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

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Hartsville buys several properties for Fourth Street Corridor project

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At their January 9 regular monthly meeting, Hartsville City Council approved the purchase of several parcels of land as part of the city's plan to further develop the Fourth Street corridor.

These properties were approved for purchase through passage of the following ordi-

nances:

No. 4318 approves the purchase of .083 acres located at 316 Reservoir Street from Heyward Gainey for \$65,000.

No. 4320 approves the purchase of property at 313 Reservoir Street and the corner of Coker Street from Danny L. Byrd and David C. Byrd for \$110,000.

No. 4321 approves the purchase of property located at

315 Chinaberry Drive and the corner of Reservoir Street from Shirley G. Anderson for \$60,000.

No. 4322 approves the purchase of property located at 311 Reservoir Street from the estate of Linda D. Byrd for up to \$70,000.

Also on the agenda, a public hearing and final reading for Ordinance 4315, an agreement with Duke Energy Progress to

accept and treat industrial leachate generated by DEP from its coal-ash remediation efforts (the "DEP Flow") in and around the H.B. Robinson Nuclear Generating Station. Per this agreement, "the city needs to upgrade its existing Pine Ridge pump station and construct a new force main sewer to properly process, treat and dispose of the DEP Flow." Council approved 4315 with no

objections.

Ordinance 4316 also cleared public hearing and final reading. This measure will create an Environmental Remediation Rate Class for industrial customers of the city's sewer system. To qualify for this rate, a customer or potential customer must invest no less than \$500,000 into city-owned portions of the sewer system (as approved in the sole discretion

of the City), meet all federal, state and city requirements and standards for the processing of industrial waste, and anticipate generating 750,000 of sewer flow per month. Qualifying industrial customers will be charged a base fee and volume rate per 1,000 gallons matching the rates charged to city residential customers.

CORRIDOR ON 3A



Coker College softball players sponsored a family for Christmas in 2017 rather than having a traditional team gift exchange. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED.

Classical education for modern students

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Education comes in all shapes and sizes. This week Americans celebrate National School Choice Week, a time dedicated to understanding all of the educational opportunities available including public schools, magnet schools and private schools. Across the Pee Dee there is a group of a families dedicated to homeschooling their children. Some of those families, such as the small but energetic group that meets weekly at Kelletown Baptist Church, choose to use the Classical Conversations curriculum.

Group Director Jennifer Neseth said that part of her family's decision to homeschool came from a desire to include God in their studies.

"We have twins and before they were even born my husband and I decided that we were going to homeschool," Neseth said. "The school systems, where we were, were not very good and we thought we were going to be there forever. We moved down to South Carolina when they were two...The focus on God was really important to us, having that at the center was the most important thing and

public schools don't have that as their center. It wasn't a cost thing or anything like that it was just a desire of mine."

She first heard about Classical Conversations during a convention when she was exploring the idea of homeschooling.

"I went to a conference when the girls were two because I knew I wanted to homeschool," Neseth said. "I went to a Homeschooling 101 class and the speaker went through and talked about what type of person I am and what would fit me best (as a teacher). She talked about five different styles, classical, traditional, unschooling, Charlotte Mason and then unit studies. I went to a Classical meeting after that and it was just great. It talked about how it was during the Middle Ages, how prevalent it was before the Middle Ages; that's how people learned back then. The memorization part was important to me because I knew that they when they are young they are sponges. Classical Conversations came to the Pee Dee when the girls were three and I went to their practicum and I really liked it."

STUDENTS ON 3A



Students learn about Norman Rockwell by making their own Saturday Evening Post covers. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Coker Athletics: more than just a game

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Student-athletes at Coker College are making a difference, one community service project at a time. In the last semester alone, they have logged nearly 6,000 community service hours completely smashing the goal of 5,000 hours for the entire school year.

Coker is currently listed 19th among all Division II schools for the number of community service hours.

"Community is important and we always want to give back," said Jenn Bell, Associate Athletic Director for Internal Operations at Coker. "It starts at the top with Dr. Griffin, our Director of Athletics. She wants us to be involved. It also starts with the Division II model of a well-rounded student who is focused on athletics and academics; service-minded students."

Bell said that she grew up in a small college town where the school was insular and she doesn't want Coker to be that

way or for local people to see them that way.

"We do our best to get out there," Bell said. "How are people going to know who we are if we stay on our campus and never get out? We branch out all over from Carolina's Kids and pumpkin delivery for a local church, to going to the local elementary schools to read with students. We are forming mentor programs with some of the students this year."

Bell said that currently student-athletes have committed to visiting students at two local schools.

"We have about 30 or so athletes who are going over to South Side and spending about an hour a week with those students to give them a figure, a role model, someone that they can look up to and aspire to be," Bell said. "We do have a lot of great role models among our student athletes. The men's basketball team has really stepped up with that. We also have someone who started that program at West Hartsville Elementary and she has gotten a lot of interest

there."

Even though student-athletes often have busy schedules between classes, practices and games, Bell said it is important that they also look beyond their college years.

"It is important for them to be a well-rounded person when they leave here with their degree," Bell said. "Doing well in athletics and giving back to the community, that shapes who they are when they leave here; we want to do all we can to give them as many opportunities as possible. They see a lot and they learn a lot."

Organizations that are the recipients of Coker volunteer hours benefit from the help but the act of volunteering also helps strengthen the teams, Bell said.

"It really is fun for them and it is a lot of team building experience," Bell said. "The coaches have been really good about pushing them and getting that team to have the right attitude about it too."

A central system called Helper Helper allows the ath-

letes and teams, and the athletic department as a whole, to keep track of the hours that students are completing.

"Students can log on and put in their hours and then their coaches or I can look at them and can validate the hours," Bell said. "It is really easy because students can log on with the app and put things in and I can also send them notifications. It has been a great system because it is all right here whereas before there were spreadsheets or a picture with people trying to tell us what they did."

Bell said that she is proud of the work students put in not just in Hartsville but also back in their home communities and abroad.

"Students can speak loudly with their actions," Bell said.

One organization close to the team's heart is Make-A-Wish. During the games Saturday Jan. 27, the teams will be celebrating local Make-A-Wish child Aidyn Prescott with a team signing ceremony and a visit from the local fire department. The games begin at 2 p.m.

Trinity-Byrnes celebrates opening of new building

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Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School recently celebrated the completion of a new building that will allow its student body a bit of room to ease those growing pains, and allow the school to allocate improved classroom spaces for its science and math curriculum.

"We've been growing quite rapidly for the past few years. I've been here for seven years, and we've gone from 99 students to 273 students...and our goal is toward 300-plus students. That growth has precipitated the idea that we need more space, and particularly an area where we can expand our math and science programs with more classroom space," said Ed Hoffman, Head of School for Trinity-Byrnes.

Trinity-Byrnes offers 15 Advanced Placement courses, and a number of rigorous college preparatory courses focused on the growing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field of study.

Economic Development Partnership talks planning

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An infrastructure study is being done to see what possibilities Darlington County holds for perspective developers and also to see what is holding the county back. That information was part of Frank Willis' Director's Report during the Jan. 17 meeting of the Darlington County Economic Development Partnership.

Willis told Board Members that one potential pitfall is the lack of water and sewer availability throughout the county. He said that there is land between Hartsville and Darlington, as well as land in Society Hill, that could attract investors if not for the fact that certain utilities are not currently in that area.

"We've initiated a little bit of an infrastructure study which I think addresses a little bit of what we're talking about this morning," Willis said. "The issue with the water and sewer, and I say this not as a criticism but just as a matter of fact, is that Darlington County Water and Sewer, they are not looking for places to put water and sewer. If we have an interest we go to them and say 'We've got XYZ companies coming and we need water and sewer.'"

Willis said that that leaves some responsibility on the Economic Partnership when they are seeking to attract new companies or companies wishing to expand.

"We've identified three areas," Willis said. "The 151 corridor between the racetrack and

the City of Hartsville, there is no sewer along that corridor. We've got some really great properties in there but we don't have the water and sewer, we don't have gas, so we're going to have to initiate it."

