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

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New Lamar Mayor and council hold first meeting

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A crowd of fresh faces greeted guests at Lamar Town Council's January 8 meeting, their first since the election of a new Mayor and three new Council members.

Mayor Darnell McPherson joined new Town Council members Lang Howell, Inez B. Lee, and Tamron McManus, all of whom won their seats in the November 2017 election

as former Mayor Randy Reynolds and Council members Jackie Thomas, Willie Howell, and Mike Lloyd all retired from service. Lamar Town Council's lone holdover is two-year veteran Angele White-Bradley.

McPherson began the meeting by taking roll call of Council members and asking them to sign in, citing a need to keep a record of attendance at these public meetings. McManus was officially

sworn in at this meeting. McPherson, Howell, and Lee were sworn in at a January 6 ceremony held at the Barbara J. Hines Memorial Chapel in Lamar.

"It is my honor to serve on this Council," said McPherson. "I look forward to a great experience. And to all of you in our audience, thank you so much for coming. You honor us with your presence."

LAMAR ON 3A



Lamar Town Council (left to right): Angele White-Bradley, Inez B. Lee, Lang Howell, Mayor Darnell McPherson, and Tamron McManus. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES



David L. McBride, SiMT director and senior project manager, demonstrates one of the MILO interactive training system's law enforcement scenarios. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

SiMT offers virtual training for LEOs and more

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"We don't rise to the level of our expectations, we fall to the level of our training." This quote from the Greek lyrical poet Archilochus might well be the motto of the latest technological division at SiMT (Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology), as the multi-modal facility now offers interactive and virtual reality (VR) training that can benefit everyone from human resource managers to law enforcement officers.

Using the Oculus Rift VR platform, SiMT is developing training programs that will allow forklift drivers to train in a virtual version of their workspace, learning with wheels, buttons, and pedals that deliver realistic

resistance and haptic feedback to simulate the feel of a real forklift as they pilot their way around a warehouse that is scaled and designed to be accurate within fractions of inches.

The Oculus system uses a headset and handheld controllers to manipulate objects inside the virtual world, and those programs can allow you to do pretty much everything from engaging in magical duels with evil wizards to perfecting your welding technique and timing before ever setting foot on the Honda production floor.

"When the visor is on your head, you can't see anything else. You are immersed in that world," says David L. McBride, SiMT director and senior project manager. "You use the hand

controllers to move things around, whatever we decide needs to be used in the program, like using tools, moving objects out of the way, pressing buttons on machinery - it detects your finger movements very precisely."

In addition to tracking your head and hand movements, you can actually walk around a bit and explore the VR environment, and the program will track your movements via cameras and adjust your virtual surroundings accordingly.

"The system knows where you are, so if you are inside a room in the program, you can walk around the room and explore everything in that scene," says McBride.

SiMT is developing several different proprietary training programs for indus-

try, and McBride sees VR training as a highly efficient way to give employees detailed training without risking injury to equipment or to persons in the early stages of vetting. He adds that VR training might help with employee retention as well, because VR can accurately recreate the setting - right down to lighting conditions and noise levels - that new hires will encounter on the job.

McBride also sees high value in SiMT's MILO Range, an interactive training tool that uses realistic firearms to educate law enforcement and security personnel in the use of force, tactical judgment training, and firearms training systems.

TRAINING ON 3A

Society Hill moves forward with Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Society Hill is one step closer to being prepared for a disaster after making plans to adopt a resolution for a hazard mitigation strategy.

Molly Odom, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Darlington County Emergency Services, spoke to council about the plan during the Jan. 9 town council meeting.

"In 2002 the Disaster Mitigation Act was passed by the federal government, which is where a lot of FEMA money comes from for recovery from a disaster and a couple of great programs such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program or the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, which are grants to help you become more resilient to further damage from other disasters," Odom said. "Darlington County developed the first Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2005 and that was

approved by FEMA in 2007. That plan was written by Pee Dee COG (Council of Governments) and when they developed it they did it for the county as well as the four municipalities in the county. In 2012 when they did a revised plan, it is renewed every five years, the planning team ... decided that instead of having a generic plan like what Pee Dee COG had done they were going to make one that was more specific to the disasters that come in to Darlington County based on historical data and the experience of those who were on the planning team."

Representatives of the four Darlington County municipalities, Lamar, Hartsville, Darlington and Society Hill, were invited to participate, as were other entities such as the Darlington County School District.

SOCIETY HILL ON 3A



Two Society Hill Town Council members were sworn in Jan. 9, along with Mayor Tommy Bradshaw. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Bowen heads up county Emergency Departments

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Kenny Bowen has joined Darlington County as the new head of Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services, and Bowen has plans to raise the level of service provided to county citizens.

A Hartsville native and graduate of Hartsville High, Bowen earned his EMT and Paramedic certifications through Pee Dee Regional

EMS. He joined the Lake Robinson Rescue Squad in 2003 as a junior rescue squad member and served there until 2010 as a paramedic and member of their Board of Directors.

He also joined up with Darlington County EMS, working some small jobs through high school, and has stuck with DC EMS since 2007.

"I've always enjoyed helping people, especially being there for them in a time of need and knowing what to do to make their situation a little bit better," says Bowen.



BOWEN ON 3A

DCSD updates 2017-2018 school calendar

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Winter break ended but unfortunately the winter weather did not. After canceling school Jan. 4-5, Darlington County School District has used its three inclement weather days for the 2017-2018 school year.

The state requires that school districts build three inclement weather days into their calendars. After the hurricane in September caused schools to be closed, DCSD is now entering mid-January with no scheduled make-up days left. If more days are missed due to weather the district will have two courses of action, depending on the number of days missed.

The end of the quarters will be pushed back due to the snow days, which will also affect teacher workdays and report cards. The end of the quarters will now be on

Jan. 22 and March 27. Those days will also be early dismissal days for students to facilitate teachers grading and completing report cards.

As the designated make-up days, Feb. 16, March 30 and April 27 will now function as regular school days. The revised calendar can be found on the district's website www.dcsdschools.org under calendar.

Also during the meeting, thirteen students across the district were recognized for getting a perfect score on one or more sections of the South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) test. Those students were

- Ella Alexander, Carolina Elementary School
- Sam Peel, Carolina Elementary School
- Ashley Niu, North Hartsville Elementary School
- Gianna Bamberry,

- Darlington Middle School
- Caleb Dewitt, Darlington Middle School
- Victoria Rogers, Darlington Middle School
- Madilyn Johnson, Hartsville Middle School
- Hannah Jewell, Hartsville Middle School
- Teagan Lillian, Hartsville Middle School
- Malik Rogers, Hartsville Middle School
- Stella Tew, Hartsville Middle School
- Jakayla Johns, Hartsville Middle School
- Taylor Salazar, Hartsville Middle School

During board comments, boardmember Warren Jeffords said that he is looking forward to the coming year and the progress that he thinks the district will make.

"We're starting off a new year

and I'm hoping we have a really good year, everybody working together and that we'll get this district back to where we need to be," Jeffords said. "I think we're on the right track right now and I feel good about where we are headed."

Other board members echoed his sentiments.

During an executive session, boardmembers heard from consultant Dr. Rainey Knight at the continuing search for the next superintendent. They also discussed negotiations regarding contractual arrangements regarding property and construction contractual matters according to the meeting's agenda. No action was taken when the meeting returned to open session.

The next meeting of the DCSD Board of Education will take place Feb. 12, 6 p.m. at the conference center at Mayo High School.



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Word of the Week

mutatis mutandis 1 : with the necessary changes
having been made 2 : with the respective differences
having been considered

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OP-ED When Will It End? Stop It!

By Bill Shepard

When will it end? I am referring to the shameful way that our elected officials are acting in Washington.

I like to watch and listen to a good debate, and look forward to listening to our news media, CNN and Fox News report the news each day. For a year I listened to both political parties vent their criti-

cisms to President Obama for the things he did and those he left undone. I myself was critical and outspoken about the way he was running the White House. As his presidency neared an end I was glad. As those who were competing for his position began to devour each other, I found myself wishing for the campaigning to hurry and be over. I was seeing politicizing in a way I had never thought was reality in America. I am speaking of both parties! I watched and listened to both Republicans and Democrats perform and I could not believe it was happening in my beloved America. When it all ended and a winner was elected, I breathed a sigh and thought, like him or not, we have a President and hopefully the political atmosphere will cool down. When Mr. Obama packed up and left, I

thought, we are off to a quieter period. The nation had granted the winning party all it had asked for! The House, the Senate, and the White House were now in the hands of the Republicans. It was time to go to work doing the people's business. Perhaps the healing of a nation had begun. Instead of better, in this writer's mind, our political world had gotten worse!

I have lived a long time and under as many Presidents as most! I do not have memories of President's Harding and Coolidge; I was too young when they were in office. I do have vivid memories of Mr. Hoover and Roosevelt.

Poor Mr. Hoover! If Mr. Hoover was alive today he could offer sympathy to Mr. Trump! Mr. Hoover won the White House at the time of the Great Depression and was

given the credit for the cause of it. Poor fellow, he had nothing to do with it! The Depression was a result of World War I coming to an end and the entire world was left smoldering in harsh times. Be that as it was, Mr. Hoover was blamed. Remember the Hoover Gangs, the sarcasms, and the way Mr. Hoover was ridiculed, and in particular that was true here in the Deep South. I was a youngster but I remember! I could fill pages with stories I heard and remember from those times.

The country rejoiced when Mr. Hoover was replaced with Mr. Roosevelt. I can remember listening to folk talk about Mr. Roosevelt and I myself recall his famous "fireside chats" and programs that he instituted that brought hope to the nation. I had hoped and believed that

might happen when the present President was sworn in. I have been disappointed! No, I cannot say that I am a full supporter of out President, nor do I agree as to the way he has operated since taking over, but I do think he has been treated in a shameful way...and by both parties! In all my years I have never known one of our Presidents to be shown such disrespect. I think we may have forgotten that disrespect for the one seated at the desk in the oval office shows disrespect for the office itself!

When I listen to the blame, criticism, and the long list of other adjectives one could use, being hurled at our President, I have to ask, "Is this the America I once knew? Is this the America that millions have shed their blood to defend and preserve as an example to the rest of

the world?" When I see and hear our elected officials bickering back and forth and using insulting words,

I want to cry out, "Stop it! This is America!"

Remember the rest of the world is watching and listening! I am proud to be an American but what I am seeing and hearing of what is going on in our nation's politics makes me want to hang my head in shame! Stop it!

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

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OP-ED

Time to focus on school choice across America

By Andrew R. Campanella

Later this month, schools, homeschool groups, organizations, and individuals in South Carolina and across America will work together to raise awareness about the importance of opportunity in K-12 education.

National School Choice Week begins on January 21 and celebrates all types of schools and education environments for children.

Nationwide, 32,240 different events and activities – such as open houses, school fairs, and information sessions – are being planned, with an estimated attendance of 6.7 million people. In fact, 607 of those events and activities will be held in South Carolina, and three are in Darlington.

National School Choice Week has been celebrated every year since 2011. And even with increased awareness, many families still have questions about school choice and how it can benefit them and their communities.

The first thing to know is that school choice isn't partisan or political. It isn't about a specific set of policy goals either. Rather, it's about parents making personal decisions for their children.

School choice means empowering individual parents with the opportunity to search for, and find, the best education environments for their individual children – regardless of where they live

or how much money they make.

Finding the right school is important, because every child has unique talents, challenges, and needs. School choice isn't about finding fault with any of the schooling options available. Instead, it recognizes that while one student might thrive at a neighborhood school, another student might do better somewhere else.

Research shows that when parents actively choose schools and education environments for their children, students are more likely to succeed in school. They are also more likely to graduate from high school, get good jobs, and participate in their communities.

