darlington in any way towards making the playoffs the Falcons rolled and went for two to try to win the game. Robinson's pass was broken up and the comeback was stopped just one point short.

Crestwood 26, Darlington 0

This game had an oddity to it. Darlington's defense played pretty good, but so did Crestwood's. The Falcons were able to move ball offensively between the 20s at times, but it was never able to do anything after that.

Also it did not help the offense that Robinson was knocked out of the game midway in the second quarter, but as Darlington head coach John Jones has always said it is the next man up and excuses can-

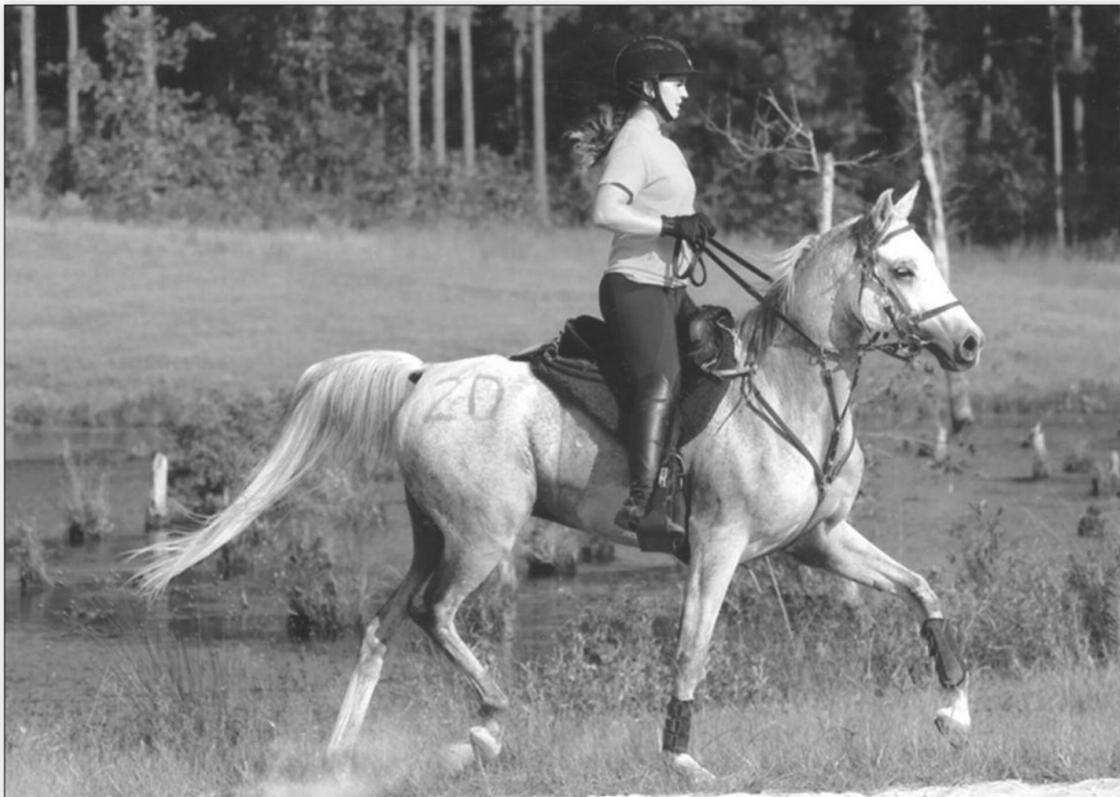
not be made.

This game was the first game of the region and it was the most important game up to date. The loss put Darlington behind the eight ball when it comes to making the playoffs. In a region with only five teams, the margin for error is very slim.

Darlington @ Lakewood, Friday

This is who the Falcons play this week and this is who the Falcons have to beat if they want to make the playoffs.

While a loss does not necessarily eliminate Darlington from playoff contention it puts the Falcons needing to win both the Lugoff-Elgin and Hartsville game, a tall task to ask for any team, let alone a team as young as the Darlington is this season.



Anuke Mounabi (Boone) was the first place winner of the Sandhill's Stampede 25 mile endurance race held at H. Cooper Black Memorial Field Trail in Patrick, S.C. on Sept. 30, 2017. He was also the winner of the Best Condition Award out of 47 entries from 6 states. Boone, an 8-year-old Arabian, was ridden by Erin Hudson of Fredrick, MD and is owned by Mark and Marie Sobiski of Darlington, S.C. The race was sanctioned by the American Endurance Ride Conference. Photo contributed.

State imposes emergency quarantine on invasive insect, ash wood and firewood

South Carolina officials have declared a statewide emergency quarantine of some wood products due the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive insect pest that inhabits and destroys native ash trees.

Under the quarantine, the Department of Plant Industry (DPI) at Clemson University will regulate the interstate movement of wood and wood products that serve as hosts to the small, metallic green, wood-boring beetle. South Carolina will be added to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's federal quarantine restricting the interstate shipment of all ash wood and wood products and all hardwood firewood.

The action follows a Sept. 29 public hearing in which landowners, timber industry professionals and state and federal officials gathered to discuss methods for dealing with the pest.

USDA detection traps revealed the insect in Spartanburg, Greenville and Oconee counties in August, marking the first discovery of EAB in South Carolina. The beetle, native to Asia, has now been detected in 31 states and Canada.

The pest was first discovered in North America in Michigan in 2002. It was detected in North Carolina and Georgia in 2013.

"EAB has been gradually progressing across the Eastern United States for 15 years," said Steve Cole, director of Regulatory and Public Service Programs at Clemson. "At this point, the ecosystem is the greatest consideration. Quarantine will help us slow the spread of the insect to uninfected areas."

The emergency quarantine will be in place statewide until the legislature can address the issue, Cole said. It covers transportation out of state of the EAB itself as well as nursery stock, green lumber and other material — such as un-composted chips — from ash trees, the genus *Fraxinus*. It also applies to firewood of all hardwood (non-coniferous) species.

Regulated articles may be moved into South Carolina without state- or federally issued certificates or compliance agreements provided that no other state or federal provisions prevent it.

"We knew it was going to get here eventually. We've had a few close calls in North Carolina a mile or two from the border, so we had developed a preliminary plan for dealing with it," said Steven Long, assistant director of Clemson's Department of Plant Industry. "Eradication is not possible, but some level of control is. We are pursuing potential methods of biocontrol. There are parasitic wasps that target EAB. There are systemic pesticides you can use on high-value trees. But the reason this pest spreads so fast is that it has no natural predators here."

The insect can fly up to 15 miles a year, an impressive feat for such a small bug, but it has spread so far largely with human help, said Tim Drake, state entomologist and a manager in Clemson's Department of Pesticide Regulation.

"They are good flyers. They can spread easily, especially through the transport of infected wood," Drake said. "I think it's our responsibility to help prevent the spread to the uninfected



Emerald Ash Borer. Image from the USDA

areas of other states."

"EAB is moving fast — a lot faster than the 15 miles a year that the insect can fly," David Jenkins, Forest health program coordinator for the South Carolina Forestry Commission, said at the Sept. 29 public hearing. "We have benefited by seeing what it has done in other states. The quarantine will help protect the economic interests of people who have not yet been affected."

Emerald Ash Borer is a member of the Buprestid family of insects, sometimes called jewel beetles for their iridescent metallic green color. EAB larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, blocking the trees' ability to carry water and nutrients throughout their trunks and branches. They are responsible for the death or decline of hundreds of millions of ash trees since they arrived in North America.