Willis also said that the partnership needs to be sure it is giving the same attention to all of the municipalities in Darlington County.

Darlington County Economic Development Partnership Board Member Greg Alexander said that the partnership should be looking as far ahead as possible to anticipate needs that may arise.

"We're trying to think five, ten, fifteen years down the road and we have a product to sell to a new business coming in, that being location,"

Alexander said. "Making sure that we have the best location in Darlington County, identified and ready for that next industry to come in. We felt like to get to that point, where we had product ready to sell, it would be helpful to bring in these other bodies (such as water and sewer) so that we are already ready, we aren't having to play catch up when someone is approaching us."

Willis agreed, saying that preparation will be key to their success.

"We only have one product to sell and its land," Willis said. "If we are not prepared with land, then we're simply not prepared. For us to not incorporate any agency or organization that's involved in the process, we are being derelict."



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OP-ED

Revisiting Old Memories

By Bill Shepard

It was just an old newspaper lying in a cardboard box waiting to be thrown away. How long had it been lying on my basement floor and going unnoticed I am not sure. There were other old papers in the box also, all were less important than the one that caught my eye and demanded my attention. I stooped, picked up the box, and reached inside. The newspaper had been folded to make a small bundle, and was beginning to fade and turn

yellow. I unfolded the paper and discovered several articles that had been cut from previous copies of other old newspapers. The one that got my attention right off was that of a picture of St. John's Elementary School in Darlington.

In appearance the school remains as it was the first time that I laid eyes on it and that happened nigh on ninety years ago. The one thing that got my attention was a fence that surrounded the front campus. There were other writings that had been cut from previous editions and they too stirred some long ago memories within me.

One clipping, an obituary really got my attention. It was about a person I'd bet some of my readers will remember. Raymond Smith worked at the BC Moore store on the square in Darlington for all of his working years. As I read the obituary I recalled the

time that Raymond came to school with one finger missing! He said he had been chopping sweet potatoes with a hatchet and accidentally cut one of his fingers off. Raymond acquired a job at the BC Moore store and I believe he remained an associate of that store for as long as he lived. I read his obit with much interest, telling of Raymond's participation in World War II. There were other interesting clippings that I read but they will have to wait until another visitation.

The picture and the story that reached out to me and would not let go was one of a man holding a violin in his hand. The picture and the story about him covered the entire page of the newspaper. In large bold letters at the top of the page was printed the words, Angus Gainey, A Man and His Music. Heading the article that followed were the

wordsFounder of State's First High School Orchestra, to be named to South Carolina Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame. By now memories were really flowing. This old writer became a little boy again and was standing in the auditorium at St. John's Elementary. Memory can be a beautiful thing!

There were pictures of the "Old Bam", the building on North Main where Mr. Gainey operated a business, and where he taught violin lessons. I recalled the many times that I visited that old bam-like store when I was a boy. So many memories had been awakened inside the old mind, including the one regarding the newspaper that was before me.

I glanced at the top of the page I was holding in my hand. The date on the paper was November 1997. Everything fell into place! I

had visited a former teacher of St. John's Elementary who at the time was living in Greenville, SC. This lady, Miss Edna Anderson, had been my third grade teacher way back in 1930! Miss Anderson made such an impact on my life that I once wrote of her as "my most unforgettable teacher. That was long after I had become a teacher!

On my last visit with Miss Anderson she told me that she taught at St. John's for fifteen years beginning in 1930 until 1945. She moved to Greenville and continued to teach until she retired after forty-five years of teaching. She had a good memory and we often shared memories of Darlington.

On my last visit with Miss Anderson she picked up a bundle of old News and Press newspapers and handed them to me.

"I have kept these for a

long time", she said, "and I know of no one I'd rather give them to than you, Willie."

I thanked her and left. She died not long afterwards and today she is back in my memory and it all started with a bundle of old News and Press newspapers! If you are reading from somewhere above, Miss Anderson, thanks for the memories!

Never underestimate the value of the printed page!

Bill Shepard

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Coyote

By Tom Poland

First sighting, a hazy afternoon near the Georgia-South Carolina border. Driving east on Highway 221 toward Clarks Hill Dam, I spotted a gaunt, leggy, yellow dog loping along the left shoulder. It darted across the road right in front of me, looking back as if to say, "That was easy."

"That's a coyote," I thought. I had seen one before. Maybe. I live on the edge of a forest. Lots of wildlife around deer, bald eagles, and omnipresent opossums. Raccoons, of course. Running a trail, I spotted a tawny dog. It stepped from the woods and stared at me. Then the dark, green forest swallowed it. Maybe it was a Carolina dog, but the critter near the dam was a migrant from the West.

Coyote concerts were part of the old westerns. "Gun Smoke," "Rawhide," "Bonanza," "Wagon Train"—none were complete without yipping coyotes and moon-howling wolves. After watching tumbleweeds and campfire scenes, I wanted to stand beneath a full moon and hear a wolf howling or coyotes yapping.

The reality is that coyotes, like fire ants and armadillos, have moved into the American South, and we're learning to live together, or trying. To succeed, we need to cut through myths and better understand our new neighbor.

Bad press plagues these creatures of the night, and from Florida comes a nighttime tale of predation. Down Ocala way, a man said coyotes attacked him one night a few feet from his front door. Jack Miller was about to walk his poodle and Maltese/Chihuahua mix when five to eight coyotes surrounded him. They rushed his dogs. Miller punched one of the coyotes but the coyotes came at

him from all sides. One grabbed his Maltese/Chihuahua mix and bolted off. With a meal secured, the coyotes disappeared into the night. It was as if the coyotes had planned their attack, said Miller. His poodle, traumatized, refused to go outside or eat.

Out West, ranchers and coyotes have been waging war for 100 years. South Carolina DNR has kicked off a "coyote harvest incentive program." It's designed to minimize their impact on deer I suspect, but I doubt it does much good.

Back in the 1980s, John Lane wrote features for South Carolina Wildlife magazine when I worked there. Over the years our paths kept crossing. They still do, and I think of John as a friend. John's new book, Coyote Settles the South, will enlighten you on our new neighbor, and if you enjoy beautiful language, you'll like John's book all the more.

Here's an introduction ...

"One night, poet and environmental writer John Lane tuned in to a sound from behind his house that he had never heard before: the nearby eerie and captivating howls of coyotes. Since this was Spartanburg, South Carolina, and not Missoula, Montana, Lane set out to discover all he could about his new and unexpected neighbors.

"Coyote Settles the South is the story of his journey through the Southeast, as he visits coyote territories: swamps, nature preserves, old farm fields, suburbs, a tannery, and even city streets. On his travels he meets, interrogates, and observes those who interact with the animals—trappers, wildlife researchers, hunters, rattled pet owners, and even one devoted coyote hugger. Along the way, he encounters sensible, yet sometimes perplexing, insight concerning the migration into the Southeast of the American coyote, an animal

that, in the end, surprises him with its intelligence, resilience, and amazing adaptability."

In the book, Lane wrote, "I saw some promise of wildness returning to our region. I saw the redemption of our landscape wounded and scarred by hundreds of years of human settlement, a hope that may be hard to explain to my friends and neighbors." Indeed, he found that his neighbors, fearful 'for their poodles, their bird feeders, maybe even their children,' would prefer that this 'opportunistic omnivore' be stopped."

John writes that anti-coyote sentiment plays on dark fears. He reminds us that they are part of the natural world. We should remember, too, that they are here because we banished red wolves from our region, creating a vacuum. And we all know that nature abhors a vacuum. Like John, I see some wildness returning to our region. Consider it a salve of sorts, a balm to the loss of Carolina parakeets, ivorybills, and more.

Note: You can get John's book, a Wormsloe Foundation Nature Book from the University of Georgia Press. Just call 800-848-6224 or visit your favorite independent bookstore.

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OP-ED

Candidates should commit to civil, issue-based campaigns

By Richard Eckstrom

Tolerance for opposing views has been in decline in recent years, and markedly so in the 14 months since the 2016 presidential election.