School choice isn't just theoretical. Right now, more parents in South Carolina and across America are actively choosing the education environments for their children than at any other time in history.

National School Choice Week provides parents with an opportunity to evaluate the education options available for their children. If parents are interested in switching their child to a different school, or considering homeschooling, it helps to start looking into these options in the winter.

Families in South Carolina can choose from traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools,

online academies, and homeschooling. Because the state offers a private school choice program, parents who choose private schools for their children may also be eligible for state-supported scholarships or tuition assistance for their children.

Searching for a new school, or considering an alternative education environment, doesn't have to be daunting. Parents can start by talking to their children and other parents, researching schools online, and visiting schools in person. A good place to start is the National School Choice Week website: www.schoolchoiceweek.com, where we provide more information about specific school choice options in the Palmetto State as well as listings of the tens of thousands of local and regional events happening this year.

National School Choice Week is a time when the country comes together around the idea that every child can succeed when they find the right school fit. This January, parents have more options and opportunities than ever before to find that right fit. For individual communities and for our country, that is a good thing.

A nationally recognized advocate for children and families, Andrew R. Campanella serves as president of National School Choice Week, the world's largest-annual celebration of opportunity in education.

OP-ED

Be on the lookout for potential water pollution

By Terasa Lott

Water is required by all living things to sustain life and some animals live in, or in very close proximity to water. We also use water for cooking, cleaning, bathing, and even generating electricity. I don't think I'd have a hard time convincing anyone that water is important yet you might not realize that you can take a more active role in protecting South Carolina's waterways.

Runoff, the water that moves across the landscape, is considered to be the leading threat to water quality. The storm drain system was built to prevent flooding on roadways and while this is essential to maintaining safe driving conditions, it also provides pollution-laden runoff with direct access to creeks, streams, and rivers.

There are a number of things you can do to help minimize polluted runoff such as fixing vehicle leaks promptly, basing fertilizer application on the results of a soil test, using a rain barrel or cistern, directing downspouts to a landscaped area, and keeping storm drains free of debris.

You can also help raise awareness of the direct connection between storm drains and local waterways by volunteering to apply specially designed markers to storm drains. This public involvement program of the Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium is a great for HOAs, civic/community groups, and youth organizations. All materials are provided free of charge.

The Florence Darlington Stormwater Consortium recently launched a billboard campaign in an effort to increase the public's

involvement in keeping our waterways clean and safe. The billboards, located on South Cashua Drive in the Five Points area of Florence and on Highway 151 in Hartsville, prompt viewers to report pollution when it is observed.

If you encounter discolored/foul-smelling water from anything dumped or flowing into storm drains or ditches such as: construction or industrial waste, paint, cooking oil, fertilizer, motor oil, pet waste, or septic overflow, please take a minute to report the incident so it can be investigated and action taken if necessary. A simple, pollution reporting form can

be found on the Clemson Extension webpage for Florence or Darlington County at clemson.edu/florence or clemson.edu/darlington. Remember, only rain belongs in a storm drain!

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Lamar

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McPherson expressed thanks to the citizens in attendance and hoped that they would continue making the effort to attend meetings. She said it was the Council's intent to "move the community forward, but with your help and your input because it is by working together that we get things done."

On that topic, Howell formally motioned that the start time for Lamar Town Council's regular monthly meeting be changed from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. to make it more convenient for citizens to attend.

"That would give town members a chance to come, and the ones that haven't been getting to the meetings could have a



New Lamar Town Council member Tamron McManus was sworn in at council's January 8 meeting.

chance to get off work, come home, and then meet with us," said Howell. White-Bradley seconded the motion, and

Council voted unanimously to change the meeting time. Regular meetings will still take place on the second Monday of the month.

With Council's approval, McPherson named Lee to serve as Council's chaplain, citing her service as a lay servant in the United Methodist Church.

On the regular agenda, there was only one item: McPherson announced that a bid opening will be held at 2 p.m. on February 1 at the Florence offices of Hanna Engineering on Pisgah Road. These bids are for the repair and insulation of one of Lamar's water towers, a project that is part of the town's roughly \$3 million plan to rehab and restart its dormant municipal water system. The bid opening meeting is open to the public.

Bowen

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As head of Darlington County EMS, Bowen aims to provide the best level of care by filling the county's five vacant paramedic positions as quickly as possible. While all DC EMS ambulances are staffed by qualified EMTs, the paramedics are certified to provide higher level services.

"Their skill set is a lot more broad, getting into things like cardiac interventions, treating fast heart rates and slow heart rates with medications, defibrillation, doing advanced airway maneuvers like tracheal intubation," says Bowen.

Since highly skilled emergency responders are always in demand, Bowen says there is a shortage of paramedics all around South Carolina, and Darlington County is no different. Offering competitive wages will help, and Bowen notes that Darlington County Council approved a significant raise for EMS workers in the last county budget.

"It brought our pay scales up to the level of other surrounding agencies, so we're right in line with everyone else now," says Bowen, adding that this should help with employee retention.

Heading up the Emergency Management branch entails making sure the county's resources are

prepared and properly deployed in the event of a major emergency or natural disaster.

"It covers how we can plan to deal with those events in advance, and through the recovery process that follows," Bowen says.

He is aided in these efforts by Molly Odom, who served as second to former Emergency Management director Woodrow "Mac" McDonald, who retired at the close of 2017 after 25 years of service.

Keeping up with the latest information on weather events can help with preparation, and all county residents are encouraged to check out www.weather.gov/ilm/emd-arlington for the current weather info that may impact our area.

Bowen also suggests that county residents sign up for CodeRED, a messaging service that notifies subscribers via telephone, email, text message, and social media whenever a time-sensitive emergency situation arises—such as the escape of a prisoner from the County Courthouse, the testing or activation of alert sirens for the H.B. Robinson Plant, or a rapidly evolving weather emergency.

You can also keep up with the latest news from Darlington County EMS and Emergency Management by visiting their social media outlets on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Society Hill

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"At the time, Society Hill selected not to participate so when the 2012 plan was done FEMA left Society Hill out as a Sanctioned City, meaning that you're not eligible for those grants and if there was a disaster, such as Hurricane Matthew, any expenses the city had or damage they received they would not be able to turn that in for reimbursement," Odom said.

In Aug. 2016, Society Hill made the decision to again participate and a plan was created for the town. It was submitted to the state and is awaiting approval from FEMA, at which point Society Hill would again be eligible for FEMA grants. A

public hearing must be held before council can approve the plan. One will be held 30 minutes before the February council meeting. A digital copy of the plan is available at branches of the Darlington County Library System and at Society Hill Town Hall. Any and all suggestions from town citizens are welcome.

Also during the meeting, Mayor Tommy Bradshaw, councilwoman Carolyn Oliver and newly elected councilwoman Tammy Gandy were sworn in to office by Probate Judge Todd Hardee. Their oath of office comes from the South Carolina Constitution, Article III, Section 26:

"I do solemnly swear that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I

have been elected and that I will to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States. So help me God."

Before administering the oath, Hardee spoke a few words about the importance of public service.

"Public service is a wonderful thing to be a part of," Hardee said. "Not only on (their) side of the desk up there but also on this side out here. These folks that you have elected will come in here once a month and they'll make decisions. Sometimes they're decisions you like and sometimes its decisions you don't like. Sometimes they are decisions they like and they'll also make some that they don't like to do. In public

service it is a constant battle between what is good for the people and what's right. You have a group of people up here who, there is no doubt in my mind, that are going to do the right thing for you and represent you well. And Society Hill will be perpetuated for years to come when your children and your grandchildren are all here. Public service is admirable and I commend you for taking time out of your life to do that."

Longtime councilwoman Deborah Harrell was elected Mayor Pro Tempore by her fellow councilpeople.

The next meeting of the Society Hill Town Council will be held Feb. 13. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill, 280 South Main Street.

Training

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On the MILO Range, trainees interact with filmed active crime scenarios where armed criminals, unarmed persons, bystanders, and various distracting stimuli appear on large screens. Using laser training weapons (which match the weight and recoil of real Glock .45 pistols and AR-15 rifles), trainees must make split-second judgments about a suspect's behavior and decide when to use

lethal force. Training scenarios can also use MILO-calibrated non-lethal weapons like Tasers and pepper spray.

A trained MILO proctor (like McBride) will guide the responses of the suspects onscreen based on the trainee's actions and words, either escalating the situation toward confrontation or de-escalating toward a peaceful resolution.

"Right now, we have 800 different simulations on this system, everything from active shooters to burglary alarms to checkpoints to domestic dis-

rupts. And we can do our own custom content, so if a police agency needs a custom scenario for a specific building, we can make that for them," says McBride.

He notes that a number of police and security agencies - like the Florence County Sheriff's Office - have already used the MILO system and other local agencies have made inquiries about setting up training sessions. The MILO Range website claims that students can achieve 90 percent learning retention by using simulation

training.

The MILO system can also be used to help defuse volatile situations in office environments by training supervisors to de-escalate tense meetings with upset employees. To help spread the word about the latest tactics and practices to make the workplace safer, SiMT is hosting a Workplace Violence Prevention workshop on Feb. 1 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The workshop will include topics such as active shooter response, reducing security breaches, identifying employees who may be victims

of domestic violence, and creating a culture of mental health support. Registration is \$25 per person; call 843-413-2719 for more information.

Another creative training venture is the 3D and 2D computer animation and production studio, where SiMT crafts custom content for everyone from medical equipment manufacturers to Hollywood stars. Film actor Wesley Snipes recently turned to SiMT to fashion some snazzy trailers and promotional footage for his debut novel, a spiritual thriller called "Talon of

God." Clients and guests can view the finished products in a well-appointed VIP theater in the SiMT complex.

The animation studio can also generate highly accurate and detailed recreations of workplaces for use in interactive safety training programs, which meet OSHA requirements and carry a higher rate of knowledge retention for employees learning new lockout/tagout procedures.

To learn more about these training programs, contact SiMT director David McBride at 843-413-2735.

Benefit for Tray Phillips



Tray Phillips is a long-serving employee of Darlington County EMS. He has spent years giving back to his community as a volunteer of local rescue squads and fire departments. He has recently been diagnosed with Glioblastoma, a form of brain cancer. His treatment includes daily chemo and radiation treatments. Because of this, Tray has had to take medical leave and is out of work. All proceeds from

this event will be given to Tray and his family. Barbeque plates are \$8 each and include barbecue, rice and hash, slaw, pickles, bread and a slice of cake or a cookie. Deliveries are available for orders of 10 or more. The benefit will be Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Darlington County EMS, 1625 Harry Byrd Hwy. For more information, email m Moore@darcoems.net or call 843-398-4450 ext. 1103.

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Patricia Ann Mitchum Carrigan

Columbia - Patricia Ann Mitchum Carrigan, 58, of Columbia, died Monday, January 8, 2018. Born December 20, 1959 in Columbia, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Odell Mitchum and Corine Hussey Mitchum. Patty, as she was known by her family and friends, was the only daughter in a household of boys, and was spoiled rotten by them all. Her love of children encouraged her to open a daycare, and to later work with preschool and kindergarteners at Byrnes Academy.



Survivors include her children, Michael Garner Carrigan, Jr., and fiancé, Kristen Gena Harrison, Kimberly Elaine Carrigan; grandchildren, Michael "Jude" Carrigan and Piper Arden Carrigan; significant other and caregiver, David Gillespie; brothers, Robert W. Mitchum (Denise) and David M. Mitchum (Terri); mother-in-law, Irene Garner Carrigan. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Garner Carrigan, Sr.; brother, Thomas Odell "Tommy" Mitchum, Jr.; and a nephew, Thomas Michael Mitchum.

A service of celebration was held 1 o'clock, Saturday, January 13th at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia, with the Rev. Mac Kinnett officiating. The family received friends prior to the service beginning at 12 o'clock.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to The American Heart Assoc., 190 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce, SC 29033. Memories and condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com.