Ash trees are important not only for their use as lumber and wood products, but also as ornamental trees. EAB damage frequently takes several years to be readily apparent, Drake said, so it is likely that infestation already has occurred beyond the

three South Carolina counties in which the EAB has appeared in traps.

White ash, the variety found in Upstate South Carolina, is known for its strength. It historically has been prized for making tools and tool handles. About half the nation's famous Louisville Slugger baseball bats are made from white ash.

Carolina Ash, green ash and pumpkin ash, which also thrive in parts of the Palmetto State, are targeted by EAB as well, said Don Hagan, a Clemson assistant professor of forestry and environmental conservation. Research shows the white fringetree, a popular ornamental tree in the same family as the ash tree, is also at risk, he said.

"We are not giving up on fighting EAB in South Carolina," Long said. "We have an ongoing survey to continue to document the pest's movement through the state and agents of the Clemson Extension service will be able to provide treatment strategies."

Official information will be maintained and made publicly available soon on Clemson's invasive species website clemson.edu/invasives.

Coker College announces addition of NCAA Division II field hockey

Coker College is proud to announce the addition of field hockey as an NCAA Division II sport beginning in the 2018-19 academic year. With the addition of field hockey Coker now sponsors 23 NCAA Division II athletic programs.

"We are excited to announce the return of field hockey to Coker College," said vice president for athletics and athletic facilities, Dr. Lynn Griffin. "One of the very first sports at Coker, it is truly an honor to bring field hockey back to campus after a 40 year hiatus."

According to author and staff/provost emeritus, Dr. Malcolm Doubles (2008) in his book titled, *In Quest of Excellence: A History of Coker College on its Centennial*, Coker offered 'class teams', which included field hockey dating back to 1930. Doubles states, "By 1955, Coker teams were venturing out to compete against

teams within the state. The field hockey team went to Rock Hill to compete against Winthrop. Field hockey was discontinued as a Coker sponsored sport in 1977.

A fall sport, field hockey has been an NCAA sport since 1981. Currently, 35 NCAA Division II institutions sponsor field hockey. Five of those programs are within Coker's immediate geographic footprint, including fellow South Atlantic Conference institutions Newberry and Queens.

Field hockey becomes the ninth Coker intercollegiate sport added since 2010. The others were men's lacrosse (2011-12), men's volleyball (2012-13), women's lacrosse (2013-14), wrestling (2013-14), men's and women's outdoor track & field (2014-15) and men's and women's indoor track & field (2016-17).

The search for a head coach will begin immediately.

Cobras Earn 3-1 Victory Tusculum

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. — The visiting Coker College men's soccer team earned a 3-1 South Atlantic Conference victory over the Tusculum College Pioneers on Oct. 8.

The Pioneers scored the lone goal in the first half and the Cobras headed into halftime trailing Tusculum 1-0.

In the second half of play, Coker found their offensive groove scoring three consecutive goals for the 3-1 victory. Trimby began the second half onslaught by placing a head-

er past the Tusculum goalkeeper in the 53rd minute. Steffen Husum was credited with the assist on a well-placed corner kick.

Next, the Cobras tacked on their second goal of the evening just ten minutes later, when Attiyah Shakir sent a pass from the defensive end to Elfares, who buried his shot into the back of the net for his fourth score of the season. Finally, Coker added their third and final goal of the contest in the 82nd minute from Grate.

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Darlington IGA gets a makeover, keeps great customer service

Darlington IGA has earned a reputation for friendly customer service that keeps patrons coming back time and again. Now, boasting a newly refreshed facade, shopping at the IGA is more pleasurable than ever.

"We've been here since 1990, and we did a bit of a remodel about ten years ago, but it's been a while since we've done anything to the outside," says Darlington IGA manager Carlisle Griggs. "They painted and patched up the front of the whole shopping center from us down to Darlington Family Pharmacy."

Griggs says future plans include interior upgrades and, perhaps, the addition of a deli and bakery like those in the KJ's Market IGA locations.

"They have really good food in those deli bakeries, just good comfort food," says Griggs.

Owned by the King and Johnson families of Lake City,

the Darlington IGA proudly marries the modern grocery store conveniences to family-owned traditions. Clean and well organized, the store has the neatness of a corporate marketplace venue, paired with the familiar faces and friendly service of a hometown general store.

"That's what makes IGA so special," Griggs said, referring to the cashiers, baggers, stockers, and department managers, who greet every customer with a smile and are always ready to help. "These people here, they know everybody, and we give pretty good service."

Whether you're after fresh produce, baked goods, pantry staples, household supplies, or sweet treats, the IGA has you covered. Griggs also notes that Darlington's IGA offers a traditional service not found in most large supermarkets these days: an onsite butcher who will specially prepare your meat order to

your specifications.

"We do have fresh meats, cut to order, and that's something that a lot of the big stores don't do anymore," says Griggs.

Though Griggs isn't the sort to make a big to-do over himself, the beloved manager – who has helmed the store since it opened – is planning to retire at the end of October 2017. Longtime store patrons and recent IGA converts should take the chance to say farewell. Griggs says he has enjoyed his tenure at the store and looks forward to seeing it grow and flourish in the future.

"I do appreciate all the customers supporting me and the Darlington IGA, and I hope they continue to enjoy shopping here for many years to come," says Griggs.

Visit Darlington IGA today at 207 South Main Street. They are open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sundays from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.



Longtime Darlington IGA store manager Carlisle Griggs stands outside the newly renovated store. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

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Church celebrates 100 years of God's blessings

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For one hundred years, First Church of God has been part of the Darlington community. On Oct. 21 and 22, the church is celebrating those 100 years of God's blessings and is inviting the community to join them.

Centennial Committee Chairwoman Judy Tyner said that once the church realized the monumental anniversary they were approaching they began to make plans to celebrate.

"We just think it is such an important milestone for the church, being established in Darlington and being part of the community," Tyner said. "We want to celebrate what all God has done for us, and the blessings throughout the years; we are still here because of his blessings. Through God's leadership with different leaders, we've gotten to this point. This celebration is really just to honor him."

The church currently sits at the corner of Smith Avenue and North Main Street but that is not where the heart of the ministry started.

"We started as a group, maybe not recognized by Anderson, Indiana (the home base for their denomination) as First Church of God, back in the early 1900's," Tyner said. "We just started through cottage meetings in homes and then grew from there: from homes to a store, to the Liberty and Orange Street Church to here (on N. Main Street)."

Several community members hosted meetings in their homes, including a member of Tyner's own family.

"My great-grandfather had meetings at his house," Tyner said. "He is one of the names mentioned in the history of having meetings in the homes before the storefront."

The store the church met in was provided by John Elihu Stokes and sat at the railroad crossing on Phillip Street. It was there in 1917 that the congregation was recognized by Church of God (Anderson).

Stokes later provided the land at the intersection of Liberty and Orange Streets where the first church was built. The congregation moved there from the storefront in 1927.

The church moved to its currently location in the 1960's, holding its very first service on July 5, 1969.