Today, the atmosphere surrounding public debate is a toxic one. Contrary opinions are shouted down, and vitriol and endless recrimination are the new norm. In the race to portray the opposition in the harshest light possible, it is no longer considered out of bounds to impugn another person's character.

For some, hysteria-creation is the weapon of choice. Witness how some opponents of a federal tax cut reacted to its passage last month: House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi literally invoked the end times, saying "This is Armageddon." Other critics called it "the nation's nightmare" and "treasonous."

Well-reasoned debate and amicable disagreement seem like a memory from a long ago era.

Of course, despite what some may want to believe, there's plenty of blame to go around for the current toxicity. It wasn't long ago that President Obama's supporters frequently accused his detractors of incivility... but as power in Washington changes hands, the shoes change feet. Now many of those same folks are hurling the invective they once decried.

Americans won't be coming together anytime soon to sing "Kumbaya" in blissful harmony. But it's not too much to ask that we tamp down some of the rancor, pettiness, and over-the-top indignation which pollute the dialogue. In 2018, candidates for elected office can help lead the way toward

greater civility.

This is an election year, when South Carolinians will go to the polls to fill many local, state and federal positions. Those seeking your votes can do their own part to elevate the debate by waging campaigns focused on issues and qualifications—and resisting the temptation to "sling mud."

Civility is contagious. Each candidate who rejects personal attacks or below-the-belt tactics raises the bar, even if ever so slightly. The more who search for success on high roads, the fewer will be those who find it acceptable to take low roads.

Why does it matter? First of all, our communities, state and nation face some formidable challenges—challenges which are best met through serious, rational debate. The eye-gouging and groin-kicking ultimately rob us of the serious discussion needed to find solutions.

And there's evidence that such a caustic debate climate dissuades many ordinary folks from becoming engaged in the process. That's a shame, because a healthy system of government depends on heavy citizen-participation.

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Students learn about mountains using markers and erasable folders to trace mountain ranges and by repeating mountain names.
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Students

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Neseth said that Classical Conversations at its core is based on three parts.

"Classical education is different from any other education because they believe in three forms of learning," Neseth said. "There is the Grammar stage of learning, which we all start in. If you wanted to make a recipe but you didn't know how to make it the first thing you are going to do is read the recipe. That is the Grammar stage; you read, you memorize what you need to know for the recipe. Once you have that information, you can start mixing it all together. That is the Dialectic stage. Right now, our 4-year-olds sing their multiplications facts all the way up through the cubes and they have no idea why, they just have to sing the numbers. But when they get to fourth grade and they start getting in to that Dialectic stage area, the nine to 14-year-old range, they are going to start doing four times four is sixteen in their math work. They start to connect those pegs. Once you get into the Rhetoric stage, you have a

pretty good grasp of the world and then we can start teaching how to do things."

Once children are in the Rhetoric stage, Neseth said, there is a lot of back and forth conversations about what they are learning.

"There are a lot of presentations and a lot of conversations," Neseth said. "I like that way of learning; it is very interesting to me. I never grew up that way because I grew up in a traditional public school. This way, you are learning how to learn. That is our main goal: we teach kids how to learn."

God is also an integral part of their learning.

"God is the center and we integrate all of the subjects in to him," Neseth said. "If we go to math, we bring math back to him. If we go to history, we bring history back to him."

Rachel Ragan said that she wanted to homeschool because it allowed her to spend more time with her two children and she was able to see all of those valuable learning experiences, not a teacher.

"We had decided to homeschool mainly because I wanted to be with them," Ragan said. "I want to be the one seeing them learning to read and spending my day with them. It

makes me happy to know that I am with them most of the time."

Ragan said that she had a traditional school experience and wanted something more for her kids.

"My husband and I both went to public school," Ragan said. "We learned how to cram for tests and then regurgitate information for tests so even before we had kids we talked about liking the idea of homeschooling. We wanted to instill a love for learning that we didn't necessary learn when we were in school. Right now, I am learning a lot with them. It is cool for us as adults because we are reclaiming our education, sort of re-learning or learning for the first time."

Knowing that Classical Conversations has been around for a long time and that it is a solid learning system helped Ragan make the decision to use that curriculum, though it is not the only system her family uses.

"We like Classical Conversations because you know that someone has thought everything all the way through; you know it is a solid curriculum and it is really well planned," Ragan said. "My family also adds in stuff at

home, our math and phonics and other things, but Classical Conversations is a good foundation. I wasn't sure what my kids would think because it is a lot of memorization so we visited a group and when we were in the car they were asking when we could come back; they loved it. Even the little songs that they do, my daughter was singing in Latin when she was four; it was crazy."

When the Kellytown Baptist Church group started, there were around eight children. That number has grown to 13 and is expected to blossom even more next school year.

The Pee Dee area Classical Conversations has four communities and seven programs throughout Darlington, Florence, Hartsville, and Effingham. These programs are for kids ages 4 through 12th grade. The four communities combined have around 150 students. This is our seventh year in the Pee Dee Region. There are Information Meetings regularly and open houses throughout the spring. Anyone interested in knowing more can visit www.classicalconversations.com or contact Jennifer Wibe at jwibe@classicalconversations.com.

Building

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Hoffman says the new building provides 5 new classrooms - 3 of which feature dedicated science labs. The labs are both wet labs (with sinks and ventilation systems, suitable for biology, chemistry, etc.) and dry labs (suitable for subjects like physics).

"We've always been very focused on STEM. We were the first school in the area where our kids all had iPads, and that was about six years ago. The campus has wifi access all over the facility. We just really needed more lab space," Hoffman said.

Classrooms were designed for groups of 12 to 18 students, maintaining Trinity-Byrnes' commitment to keeping class size small. Teachers were consulted about their classroom needs, as well as their preferences for equipment and furnishings. As a result, some classrooms have a traditional setup with desks facing an interactive Promethean board, while others use high tables and stools for easier group work during lab projects. Hoffman said the faculty has been thrilled with their new workspaces, and Trinity-Byrnes teachers readily agree.

"Oh, my gosh! I feel like a queen!" says Rebecca Conway, biology and environmental science instructor. "The older lab I was working in, the ventilation was getting kind of old. But in this new building, we just did a dissection lab this morning and you couldn't even tell. There were no fumes or anything. It's just the quality of the updated rooms, they are really nice."

Conway adds that the new

classrooms took the little details into consideration as well - things that make everyday teaching a bit easier.

"In the old lab, I didn't have enough electrical outlets for the microscopes for all the kids to use, because it was just built during a different time and the code was different. In this new facility, I can plug in twelve microscopes with no problem," says. "That might not seem like a big deal, but it really is when you're trying to teach sixteen kids."

The school also required a dining hall, as students had been taking their meals in the gym, which also served as a multi-purpose room for sports and theater activities. The spacious new cafeteria was designed with a contoured drop ceiling to cut down on the echoing clatter of a normal dining hall, and the room is surrounded by tall windows to flood the space with natural light. The entire building is floored with a durable wood-look vinyl flooring which gives a warmer feel than traditional tile. The building also features two seminar rooms and a meeting space.

"I think everybody loves it. It gives them more elbow room, more of a chance to spread out," said Hoffman, noting that there are no lockers in the new building's hallway but there are new banks of lockers in the dining hall to allow for future expansion.

"Lockers aren't really as much in vogue as they used to be. Now, it's more of a place to hang your coat, so the cafeteria has about 40 lockers that we'll eventually put to use," Hoffman said.

With an eye toward meeting current and future needs, the

Trinity-Byrnes Board of Trustees established the Growing in Excellence campaign and embarked on a capital-raising effort in the spring of 2017. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new building was held on May 24, with officials from the school joining with representatives of First Reliance Bank, USDA Rural Development, and Hunter Builders to celebrate the project's official kickoff. Financing was secured through a combination of contributions from individual and corporate donors, a \$2 million loan from USDA, and financing through First Reliance. The structure was completed in about seven months, and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on January 10 to dedicate the finished facility.

In total, the building offers 12,000 square feet of space - plenty of room to host everything from high-level science labs to math to ESL classes. Hoffman said the project brought the added benefit of an additional 50 parking spaces, which further eased the campus' elbowroom problem.