Marian Jordan Goodson

Marian Jordan Goodson, 84, of Darlington, passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2018. A Daughter of the late Samuel L. and Elma Davis Jordan was born March 28, 1933 in Durham, N.C.



Funeral Service was conducted noon Monday, January 15, 2018 at Lee St. Church of God in Darlington with burial following in Faith Memorial Gardens, directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc.

She received her education in the Public Schools of Durham, North Carolina.

She worked over 49 years for Darlington County School District at Cain and Pate Elementary, and St. John's High School before retiring.

She was married to the Late Chalmers Goodson.

Survivors include: her daughter, Deborah (Frank) Lewis III; sons, Ralph Montague Jordan, Donald (Lisa) Snuggs, and Quentin Bruce; sister, Theresa Snuggs; brother, Samuel Jr. (Toni) Jordan; Grandchildren, Tiffany (Billy) Jones, Amy Blackmon, Tarik Lewis, Anthony (Karen) Bailey, Courtney and Savannah

Jordan, Tynesha, Michael, and Malik Snuggs; 19 Great-grandchildren;

Special friends: Dorothy Carraway, Evelyn Rhodes, Kathy Sumner, Betty Young, and Gwen Simon; Caregiver and friend Elaine W. Damon.

A host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 138 Coker Street, Darlington.

Babs Lewis

Babs Reaves Lewis, age 70, was a Christian and went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Thursday, January 11th at Freedom Baptist Church, with burial following in High Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born January 20, 1947, Babs is the daughter of the late Earl Gibson Reaves and Barbara Gardner Reaves. She spent a lot of her time at church and studying her bible. Babs taught Sunday school at High Hill Baptist Church and Freedom Baptist Church for many years, and served as treasurer at Freedom Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Ray Lewis; her daughters, Marcia Watkins and Beth (Kyle) Gunter of Florence; her son, John Lewis of Darlington; her grandchildren, Molly Watkins, Luke Watkins, Riley Gunter, and Reaves Gunter; her sister, Karen (Tommy) Lewis of Darlington.

The family received friends at the home, 707 Vintage Dr. in Florence.

Memorials may be made to Freedom Baptist Church, 1415 Lamar Hwy. Darlington, SC 29532.

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

Crystal O. Kimbrel

Crystal O'Neal Kimbrel, of Washington, NC, formerly of Darlington, SC, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, January 12, 2018 after a courageous battle with cancer. A funeral service was held at Temple Free Will Baptist Church at 3 p.m. on Monday, January 15. Temple is located at 1660 N. Governor Williams Hwy in Darlington, SC. The family received friends one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church. Burial followed in Philadelphia Southern Methodist Church Cemetery.

Born in Darlington on November 16, 1966, Crystal is the daughter of John Edward O'Neal and the late Gloria Jean O'Neal. Crystal graduated from Welch College in Nashville, TN, with Bachelor of Science degrees in Bible and Elementary Education. Crystal worked as a schoolteacher and also enjoyed worshipping the Lord through her wonderful ability to sing and play piano. She was a kind and loving mother and devoted wife.

Mrs. Kimbrel is survived by her husband of twenty-seven years, Rev. Bruce Kimbrel of Washington, NC; her two daughters, Kayla (John) Newland of Pleasant View, TN; and Elizabeth Kimbrel; a sister, Jennifer O'Neal of Florence, SC, and many extended family members.

Memorials may be made to Welch College in Gallatin, TN.

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

LIVING ON PURPOSE

The Perfect word of God

By Dr. William Holland

We apprehend this is not a perfect world and as humans we constantly make mistakes. However, when it comes to the Bible, there is a major difference. This book might have been transcribed by mere mortals but it's content is not from this world. The holy scriptures are a collection of divine messages directly inspired from an Omnipotent God and was simply recorded by ordinary men. As one of the most popular and best-selling books in the world, it's given much reverence and respect but as our postmodern society continues to evolve in their progressive arrogance, many individuals are now convinced with the false notion that the Bible is not true. Psalm 19:7 declares, "The law of the Lord is perfect" and Proverbs 30:5 promises that, "Every word of God is pure." These heavenly claims of purity and perfection are statements of heavenly truth from the only one who cannot lie. Note the text doesn't say God's Word is "mostly" pure or scripture is "nearly" faultless which leaves no room for partial perfection theories. "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" Numbers 23:19. We are reminded when Jesus answered Pilate and replied that He had come into the world to bear witness unto the truth. Pilate then asked the question, "what is truth" and revealed that humanity is spiritually blind until God graciously opens their understanding.

There can be no agreement or compromise with the agnostic or the deist who believes that God does not care or intervene in the affairs of mankind. If we submit to the worldview that many of the Biblical accounts are not literal, we are left holding a mystery novel instead of the greatest revelation ever given to the world. Psalm 12:6 says, "And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times." Believing that God is perfect and that His truth is without error is the foundation of our faith! If the Bible is not accurate when it speaks of geology or genealogy, how can we place our

hope in its theology? In other words, it's either a trustworthy document, or it's not. The Bible stands or falls as a whole and is a reflection of its author which, come to think of it, all publications are! If a major newspaper were routinely discovered to contain errors, it would be quickly discredited. It would make no difference to acknowledge that, "all the errors are confined to page three" or "we regularly publish stories that are fabricated." For any publication to be reliable in any of its parts, it must be factual throughout. Why would we waste our time reading anything that is a falsehood?

So, where does this leave the Christian who places their hope in the Bible as being the absolute truth? We must comprehend this controversy is not about a religious organization or tradition but rather is a spiritual war between truth and deception. As we continue moving toward a more politically correct age, we can agree that when it comes to the Biblical sovereignty, the remnant disciples will continue to lose the support of community, friends, and even family. In fact, Jesus in Matthew chapter 10 and Luke chapter 12 predicts how spiritual views will be the cause for much disagreement, strife and even hostility. We can try to live in peace and step softly around sacred issues but eventually there will come a time when the serious followers of Christ will be called to stand for what they believe no matter the cost. As the growing number of atheist, free-thinkers and skeptics continue to become more militant and influential, we can clearly see an aggressive agenda to diminish the integrity of those who uphold and defend the Bible as God's perfect Word and God Himself as the meaning and purpose of life. Are we prepared to stand boldly in our faith about God's Word, even if it means persecution and the separation from those we love? God is absolute truth and the doctrine of Biblical perfection is extremely important because the truth does matter.

Ask for Dr. Holland's free scripture CD, "Keeper of my soul" at billyhollandministries.com.

Avoid tax identity theft: file early

COLUMBIA—The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs is urging consumers to file their taxes as early as possible. Scammers use consumer information to file tax returns and steal refunds before the individual files.

The tips below will help consumers avoid tax-time headaches:

-Watch out for scams. Scammers try to solicit personal

information via e-mail, text message and phone calls. The fraudster may pose as someone from the IRS to trick you into disclosing personal information. Report IRS imposter scams to the Treasury Department.

-Use a secure Internet connection when filing electronically. Also, choose a tax preparation software because the company is reputable, not because the filing service is free or

cheap.

-Mail paper returns directly from the post office.

-Respond to all mail from the IRS as soon as possible.

-Research a tax preparer thoroughly before handing over personal information.

-Shred tax return copies, drafts or calculation sheets when no longer needed.

Victims of tax identity theft may receive a letter from the

IRS regarding unreported income or a notice that a tax return has already been filed in their name. Consumers who believe they are the victim of a security breach, scam or identity theft are encouraged to seek tailored guidance from SCDC's Identity Theft Unit. Call 844-835-5322 or fill out an ID Theft Intake form by clicking on Report Identity Theft at www.consumer.sc.gov.

CHURCH NEWS

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Guest vocalist VanHoose at First Presbyterian

Marlana VanHoose will be the guest vocalist during the 11 a.m. Jan. 21 service at First Presbyterian Church in Florence. VanHoose, a three-time American Music Guild Heritage Award recipient, has dedicated herself to traveling the Southeast singing at local churches. She's performed at many venues across the USA, including the 2017 Inaugural prayer service. For more information on VanHoose, visit www.littlemarlana.com.

Service of Recognition

The Ministerial Staff of Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church, located on 552 E. Billy Farrow Highway in Darlington will have a program recognizing 55 years of service for E. B. Burroughs, Dr. Min. on January 28 at 3 p.m. Please join us.

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



Best girls in town! Meet siblings, Fawn and Farah. These sleek jacketed girls are so much fun to hang out with that it's almost criminal. Very friendly and eager to make new friends, they are excellent with other dogs and would be a good choice for a family with kids and a home with a moderate level of daily activity. Skilled leash walkers, these girls are softy, nuzzly, they politely ask for attention and are very dotting. Estimated to be 2-3 yrs old, these pit mixes are your go-to choice for mid-sized, loving girls who will make you smile each and every day! Ask for Fawn (Cream with tan accents) and Farrah (chocolate brown with cream accents) today.

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

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.

BNI

Meets each Tuesday at 7:30 am in the conference room of the TB Thomas Sports Center, 701 W Washington St, Hartsville.

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

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

Teen Program - Mon at 5pm
After School Club - Tues. at 4pm
Homeschool Hub - Wed. at 2pm
Family Movie - Thurs. at 4pm

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

months between Carolina Pines in Hartsville and Medford Nursing Center in Darlington.

Darlington Library

Needle Nuts - 2nd Fri. each month
Book Club - 3rd Sat. of each month

Yoga for Beginners

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

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.

Jan. 2018

Free to Be Me Workshop

The Free to Be Me workshop, January 20, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. is a transition-focused workshop for young adults ages 12 and up with disabilities and their parents/guardians. The parents/guardians and young adult attend the learning sessions together to develop a transition plan, which includes the school transition process, life goals, employment goals, self-determination skills and self-advocacy development. Parents/guardians will also learn about alternatives to guardianship and how to encourage and support their young adult's independence. A light lunch will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. To register, visit fs27.formsite.com/all4autism/form31/index.html.

DWTS Darlington County

The 2018 Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County will take place Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Center Theater in Hartsville. It will feature a "City Lights, Broadway Nights" theme. For more information, visit www.darlingtoncountydancingwiththestars.com or call 843-206-8718.

Economic Development Update Luncheon

The Economic Development Update Luncheon will be held at the Hartsville Country Club on January 31. Lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m. with the program promptly beginning at 12:15 p.m. Frank Willis of Darlington County Economic Development and Ronald Carter of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance will update members on activity in our county and region. The SC Department of Commerce's Deputy Director for Global Business Development Mandy Brawley will deliver the keynote address.

Feb. 2018

Honey Bee Project

The South Carolina 4-H Pollinator Program, an independent-study program that engages youth (ages 5-18) in the active role of beekeeping, learning the basics of entomology and gaining an appreciation for the role of pollinators

in our world. Deadline to register is Feb. 2. The cost is \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. The program runs from March to August. Visit www.clemson.edu/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/honey_bee

Golden Readers at the Florence Little Theatre

A delightful afternoon of "readers theatre." Enjoy Wit and Wisdom - a collection of humorous stories plus the radio play Spring Cleaning from Our Miss Brooks on Feb. 4, 2018. This free show is directed by Rebecca Sowell. Tickets are required as seating is assigned. Recommended age for the show is 13 or older. Check their Facebook page or call 843-662-3731 for ticket availability.

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or jbishop@darcosc.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Lamar Town Council

Lamar Town Council will meet at 5 p.m. Feb. 12 at town hall.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, found on the first floor of City Hall, 100 E. Carolina Ave.