"We plan to unveil a commemorative monument at the Centennial Celebration because we realized that there is no true cornerstone," Tyner said. "We have lasted so long because we are reaching out to the community, being a part of the community, seeing what the community needs are and trying to meet those needs. That is part of our mission, to try to reach out to others. That has always been a part of who we are. We had



the bus ministry; we had a daycare at one point in the church. Each different pastor has had their goals but within those goals it has always been how can we reach people for Christ. In fact, on our commemorative monument we chose The Great Commission as our verse."

Even as the church celebrates its centennial, the congregation is celebrating a new season with Alan Waibel, their new senior pastor. Waibel and his family moved from Denver, Colorado, starting at their new post on August 1.

"I definitely felt like God was leading me to come to Darlington," Waibel said. "The church we were at was going through a senior pastor change. I was the associate pastor and I really felt like God was calling me back to the senior role so I was kind of seeing what was out there. This church came along and it just felt like the match for me and my family."

Waibel and his wife Christina moved with their children Isabelle and Anthony Thomas.

As senior pastor, Waibel said that he has a vision for the ministry God has given him at First Church of God.

"Our vision is 'Transforming Lives With Jesus at the Center,' Waibel said. "Our goal is to see people meet Christ and that when that happens their entire life is transformed. Getting Jesus to be the center of their life is a life-long process."

Waibel said that his vision was something God had given him and that it matched perfectly with the vision of the church.

"That was what God had placed on my heart," Waibel said. "As we came in, sharing that vision with the church, that felt like where they were at too so it just worked together."



William Trader, first pastor of First Church of God in Darlington.

The Centennial Celebration will start at 4 p.m. October 21 with a short history of the church, singing and a meal.

The Sunday service will start at 10 a.m. and include an unveiling on the commemorative monument, with lunch following. Centennial committee member Debbie Anderson said that everyone who has ever attended the church or been part of their ministries is invited to celebrate with them.

First Church of God Senior Pastor Alan Waibel with his wife Christina, daughter Victoria Burke, son-in-law Ty Burke, son Anthony Thomas and daughter Isabelle Thomas. Photo Contributed



First Church of God in Darlington congregants stand outside the church on Orange Street in the 1950's.

Darlington County School District hosts Digital Transformation Conference

Hundreds of Darlington County School District (DCSD) educators will continue expanding their digital tool portfolios Oct. 21 during the third annual DCSD Digital Transformation Conference at Darlington Middle School. The conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The conference, led by DCSD's Technology Department, will feature dozens of expert-led sessions focused on transformative technology that helps create a better future for the world today. Educators from other school districts are also invited

to attend the exciting event. Director of Technology Diane Sigmon said the event will continue to build on the district's digital transformation momentum.

"The third annual Darlington County School District Digital Transformation Conference promises to be another exciting day," Sigmon said. "So many awesome things are happening in our school district, and we are excited to share. Participants will have opportunities to network with each other, experience specific applications of technology

in the classroom, and grow in confidence to incorporate these engaging and empowering in their learning spaces. Also, everyone can follow along with the hashtag #DCSDTransforms."

Conference session topics will include classroom management software, device tips and tricks, flipped and blended learning, formative assessment tools, learning management systems, professional networking, digital portfolios, and more. The event aligns with the district's Digital Transformation Project, a three-year initiative that will

put a personal computing device in the hands of every student this year. The Darlington County Board of Education voted unanimously in 2016 to provide \$2.6 million annually to fund technology in the classroom.

Darlington Middle School is located at 150 Pinedale Drive in Darlington.

For more information, please contact the DCSD Office of Communications at 843-398-2284 and visit www.darlington.k12.sc.us/departments/technology/d_c_s_d_digital_transformation_conference.

Darlington County Action Agency seeks participants for Head Start 50th Anniversary Project

Darlington County Community Action Agency (DCCAA) is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its Head Start program with "50 Faces of Head Start," by collecting stories of individuals who lived in Darlington County (even if they have since moved away) whose lives were been impacted by Head Start.

DCCAA wants to hear from people who attended its Head Start program as children, parents, teachers and anyone

else who has benefited from the services provided by DCCAA Head Start over the past 50 years. Please submit your story with a picture to epatterson@dccaa.net. The team will review each submission and select 50 stories to feature at the Anniversary Luncheon in October. Submit by October 16, 2017.

Special Note: Please take picture with a black/dark background, do not wear dark clothing).

Carolina Pines announces Nurse of the Quarter and DAISY Award winner

Brandon Singletary, RN of the Emergency Department at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center was named the Nurse of the Quarter and the DAISY Award for Nursing Excellence. The awards are chosen from nominations from hospital staff, patients and family members that wish to recognize exceptional nurses each quarter.

According to Frank H. Munn, Director of Emergency Services at CPRMC, the awards were well deserved.

"Brandon is an exceptional nurse that has earned the respect and admiration of his peers, subordinates and the medical staff through his dedication and many years of high quality patient care. He invests in his team as their Patient Care Supervisor and grows them by modeling quality compassionate care in a supportive and encouraging manner. He is a true leader within the Emergency Department."

Brandon has been working in healthcare for 18 years, since the former Byerly Hospital days where he began as a unit clerk. He later moved to the ICU, and has been with the ER since Carolina Pines opened the doors in 1999. His inspiration for going into the medical field began when he was just a small child.

"When I was very young my GrandDad had a lot of bad bouts of COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and spent many nights in the hospital. I stayed and helped take care of him," recalled Brandon. "I was real close to my GrandDaddy, we always picked and cut up and everything... so it was tough on me. When I saw how the nurses cared for him, well, I just respected everything they did. I always knew that was what I wanted to do."

Now as an adult, Brandon



still feels the choice he made as a child was the right one.

"I enjoy the small atmosphere and that we have all been working together for years - and being able to help the community," he said. "And, I enjoy the closeness of everybody here - the physicians, the staff, we know each other well. We are great team, all on the same page. It works well for us."

What is The DAISY Award?

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33, from complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia

Purpura (ITP). During his eight-week hospital stay, his family was impressed by the care and compassion his nurses provided, not only to him but to everyone in the family. They created the DAISY Award in Pat's memory to recognize those nurses who make a big difference in the lives of so many people.

DAISY Award honorees demonstrate excellence through their clinical expertise and compassionate care, and are recognized as role models in our nursing community. Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center is proud to be a DAISY Award partner. Learn more at: DAISYfoundation.org.

Pilot Club gears up for Sweet Potato Festival

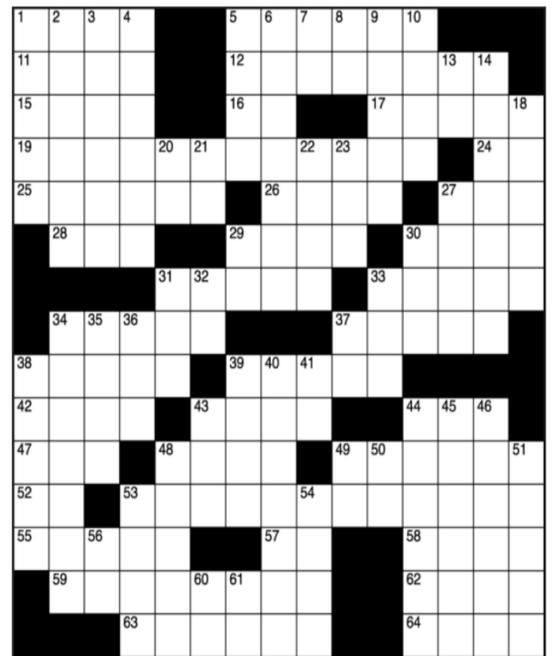
Cooler weather, football games and the SC Sweet Potato Festival; if you are from Darlington, South Carolina you know that these three items are what the month of October is all about.