With the new building completed, Hoffman said Trinity-Byrnes will now turn its attention toward other development projects at their Hoffmeyer Road campus, including an enclosed courtyard, sports facilities and a performing arts space.

To learn more about Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School, visit them online at www.trinity-byrnes.org, or call 843-395-9124.

Hartsville Police Department hires DUI Officer

The Hartsville Police Department has hired Justin Reichard as its grant funded, DUI Officer, to continue the department's efforts with impaired driving countermeasures.

In the fall of 2017, the department was awarded a 2018 Highway Safety grant from the S.C. Department of Public Safety for efforts to decrease impaired driving within Hartsville's jurisdiction. The grant program allows for one year of funding for the officer as well as police vehicle equipment.

"Accepting this position allows me to focus on one of the most dangerous crimes committed on our roadways," says DUI Officer, Justin Reichard, "Through

these efforts, every drunk driver I stop is stopped from harming themselves, a child, a family member, a friend, a classmate, or co-worker."

As a part of his position duties for grant requirements, Officer Reichard will patrol within the city's jurisdiction during high times of impaired driving as well as conducting community presentations to youth about the dangers of drunk driving and to leaders about the department's progress.

For more information about the Hartsville Police Department's impaired driving countermeasures, follow the department on Facebook at Hartsville Police Department, SC.

Corridor

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Council approved final reading of Ordinance 4320, adding a portion of the former Southern Candy Kitchen building, located at 110 East Carolina Avenue, to the Historic Preservation designation.

Ordinance 4322, a measure to expand Hartsville's Planning Commission from five members to seven members, also received approval on final reading.

Council passed Resolution 01-18-01, approving the application for a \$28,500 Justice Assistance Grant to help the Hartsville Police Department purchase equipment for its VICE unit, which conducts criminal and nar-

cotics investigations. The grant requires a ten percent match from the city.

Resolution 01-18-04 was also passed, adopting an updated 2017 City of Hartsville Hazard Mitigation Plan. According to the Resolution, the City of Hartsville Hazard Mitigation Planning Team consisting of the Fire Chief, Public Service Director, and the City Manager participated in the development and update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which included hazard mitigation goals and actions.

FEMA regulations require that local governments adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation grant funds that may be allocated for use by local governments in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Campaigns

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Positive, issue-oriented campaigns not only help facilitate a more constructive discussion, but they set the right example for future generations of aspiring public servants.

None of this is to suggest that candidates should never criticize each other. Certainly, criticism is often justified, even valuable in helping voters size up candidates' differences. And yes, it's important to stand firm for closely held convictions.

But attacks which are personal in nature, irrelevant to the issues, or overblown only

demean a vital process, and they ill-serve the voters who must sort through the muck.

In the coming months, many men and women vying for your votes will be proclaiming their desire to improve their community and to look out for your interests. Those who are sincere can match their words with deed, starting by conducting campaigns that keep issues and qualifications at the forefront. Voters too can play a role by letting the candidates know what kind of campaign you expect -- and refusing to reward those who choose to wallow in the mud.

Richard Eckstrom is a CPA and the state's Comptroller.

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Walter McKnight

Walter Reese McKnight, age 79, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2018. A memorial service was held 5 p.m. Friday, January 19th in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends following the service.



Born June 18, 1938, Walter is the son of the late Reese McKnight and Ethel Cassidy McKnight. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves and in the Navy. He worked at Clanton's Auto Sales, was owner and operator of McKnight's Auto Glass and Body Shop, and then worked at Darlington Raceway. He was a talented fisherman, hunter, and golfer. Walter was a member of the American Legion, and the VFW. He was a Shriner, a Freemason, and was a member of many hunting clubs.

Surviving are his wife, Doti M. McKnight of Darlington; his son, Walter Ryan (Melissa) McKnight of Charleston; his daughter, Misi King (Vince) Monterosso of Darlington; his grandchildren, John "Jace" Austin Cox and Jonah Ellis Cox; his brother Wesley McKnight of Darlington; his sisters, Faye McGuigan of Florence, Carolyn "Sissy" Schwichtenberg of Orangeburg, and Bettie Foster of Florence; his brother-in-law, Gary (Lisa) Michell of Florida; his sister-in-law, Diana (Mike) Tanner of Florence, Janie (Sam) McClung of Tennessee, and Tammy Peterson of Darlington. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews; a special nephew, Gil (Dede) McKnight; and many special friends.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Irene, Jim, Willis, Ernest, and Bill.

Memorials may be made to Belk Funeral Home, PO Box 523 Darlington, SC 29540 to help with funeral expense.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneral-home.com.

Consolacion "Ching" Lazaro Corpuz

Consolacion "Ching" Lazaro Corpuz, age 81, died peacefully at home after a short illness Wednesday, January 17, 2018. A memorial service was held in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 2 p.m.



Officiated by a special friend and Pastor Dee Bulante. The family received friends following the service at Belk Funeral Home. The family also received friends at other times at the home of Cielo and Marshall Boice at 118 N. Spain Street in Darlington.

Born February 22, 1936 in Manila, Philippines, she is the daughter of the late Gabriel S. and Soledad Duque Lazaro. Mrs. Corpuz was a school-teacher who loved children and valued their education. She was loved by all of her family from the Philippines and here in Darlington, where she has lived the past five years.

Surviving are her daughters, Cielo (Marshall) Boice of Darlington, Christine (Nathan) Burnside of San Diego, CA and her siblings: Virgilio Lazaro and Leticia Gonzalez

A tribute page or Mrs. Corpuz is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

James Minton

James D. Minton, age 88, passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Saturday, January 20th at Newman Swamp Southern Methodist Church in Lamar, SC. The family received friends from 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday at Belk Funeral Home in Lamar. A graveside service took place Monday at Florence National Cemetery.

Born February 8, 1929 in Obion, Tennessee, James is the son of the late Fisher Minton and Emma Lea Nichols Minton. He served in the United States Air Force, and then worked for the U.S. Postal Service while continuing to serve in the United States Air Force Reserves for over 30 years. James was a member of Gideons International and Newman Swamp Southern Methodist Church where he served in many capacities. He also served as a board member and treasurer of the Eastern Annual Conference of the Southern Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Dale B. Minton of Darlington; his children, James D. Minton Jr, Tammy (Asa) Lynne Minton Gitter of Los Angeles, California, and Neil (Stacey) Minton of Florence; his grandchildren, Riley James Minton and Lola Grace Minton. Always surrounded by his loving animals, surviving are Shelbe, Stinker, Maggie and his grandkitties, Moonstone and Opal.

Memorials may be made to Newman Swamp Southern Methodist Church, 1120 Lee State Park Rd. Lamar, SC

29069; or to Gideons International, www2.gideons.org.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneral-home.com.

Kenneth Randall Williamson

Kenneth Randall Williamson, 46, of Darlington died Tuesday, January 2, 2018. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 512 Swift Creek Road, Hartsville, SC. The family received friends following the service. All services are being directed by the family.

Kenneth was born in Florence, SC. His parents are Dwight and Carolyn Williamson. In addition to his wife Rhonda Williamson, his son, Corey Williamson of Darlington and his step-daughter, Jessica (Nick) Ison of Hartsville, his two brothers, Scott (Julie) Williamson of Florence, and Marty Williamson of Darlington, his sister Nicole (Steve) Gibson of Florence, and two grandchildren, Blakely Ison and Kyle Ison of Hartsville. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews, two special aunts, Pat Barnhill and Judith Lambert of Darlington, his grandfather Rev. R.J. Lambert of Darlington and father and mother -in-law Rev. Alvin and Gwen Rogers of Hartsville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Children's Fund, First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 512 Swift Creek Rd., Hartsville, SC.

Cremation services are being handled by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home of Darlington.