Society Hill Town Council Meeting

The Society Hill Town Council will hold their monthly meeting Feb. 13. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Coker College Faculty and Guest Artist Dance Concert

The Coker College Faculty and Guest Artist Dance Concert is February 22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m. and February 24 at 3 p.m. in the Watson Theater of the Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Performing Arts Center. This performance features choreography of the Coker

Dance Program faculty as well as Guest Artists Rhythm McCarthy, Trent Williams and Ronald K. Brown of Evidence A Dance Company. Tickets are free with a Coker ID, \$5 for students/seniors, and \$10 for adults.

Hello Again Gala

Hello Again will host An Evening Under the Stars Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. at SiMT, 1951 Pisgah Rd., in Florence. Tickets are \$15 per adult individual and \$7 for children over 5-years-old. There will be soul food, jazz music and giveaways. Learn more at www.helloagain23.com/event

March 2018

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Kalmia Gardens Oyster Roast

The annual Kalmia Gardens Oyster Roast will be held March 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kalmia Gardens, 1624 W. Carolina Ave. Come enjoy SC Oysters, libations, appetizers, and music. This is a great event that supports the Gardens. For more information, visit Kalmiagardens.org

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A new take on “spaghetti”

Spaghetti is a staple of many family dinner tables. But home cooks who want to veer away from traditional pasta without giving up their love of marinara can try the following, zucchini-inspired alternative to traditional spaghetti, “Z’paghetti Marinara with Shrimp,” courtesy of Lisa Lillien’s “Hungry Girl Clean & Hungry” (St. Martin’s Press).

Z’paghetti Marinara with Shrimp

Makes 2 servings

- 28 ounces (about 4 medium) zucchini
- 8 ounces (about 16) raw large shrimp, peeled, tails removed and deveined
- 1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup Clean & Hungry Marinara Sauce (see below)
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Preparations

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Lay a large piece of heavy-duty foil on a baking sheet and spray with non-stick spray.
2. Using a spiral vegetable slicer, cut zucchini into spaghetti-like noodles. (If you don’t have a spiral veggie slicer, peel zucchini into super-thin strips, rotating the zucchini after each strip.) Roughly chop for shorter noodles.



3. Place zucchini noodles in the center of the foil and top with shrimp. Sprinkle with seasonings. Top with marinara sauce and Parmesan.
4. Cover with another large piece of foil. Fold together and seal all four edges of the foil pieces, forming a well-sealed packet.
5. Bake for 25 minutes, or until zucchini noodles have softened and shrimp are fully cooked.
6. Cut packet to release hot steam before opening entirely.
7. Transfer packet contents to a large bowl, and toss to mix.

Clean & Hungry

Marinara Sauce

Makes 6 servings

- 3 cups canned crushed tomatoes
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1. Combine ingredients in a large sealable container. Mix until uniform.
2. Seal, and refrigerate until ready to use.

Take tea to new heights

Tea is a versatile beverage that can be served at any time of day and has long been touted for its medicinal properties. On a cold day, a hot cup of tea can be just what people need to warm up, while few things are more refreshing than a glass of iced tea on a hot afternoon.

While tea lovers are familiar with its versatility, even the most ardent tea enthusiast might not think it can be used to make ice cream. But that’s precisely the case in the following recipe for “Chai Ice Cream” from Robert Wemischner and Diana Rosen’s “Cooking with Tea” (Periplus). Not overly sweet, this ice cream works great when stuffed into a sweet-ripe peach or plum.

Chai Ice Cream

Serves 6

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup whole milk
- 4 slices fresh ginger root
- 1 tablespoon whole all-spice berries
- 1 tablespoon whole cloves
- 12 whole green cardamom pods
- 3 whole cinnamon sticks, each about 3 inches long
- 1/2 cup granulated white sugar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 3 tablespoons Chinese black tea, such as Keemun
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 large bowl of rice
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon real vanilla extract

Preparation

In a large, heavy saucepan, bring the cream and milk to a



boil with the spices, sugar and honey. Add the tea and reduce mixture to a simmer. Remove from heat and infuse the tea for about 5 minutes. Sieve out solids and return liquid to saucepan.

In a small bowl, whisk the egg yolks and temper them by combining with a cup of the cream mixture. Add the whisked egg yolks to the saucepan and whisk together over medium heat until slightly thickened. The mixture should coat the back of a spoon. Using an instant-read thermometer, monitor the temperature of the mixture so it does not exceed 190 F. Do not overcook or the mixture

will curdle.

Pour through a fine-meshed sieve into a bowl placed over a larger bowl of ice. Stir the mixture until cool and then place in refrigerator or freezer to chill further, about 15 minutes. Add salt and vanilla to blend.

Freeze using an old-fashioned ice cream maker filled with ice and salt, or freeze in a crank-type ice cream machine using a canister that has been frozen as per the manufacturer’s directions.

This recipe is exquisite alone, but even more delicious over poached Bosc pears (see photo).

A tasty, versatile bread

Cooks who want a versatile bread that’s great for sandwiches and morning toast can try the following recipe for “Molasses Oatmeal Loaf” from Linda Collister’s “Quick Breads”

(Ryland, Peters & Small). Quick and easy to prepare, this loaf provides a chewy texture and a pleasant tang.

Molasses Oatmeal Loaf

Makes 1 medium loaf

- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 1 1/3 cups buttermilk
- 3/4 cup rolled oats

- 1 2/3 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1 3/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, chilled and cut into cubes
- 1 extra-large egg, beaten

- 1 8 x 4 x 2 1/2-inch loaf pan, well greased

Preparation

Mix the molasses and the buttermilk in a large bowl. Stir in the oats and then let soak for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In another bowl, mix the flours, baking soda and salt. Add the pieces of butter and rub

in, using the tips of your fingers, until the mixture looks fine like crumbs.

Add the beaten egg and the mixture of soaked oats and mix well with a wooden spoon to make a fairly heavy dough. Scrape the mixture into the greased loaf pan and, with floured fingers, press it into a neat loaf shape.

Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce the oven temperature to 350 F and bake for a further 35 minutes.

Turn out the loaf onto a wire rack and let cool to room temperature before slicing.

Keep tightly wrapped and eat within 3 days, or toast. The loaf can be frozen for up to 1 month.

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Dr. Anne Everman
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Hartsville Country Club
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Falcons roll in region opener against Crestwood; Lady Falcons struggle

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington – It was a tale of two games in Darlington this past Friday night with the Darlington boys' basketball team crushing the Crestwood Knights and the Darlington girls' basketball team losing to the Lady Knights.

Darlington 74, Crestwood 40

It was back to normal this past Friday for the Darlington Falcons.

With a 74-40 win over the Crestwood Knights, the Falcons snapped a two game losing streak and earned an all-important region victory all in the process.

Darlington used a balanced attack offensively with three scoring in double digits to help defeat the Knights. Tyshaun Johnson led the way for the Falcons with 12 points while Kenyon Scott and Kris'shawn Hickman both finished with 11.

But while those three were instrumental in helping lead Darlington to the win, it was Malike Cooper who really brought the energy to the game according to head coach Ken Howle.

"I think that it was key to getting him on the floor, the kids just respond so much to

him, so positively," Howle said. "He brings a lot of energy and it's contagious on the bench, it's contagious on the floor and we got to get him on the floor some. He responded well."

The start of the game was ugly for both teams offensively, but defensively it worked out great for Darlington as the Falcons shut the Knights out in the first quarter 9-0.

Darlington began to warm up offensively in the second quarter. By the time both teams went into the half, the Falcons were leading by 21 and looked to be in a different league than Crestwood.

In the third quarter the Falcons flexed their muscles against Crestwood. Using continuous pressure that is probably still giving the Knights' ball handlers nightmares, Darlington forced what seemed to be turnover after turnover, which led to an array of easy baskets.

"We've played man all year and played some zone press tonight," Howle said. "We've been working on it a little bit."

Crestwood finally matched Darlington in the scoring column in the fourth quarter, but by then the Falcons lead was so massive it did not even matter.

The Falcons are 12-5 on the year and 1-0 in the region.



Darlington 22, Crestwood 62

It was a night worth forgetting for the Darlington Lady Falcons.

Playing in their first region game of the year the Falcons were lifeless against

Crestwood, playing their worse game of the year.

While 22 points looks bad in the scoring column, it was quite impressive when you add the fact that Darlington only scored three points in both first and fourth quarter.

Offensively the Lady Falcons were just unable to get anything going. Hope Richardson, the focal point of Darlington's offense, was held to just four points.

The game against Crestwood was quite a turn-

around from the previous two games against Marlboro County and Cheraw in which the Lady Falcons won 38-30 against the Lady Bulldogs and 59-18 against the Lady Braves.

Darlington is now 11-5 on the year and 0-1 in the region.

Florence-Darlington Technical College announces Fall 2017 President's and Dean's Lists

Florence-Darlington Technical College President Dr. Ben Dillard is pleased to announce the President's and Dean's Lists for the Fall Semester of 2017. To be named to the President's List, an FDTC student, must achieve a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) and a Dean's List student must carry a 3.5 GPA or higher.

President's List

South Carolina
Alcolu
Kelsea Duke
Andrews
Brett Smith
Chelsy Micheau
Bishopville
Crystal Pettus
Cheraw
Emeli Freeman
Gregory McQueen
Darlington
Amber Miller
Brad Law
Darris Evans
Ebony Wingate
Jerry Cannon
Johanna Yarborough
Katlyn Travers
Larry Paige
Nashwahl Morris
Oya Small
Savannah Paquette
Tiffani Wilson
Dillon
Karen McCrimmon
Michael Gamble
Tamysha Garcia
Virginia Yarborough
Effingham
Karla Webb
Mariana Picon
Florence
Adahy Oropeza
Allie White
Amber Hill
Andrea Smith
Anthony McElroy
Arielle Betts
Ashley Miller
Blaise Haddock
Brent King
Carlson Gilman
Charles Godwin
Daniel Prosser
David Wisnoski
Dominique Hines
Eric Bailey
Glen Roberson
Gregory Hurliman
Haley Moseley
Hannah Griffin
Heather Perdue
Heather Wallace
Jacob Lee
James Green
Jason McCoy
Jordan Tedder
Joshua Wos
Karen Gandy
Katherine Collins
Keith Taylor
Kyra March
Marcus Lisbon
Mykeha Davis
Rome Bowermaster

Russell Hurst
Scott Smith
Susan Bailey
Suzanne Brooks
Sylvia Pickelsimer
Thomas Veasey
Tia Avery
Tony Miles
Trenity Crouch
Trysten Herbert
Tyler Lee
Tyquan Davis
Fork
Staci Humphrey
Green Sea
Blake Williamson
Hamer
Duncan Callahan
Joseph Boykin
Hartsville
Caitlin Wilson
Caroline Folk
Christopher Hayes
Destiny Hucks
Jacob Tootle
John Huggins
Kelcey Hickman
Kelvin Jeffery
Paul D'alessandro
Rochelle Sandoval
Hemingway
Madison Graham
Johnsonville
Ansley Eaddy
Audrey Anderson
Cameron Lee
Jonathon Altman
Mari Alice Prosser
Payton Hartfield
Reda Prosser
Lake City
Brittney Speights
David Silva
Kelley Lynch
Lindsey Barnio
Matthew McDonald
Stephanie Hammond
Tatiana Speights
Terri Feagin
Lamar
Ashleigh Windham
Kara Bailey
Latta
Jonathan Ray
Meagan Davis
Loris
Michelle Rice
Marion
Bryan Burch
Chris Richardson
McBee
Miracle Trotter
Mullins
Amanda Rogers
Brittany George
Gwyndolyn Swinton
Wendy Bueno
Myrtle Beach
Klevis Pane
Pamplico
Amanda Isgett
April Browder
Austin Ard
Patrick
Cameron Barefoot
Ruby
David Faile
Scranton
Justin Shady