Downtown Darlington will come to life in the early morning hours of Saturday, October 14. The square will be marked off for more than 100 vendors from all over the state that will be selling an array of different crafts, food items, drinks, and much more. The festival runs from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. with the opening ceremony taking place at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

Included again this year is the classic car show, one of the festivals most popular attractions. There will also be many fun things for children. Local entertainment will be performing throughout the day. New this year will be two live auctions, one will be held at 12 p.m. and the other at 2 p.m. The auction will benefit both the Pilot Club and the Darlington County Humane Society.

The Darlington Pilot Club will be selling their sweet potato pies at their booth located near the Courthouse. You can try one of their delicious funnel cakes from their booth on Vendor Row. The S. C. Sweet Potato Festival is the main fundraiser for the Darlington Pilot Club's many community projects that include college scholarships, working with the young people in our community and uplifting families.

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- Repents
- British School
- Adhesive to catch birds
- Male children
- Oil company
- Intestinal
- Money slogan
- 2nd tone
- In actual truth
- Belgian-French River
- Rural Free Delivery
- Midway between S and SE
- Texas armadillo
- 2nd largest Hawaiian island
- Pile up
- Changes liquid to vapor
- Yemen capital
- Byways
- V-shaped cut
- Painting on dry plaster
- Daminozide
- Papa's partner
- __ -fi: fiction/movie genre
- 1st Soviet space station
- Latvian capital
- Come into view
- Blue Hen school
- Maine water company

- Picture & word puzzle
- Atomic # 18
- Xiamen dialect
- Being overzealous
- One who did it (slang)
- Night breathing noises
- A minute amount (Scott)

DOWN

- Race of Norse gods
- Large pebbles
- Latin line dances
- The inner sole of a shoe
- A French abbot
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- Lotus sports car model
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- Many noises
- Ghana monetary units
- Actor Hughley
- The Cowboy State
- Jests at
- America
- Surprise attack
- Daddy
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

- Express pleasure
- Cello Yo-Yo
- Bronx cheer
- A more firm substance
- Essential oil obtained from flowers
- Company that rings receipts
- Largest church in Christianity
- Capital of Wallonia
- Heroic tale
- Send forth
- The Golden State
- 1/1000 of an inch
- Angel of the 1st order
- Ukrainian peninsula
- Disregard
- Colophony
- Spanish be
- Military policeman
- Cleopatra's country
- Br. drinking establishments
- Removes moisture
- Liberal Arts degree
- Execute or perform
- Atomic #77

McLeod Heart & Vascular Patient Navigators helping patients manage their health

The day before Rhonda Bennett was being discharged from McLeod Regional Medical Center she met Heart and Vascular Patient Navigator Karla Williams. Rhonda had been admitted to McLeod with a diagnosis of congestive heart failure.

As a Heart and Vascular Patient Navigator, Karla's role is to remove barriers for heart patients, making it easier for them to be compliant with their health care after discharge and to inform them of services and treatments available to them based on their chronic diagnosis.

"The goal of a Patient Navigator is to work with the patient on their health concerns to prevent re-admission to the hospital," said Karla.

Rhonda's biggest barrier to improving her health was smoking. At the time, Rhonda smoked two packs a day. With nicotine patches and Karla helping her find motivational resources, Rhonda reduced her smoking to four cigarettes a day. It was also important to educate Rhonda's family on the dangers of smoking to her

health. Now, Rhonda's family has scrubbed clean the smell of tobacco from the house and, they will only smoke outside.

Transportation was another challenge for Rhonda. A resident of Johnsonville, South Carolina, Rhonda did not have transportation to her medical appointments in Florence. Karla educated Rhonda on how she can get rides to her physician appointments through community services.

Karla also assisted in getting Rhonda enrolled in a Heart Failure Clinic at McLeod. The clinic is a four-week program held at the offices of McLeod Cardiology Associates. Rhonda attended the clinic to receive further education on helping her fully understand and manage her congestive heart failure.

"I wanted Rhonda to feel empowered and in control of her own health care, and that is what we have worked together to achieve," said Karla. "She sets her own doctor's appointments, arranges for the rides to get there, and is committed to taking care of what is important, her health."

"Rhonda has five grandchil-



Rhonda Bennett with McLeod Heart and Vascular Patient Navigator Karla Williams. Photo Contributed

dren, ages one to nine, that are her heart. She really wants to watch them grow up. But, if she continued to smoke two packs a day with her congestive heart failure that was not likely to happen," added Karla.

"I believe God put Karla in my life for a reason," said

Rhonda. "She keeps me motivated. I feel like she went above and beyond for me even though I know she treats all of her patients this way. With Karla's help I have achieved a milestone in my health, but I stay in contact with her because now she feels like family to me."

Hartville Police Department offers Halloween safety tips

Just a reminder: The City does not change the date for traditional Trick-or-Treating, it is always October 31st. There is no particular time enforced, but we do suggest turning off the porch light by 9pm.

Children should always be accompanied by an adult and are encouraged to wear bright clothing and masks that do not hinder their vision.

- If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- Plan and review your child's trick-or-treating route.
- Remind kids to accept treats only at the door.
- Everyone should wear a highly visible or reflective costume and carry a flashlight or

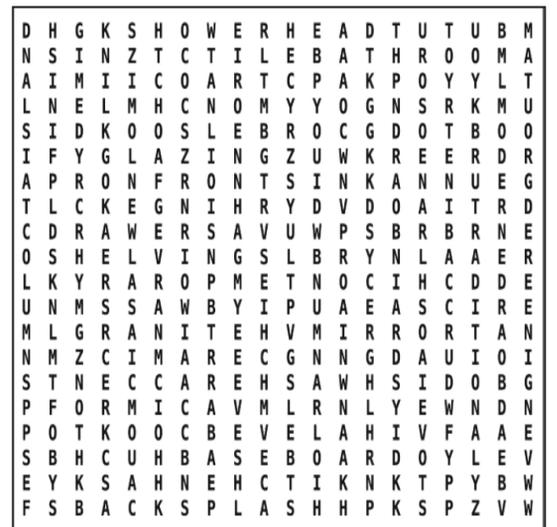
glow sticks when trick-or-treating.

- Stay on sidewalks, walkways and paths. Always cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Remind kids to practice

walking in their costumes to prevent trips and falls.

- Carry a charged cell phone in case of emergency.
- Drivers should slow down in residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Check your child's candy before you allow them to eat it.
- Report any suspicious person or activity to Police immediately by calling 911.

WORD SEARCH



- ACCENTS
- APRON FRONT
- SINK
- BACKSPASH
- BASEBOARD
- BATHROOM
- BEADBOARD
- BEVEL
- BURNISHING
- CABINERY
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Darlington shooting remains under investigation

Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators continue to investigate a shooting that occurred on Mineral Springs Rd. in the Darlington area of Darlington County around 1:00 a.m. Saturday Sept. 30. On Saturday, Starter Duke Byrd, 21, of Hartsville, was charged with discharging a firearm into a dwelling, a felony punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment. Byrd posted a \$20,000 bond on Monday and was released. As the investigation continued, additional charges were filed against Byrd Tuesday by investigators.