Randy Brown Sr

Randy Jay Brown, Sr., age 66, passed away Monday, January 15, 2018. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, January 18th at Temple Free Will Baptist Church, with burial following in Darlington Memory Gardens, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born March 10, 1951, Randy is the son of the late J.D. Brown and Lillian "Bill" Player Brown. He retired from Galey and Lord after 37 years. He enjoyed NASCAR, USC football, riding around on his Carolina Gamecock golf cart, fishing, and he loved spending time with his family. Randy was a member of Temple Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Darlene Flowers Brown; his sons, Jay Brown and Chris Brown, both of Darlington; his grandchildren, Xzavia Brown and Rhumer Brown; one great-grandchild, Kingston Johnson; his sister, Janice B. Suggs of Hartsville; his brother, Jimmy Brown of Kingstree; and his canine companions Gracie and Prince. He was preceded in death by an infant brother.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Belk Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Temple Free Will Baptist Church building fund, 1660 N Governor Williams Hwy, Darlington, SC 29540.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneral-home.com.

Theron L. DeWitt Jr.

Theron L. DeWitt, Jr., age 74, passed away Monday, January 15, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Friday, January 19th at Pisgah United Methodist Church, with burial following at the church cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Theron was a 1966 graduate of Clemson University, earning an Agricultural Engineering degree. He was passionate about Clemson University, and was a long time member of IPTAY. Theron served as commissioner for Darlington Soil Conservation for 44 years. He served the Darlington Farm Bureau in many capacities including president. He was a long time member of Darlington Kiwanis Club, receiving Legion of Honor. Theron was a faithful member of Pisgah United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Wesley Sunday School class and served on many committees at the church over many years. He had two grandsons who affectionately called him "Sir" and Sir loved attending all their sporting events.

Theron was the son of the late Theron L. DeWitt, Sr. and Elma Lee Moore DeWitt. Surviving are his wife, Sharon S. DeWitt; his sons, Michael (Marry Anne) DeWitt of Lexington and David (Emery) DeWitt of Darlington; his grandchildren, Allen DeWitt and Kemp DeWitt of Darlington; his brother, Alvin (Betty) DeWitt; his sister, Joanne Sharpe of Durham, NC; and his brother-in-law, Henry Hoffmeyer of Hendersonville, NC. He is preceded in death by his sister, Polly Hoffmeyer.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, January 18th at Belk Funeral Home, and other times

at 2036 Timmonsville Hwy. Darlington.

Memorials may be made to Pisgah United Methodist Church, 621 N. Ebenezer Rd. Florence, SC 29501.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneral-home.com.

Bobby Stevens

Bobby D. Stevens, age 69, passed away Saturday, January 20, 2018 in Columbia, SC. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Monday, January 22nd in the Lamar chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Lamar Memorial Cemetery. The family received friends from 2-3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Born December 27, 1948, Bobby is the son of the late David E. Stevens and Beatrice W. Stevens. He worked as a journeyman pipefitter with Atlantic Group. He loved the USC Gamecocks and Lamar football. Bobby was a member of Lexington Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Kathleen "Kathy" Reyes Stevens; his son, Collin Stevens; his daughter, Melissa Stevens, both of Lexington; his granddaughter, Vivian Kathrine Stevens; his siblings, Willis Stevens, Junior Bell, both of Lamar, Marshall (Anne) Stevens, Marcene (Charles) Lane of Florence, and Darlene (Paul) Lawrence of Douglasville, GA.

Bobby was preceded in death by his brothers, Heyward Stevens, E.C. Stevens, and Johnny Stevens.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneral-home.com.

Glenn Chestnut

Willie Glenn Chestnut, loving husband, father, son, brother and friend went home to be with his Lord. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Sunday, January 21st at Darlington Presbyterian Church, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Born in Galivants Ferry, SC, he was the son of the late Marvin Benjamin Chestnut and Agnes Johnson Chestnut. He was educated in the public schools of Horry County and graduated from Aynor High School in 1981. He served in the US Army. He was a graduate of the South Carolina Police Academy and joined the South Carolina Highway Patrol in 1985 where he was assigned to Troop 5 in Darlington County. He was a graduate of Florence Darlington Technical College and Southern Illinois University. He received his

Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina and was ABD Ph.D. in Education Administration from University of South Carolina. He retired as Chief of Police at Florence Regional Airport after 20 years. He was an Instructor of Criminal Justice at Florence Darlington Technical College where he loved sharing his love of law enforcement with students. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and a Member of Darlington Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Page Michelle Campbell of Darlington. Together they raised two beautiful children; Christian Campbell Chestnut and Kinsley Glenn Chestnut, both of the home and his beloved Yorkie - "Ralph". He is also survived by brothers: Marvin Benjamin Chestnut, Jr., Al (Carol) Chestnut, Joe (Laura) Chestnut and sisters: Dorothy Chestnut, Annie Chestnut, Jeanette (Michael) Accardo, Martha Chestnut and the late Carl Chestnut.

Memorials can be made to: Kids Kloset or Susan Johnson Scholarship, 311 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC 29532; and The Lord Cares, 201 Grove St, Darlington, SC 29532. A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneral-home.com.

Willie Lee McCain

Funeral services for Mr. Willie Lee McCain of Darlington were held 11 a.m. Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Mount Tema Holiness Church in Darlington directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc.

Mr. McCain was born July 14, 1936 in Florence, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Willie and Rozella (Freeman) McCain. He died Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Willie was educated in the Public Schools of Darlington. He was formerly employed for fifty-five years with Mastec in Miami, Florida until his retirement. He was a member of Mt. Tema Holiness Church of Darlington.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Rena McCain of the home; seven children; two step children; five sisters; four brothers; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren; one aunt; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Willie is preceded in death by his first wife, Alice McCain; one sister and four brothers.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 1622 Greenstreet Road, Darlington.

CHURCH NEWS

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

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.

Oates Baptist Sing

Oates Baptist Church 3569 Oates Highway Lamar, is proud to welcome The Believer's Quartet of Sumter on Saturday February 24th at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great night of music and worship. Admission is free, and open to everyone. If you have

any questions call Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

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.



Mother Annie Johnson

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It is so hard to believe that seven years (one of God's perfect numbers) have passed since you left us. There is not a day goes by that we don't reminisce the legacy you left with us. Your memories will live with us forever. We miss you so much!

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Elaine won my award for favorite walk of the day Saturday. She was polite with a calmer nature but still very friendly. She is happy to climb right up in your lap and share some labby love. One of the bold yard cats walked right over to Elaine and started rubbing against her and Elaine was perfectly ok with that too. Elaine is YOUR pick for a friendly, well mannered lady looking for a new life as a companion pet. 56lbs; 1 yr old; lab mix



Mia is a 3-year old demure, petite tabby. Her adorable white face with long whiskers and white belly complete her ensemble. She is curious and loves attention. She is looking for a family to love. She'd be so appreciative to be chosen as your new family member.

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

businesses can schedule an appointment by calling the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce at 843-332-6401.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting of big book and traditions studies weekly at 8 p.m. Monday nights at Trinity UMC on Pearl Street. Use Orange Street entrance. Info: 843-395-6897.
AA meets at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street: 12 noon and 6 p.m. Monday/Wednesday; 12 noon and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; and 8pm Sunday.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon is a fellowship of adult relatives and friends of alcoholics for mutual support. Visitors are welcome. Childcare is not available. Al-Anon meetings:

Thursdays at 8p.m. at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street. Info: 843-992-2981.

Free STEM Friday at Girls University

For girls grades 5K - 8th grade. The event is 100 percent free and will take place from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the Girls University Lab, 1249 Celebration Blvd. in Florence. Girls will complete a variety of Girls U signature STEM and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) enrichment activities. Each month, there will be a different activity. Only 20 slots available so girls must be registered to attend. Register online at <https://free-fridays.eventbrite.com>.

Monthly Events

Hartsville Pilot Club

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

Water and Soil Conservation Board

The Darlington Soil & Water Conservation District Board will meet at 7 p.m. the

fourth Monday of the month in the Clemson Extension Kitchen at 300 Russell Street, Room 207 in Darlington. Meetings are open to the public. For more information call 843-393-0483.

Hartsville Toastmasters

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

Darlington County First Steps

2nd Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm in the Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 214 N 5th St, Hartsville.