Society Hill
Katie Johnson
Timmonsville
Danielle Black
Joshua Amerson
Penny Hayes
Tiffany Kelly
Tyler Adams
Jessie Stevenson
Wallace
Curtis Hubbard
Dean's List
South Carolina
Alcolu
Cynthia Jenkins
Aynor
Jennifer Canright
Bennettsville
Gualmeeka Neal
Haleigh Elliott
Bethune
Austin Page
Bishopville
Cecille Simon
Joshua Fountain
Mehershall Gregg
Blenheim
Jerry Dupree
Catawba
Rodney Burt
Chester
Brandon Bass-Kelly
Chesterfield
Isaiah McManus
Columbia
Jakeimia Burch
Coward
Felix Lazo
Stephanie Fajardo
Hernandez
Darlington
Caleb Gandy
Chalita Jackson
Christopher Broad
Christopher Chapman
Ebony Hough
Edwin Mills
Reagan Stephens
Sarah Blue
Savannah Odom
Shelby Brown
Thomas Gibson
Trenille Jackson
Dillon
Austin Moody
Dawson King
Douglas Stubbs
Lauren Hinson
Michelle Ramos
Stephanie Campbell
Effingham
Courtney Sanders
Eric Barlow
Eun Ji Kirven
Genny Lou Davis
Margaret Kennebeck
Millicent Vereen
Turkessa Haynesworth
Wesley Howze
Florence
Abby Hewitt
Adam Graham
Alexander Dewitt
Alexander Timmons
Amber Glowe
Angel Porter
Anthony Melton
Brandon Langley
Brenton Shoemaker

Brittany Legge
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Bruce Hinson
Bryce Gibson
Calah Wingate
Christina Martin
Christopher Atkinson
Tyler Adams
Claire Hanson
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Courtney Rogers
Daijhia Jenkins
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Tiana Williams
Timothy Jones
Tori Bender
Veronica Blue
William Harwell
Yidi Gao
Zachary Morgan
Fork
Marrissa Tyndall
Hamer
George Edwards
Hartsville
Amanda Wingfield
Bradley Wilkerson
Caleb Blajeski
Dejah Blakney
Jacquelynn Bell
Jordan Hughes
Joseph Bateman
Kelly Bullard
Kristen Chukes
Melissa Newsome
Michael Lewis
Pamela Johnson
Reid Parrott
Robert Grant
Simon Brailey
William Byrd
William O'Neal
Hemingway
Brittany Ray

Freddie Rowe
Hannah Squires
Johnsonville
Houston Hartfield
Michael Newell
Triston Blanton
Lake City
Anna Parker
Katherine Dennis
Katie Timmons
Kristopher Parker
Deidre Tarte
Lancaster
Ryan Griffin
Latta
Brandy McNair
Nakira Coleman
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Erica Rawl
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Manning
Vicky Bryant
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Brianna Jones
Charles Russ
Christian Stroud
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Dezmond Allen
St. George
Jacob Byrd
Summerville
Justin Girard
Sumter
Antonio Brown
Brianna Kennedy
Swansea
Cameron Wooten
Timmonsville
Barrick Smalls
Cody Plummer
Dortha Sipp
Janice Taylor
Jared Sterling
Jazmine Goodman
Kenneth Williams
Kirsten Streett
Troy Matthews

2018 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

6 P.M.

Courthouse Annex/EMS Building
1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC
www.darcountycouncil.com

Tuesday, January 2nd	Monday, July 2nd
Monday, February 5th	Monday, August 13th (1)
Monday, March 5th	Monday, September 10th (2)
Monday, April 2nd	Monday, October 1st
Monday, May 7th	Monday, November 5th
Monday, June 4th	Monday, December 3rd

(1) SC Association of Counties' Annual Conference scheduled August 4-8, 2018
(2) First Monday is Labor Day Holiday

Joint Meetings

Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, & Legislative Delegation
6 p.m. / Location: TBA
Monday, January 29th ~ Town of Lamar/Host
Monday, April 30th ~ Town of Society Hill/Host
Monday, July 30th ~ City of Hartsville/Host
Monday, October 29th ~ Board of Education/Host

SCAC Conferences/Institute of Government Classes

Feb. 21-22, SCAC Mid-Year Conference/Institute, Columbia
Aug. 4-8, SCAC Annual Conference/Institute, Hilton Head Island
Oct. 17-18, SCAC County Council Coalition/Institute, Columbia

Special Meetings/Worksessions

Scheduled As Needed

Upon request, assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of handicapped persons attending the meetings. Special assistance requests should be made to J. JaNet Bishop, Clerk to Council, at 843-398-4100 seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

It pays to #ShopSmall

Three lucky folks picked up \$100 for shopping in Darlington during the holidays, courtesy of the Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association (DDRA).

Bryant Lawhon, Joyce Adams, and Ed Howard had their names drawn for the prizes.

The contest encouraged people to shop in Darlington this holiday season. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, people were asked to shop at five different Darlington businesses; mail the DDRA copies of those receipts with an entry form, and then they would be entered into the drawing.

"We hope people continue to challenge themselves to #ShopDarlington and shop locally," says Lisa Chalian-Rock, director of DDRA, Planning & Economic Development for the City of Darlington. "Our businesses try very hard to diversify their inventory to please changing consumer tastes, and we need to reward them with our dollars if we want to continue to

have and to grow our retail sector."

Supporting city shops will boost the community's bottom line, not just retailers. Local businesses are invested in their community and support youth sports teams, local church and civic groups, and area school programs. When residents commit to support their town's stores, those storeowners can invest in their businesses with added inventory or even added employees if the commitment from the community is significant enough. Additionally, tax money collected from those businesses return to the city and county where the business is based, which funds infrastructure and development in the area, as well as through the wages of your friends and neighbors who staff those shops.

Bryant Lawhon, Lisa Chalian-Rock, director of DDRA, Joyce Adams, and Ed Howard

PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS



Scott helps introduce legislation to protect from predatory lending

WASHINGTON, D.C. —U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC), chairman of the Banking Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Urban Affairs, has joined U.S. Senators Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) to introduce the Protecting Veterans from Predatory Lending Act of 2018. This bipartisan legislation would protect veterans from targeted predatory home loan practices by requiring lenders to demonstrate a material benefit to consumers when refinancing their mortgage. Senators Dean Heller (R-NV), Jon Tester (D-MT), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Joe Manchin (D-WV), Richard Burr (R-NC), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), and Joe Donnelly (D-IN) are all original co-sponsors of the legislation.

The Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) home loan program was designed to provide veterans and servicemembers with the opportunity to purchase their own home through a VA insured mortgage from a private lender. VA loans have lower credit score requirements than other mortgages, and often don't require down payments. Since its inception, it has insured more than 20 million home loans to help veterans become homeowners.

However, today a small number of lenders are abusing the program by utilizing misleading advertising tactics and engaging in a practice known as "churning" — the refinancing of a home loan over and over again to generate fees and profits for lenders at the direct expense of veterans and their families, often without their knowledge.

Over a period of time from April of 2016 through August of 2017, over 1,000,000 VA home

loans were made, including 50,000 loans in North Carolina alone, and almost half of those were refinanced VA loans. The vast majority of those refinanced loans are being originated by good actors, but this legislation addresses a pool of refinanced VA loans—over 40,000 nationwide and 1,000+ in North Carolina over the aforementioned time period—wherein veterans may have been subjected to abusive lending practices by some in the marketplace who engage in "churning."

"Our service members do so much for us and it should be our responsibility to look out for their well-being whenever possible," said Senator Scott. "It is simply unconscionable that there are people out there who are willing to take advantage of our men and women who served in uniform for their own financial gains. Many see home ownership as a central component of the American Dream, and incentives like the VA loan program afford our veterans the unique opportunity to reach that sought after goal. Any attempt to tarnish this initiative should be aggressively struck down, and I am glad to join this bipartisan group who have decided to stand up on behalf of our veterans - it is what they have both earned and deserve."

"The VA home loan program was designed to give veterans and servicemembers the opportunity to become homeowners as they raise their families and it has proven to be a great success," said Senator Tillis. "Unfortunately, a few bad actors are taking advantage of the program as home lenders have begun targeting veterans and servicemembers to generate profit and fees at their expense, often leading to higher loan amounts and putting families in

a worse financial position than they started off. Our men and women in uniform deserve better, and I am proud to partner with Senator Warren on this bipartisan legislation that will end these predatory home lending practices. I hope Congress will consider this bill quickly so we can protect those who have sacrificed so much to protect us."

"The government shouldn't be backing lenders who exploit veterans just to line their own pockets. All three of my brothers served in the military and I understand the incredible sacrifices made by those who fight for our country — they deserve better," said Senator Warren. "I'm glad to work with Senator Tillis to crack down on lenders engaging in predatory practices that hurt veterans, their families, and American taxpayers."

"The VA home loan program has assisted countless military veterans, including those in Nevada, in their pursuit to become homeowners. Recently we've learned some lenders are taking advantage of this important program and using veterans in order to earn a quick profit," said Senator Heller. "I'm proud to cosponsor this bipartisan bill to help protect veterans from predatory lenders. It is my hope that Congress will send a strong message to these bad actors by swiftly approving our bill, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do just that."

"This bill cracks down on predatory practices and protects veterans," said Senator Tester, Ranking Member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. "I'm pleased to join this bipartisan group of Senators who are sending a clear message that we will not stand by while bad actors attempt to take advantage of veterans."

Hartsville National Dixie Youth Baseball registration to be held

Registration for the 2018 season at Hartsville National will be February 9-10 and February 16-17. Come see us at the T.B. Thomas Center at Byerly Park on February 9 (5-7 p.m.), February 10 (10 a.m.-1 p.m.), February 16 (5-7 p.m.) or February 17 (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) to register.

The cost for players in Farm, Minors and O-Zone (ages 7-12) is \$60. For Instructional League players (ages 5-6), the cost is \$40.

Players will be fitted for uniforms at registration.

The next step after registration is Spring Training. Spring Training will be held

for Farm, Minors & O-Zone on February 18. Times will be announced later.

As with the 2017 season, all players in Farm, Minors and O-Zone will be redrafted in 2018.

For more information, contact Bruce Douglas at hartsvil-national@gmail.com.

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Lamar honors Martin Luther King Jr. with annual march

The Lamar Ministerial Union staged their annual march honoring the life of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 15. Chilly temperatures didn't dissuade the marchers from raising their voices in song, led by Rev. Emmanuel Simon, as they marched from Bethany Baptist Church through downtown, and then back to the church for a service of inspirational messages and music.



FMU holds arts filled celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.



Crowdfunding helps teachers supplement classroom needs

By Melissa Rollins
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The bare necessities are sometimes hard to come by for teachers, with many supplementing their classrooms with money from their own pocket, let alone anything that could be seen as unnecessary for basic instruction. DonorsChoose.org, a crowdfunding website for teachers, is bridging the gap and helping teachers provide a better education in the process.

Thornwell School for the Arts Visual Arts Teacher Stacey Johnson said that with funding often being for specific areas, it can be difficult to purchase items for projects she would like to do.

"Funding is non-existent," Johnson said. "One of the big problems is that it gets earmarked for certain things. You can spend this money on this and this money on this but not necessarily what you really need."

Johnson said that she is grateful for everything she's gotten for her students.

"I feel bad sometimes because, at our school, we are blessed," Johnson said. "You walk into other elementary art classrooms and this is not what you see. We've worked really hard to get other grants because I always want to give the students the best quality. I use the money that we get, and we've worked hard for it, because there is nothing that substitutes good quality products or materials."

Johnson has had several successful campaigns, many of which have provided items that can carry over year to year.

"I wrote my first grant for materials for mosaic stepping-

stones," Johnson said. "I got the grout, the molds and the glass. I try to do a few each year. The next one we had a learning garden that we tried to get going with the Hartsville learning community. We did clay wall pockets so we got tons of clay."