Byrd has been charged with an additional six counts of attempted murder, a felony punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment for each offense, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment, and pointing and presenting a firearm, a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment.

Investigators allege that Byrd, after being involved in a physical altercation, retrieved a firearm from a vehicle and fired several rounds in the direction of multiple victims who were inside and outside of the residence. Rounds struck the residence and a vehicle when Byrd discharged the firearm.

Byrd was arrested Oct. 5 morning by Darlington County Sheriff's

Investigators with the assistance of South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services Agents. Byrd is currently being held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center awaiting a bond hearing for the additional charges.

Lamar woman charged in husband's death

The Darlington County Sheriff's Office has charged Veronica Carol Davis-Logan, 34, of Lamar with murder, due to the death of her husband.

Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators allege that on August 31, Davis-Logan struck her husband's head with a blunt object. The injury resulted in the victim being hospitalized until his death on September 14.

Davis-Logan was arrested on October 3. This case was investigated by the Special Victims Unit.

Davis-Logan is currently being held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center awaiting arraignment.

Three arrested for arson on Hartsville church fire

Sheriff Tony Chavis has announced the arrest of three suspects for the fire that severely damaged the Bible Baptist Church on Robinson View Dr. in the Hartsville area of Darlington County.

"I am thankful for the continued hard work and dedicated service of Investigator Freddie Davis who has

ensured that the people responsible for this disturbing act are brought to justice," stated Sheriff Tony Chavis. "Also, I would like to thank the Darlington County Fire District, the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole

and Pardon Services, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for their assistance."

Christa Makayla Hopkins, 22, of Darlington, Timothy Westley McIn, 30, of McBee, and Justin Kyle Acuff, 24, of Hartsville, have been charged with arson, second degree and burglary, second degree, by Sheriff's

Investigators with the Criminal Investigations Division.

Darlington Area Vehicle Pursuit

On October 5 at 10 p.m., Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies witnessed the driver of an SUV drive into oncoming traffic on McIver Rd near Charleston Rd. Deputies attempted a traffic stop but the driver fled. Deputies pursued the driver of the SUV into Florence County. The driver of the SUV stopped in a neighborhood off of N. Douglas St. in Florence. The driver exited the SUV and fled on foot. The SUV rolled backwards striking the patrol car. The patrol car received damage to the driver door area. The deputy was not injured.

The driver of the SUV fled into a wooded area. The Florence County

Sheriff's Office K9 Tracking Team and Aviation Unit searched for the driver for approximately an hour until the search was called off.

Inside the vehicle, deputies discovered a loaded handgun and an open container of alcohol. The vehicle collision is being investigated by the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Drug Enforcement Unit arrests six after execution of search warrant

On October 5 at 8 p.m., investigators with the Darlington County Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Unit served a search warrant at a residence on Sandwood Dr. in Hartsville. Investigators discovered multiple handguns, methamphetamine and preloaded hypodermic needles. Six suspects were arrested at the residence.

Katherine Danielle Dority, 27, of Hartsville, and Leon Davis, Jr., 46, of Hartsville, have been charged with distribution of methamphetamine. Investigators allege the pair were in possession of multiple individually packaged baggies of methamphetamine weighing approximately 4.3 grams.

Erin Inez Self, 27, of Hartsville, Pamela Sue Suggs, 38, of Hartsville, Chad Richard Elmore, 34, of Hartsville, and Justin Kyle Acuff, 24, of Hartsville, have been charged with possession of methamphetamine.

All suspects are currently being held

at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center.

Patrol deputies locate methamphetamine and marijuana while dispatched

On the morning of October 7, Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Solomon Dr. in Hartsville in reference to a possible shooting incident. When Patrol Deputies met with the individual who called 911, the individual denied that any shooting occurred.

As Patrol Deputies continued to investigate the incident, they could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from a vehicle located in front of the residence. Patrol deputies located 2 grams of methamphetamine, 69 grams of marijuana, a hypodermic needle, a weight scale and multiple small plastic baggies.

Melinda Sue Callihan, 41, of Hartsville, Lisa Ann Dixon, 32, of Hartsville, and Christa Makayla Hopkins, 22, of Darlington, have been charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

Florentino Osealdo Garcia, 26, of Hartsville and Sara Kathryn Tyner, 24, of McBee, were charged with simple possession of marijuana.

All individuals are currently being held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center.



Cruisers make donation toward city beautification efforts

The Darlington Cruisers presented the Beautification Board with a donation to help with the repair and replacement of the gas lanterns at the City entrances. The organization, formed this year, meets quarterly and put on the Cruise-In at Joe's Grill on the Saturday before Father's Day. For information on the group, call 843-858-0902.

Robert Garland of the Darlington Cruisers hands Laura Burns of the City of Darlington Beautification Board a donation for improvements to the City entrances. Also present were Jerry Evans, Doug Carter, Robert Bridgers, Ronda Brown, Susan Bridgers, Terry Evans, Jimmy White, Shannon Strickland, Howard Garland, and Joey Evans.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER OCTOBER 2 THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 2017
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

Editor's note: The booking report represents a list of persons arrested given to the media from the W. Glenn Campbell 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.

• TJ Allen Mabe, 28, of 3557 Wire, McBee, Shoplifting <\$2000; Fail to Comply

• Marvin Monroe, 64, of 1908 East Lynches River Road, Lamar, Open Container of Beer/Wine; Driving Under the Influence

• Dale Carroll Drew Oneal, 23, of 178 Lawance Cir, McBee, Public Disorderly Conduct; Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person

• Davyon Jaquel Pooler, 24, of 720 Oleander Drive, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence

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

• William Evander Wayne Sheffield, 25, of 3311 Santee River Dr, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Jeffery Todd Cooler, 28, of 201 Hayna Dr, Belton, Open Container of Beer/Wine; Driving Under Suspension; DUI Per Se/DUAC 16 or More 2nd

Offense

• Brian Alexander Davis, 36, of 157 Shortcoker Street, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Robert Leverne Hopkins, 51, of 1625 Paolet Dr, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• David NMN Joe, 54, of 1324 Gus Dr, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

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

• Kimberly Morse McGee, 48, of 104 Syracuse Rd, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

• Kenneth Frank Newsome Jr., 37, of 1201 Lakeview Blvd, Hartsville, Breach of Trust w/Fraud Intent <\$2000; Breach of Trust w/Fraud Intent <\$2000; Petty Larceny <\$2000; Forgery Less Than \$10,000

• James Quashone Scott, 32, of 613 Southern Pine St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

Proper disposal of deer remains is a rule of good hunter ethics

By Charles Ruth, SCDNR Big Game Program Coordinator

Disposal of deer remains may not be the highlight of a hunting trip, but it is an important aspect of hunting, particularly in maintaining the hunter's image.

Hunters should realize that improperly disposing of deer remains is not only illegal but presents a negative public image. It provides a legitimate point of criticism that can be used by people who oppose hunting.

Hunters should also remember not to display harvested game where it might offend non-hunting members of the public. When transporting a deer in the back of a truck or on top of a vehicle, hunters should wrap a tarp or other covering material around the animal. This is a simple, considerate step that may prevent a non-hunter from becoming an anti-hunter.