DC Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Holds monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. The public is welcome to come to the meetings. The meetings are held at the Scott Center 201 N. Damascus Church Road in Hartsville.

Darlington Branch NAACP

The Darlington Branch NAACP meets on the second Tuesday every month, 7:00 p.m. at 109 Pearl Street. New members are always welcomed. For more information contact President Anthony Hall at 843-229-1274 or email to darlingtonnaacp@yahoo.com. Please visit our Facebook page: Darlingtonnaacp.

Darlington Professional Women

Darlington Professional Women (DPW) will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon at the Darlington Country Club. DPW is an association for local businesswomen to share lunch, enjoy a presentation and network.

Historical Commission Meeting

1st Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. at the Historical Commission, 204 Hewitt St., Darlington.

American Legion Post 13

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington meets the second Thursday of each month at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway

next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. with a monthly meeting that follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

Darlington County Coordinating Council

The first Friday of every month at 11:30. Alternating 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

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

Softball Registration

2018 Softball Registration for Darlington Area Recreation will be Feb. 1 - March 1. Registration will take place at Harmon Baldwin Gym, 300 Sanders Street in Darlington. The cost is \$35 per child with each additional child being \$25. To receive a discounted rate the children must have the same address. Softball is for ages 4-18, with the age being based on Jan. 1, 2018. A birth certificate is required. Call 843-398-4030 for more information.

Dixie Youth Baseball Registration

2018 Dixie Youth Baseball Registration for Darlington Area Recreation will be Feb. 1

- March 1. Registration will take place at Harmon Baldwin Gym, 300 Sanders Street in Darlington. The cost is \$45 per child for baseball and \$25 for T-Ball. This registration is for ages 4-14, with the age cut off being May 1. A birth certificate is required. Call 843-398-4030 for more information.

Father Daughter Dance

Darlington Area Recreation presents the annual Father-Daughter Dance Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Harmon Baldwin Gym, 300 Sanders Street in Darlington. The event is 6-8 p.m. and costs \$25 per couple with a \$10 fee per additional person. Call 843-398-4030 for more information. Deadline to register is Feb. 2.

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@darcountsc.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.

Little Miss and Teen Miss pageant

The Little Miss & Teen Miss Hartsville, Darlington, Bishopville and Chesterfield County Pageant is February 25 at the Center Theater in Hartsville. The competition is open to girls ages 2-19 (as of June 1). Deadline to register is February 20. This is an official preliminary advancing to the Little Miss & Teen South Carolina State Pageant. For additional information or an application email Cathy Privette at rcisrael20@gmail.com or call 843-307-4011.

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

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Governor Henry McMaster calls on South Carolinians to rally behind efforts to combat opioid epidemic

COLUMBIA – The South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) has launched a statewide public education campaign to address the opioid epidemic in South Carolina. The Just Plain Killers campaign will raise and deepen the public's awareness of opioid use and abuse in the state while de-stigmatizing those affected by opioid use disorder.

"No single group or entity can solve this damaging and pervasive problem alone – it will take the rare and powerful spirit of South Carolinians educating themselves and providing necessary support for those in our communities suffering from opioid use disorder," said South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster. "We have seen South Carolina at work in the most difficult of times, and I believe, together, we will prevail again."

In South Carolina, nearly five

million opioid prescriptions are filled every year – more than one prescription for every resident in the state.

"The foundation of the outreach is the website containing lifesaving information about prescription storage, disposal and use, but also printable resources, including a brochure, fact sheet and PowerPoint presentation. This campaign is not just for treatment professionals, but to be used in homes, schools, businesses and places of worship," said Sara Goldsby, DAODAS Director. "This is a problem for our entire state. Pain killers can kill relationships, futures, careers...or just plain kill."

The campaign asks elected officials, business leaders, school administrators and residents to take a pledge to educate themselves and their loved ones about the potential dangers of opioid use, and the resources available in our state.

"As Chairman of the House Opioid Abuse Prevention Study Committee, we heard over and over again how addiction is too often stigmatized. We need to reframe the conversation, and publication education is the key," said Representative Eric Bedingfield. "This campaign will be a critical tool for raising awareness and educating South Carolinians on the devastating effects of this disease, serving as an incredibly important component of the statewide effort to rid South Carolina of this terrible problem."

Just Plain Killers officially launched with a press conference with Governor McMaster at the State House in Columbia on January 10.

For more information about safe storage, disposal and use of prescriptions, as well as where to find help for yourself or a loved one affected by opioid use disorder, visit



www.JustPlainKillers.com or follow the social channels on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @PlainKillersSC.

About DAODA

The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) is the South Carolina government agency charged with ensuring quality services to prevent or reduce the negative consequences of substance use and addictions through a statewide system of local substance abuse agencies that provide prevention, treatment, and recovery services. For more information, visit www.daodas.sc.gov.

Representative Eric Bedingfield, Chairman of the House Opioid Abuse Prevention Study Committee Governor Henry McMaster and DAODAS Director Sara Goldsby. Photo Contributed

Coca-Cola refreshes partnerships with NASCAR, ISC

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – Coca-Cola, International Speedway Corporation (ISC) and NASCAR today announced an extension to each of its long-standing partnerships through 2023. Coca-Cola, an iconic global brand, will continue its deep-rooted history in the sport by engaging racing fans across NASCAR's three national series and 12 ISC-operated racetracks.

The first-of-its kind integrated agreement is designed to deliver value to Coca-Cola across both the sanctioning body and ISC properties. Building on a 50-year relationship in the sport, Coca-Cola utilizes an immersive marketing approach to engage fans, customers and employees across virtually every facet of the NASCAR ecosystem. The strategy has resulted in Coca-Cola being one of the most recognized sponsors in the sport (according to the 2017 NASCAR sponsor loyalty survey conducted for SportsBusiness Journal/Daily by Turnkey Sports & Entertainment).

"We're elated to announce an extension to this winning formula," said Stuart Kronauge, SVP of Marketing & Business Unit President of USA Operations, The Coca-Cola Company. "The association with NASCAR, iconic tracks across the country, the Coca-Cola 600 and the Coca-Cola 400, and the drivers of the Coca-Cola Racing Family creates an ideal relationship between the brands, the sport and fans. It allows for a fully integrated experience that connects Coca-Cola with NASCAR fans at every level – locally, nationally, at the track, in store, at home and elsewhere."

While Coca-Cola has been involved with stock car racing for 50 years, the brand became an Official Partner of NASCAR in 1998. The extended agreement furthers Coca-Cola's position as the "Official Soft Drink of NASCAR." Additionally, a signature part of the brand's marketing strategy is the Coca-Cola Racing Family – a group of top drivers that includes Austin Dillon, Denny Hamlin, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, Ryan Newman, Daniel Suarez and Darrell "Bubba" Wallace Jr. The Coca-Cola Racing Family, which has been around for nearly 20 years, makes appearances and is featured in advertising, promotions and packaging.

"Our continued partnership with Coca-Cola is a product of a long history of successful collaboration," said Steve Phelps, EVP and chief global sales and marketing officer, NASCAR. "Partnering with a global company like Coca-Cola puts NASCAR in front of a massive scope of consumers while providing our partners direct engagement with the most brand faithful fan base in sports."

The extended relationship

with ISC will continue Coca-Cola's position as the leading soft drink pour across NASCAR-sanctioned tracks. Through partnerships with ISC and Speedway Motorsports, Inc., Coca-Cola will be refreshing fans at 21 race tracks in 2018.

"This renewed relationship highlights how committed Coca-Cola is to engage the most brand loyal fans in sports. Coca-Cola is deeply integrated across our sport, including track pouring rights, race entitlements and relationships with drivers – all adding up to a valued partnership," said Daryl Wolfe, chief sales and partnership officer, NASCAR and ISC. "The company has been a longtime supporter of NASCAR, and we are thrilled to embark on the next expanded phase of our partnership."

A loyal supporter of the U.S. Armed Forces, Coca-Cola honors and recognizes service members at race tracks annually, and in 2017, expanded its support as the presenting sponsor of NASCAR Salutes Refreshed by Coca-Cola. The six-week platform encapsulates the NASCAR industry's collective expression of respect and gratitude of past and present members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Coca-Cola also partners with NASCAR on Troops to the Track, hosting service members from all military branches at race tracks during the season.