The campaign that Johnson has currently is for Gelli Plates, a fun tool that allows you to produce textured prints.

"I love Gelli Plates," Johnson said. "You can make your own but it is with Knox Gelatin and they mold and they aren't permanent. We actually had a winner at the State Fair, first place for fourth grade, when we did that project. If I had something a little more permanent that can be reused we could do more of that."

Thornwell is a School for the Arts so there is some extra funding but Johnson said that money goes where it is needed the most.

"The extra funding that we do get is through the Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Grant," Johnson said. "It is such a blessing because every year that I've been here we've gone up in that grant funding. I like to use DonorsChoose.org grants because that ABC money goes to all of our arts areas. We have a new dance teacher and she needs a lot more of that money to get going so if I can write little grants and supplement, we can spread the love to everybody."

Since it began in 2000, DonorsChoose.org campaigns have raised over \$625 million dollars for classrooms all across the United States. Anyone interested in donating can visit DonorsChoose.org and narrow their search by school district or school.

Finalists named for Palmetto's Finest Awards

COLUMBIA—Twelve South Carolina schools are finalists for the 2018 Palmetto's Finest Schools Awards after extensive evaluations by fellow educators and previous Palmetto's Finest winners. The application process includes elements on student achievement, instructional programs, professional learning communities, and school culture.

Last fall, 27 South Carolina schools submitted a 20-page application and received an onsite examination visit by a review committee. The 12 finalists are now undergoing a second onsite evaluation. The finalist schools will

gather in their local communities on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1:45 p.m. to learn which have won the top honors. The announcement will be streamed live to each of the finalist schools.

The 12 finalists are as follows:

- Alston Middle, Dorchester District 2
- Batesburg-Leesville Elementary, Lexington District 3
- Brushy Creek Elementary, Greenville County Schools
- Chapman High, Spartanburg District 1
- Chapin Middle, Lexington-Richland District 5

- J.L. Mann High, Greenville County Schools
- Joseph R. Pye Elementary, Dorchester District 2
- Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology, Darlington County Schools
- Pleasant Hill Middle, Lexington District 1
- River Bluff High, Lexington District 1
- Scranton Elementary, Florence District 3
- Westcliffe Elementary, Greenville County Schools

The SC Association of School Administrators (SCASA) presents the awards each year to schools which

offer the best in innovative, effective educational programs. The Palmetto's Finest Award is celebrating its 40th year and is one of the most coveted and respected awards among educators.

"We are excited to recognize some of the outstanding and innovative schools in South Carolina. They represent the many excellent school communities serving South Carolina's families," said Beth Phibbs, SCASA Executive Director.

SCASA is the professional organization for school leaders in South Carolina, with a membership of more than 4,200.



Congratulations to the Varsity Wrestling Team who won 1st place at the Chesterfield Ram Rumble Tournament over Winter Break! Hartsville High School Photo



Congratulations to the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team for winning the Carolina Classic over Winter Break. Hartsville High School Photo

Coker names Jones head women's soccer coach

Coker College has named Thom Jones as its head women's soccer coach, Dr. Lynn Griffin, vice president of athletics and athletic facilities announced today.

"We are excited to welcome Thom and his family to Coker," stated Griffin. "He has been very successful at Campbellville building a solid program and we look forward to watching him continue to build our women's soccer program."

Jones comes to Coker after spending the last 11 years as the head coach at Campbellville

University. During his time at Campbellville, Jones recorded a career record of 132-82-12. In 2015, Jones led the Lady Tigers to their eighth-consecutive winning season by recording the most wins in program history (19), highest win percentage (.863), shutouts (15), assists (47) and goals (75). Jones also led Campbellville to their first NAIA National Tournament appearance in school history in 2015. In just a two-year span, Jones picked up Campbellville's first three NAIA All-Americans between the 2014 and 2015 sea-

sons. Jones was also named the Mid-South Conference Coach of the Year in 2010.

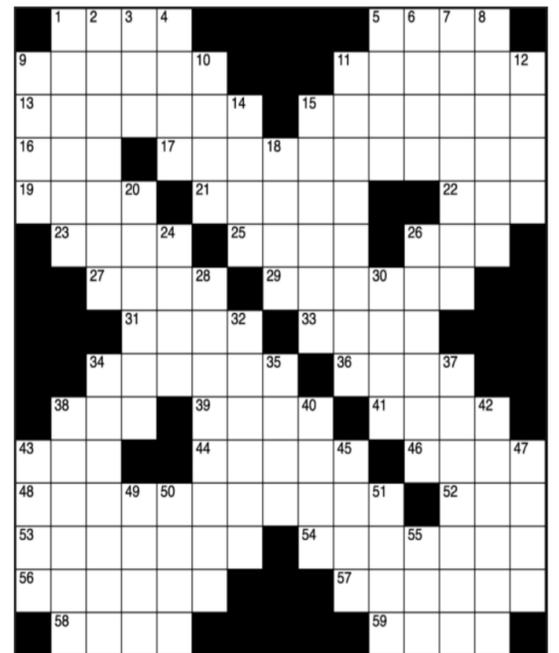
In all, Jones coached 50 Mid-South Conference All-Conference selections, 39 NCCAA Mid-East All-Region Team selections, two MSC Athlete's of the Year, three NCCAA Mid-East Regional Player's of the Year and two NCCAA All-Americans.

Student-athletes under Jones have not only excelled on the field, but in the classroom as well. Under Jones, the Campbellville women's soccer

team was selected as an NSCAA Scholar Team (3.5 or higher team cumulative GPA) through the 2012-2016 seasons. Additionally, Jones developed two Academic All-Americans, two Capital One Academic All-Americans, 93 MSC Academic All-Conference selections, and 51 NAIA Academic Scholar-Athletes.

"My family and I are excited for this new chapter in our lives. I can't wait to start working with my team and getting them prepared for the 2018 season," Jones said.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Methaqualone pill (slang)
5. Religious service
9. Woodland gods (Greek myth.)
11. "Where Is My Mind?" rockers
13. Deliberately contrary states of affairs
15. Inflection of the voice
16. "Great Expectations" character
17. Becomes a butterfly
19. Spoke
21. Tennis player Sharapova
22. Midway between northeast and east
23. Afrikaans
25. No instruction set computing
26. Pacific Standard Time
27. Relaxing places
29. Confiscates
31. Gladys Knight's fellow performers
33. Witnesses
34. Taking place in a series
36. Satisfy
38. Freshwater fish of N. America

CLUES DOWN

1. Rope used to lasso
2. Idyllic places
3. Field force unit
4. Guitar great Clapton
5. Slang for type of skirt
6. Figure skating jump
7. Innocent
8. Mathematical ratio
9. Slowly drinks
10. Line where

edges meet

11. Offices of the pope
12. Dry or withered
14. "___ the Man" Musical
15. Difficult situations
18. Greek goddess of discord
20. Marked by smartness in dress and manners
24. Habitat
26. Annoy constantly
28. Full of life
30. Great energy
32. BBQ and soy are two
34. Virtuous
35. Not fatty
37. Foes
38. Merchandiser
40. Dishonest scheme
42. Repents
43. Protective crust
45. Native American people
47. Any place of bliss or delight
49. Bring up
50. Birds
51. Geological times
55. Consumed

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Student-musicians participate in DCSD All-County Music Festival

Inside a packed Watson Theater at Coker College, 249 student-musicians from across the Darlington County School District (DCSD) participated in the All-County Music Festival on Jan. 11.

The students study in several programs such as choral music, band and strings. A music instructor nominated each student based on musical knowledge, showmanship and talent. Participating students came from middle and high schools.

"I am extremely proud of our students on their performance this year," said Marisa Johnson, DCSD's coordinator of Arts and Innovative Programs. "We have so many talented students in Darlington County and

this festival highlights our brightest musicians. Their performance is proof that the arts matter in a child's life. The music instructors are to be commended for all of their hard work in preparing their students for this event."

The purpose of the All-County Music Festival is to broaden the music education of Darlington County students while providing opportunities for more advanced training in instrumental and vocal music through clinical study and performance. The annual festival provides students a chance to receive in-depth music instruction from guest clinicians, who are experts in their chosen music field.

Dr. Jerron Jorgensen, vocal music,

and Leah Cordé, instrumental music, graciously served as guest clinicians.

Jorgensen is an assistant professor of voice and coordinator of vocal studies at Coker College. Jorgensen holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice Performance from The Hartt School, a Master of Music in Voice Performance from Arizona State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Voice from South Dakota State University. His résumé includes professional work as a soloist, chorister, director, teacher and arranger.

Cordé is in her 20th year of teaching and 12th year as director of bands at Kelly Mill Middle School in Blythewood. She holds a Master of Music with an emphasis in

Conducting from the American Band College of Sam Houston State University and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of South Carolina. She currently serves as president of the South Carolina Band Directors Association and serves on the executive board of the South Carolina Music Educators Association.

DCSD's very own Cole Davis, director of band and chorus at Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology, and Jordan Jefferson from Clarendon School District 2 served as middle school clinicians. Cameron Watkins, director of bands for Hartsville High School, coordinated the event.

Darlington Police seek suspect

The Darlington Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating Sharina Dersteria Denise Pugh, age 31. Pugh is wanted for two counts of Financial Identity Fraud. The subject allegedly used the personal information of another to obtain car insurance and to open an account with an electrical service. The police department is asking you to contact the police department at 843-398-4026 if you know the location of the subject.



Homicide investigation update

Sheriff Tony Chavis has announced the arrest of a second Darlington man Investigators allege was involved in a shooting death on Flat Creek Rd. in Darlington.

According to Sheriff Chavis, patrol deputies were dispatched to a residence on Flat Creek Rd. at 11:30 p.m. on November 29, 2017. Patrol Deputies found one victim, identified by Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee as Larry Moody, 55, of Darlington.

Sheriff's Investigators assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division arrested Quinton Jevon Gattison, 34, of Darlington. Quinton Gattison has been charged with murder. On December 28, 2017, Investigators arrested and charged Darquan Larchell Gattison, 26, of Darlington with murder.

This case remains under investigation. If you have any information you are asked to contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at (843) 398-4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or visit www.p3tips.com. You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER JANUARY 8 THROUGH JANUARY 12, 2018
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.