While most hunters are ethical and take the necessary steps and care in proper disposal of deer carcasses, some improperly dump remains in a creek or river, near a boat ramp, along a road, on public property or private property that is not theirs. This unscrupulous practice creates numerous problems beyond the negative image to hunters. The carcasses

can cause human and animal health issues, environmental contamination and a food resource for unwanted scavenging animals. Hunters are also reminded that improper dumping of deer remains is illegal and persons involved in the activity can be cited criminally with littering.

Proper handling of all parts of a harvested deer from the field to the table is an important part of hunting. Heads, hides, and entrails should be buried at least 2 to 3 feet deep so dogs or other animals won't dig up the remains and drag them around. Alternatively, hunters can take the remains to their local landfill provided the landfill accepts animal carcasses.

Sportsmen hunting on Wildlife Management Areas often field dress their deer but the entrails should be disposed of properly, not just left on the ground. Never, under any circumstances, should remains be thrown into streams or other bodies of water. Again, this can result in a citation for littering.

Properly disposed deer remains will soon be taken care of by decomposition and insects because nature wastes no nutrients. It is part of nature's recycling program.

For information on constructing a simple composter to recycle deer remains, hunt clubs that harvest large numbers of deer can contact their local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field office or Conservation District office. Composting deer remains solves the dilemma hunters face in properly disposing of deer carcasses, and it also yields a valuable byproduct that can be used to fertilize next year's food plots.

Hunters should also keep in mind that people who discard deer remains on private or public property can be cited for littering.

Poor behavior by hunters like improper disposal of deer remains promotes the kind of negative image that anti-hunters use in their attempts to ban hunting. Landowners who find a mess on their property may also have second thoughts about allowing access to hunters next season.

Hunters must blacklist those people who display unethical behavior such as the improper disposal of deer remains. Violators should be reported to SCDNR's Operation Game Thief by calling 1-800-922-5431. The 24-hour, toll-free number is printed on the back of hunting and fishing licenses.

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Estate: James E Dudley
Date of Death: 9/11/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600459
Personal Representative: James Spencer Dudley
Address: 405 Sylvia Ln, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Harvey Vanburen Knight
Date of Death: 6/30/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600458
Personal Representative: Harvey Laverne Knight
Address: 1033 Glencroft Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

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Estate: David Sanderson
Date of Death: 9/9/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600452
Personal Representative: Emily G Sanderson
Address: 3433 Bethel Rd, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Geneva Allen Jones
Date of Death: 8/5/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600453
Personal Representative: Clifton Eugene Jones, Jr
Address: 4432 Lake Circle, Little River, SC 29566

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Estate: Windol H Stone
Date of Death: 8/15/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600441
Personal Representative: Robbie G Stone
Address: PO Box 156, Darlington, SC 29540
Attorney: John Jay James, II
Address: PO Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540

(11c3 leave in thru 10-11-17) SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE

OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) DEFICIENCY WAIVED
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
C/A NO: 2017-CP-16-00441
Guild Mortgage Company, PLAINTIFF,

vs.
Ana Jackson; Gardner Green, LLC
DEFENDANT(S)
TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office,

Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity for Darlington County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

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

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity in/for this County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina, on June 7, 2017.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Hutchens Law Firm, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law Firm, represents the Plaintiff in this action and does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice.

You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION. If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifi-

cations.
(11c3 leave in thru 10-11-17)

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Estate: Ola Mae Simon
Date of Death: 6/6/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600472
Personal Representative: Ralph M Simon
Address: 448 E McIver Road, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Keith Lamont Conyers AKA Keith Conyers
Date of Death: 10/11/2016
Case No: 2017ES1600426
Personal Representative: Karin Neal
Address: 919 Eagle Ridge Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242

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Estate: John C Smith
Date of Death: 7/31/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600469
Personal Representative: Pamela Lynn Smith Murray
Address: 109 Hillcrest Road, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: John C Smith
Date of Death: 7/31/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600469
Personal Representative: Pamela Lynn Smith Murray
Address: 109 Hillcrest Road, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Wanda Kelly Woodham
Date of Death: 5/6/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600471
Personal Representative: John E Woodham, Jr
Address: 756 Ashland Road, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Eugene Scipio (deceased), Estelle S. Collier (deceased), Hattie S. Howard (deceased)

any security as to the claim.
Estate: Marlene K McConnell
Date of Death: 7/30/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600466
Personal Representative: John M McConnell
Address: 3625 N Center Road, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Elijah Pearson
Date of Death: 3/8/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600460
Personal Representative: Elijah B Pearson
Address: 2908 Poinsett Dr., Florence, SC 29501

(12p3 leave in thru 10-18-17) SUMMONS FOR RELIEF STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A # 2017-CP-16-0508
Angela Renee Smalls, Plaintiff,
vs.
Lottie Denise James, Defendant.
TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscriber at 170 Courthouse Square, Post Office Box 1770, Florence, South Carolina, 29503-1770 within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, and in case of the failure to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

(12c3 leave in thru 10-18-17) LIS PENDENS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A # 2017-CP-16-0711
Rosa Lee Dickson, Plaintiff,
vs.
Eugene Scipio (deceased), Estelle S. Collier (deceased), Hattie S. Howard (deceased) Benjamin Collier (deceased), Diane Collier, Mary L. Howard, Priscilla A Cunningham, Jesse L. Howard, and Richard Roe, a fictitious name representing unknown heirs at law and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest in, or lien upon real property of the late Hattie T. Scipio, identified as 116 E. Wine Street, Darlington and designated as Darlington County TM#185-00-01-041, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon petition of the above named Plaintiff against those persons having or claiming title to the below described real property through the above named Defendants, seeking to ascertain the proper owners in fee simple absolute and to judicially determine the claims of the Plaintiff or certain Defendants in said real property.

The premises covered and affected by the said claims to an undivided interest in the fee simple title are upon the following described real property and upon any lots, pieces, or parcels subdivided therefrom:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying, and being about two miles south of the City of Darlington, Darlington County, South Carolina, on the south side of a dirt road, leading east from the Darlington Highway, the said lot being in a shape of a rectangle, fronting on said dirt road one hundred feet and running back there from to a depth of two hundred feet, the said lot being shown as Lot E on plat made by T.E. Wilson, C.E., amended October 16, 1946, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court of Darlington County in Plat Book 13 at Page 33.

This being the same property conveyed to the late Hattie T. Scipio by deed of Eugene Scipio, Estelle S. Collier, Rosa Lee Dickson, and Hattie S. Howard and recorded in Deed Book 570 at Page 33 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County.
Tax Map No. 185-00-01-041
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF COMPLAINT
QUIET TITLE - NONJURY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A # 2017-CP-16-0711
Rosa Lee Dickson, Plaintiff,
vs.
Eugene Scipio (deceased), Estelle S. Collier (deceased), Hattie S. Howard (deceased)

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM nisi
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A # 2017-CP-16-0711
Rosa Lee Dickson, Plaintiff,
vs.
Eugene Scipio (deceased), Estelle S. Collier (deceased), Hattie S. Howard (deceased)

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TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMES AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in the above captioned action, a copy of which was filed in the Circuit Court for Darlington County, 1 Public Square, Basement, Darlington, South Carolina, on September 20, 2017, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the subscriber, Erin L. O'Neal, Esquire, 524 West Carolina Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina, 29550 within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, and if you fail to answer the Petition within the time aforesaid, the Petitioner will be granted the relief requested therein.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM nisi

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A # 2017-CP-16-0711
Rosa Lee Dickson, Plaintiff,
vs.
Eugene Scipio (deceased), Estelle S. Collier (deceased), Hattie S. Howard (deceased) Benjamin Collier (deceased), Diane Collier, Mary L. Howard, Priscilla A Cunningham, Jesse L. Howard, and Richard Roe, a fictitious name representing unknown heirs at law and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest in, or lien upon real property of the late Hattie T. Scipio, identified as 116 E. Wine Street, Darlington and designated as Darlington County TM#185-00-01-041, Defendants.