In 2013, Coca-Cola became the first three-time recipient of the prestigious NASCAR Marketing Achievement Award, emblematic of the brand who best utilizes its sponsorship to engage NASCAR fans.

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February meeting of NCNW to feature guest speaker

The regular meeting of the Darlington County National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) will feature a special guest and a celebration of Black History Month. The meeting will be held February 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Darlington Library Allard Alston Conference Room. The speaker for the occasion will be James L. Felder. His topic will be "Civil Rights Issues and Black History." He is a native of Sumter and has been involved in voter registration and education in South Carolina since 1967.

Felder was one of three blacks elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1970, becoming the first to serve since Reconstruction. His first

book, I Buried John F. Kennedy, reveals the role he played in the funeral of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. His second book, Civil Rights in South Carolina, tells the stories of sit-ins, integration of state universities, movements in various communities, major legal rulings that ended forced segregation and election of black judges. This is the first comprehensive history of South Carolina's civil rights struggles. His recent book, The Making of an AME Bishop, describes the process of becoming a Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. One of his students was South Carolina State Senator Clementa Pinckney, who was killed in the Emanuel AME Church shooting in Charleston.

He is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University and Howard University School of Law. He holds the Doctorate of Humane Letters from the College of Charleston.

He currently serves as president of the South Carolina Voter Education Project. He is a member of the Clark Atlanta University Athletic Hall of Fame. Jim Felder lives in Columbia. He has two children, Jimmy and Adrienne and two grandsons, Lance II and Sean.

The community is welcome to join us. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please call Barbara Graham at 843-731-1360, Louise Jordan at 843-393-0743.

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Falcons hold on for a wild ride, Lady Falcons lose steam in the fourth

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington – Rivalry games are what make sports great and this past Friday both the Darlington boys' and girls' basketball teams squared off against county and region archrival Hartsville, with the Falcons squeezing out a one point victory while the Lady Falcons dropped its contest by 11.

Darlington 64, Hartsville 63
It was a crazy finish to an even crazier game, but for Darlington the amount of craziness was just right as the Falcons defeated their archrival, the Hartsville Red Foxes, 64-63 in front of a packed house at the Falcons' Nest this past Friday night.

Up 61-54 and just over a minute left in regulation, the game had all the looks of being over, in the bag for the Falcons, but in basketball a minute can be an eternity and it had to feel that way for Darlington as Hartsville came so close to coming back and shocking the Falcons.

After trading a couple of baskets, including a huge three-point play by Darlington's Kenynon Scott, Hartsville was quick to score and call time out in the final 21 seconds of the game, scoring the final seven points of the game, including a huge three-pointer with just five seconds left on the clock that cut the lead to just one after forcing a Falcons' turnover on the inbounds play.

With no margin of error left for either team following the huge three by the Red Foxes, Darlington was able to successfully inbound the basketball the second time around and Rodney Goodman was able to dribble the clock out before Hartsville could foul, ending the game.

"We didn't execute things like we should have down the stretch; it wasn't a very good job of execution so I will have to eat that," Darlington boys' head coach Ken Howle said.

As the fans for Darlington rushed the home court, embracing with the players over the captivating victory it was even more impressive how the Falcons put themselves in position to win the first place.

Missed shots and poor free throw shooting had the Falcons looking at 27-21 deficit going into the half. For all of the cold shooting Darlington did in the first half it made up for it in the second half.

After missing all nine shots from behind the arc in the first half, the Falcons connected on eight of 12 from downtown including back to back three-pointers by Scott, who led the Falcons in scoring with 14, that kick started a 20-1 run to end the third quarter.

"I just can't say enough about the effort they gave tonight," Howle said. "They could have folded real easy at halftime and I'm not so sure that stage wasn't too big for some of them and they settled in at halftime. We challenged them at halftime."

It was huge change of events as not only had the momentum swung in the direction of Darlington, the Falcons had reversed an eight-point deficit into an 11-point lead all while Hartsville's head coach Yusuf Kelly never called a time out.

While all of this was happening Hartsville's best player, Trae Hannibal was sitting on the bench after picking up his fourth foul early in the third.

Foul trouble was not Hannibal's only problem. The super athletic point guard who can do almost any type of dunk was never able to get into an offensive rhythm, missing on a couple of dunks early in the game to go along with some missed lay ups as well.

With the win Darlington improves to 14-5 overall and 3-0 in the region.

Darlington 47, Hartsville 58

The Darlington Lady Falcons lost to the Hartsville Lady Red Foxes by 11 points at home this past Friday and there was two reasons why: free throws and turnovers.

"First off I want to give hats off to Hartsville, I think they played a really great game and also I am really proud of my girls for how they fought," Darlington girls' head coach Brad Knox said. "I think that game tonight was one of the best games that we have played and put together all season long. As previous games, free throws was killing us all season long. We made 100 free throws the other day at practice as a team and we just have to transfer it to the game."



Renny Johnson (left) was honored during the Hall of Fame ceremony during halftime. Photo by Drake Horton

In the 58-47 contest, the Lady Falcons missed 15 free throws and turned the basketball over 29 times and despite all of that they were still in the game till the very in.

"I think we played pretty good at slowing the game down, getting our post presence (Hope Richardson) involved," Knox said. "They did everything I asked them to do we just have to get the small things right in order for us to succeed later on in the future."

A big reason for Darlington being able to keep it close with Hartsville was senior Hope Richardson, who led all scorers with 13 points at the half.

At the half the Lady Falcons were down by only four points and that deficit stayed the same to start the fourth quarter, but in that final period Hartsville was able to use its depth to its advantage and the fatigue in the young Falcons squad began to show.

It even took a toll on

Richardson, who scored just four points in the second half.

But despite the loss the Lady Falcons showed grit, not letting being down 21-11 at the end of the first quarter to cause them to throw the towel in. Instead they fought and clawed their way back into the game and kept it interesting all the way till the final minutes of the fourth quarter.

The Lady Falcons are 12-5 on the year and 1-2 in the region.

Coker College's baseball program warmed up for 2018 season

The Coker College baseball program will embark on another season in 2018 and the Cobras are more than ready to get their campaign underway. Head Coach Luke Harrigan anticipates a great year for his club moving into the spring.

With a winter season that has filtered sub-freezing temperatures and snow, mixed with 70-degree days, Harrigan has had to battle the elements at practice. Nonetheless, the leader of the Cobras has his team ready to roll for 2018.

It was also announced, junior right-handed pitcher Griffin Hollifield was named to the SAC preseason All-Conference First Team as a reliever. Last season with the Cobras, Hollifield recorded a 2.06 ERA in 48.0 innings, striking out 24 and walked seven. Head Coach Luke Harrigan said, "Griffin's best quality is how hard he competes. He was a staple in our bullpen all of last year and we look forward to that continued success."

"We've been working a lot

this offseason on getting back to fundamentals, getting better defensively and at the plate," Harrigan said. "We've been able to intrasquad a good bit and our senior leadership has picked up as well."

Additionally, Harrigan has added Sam Bashioum as the Navy and Gold's new pitching coach. "Sam and I have coached against each other in the past; when he was with the powerhouse at Seton Hill," Harrigan remarked. "Sam is a great coach with a sound philosophy and an impressive work ethic. He's a perfect fit into our program."

The Cobras will open up their season at Tom J. New Field at Dave Schmotzer Stadium with a two-day series on Feb. 3-4 against the Chowan Hawks. Coker will play their first 12 games at home in the 2018 season, before traveling to Clafin in a midweek slate on Feb. 20. South Atlantic Conference play ramps up the following weekend, Feb. 23-24, when the Navy and Gold travel to Catawba.

"We're looking forward to getting into conference play this season," Coker's skipper explained. "This year's club will be competitive and hopefully their play pays off. In doing so it will help continue to build our program, with the goal of bringing in solid signing classes."