- William Kashon Tyquan McFarland III, 24, of 357 Centerville Rd, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon

- Tammy Nicole Nichols, 26, of 516 Rio Dr, Darlington, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

- Charles Osmond Nock Jr., 54, of 123 North Spain St, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

- Antonio Sequentez Aburea Anderson, 26, of 3115 Meadow Brook Drive, Florence, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

- Christy Lynn Clark, 30, of 5239 Ousleydale Hwy, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

- Mondre Lashawn Edwards, 40, of 408 Edwards Avenue, Darlington, Criminal Conspiracy; Entering Premises After Warning; Shoplifting <\$2000; Criminal Conspiracy;

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

Entering Premises After Warning; Shoplifting <\$2000; Criminal Conspiracy; Entering Premises After Warning; Shoplifting <\$2000

- Anthony Dequenta Gattison Jr., 27, of 1116 Bunch St, Florence, Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Poss Sell Disp Stolen Vehicle >\$2000 <\$10,000

- Tylorie Niesha Gilbert, 25, of 326 Orange St Lot 5, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

- Jimmy Sanford Haire, 60, of 1850 Mohawk Dr, Hartsville, Reckless Driving; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Leaving Scene of Accident Unattended

Vehicle

- Dominick Marquez Hudson, 20, of 209 E Lydia Hwy, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

- Anthony Christopher Pooler, 49, of 1103 Myrtle St, Hartsville, Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000

- Antonyo Truth Pooler, 35, of 405 Wells St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Neris Selateli Serrano, 36, of 105 Denise Drive, Darlington, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

- Quinton Bradley Suggs, 22, of 3529 Powerline Drive, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence

- Shane Ian Tarte, 26, of 113 East McIver Rd, Darlington, Assault and Battery 2nd Degree

- Shaunterika Davesha Wingate, 22, of 725 E Carolina Ave Apt 9F, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; RSG Value \$2000 or Less

- Jawn Wren, 28, of 2534 Old Ridge Road, Chesterfield, Driving Under Suspension

- Edward Raquan Brown, 20, of 209 Davis St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

- Brandon Michael Herron, 23, of 413 Winding Brook Court, Greenville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

- Dawn Elise Hudson, 49, of 1924 Indian Branch Road, Darlington, Drugs/Man Dist Etc Methamphetamine 1st; Criminal Conspiracy; Criminal Conspiracy; Drugs/Man Dist Etc Methamphetamine 1st

- Calvin Bull Jackson, 55, of 1212 Mondel St, Hartsville, Begging

- Daniel Raynard Jackson, 25, of 3125 Sandy Spring Ln, Darlington, Safe Keeping

- Christian Martinez, 28, of 304 Jackson Street, Hartsville, Driving Without a License

- Keith Obrian Montgomery, 30, of 105 Coop Dr, Darlington, Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Burglary First Degree; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; RSG Value \$2000 or Less; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored; Petty Larceny <\$2000; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Burglary Second Degree

- Charles Osmond Nock Jr., 54, of 123 North Spain St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Trevin Denzel Singletary, 34, of 184 Winburn St, Patrick Entry on Anothers Lands After Notice

- William Henry Thomas III, 51, of 1132 W Lynches River Rd, Lamar, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Trevor Daniel Randolph Vincent, 26, of 1406 Gordon Drive, Hartsville, Safekeeping

- Quniton Jevon Gattison, 34, of 3408 Wallflower Lane, Darlington, Murder

- Lee Ernest McRaven, 51, of 1617 Morrell Dr, Hartsville, Non Support; Non Support

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Weighing in on exercise vs. dieting for better weight loss

Statistics indicate more and more men, women and children are overweight or obese. The National Institutes of Health state that more than 35 percent of adults in the United States are obese and more than 34 percent are overweight, while 17 percent of children and adolescents in the United States are obese. Obesity rates are three times as high among today's children than they were among youngsters just one generation ago.

As individuals attempt to lose weight, they may wonder what is the most effective way to accomplish that objective. Some argue that the secret to weight loss is lots of exercise, while others insist that calorie control is the key. When it comes to slimming down, some may be surprised by what the experts have to say.

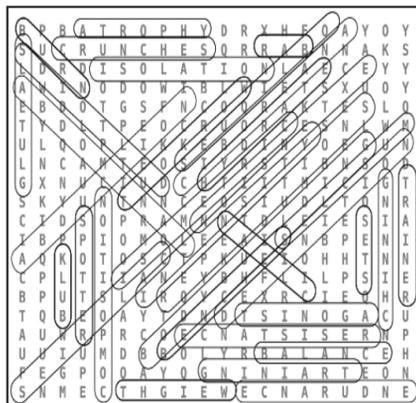
The Mayo Clinic advises that cutting calories through dietary changes appears to promote weight loss more effectively than physical exercise alone. According to Shawn M. Talbott,

Ph.D., a nutritional biochemist and former director of the University of Utah Nutrition Clinic, weight loss is about 75 percent diet and 25 percent exercise. People generally see the largest short-term results when they eat healthy foods and healthy portions.

Poor diets can be difficult to overcome, as it takes a lot of

exercise to spur dramatic weight loss, whereas a low-calorie, healthy diet can be a simple and effective means to losing weight. Nutritionists often point to a balanced diet that focuses on fruits and vegetables, lean proteins and whole-grain carbohydrates over fad diets or ones that require the adherence to strict guidelines that are difficult to

Answers from 2B



follow for lengthy periods of time. But exercise should not be abandoned in favor of a low-calorie diet. Dr. Yoni Freedhoff, who runs one of the largest obesity clinics in Canada, says that weight loss occurs from what's created in the kitchen, but health is gained in the gym. Dr. Freedhoff often advises his clients to make smart changes to the foods they eat to spur weight loss, and then incorporate exer-

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MISC, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
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South Carolina Department of Transportation
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Responsive pleadings to the Condemnation Notice and Tender of Payment are not necessary.

BY: Attorney for Condemnor (SCDOT)

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED, advised and notified, that pursuant to the South Carolina Eminent Domain Procedures Act, Section 28-2-10, et seq., the within Condemnation Notice and Tender of Payment, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, has been filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. The purpose of this lawsuit is to enable the Condemnor, the South Carolina Department of Transportation, to acquire certain real property for its public purposes, as is more fully stated in the attached Condemnation Notice and Tender of Payment.

Responsive pleadings to the Condemnation Notice and Tender of Payment are not necessary.

BY: Attorney for Condemnor (SCDOT)

Andrew F. McLeod
222 Market Street
Cheraw, S.C. 29520
Telephone: 843-537-5204
Cheraw, South Carolina
December 21, 2017

NOTICE OF ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO. 2017-CP-16-1009 Filed Dec. 27, 2017

Road/Route US 401 Bridge Replacement Over Jefferies Creek

Project ID No. 0036261
Tract 9
South Carolina Department of Transportation
Condemnor,
VS.
Ruth Graddy Kirby (AKA) Ruth G. Barham, deceased, Landowner(s), and C. C. Kirby, Jr., Taxpayer, Other Condemnee(s), and John Doe and Mary Roe, representing all unknown persons, having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or to, or lien on the lands described herein, including all unknown heirs of Ruth Graddy Kirby (AKA) Ruth G. Barham, deceased, Unknown Claimant(s).

TO: THE CONDEMNNEE(S) OR CLAIMANT(S) HEREIN, NAMES AND ADDRESSES UNKNOWN, INCLUDING ANY THEREOF WHO MAY BE MINORS OR UNDER OTHER LEGAL DISABILITY, IF ANY, WHETHER RESIDENTS OR NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THE NATURAL, GENERAL, TESTAMENTARY GUARDIAN OR COMMITTEE, OR OTHERWISE AND TO THE PERSON WITH WHOM THEY MAY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Rodney C. Jernigan, Jr., Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi, for all persons whoseover herein collectively designated as John Doe and Mary Roe, Condemnee(s) herein, names and addresses unknown, including any thereof who may be minors or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina, has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Dillon County. YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE

LEGAL NOTICES

nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Ellyn N Grigg
Date of Death: 11/17/2017
Case No: 2017ES1600585
Personal Representative: Robyn Amy Kemp
Address: 14701 Corner Post Place, Haymarket, Va 20169
(26p3 leave in thru 1-24-18)

NOTICE OF SALE

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2016-CP-16-00127

BY VIRTUE OF A decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture v. Charlie Mae Highland, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on February 6, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the proposed buildings and improvements thereon being designated as Lots 7 and 8 of the Carrie Kennedy Highland Subdivision as shown on plat prepared for Charlie Mae Highland dated September 27, 1993 by J. E. Tucker, Jr recorded in Plat Book 150 at Page 185 and being bounded and measuring as follows:

NORTH: By Old Road a distance of 125.00 feet; EAST: By a 25 foot wide road (undeveloped) a distance of 100.00 feet; SOUTH: By property of Claretta Thomas, Lot 9, a distance of 125.00 feet; WEST: By property now or formerly of Robert J. and Ella M. Rogers a distance of 100.00 feet. This being the same property conveyed to Charlie Mae Highland by Deed of Carrie Kennedy Thomas Highland dated December 30, 1983, and recorded on February 6, 1984, in said Register's Office in Deed Book 866 at Page 619. TMS No.: 058-02-01-008

Property Address: 427 Primus Park Road, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee for Darlington County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.500% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be re-advertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

W. Haigh Porter
Special Referee for Darlington

County HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A.

Donald W. Tyler #5664
Taylor A. Peace #100206
135 Columbia Avenue, PO Box 1000
Chapin, SC 29036
(803) 345-3353

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

(26c3 leave in thru 1-24-18)

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND FILING

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Case No.: 2017-CP-16-207

Sammie Coe, Jr., Plaintiff,

vs. Godley Auction Company, Inc., and John Doe and Richard Roe as all persons claiming a right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the Complaint herein, including, but not limited to any unknown owners, or any person, any unknown infants or persons under disability or persons in the military service designating in a class as John Doe and Richard Roe as to property Designated as Darlington County Tax Map No. 166-00-02-070

Defendants.

TO: THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint to Quiet Title, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office at 88 Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina 29532, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this matter will apply to the Court for the relief sought in the Complaint.

Please take notice that the original Amended Complaint filed on July 21, 2017 is a Complaint to Quiet Title as to Darlington County Tax Map No. 166-00-02-070.

Please take further notice that David M. Smith, has been appointed as the Guardian ad Litem Nisi for any unknown minor Defendants and those designated as John Doe and Richard Roe, and his office is located at 516 S. Coit Street in Florence, South Carolina, 29501

Darlington, South Carolina _____, 2017.

PARKER E. HOWLE
Attorney for Plaintiff
S. C. Bar No. 77878
88 Public Square
Darlington, SC 29532
Telephone: 843-395-1519
Telefax: 843-393-0342

(26c3 leave in thru 1-24-18)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the 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 E Lucas
Date of Death: 12/7/2017
Case No: 2018ES1600008
Personal Representative: Carolyn Elaine Lucas
Address: 918 Stebondale Road, Columbia, SC 29203
(27p3 leave in thru 1-31-18)

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Estate: Dale S Tripp
Date of Death: 10/28/2017
Case No: 2018ES1600010
Personal Representative: Audrey Jane Tripp
Address: 418 W Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550
(27p3 leave in thru 1-31-18)

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NEW LISTING

104 Evangeline Drive—Inviting foyer leads to den and is open to spacious Living Room w/large bay window. Garage has been partially enclosed for additional room w/baseboard heat and window A/C. Master suite offers dressing area w/walk-in closet, tile floors in bath and on vanity. Knotty Pine paneling in kitchen & cabinets. One wall papered in breakfast area. Brick wall in breakfast area and into den. Pantry and half bath in back entrance area. Smooth ceiling, sliding glass doors from den to raised patio. **\$128,900**

53 Acres Leavenworth Road—53 Acres off Leavenworth Road. Timber has been cut—**Great Hunting Acreage—\$79,500**

OFFICE FOR RENT!