Upon reading the filed Petition of the Plaintiff for service upon Defendants identified in said Petition as well as any future Notices of Hearing on all interested Parties, named or unnamed, the appointment of Robert L. Stucks, Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem nisi for unknown Defendants or unknown Defendants who are minors and unknown Defendants under legal disability, if any, herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, and it appearing that the names and addresses of such minors, or other persons under disability, if any, whether residents or non-residents of the State of South Carolina, are unknown to Plaintiff and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, and that Robert L. Stucks, Esquire, is a suitable and proper person to understand and protect the rights and interest of said minor Defendants and others under legal disability, if any, and has no interest therein adverse to the interest of minors or Defendants under disability, if any, and is not connected in business with the Plaintiff in this action or his counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT Robert L. Stucks, Esquire, be and he hereby is designated and appointed as Guardian ad Litem nisi for said unknown minor Defendants and for those designated as Richard Roe, and he is authorized to appear and defend such action on behalf of said Defendants, unless said minor Defendants or other Defendants under legal disability, if any, or either of them shall, within thirty (30) days after the service of a copy of this Order upon them, exclusive of the date of service, as provide herein procure to be appointed as Guardian ad Litem for said minor Defendants or other Defendants under legal disability, if any, for the purposes of this action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT service in this matter be made on the Defendants by publishing copies of the Summons, Lis Pendens, Notice of Filing of Complaint, and Order of Publication and Appointing Guardian ad Litem nisi, as well as any future Notices of Hearing in the News and Press, a newspaper of general circulation in Darlington County, South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.
SCOTT B. SUGGS
Darlington County Clerk of Court
Darlington, SC
September 20, 2017
Erin L. O'Neal (803550)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Copeland Little Law, LLC
524 W. Carolina Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Hartsville, SC
September 20, 2017
(12c3 leave in thru 10-18-17)
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Bank, LVNV Funding, LLC, and all persons claiming any right, title, estate interest in or lien upon the real estate described; any unknown adults and those persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, all of them being a class designated as John Doe, whose true name is unknown; any unborn infants or persons under disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, whose true name is unknown, Defendants.
TO: JAMES GLENN LYNCH, PNC BANK, RBC CENTURA BANK, JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscriber at 814 West Evans Street, Post Office Box 1317, Florence, South Carolina, 29503 within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and in case of the failure to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Summons and Complaint were filed with the Clerk of Court for DARLINGTON County on July 18, 2017 at 1:18 p.m., for purposes of queiting title, as described in the Complaint.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT
Pursuant to an execution and subsequent levy, the Tax Collector of Darlington County, South Carolina, acting in her official capacity, offered for sale the real property of James Glenn Lynch for non-payment of 2014 real property taxes. The property is described as follows:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements and buildings to be placed thereon, situate, lying and being in Darlington County, South Carolina, containing two (2) acres, more or less, and being bounded according to a plat made by Lind Surveying Co., Inc., dated April 23, 1980, as follows: On the North by the remaining portion of Tract No.9, as shown on said plat, fora distance of three hundred ninety-nine and nine-one-hundredths (399.09) feet; on the East by South Carolina Road 403 for a distance of one hundred ninety-six (196) feet; on the South by Tract No. 10, as shown on said plat, for a distance of five hundred thirty-eight and twenty-four-one-hundredths (538.24) feet, and on the West by Tract No. 8, as shown on said plat, for a distance of two hundred one and sixty-six-one-hundredths (201.66) feet. For a more particular description reference is hereby made to plat above referred to, a copy of which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 86 at Page 161.

This being the identical property conveyed to Glenn Lynch by deed of U.S. Marshall dated September 24, 2002 and recorded October 18, 2002, in Deed book 366 at Page 2397 in the records of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, State of South Carolina.
TMS# 088-00-01-101
October 4, 2017
Florence, South Carolina
Charlie J. Blake, Jr.
CHARLIE J. BLAKE, JR., ESQUIRE
Attorney for Plaintiff
Finkle Law Firm
P.O. Box 1317
Florence, SC 29503
Phone: (843) 317-4900
Fax: (843) 317-4910

(13c3 leave in thru 10-25-17)
ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A NO: 2017-CP-16-0546
Mary Barfield, Plaintiff,
vs.
Dixie Mechanics Club, and all persons claiming any right, title, estate interest in or lien upon the real estate described; any unknown adults and those persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, all of them being a class designated as John Doe, whose true name is unknown; any unborn infants or persons under disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, whose true name is unknown, Defendants.

IT appearing upon the satisfaction of this Court upon reading Plaintiff's Petition to Appoint Guardian ad Litem Nisi, and Jesse S. Cartrette, Jr., Esquire, the Cartrette Law Firm, 201 W Evans Street Room T, Florence, SC 29501, having consented to act as Guardian ad Litem Nisi and to represent the Defendants including all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in and to the real property located in Darlington County, South Carolina, and designated as Tax Map # 164-07-02-001, any unknown adults and those persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, all of them being a class designated as John Doe, whose true name is unknown; any unborn infants or persons under disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, whose true name is unknown, Defendants.

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

Estate: James Rudolph Catoe
Date of Death: 9/16/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600480
Personal Representative: Alice Walters Catoe
Address: 529 Crescent Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Jean Gandy Bryant
Date of Death: 9/10/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600479
Personal Representative: Edward Jennings Bryant
Address: 4220 N Governor Williams Hwy, Darlington, SC 29540

(13p3 leave in thru 10-25-17) ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C/A NO: 2017-CP-16-0546
Mary Barfield, Plaintiff,
vs.
James Glenn Lynch, PNC Bank, Wells, Fargo l/k/a Wachovia Bank National Association, RBC Centura Bank, LVNV Funding, LLC, and all persons claiming any right, title, estate interest in or lien upon the real estate described; any unknown adults and those persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, all of them being a class designated as John Doe, whose true name is unknown; any unborn infants or persons under disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, whose true name is unknown, Defendants.