123 Erinvine Court—Office building with reception area, 3 offices and lots of storage. Office is located inside the Country Club on Erinvine Court (first turn to the right after turning in DCC). **\$850.00 per month plus security deposit.**

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116-1 Medford Drive—Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment that will be available in February. Located on quiet street/neighborhood off Spring Street. **Rent is \$550 monthly with a \$550 Security Deposit. Call our office for more details.**

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104 Evangeline Drive—2 BR, 2.5 BA, 2000 SF—**\$128,900**
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634 Old Georgetown Rd—3 BR, 4 BA, 3620 SF—**\$525,000**
111 Maryland Drive—4 BR, 3 BA, 2962 SF—**\$184,900**
419 N. Main Street—4 BR, 2F/2H BA, 2689 SF—**\$149,900**
1044 Harmony Hall—4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2475 SF—**\$184,900**

LAND

53 Acres Leavenworth Road—**\$79,500**
TBD Corner Old Florence & Ave. D—17.11 Acres—**\$171,000**
TBD Cashua Ferry Road—57 Acres—**\$15,900**
TBD First Street—37 Acres—**\$12,900**
TBD Lamar Highway—3.81 Acres—**\$16,900**
117.89 Acres New Hopewell Rd—**\$295,000**
Timmonsville Highway—25.74—**\$128,700**
TBD S. Main Street—56 Acres—**\$20,000**
TBD Pink Dogwood Street—2 Lots—**\$24,000 Per Lot**
Harry Byrd Hwy—9.62 Acres—**\$110,800**
Harry Byrd Hwy—7 Acres—**\$80,500**

COMMERCIAL

447 W. Broad Street—**\$34,750**
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207 Siskron Street—**\$125,000**
321 N. Main Street—**\$84,900**
103-105 Russell Street—**\$95,000**
213 N. Marquis Hwy—**\$690,000**
601 Pearl Street—**\$90,000**
1005 E. McIver Road—**\$129,900**

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123 Erinvine Court—**\$850.00/Monthly**
116-1 Medford Drive—**\$550.00/Monthly**

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418 Spring Street Lot 65 Nez Perce Drive Timmonsville Highway

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208 Dutton Lane - 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, stove & refrigerator provided, laundry area, c/h/a, \$550.00/deposit, \$550.00 rent, call 843-393-8084 26ctfn

Microhome, 674 Stanley Circle, 1 BD Furnished w/utilities included, \$450/mo., 843-393-7545 6ctfn
409 Eastburn Ct., 3 BD, 2 BA Brick home, \$625.00/mo., 843-393-7545 22ctfn

916 Pearl St. - Large 3 or 4 bedroom home w/ 2 full baths, stove & refrigerator provided, washer/dryer hook up, central heat & air, double carport, \$650.00/deposit, \$650.00/rent, call 843-393-8084 24ctfn
2357 Welling Farm Road, One bedroom furnished microhome with utilities, Large landscaped lot, \$425.00/month, 843-393-7545 24ctfn

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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January 20, 2018
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- DIONNE BOATWRIGHT - H63
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- JESSICA GREEN - P26
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AUCTIONS

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829 Cashua Ferry Rd—Well maintained brick home with 1,010 sq ft. 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Large living room. Kitchen with pantry. New vinyl thermo windows. 2 car attached carport. Beautiful corner lot with irrigation system. **Priced to sell @ \$99,900**

RESIDENTIAL

2200 Lides Springs Rd—3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,066 sq ft—**\$249,900**
4818 Lullwater Drive—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2,066 sq ft—**\$209,900**
122 Columbian St—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2,608 sq ft **\$165,000 REDUCED**
121 Woodcreek Rd—3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,000 sq ft—**\$174,900**
485 Anderson Drive—3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1,967 sq ft, inground pool—**\$159,900**
4854 Lullwater Dr—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,460 sq ft—**\$139,900**

LAND AND LOTS

Bobo Newsome Hwy (Hwy 101) 22.5 acres of wooded land. \$66,700 **UNDER CONTRACT**
Lot K, Jeffords Mill, Hwy 101 12.000 **UNDER CONTRACT**
621 Delaware River Rd.—47 acre lot, fenced with septic tank **\$13,500**

COMMERCIAL

2244 Harry Byrd Hwy—Commercial bld. 11,684 sq ft metal building. Sits on 4+ acres of land. 6 ft fence around perimeter of property. Currently used as an office, warehouse, & Restaurant/ lounge. Plenty of office area. 5 restrooms. Lots of potential uses. Conveniently located 4 miles from Darlington Raceway. Close to Hartsville and I-20. Owner will finance with a \$150,000 down payment. Call today to see this property. **Priced at \$750,000 REDUCED - Motivated seller, bring all offers**

911 N. Governor Williams Hwy—30 X 60 commercial metal bld with 12 ft ceilings. Building sits on a 1 acre lot. Nice office area with half bath. Large work space in rear with half bath and 2 roll up doors. The whole building is heated and cooled. Would make a great mechanic shop, car lot or small church. Lots of possibilities with this property. **Priced at \$110,000.00**

1110 Lamar Hwy—2,299 sq ft bld currently used as a barber shop. Separate office and workshop with roll up door in rear of bld. **\$60,000**
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CHIEF OF POLICE CITY OF DARLINGTON

The City of Darlington is accepting resumes for the position of Police Chief until 5:00 p.m. on Monday January 22, 2018. Candidates should have a proven track record and strong credentials in law enforcement. Candidates should have strong communication, public relations, and leadership skills.

The prospective candidate must have diverse exposure to all aspects of municipal law enforcement management, with experience and competency in management and direction of police personnel, policy and procedure development, administration, and program implementation.

The Chief will be a key member of the City's management team and will require excellent communication skills, the ability to perform well under pressure and the ability to develop and maintain credibility and trust with the city staff, community and other law enforcement agencies. The Chief must be a decisive leader who is willing to collaborate with the staff while remaining responsible and accountable for final decisions. The Chief must have highly developed professional knowledge and skills, maturity of judgment, strong personal leadership, high ethical standards and the ability to communicate effectively with the organization. The Chief of Police is appointed by and reports to the City Manager.

Qualifications: Bachelors degree from accredited college or university in criminal justice, public or business administration or related field, preferred. Ten years experience in a municipal law enforcement agency with three to five years supervisory experience and a valid South Carolina's Driver's License. Salary will be based on experience with excellent benefits and state retirement. The City of Darlington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Resumes of interested candidates should be received before 5:00 p.m. on Monday January 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Resumes should be sent to:

Mr. Howard Garland, City Manager
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Darlington, SC 29540

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Celebrity Dancer Madge Zemp and her partner Blade Boulware. Photo by Steve Roos



Celebrity Dancer Sarah Floyd with her partner Hunter Jordan. Photo by Steve Roos

Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County: Meet the Dancers

It's almost time again to hit the dance floor. Dancing With the Stars of Darlington County, an annual charity event benefiting the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault, will be staged once again at the Center Theater in Hartsville. The event will take place January 25, 2018.

To follow along with the training and get updates on the event, visit them on Facebook and on their website at www.darlingtoncounty-dancingwiththestars.com. The community can also vote for their favorite couple to win the People's Choice Award. General Admission tickets are now available on the website for \$45.

Each week until the big night, we will introduce two couples in the News and Press.

This week's couples are:
Blade Boulware (Pro) & Madge Zemp (Celebrity)

— Dance Style: Waltz; Broadway Show: Beauty and the Beast (Choreographer: Heather Norment)

• **Hunter Jordan (Pro) & Sarah Floyd (Celebrity)**

— Dance Style: Jive; Broadway Show: Mary Poppins (Choreographer: Brenda Cranford)

Celebrity Dancer Madge Zemp

is a native of Hartsville. She believes her upbringing in her parents' popular restaurant helped inspire her love and commitment to the public that has continued her involvement as an active community member for many years. She has been married to Sid Zemp for 35 years and is the proud mother of four grown sons and 10 grandchildren. Madge has been teaching at her alma mater, Hartsville High School, for the past 31 years. She has a BA in History Education from Coker College, a Masters of Educational Psychology from Clemson University, and is a National Board Certified Teacher. She teaches by the philosophy best expressed in a quote by Jason Dorsey that says, "Students don't care what you know until they

know that you care." Her enthusiasm for the Red Foxes and her compassion for the students make her well known throughout the community as a leader at Hartsville High School. She is a beloved representative of the Red Fox Nation serving students, parents, faculty, and staff, and she is delighted to be representing them tonight.

Professional Dancer Blade Boulware, a native of Columbia, SC, is currently finishing up his senior year at Coker College as a music major. Although Blade studies piano at Coker, he also plays the organ and is the organist at First Baptist Church of Hartsville. In addition to having a passion for music, Blade also has a deep appreciation for dance and all other arts, believing that they are an extension and expression of the soul. Blade is honored to be invited as a professional dancer for this event. He chose to support this event because he believes that victims of sexual assault need help and support and that the

Pee Dee Coalition is doing the best they can for such people.

Choreographer Heather Norment is the Assistant Director of Admissions at Coker College where her primary focuses are recruitment for the arts, working with international students and the Pee Dee Region. She serves as an Associate Lecturer for the Dance Program where she commits herself to educating students to be versed in theory as well as technical ability. She earned her M.F.A. at Sarah Lawrence College under the direction of Sara Rudner. Heather has worked with non-profit organizations as the Artistic Director of a community fundraiser to promote awareness for domestic and sexual assault, as the Arts Education Coordinator for Black Creek Arts Council, and as a Program Coordinator to enhance arts education for the Darlington County community. Heather has been a guest artist at Broward College, Coker College and Northwest School of the Arts. Her work

was adjudicated at the American College Dance Festival in 2007 and she received a full tuition scholarship to the Dance Professionals Workshop at the American Dance Festival in 2015.

Celebrity Dancer Sarah Floyd is a senior, music major at Coker College. She is the daughter of Tony and Terry Floyd. After graduating Coker, she plans to pursue her Masters in Opera Performance. Sarah is also the reigning Miss Darlington and will compete for Miss South Carolina this summer. Sarah is excited to be involved in this event to raise money for this cause and to raise awareness in Darlington County.

Professional Dancer Hunter Jordan was born and raised in Florence. He is a graduate of Clemson University and currently the Pastor at St. Matthew's Church in Darlington, SC. Hunter is married to Walker, and they have three children.

Choreographer Brenda

Cranford is the owner and artistic director of Brenda Cranford School of Dance in Hartsville. She opened BCSD in 1981 and takes much pride in the reputation and quality the dance studio has secured in the community over the years. Brenda has trained all her life in all areas of dance and has been very involved in her community providing entertainment and guest choreography for numerous events and charities. The studio was named in 1987 by Dance Spirit Magazine as one of the top 50 studios in America and competes regionally and nationally for several major dance competitions. Brenda's passion is teaching dance and inspiring others through the art of dance regardless of age or level. Brenda is the proud mother of two girls, Whitney and Jaimie, and wife to her husband of 40 years, Kim. She wishes all the dancers the best of luck and would like to personally thank each of them for their time and effort to make this event possible.

NASCAR Summit recognizes Track Services professionals

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.— Planning and preparation for the 2018 season reached an important milestone this week as track services professionals from the U.S., Canada and Mexico participated in the 18th annual NASCAR Safety and Operations Summit presented by American Medical Response.

The three-day conference, held at the Concord (North Carolina) Convention Center, featured numerous presentations and small-group seminars that addressed best practices in the safety, track services, medical and security functional areas.

"The Summit is a key part of our commitment to providing world-class support to our fans and competitors," said Jim Cassidy, NASCAR senior vice president, racing operations. "It also serves as an opportunity to recognize the dedicated professionals behind the scenes who contribute to the success of our sport.

This year's keynote speech was delivered by Dr. Ed Racht, chief medical officer for AMR and associate chief medical officer of Evolution Health, who has served for more than 20 years in the medical field.

Amid the training sessions, NASCAR also presented awards to individuals and tracks for outstanding performance during the 2017



season. The 2017 honorees included:

• Track Services Mission Award: Tim Arfons

• Teamwork Award: Darlington Raceway

• Innovation Award: Jay Donnay and Jason Payne

• Excellence in Track Services Award: Ignatius Kosier, Atlanta Motor Speedway

• Norrie Baird NASCAR Track Services Training Award: Andrew Brandl, Road America

• Medical Award: Above and Beyond

Award: Chuck Willard, Chicagoland Speedway

• Medical Director Award: Dr. Douglas Swanson, Dr. William Liang

• Nursing Director Award: Connie Tompkins, Kerry Lane

• Teamwork Award: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Canadian Tire Motorsport Park

• Security Award: Chief Gary J. Gacek, Concord NC Police Department, Doug Cremer and Tom Vese, Charlotte Motor Speedway; Alan Watson and Andy McWilliams, Talladega Superspeedway; Greg Scott and Darren Cook, Kansas Speedway; Matt Brannock, Martinsville Speedway; Bill

Hindman and Brett Adams, ISM Raceway; Jay Fraioli and Al Garcia, Homestead Miami Speedway

The 2018 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series will kick off the 2018 season with the Advance Auto Parts Clash on Sunday, Feb. 11 at Daytona International Speedway.

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