IT appearing upon the satisfaction of this Court upon reading Plaintiff's Petition to Appoint Guardian ad Litem Nisi, and Jesse S. Cartrette, Jr., Esquire, the Cartrette Law Firm, 201 W Evans Street Room T, Florence, SC 29501, having consented to act as Guardian ad Litem Nisi and to represent the Defendants including all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in and to the real property located in Darlington County, South Carolina, and designated as Tax Map # 088-00-01-101, any unknown adults and those persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, all of them being classes designated under the fictitious names of John Doe and Richard Roe, hereinafter referred to as "Defendants," and that the said Jesse S. Cartrette, Jr., Esquire, is a suitable and competent person to understand and protect the rights and interests of such Defendants and has no interest herein adverse to the interest of said Defendants and is not connected in business with the Plaintiff in this action or with their counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT the said Jesse S. Cartrette, Jr., Esquire, be and he hereby is designated and appointed as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for said unknown minor Defendants and for those designated as Richard Roe, and he is authorized to appear and defend such action on behalf of said Defendants, unless said minor Defendants or other Defendants under legal disability, if any, or either of them shall, within thirty (30) days after the service of a copy of this Order upon them, exclusive of the date of service, as provide herein procure to be appointed as Guardian ad Litem for said minor Defendants or other Defendants under legal disability, if any, for the purposes of this action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT service in this matter be made on the Defendants by publishing copies of the Summons, Lis Pendens, Notice of Filing of Complaint, and Order of Publication and Appointing Guardian ad Litem nisi, as well as any future Notices of Hearing in the News and Press, a newspaper of general circulation in Darlington County, South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.
SCOTT B. SUGGS
Darlington County Clerk of Court
Darlington, SC
September 20, 2017
Erin L. O'Neal (803550)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Copeland Little Law, LLC
524 W. Carolina Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

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September 20, 2017
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NOTICE

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School will hold a public meeting on

Monday, October 23, 2017 at its office at 5001 Hoffmeyer Road Darlington 29532 at 4:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to give an opportunity to become acquainted with a proposed Rual Development project consisting generally of transportation. Citizens will have the opportunity

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to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service area and alternatives to the project. 13c1

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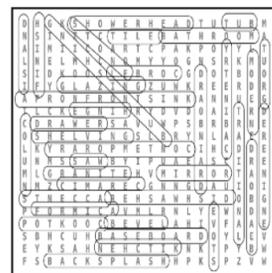
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DCSD graduates score higher than national average on SAT

Darlington County School District (DCSD) graduating seniors scored higher than the national average on the SAT in 2017, according to data released by testmaker, The College Board.

DCSD graduating seniors scored an average composite of 1056, while the national average was 1044. The average composite score in the state of South Carolina was 1058. Graduating seniors in

2017 took a brand new SAT, which is why composite score totals vary greatly from the prior year.

DCSD sophomores, who took the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, scored an average composite score of 922, which is higher than the state average of 901. The national average for sophomores taking the PSAT is 925.

Juniors in DCSD, who took the PSAT/NMSQT,

outscored both the state and national averages of 1024 and 1006, respectively. DCSD juniors averaged a composite score of 1040.

The College Board also released 2017 Advanced Placement (AP) examination data on Tuesday. As a district, DCSD students scored 3, 4 or 5 on 49 percent of AP exams, which was slightly lower than the 57 percent state average and 56 percent national average.

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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: Charles Small Date of Death: 5/24/2016 Case No: 2017ES1600477 Personal Representative: Trisha M Small Address: 401 Parkview Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 (13p3 leave in thru 10-25-17) **DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** NOVEMBER 6, 2017 6 P.M. COURTHOUSE ANNEX/EMS BUILDING 1625 HARRY BYRD HIGHWAY (HWY. 151) DARLINGTON, SC 29532 843-398-4100

www.darlesc.com Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing held before the Darlington County Council on the date and time above stated to receive comments on the following proposed ordinance: Ordinance No. 17-16, An Ordinance (1) Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Amendment To The Existing Agreement For Development Of Joint County Industrial And Business Park (Darlington And Lee Counties) Dated April 14, 1998 Between Darlington County, South Carolina And Lee County, South Carolina (The "Park Agreement") To Extend Certain Time Periods Set Forth In The Park Agreement Regarding Diminution Of The

Boundaries Of The Park And Termination Of The Park Agreement And To Enlarge The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Property Owned And/Or Operated By Fiber Industries LLC; And (2) Authorizing Other Matters Related Thereto Anyone wishing to present an opinion on this ordinance 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 to Council, at 843-398-4100, seveny-two hours prior to the scheduled public hearing. (13c1 leave in thru 10-11-17)

Smithsonian exhibit opens in Hartsville

After months of planning 'The Way We Worked', a traveling Smithsonian exhibit opened Oct. 5 at Black Creek Arts Council in Hartsville.

BCAC Executive Director Allison Pederson said that getting the exhibit has been a months long process.

"We started working on it back in December 2015," Pederson said. "Part of that was getting the local support, like Integrated Systems with their robot YUMI and Sonoco and things of that nature. Then we had to write a grant and ask for the exhibit; it is kind of a back and forth thing with the Humanities Council because there are certain things that they want us to have."

Pederson said that this is not the first time the well-known museum's exhibits have come to Hartsville.

"This is actually the second Smithsonian Exhibit that we've had," Pederson said. "They like to have their exhibits in small, rural places and they like to have us as the last place in South Carolina because we are one of the largest spaces. We will have bus tours come in and all sorts of groups visit. We've already got one from Columbia, one from the beach and one from Lancaster."

Bringing exhibits from such a well-respected museum is a partnership, Pederson said. "Some people will never get to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. and that is one of the reason we go through the grant process," Pederson said. "The Humanities Council is really who deserves the credit because they bring it to South Carolina."

During the six weeks the exhibit is at the Black Creek Arts Council, there will be partner exhibits and events happening throughout Hartsville.

The Way We Worked is a traveling Smithsonian exhibit explores how work became such a central element in American culture by tracing the many changes that affected the workforce and work environment in the past 150 years. Adapted from an original exhibition designed by the National Archives, The Way We Worked shows how we identify with work – as individuals and as communities.

In the gallery with The Way We Worked:

- Historic archives from local global packaging company, Sonoco Products Company sonoco.com

- In collaboration with Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, Integrated Systems, Inc and Anderson Brass a YUMI robot is on display and programmed to perform tasks by Governor's School for Science and Mathematics students.

The Mantissa Executive Suites – Local photographers will exhibit their work of area industries at Black Creek Arts Council's second gallery. One of our photographers work, Ronda Gandy, photos are centered mainly on Nucor Steel Corporation and are featured on steel, wood, glass, and paper.

Location: 130 East Carolina Avenue

Phone: 843-917-0669

Hours: Open daily

Hartsville Memorial Library - The library will be featuring adult and children's books related to the exhibit

and hosting a student reading challenge for the duration of the exhibit. A children's story time will be conducted at Black Creek Arts Center – time and date TBA.

Location: 147 West College Avenue

Tours of the way
Darlington County works – Tours can be arranged of various plants in town by calling Black Creek Arts Council.

Location: Sonoco, Duke, NuCor Steel, Anderson Brass, Integrated Systems Inc.
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Speaker Series – A series of speakers across the community and different fields of industry and work will be speaking on the way Darlington County works.

Location: Black Creek Arts Council

Hours: Saturday, November 11

Painting Class - Local artist, Vicky McLain, will lead a 1 hour oil painting workshop at Black Creek Arts Center featuring a cotton boll – a very important crop in South Carolina's history. Students can find more information and register at blackcreekarts.org

Location: Black Creek Arts Council

Hours: Saturday, October 14, 10-11 a.m.

Historic Jacob Kelley House - Come out and enjoy the place where the Yankees slept among the Rebels. You will be treated to an authentic farm settlement experience. Guild members will be on hand for guided tours.

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Hours: Sunday, November 5, 3 – 5 p.m.



St. John's Elementary hosts Fall Festival

St. John's Elementary School in Darlington celebrated the arrival of autumn with an October 5 outdoor bash on the playground and green. The event featured inflatable slides and obstacle courses, snacks and treats, games of skill and luck for all ages, and temporary tattoo and hair color stations.

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