Notably, Coker will host all three conference foes from Tennessee: Lincoln Memorial, Tusculum, and Carson-Newman. "That's a huge advantage for our program," Harrigan mentioned. "They are strong programs who often make it to the NCAA tournament, so to be able to play them at home is awesome for our guys."

Moving into the spring, Harrigan spoke on a few goals he has for his team. "I believe we can get to 30 wins this year. With a strong conference schedule, if we can get to 30 wins, it will set us up inside the top-three in the conference. In doing so, having a good seed into the tournament will hopefully land a regional bid. That would be huge for the Coker

baseball program."

Coker will also have senior leadership in their infield with Bryson Conner and Thomas Lopez. "These two have been a staple in our lineup for a while," Harrigan stated. "The success that the team has this season will be attributed to what these guys bring to the table, not only with their on-field play, but their leadership."

In 45 games last season, Connor collected a .294 / .413 / .412 slashline, with 35 runs scored, 28 RBI, and 14 extra base hits. Lopez provided the power for Coker, batting .306 with a .472 slugging percentage, driving in 36, with nine doubles and five home runs.

As mentioned, Coker will begin its season at home with a two-day series with Chowan University, holding doubleheaders on Feb. 3-4, with game one beginning at 12 p.m. and game two starting roughly 30 minutes after the conclusion of game one for both days.

Cobras to hit 2018 hard

The Coker College softball team was tabbed as the No. 3 team in the South Atlantic Conference preseason poll, the SAC office released today. The Cobras open up the 2018 season at home Feb. 3 against the Warriors of Southern Wesleyan. The Navy and Gold head into the season under the tutelage of fourth year Head Coach Travis McCall.

Looking Back

The Cobras finished the 2016-17 season with 41 wins, which was the team's first 40-win season since 2002. The Navy and Gold earned a SAC tournament berth as a No. 4 seed and finished as the runner-up to Carson-Newman. Six players (Mindy North, Maria Williamson, Cacey Simmons, Kelsi Bachmann, Hannah Price, and Taylor Forehand) earned regular season All-Conference honors, with all returning this season. Two players earned All-Tournament team distinction, including Simmons. Coker had a player named to the Division II Collegiate Commissioners Association All-Southeast Region First Team and D2CCA All-American Second Team. The team placed ten members on the Easton/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-America Scholar-Athlete Team for the 2017 season, including returners Rebekah

Addison, Katelyn Chambers, Forehand, Anna Gluhosky, Hannah Goodman, Simmons, and Williamson.

At one point during the season, the Cobras were regionally ranked tenth by Down South Softball. In the final 2017 NCAA Southeast Regional ranking, Coker was tabbed tenth.

Home Cooking

The Navy and Gold dominated within the friendly confines of the Saleeby-Stokes Softball Field in 2017, going 19-7, batting .316 and outscoring opponents 163-64.

2018 Schedule

A 55-game schedule is in front of the Cobras, highlighted by games against six teams ranked in the top ten in the final regional poll of 2017 and 20 games against South Atlantic Conference opponents. The Navy and Gold will also host two tournaments in back-to-back weekends in February. The first weekend in March, Coker will travel to the North Georgia Tournament. There will be a Pink Game March 24 against SAC opponent Tusculum for breast cancer awareness. Senior Day happens on April 14 versus conference foe Mars Hill.

The 2018 Cobras will debut on February 3 when they host Southern Wesleyan University at 1 p.m.

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Black Creek Arts hosts signature cocktail competition

By Samantha Lyles
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Black Creek Arts Council in Hartsville hosted a fun charity event last week – a mixology competition where guest bar-keepers whipped up custom cocktails for guests. Proceeds from the event benefit arts and community engagement programs at Black Creek.

The winner of the night's Best Mixologist award was John Crawley with his Cucumber Foxtini. John teamed with Dan Askins III at their F3 Nation bar.

"We're offering a Cucumbertini, which has vodka, simple syrup, triple sec, lime juice," said mixologist Crawley, adding that the key is to muddle slices of fresh cucumber and shake all ingredients thoroughly to incorporate that unique fresh flavor into the drink.

"We're not bartenders, but on the F3 workout site (www.F3nation.com), I post a lot of pictures of the drinks I have when I travel, and one of them is the Cucumbertini. All the guys give me hard time about it," said Crawley. "Dan told me when this event came up that I needed to make that Cucumbertini that I'm always talking about, so here we are."

The winners of the best decorated bar were Dave Hoffman and Brad Pederson. Their bar name was Two Dudes and a Drink and they were serving Insane Shark Bites.

"It's a shot made with rum and Jell-O and a little gummy

Black Creek Bistro, Sam Kendall's and Black Creek Arts Council.

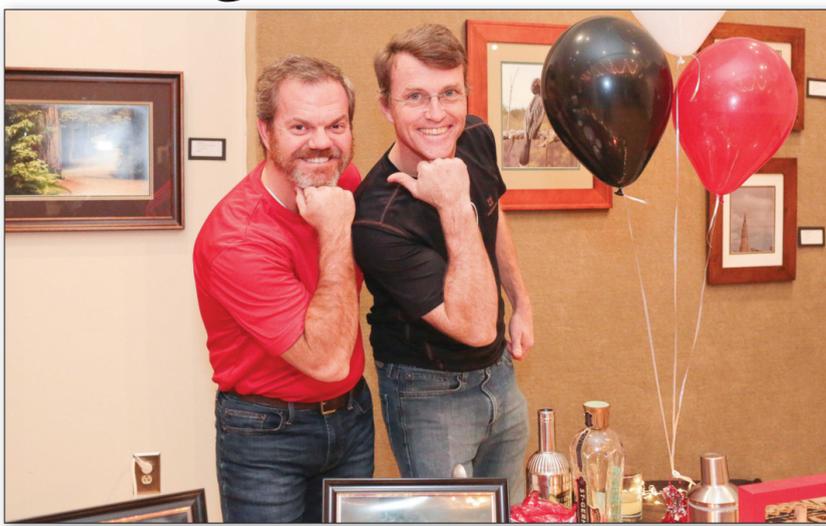
Black Creek Arts whipped up an unusual take on sangria by adding the richness of bourbon and blackberries.

"We have our annual auction coming up in February, and we've been talking about doing a menu with tapas and sangria, so we thought this would be a good place to try and see if we could create a little different take on traditional sangria," said Allison Pederson, director of Black Creek Arts.

"We muddled blackberries and sour cherries, so it's rich, it's warming, and you get a nice burst of flavor with the bourbon, but it's not overpowering," said Matthew Reaves, representing Black Creek Arts.

Downtown restaurant Sam Kendall's took the opportunity to create an original cocktail and honor the passing of a favorite customer, John Foster III. A sign at their table featured a photo of Foster and the inscription "Thank you for your constant encouragement and smiling face. We will miss you dearly."

"I'm doing a bananas foster drink in memory of John Foster, who was a regular at our bar and a great member of our community, so this drink is to commemorate him. It has RumChata, Captain Morgan, Buttershots liqueur, and banana liqueur. It has a cinnamon taste, it's really creamy and tastes great," said Nicole Jones, representing Sam Kendall's.



John Crawley (left) and Dan Askins III won Best Mixologist honors for their Cucumbertini



The winning Cucumbertini



Insane Shark Bites



Gail Kimbrell and Danny Ingram served up delicious margarita Italiano cocktails for Black Creek Bistro



Dave Hoffman (in the shark suit) and Brad Pederson won the evening's Best Decorated Bar honors. Photos by Samantha Lyles



Sam Kendall's mixologist Nicole Jones served Banana Foster shots, a custom cocktail made in memory of a beloved customer who recently passed away



Black Creek Arts table offered up a yummy bourbon sangria with blackberries, served by Matthew Reaves

shark. Add a little food color and make it look like water – it's supposed to be Caribbean blue," said Hoffman.

The other competitors were

The table for local favorite eatery Black Creek Bistro served up a unique twist on the classic margarita.

"It's a margarita Italiano,

our spin on a margarita," said Danny Ingram. "A margarita traditionally has something sweet and sour. This has amaretto, a silver tequila, triple sec, and orange juice

with fresh fruit. We think it balances very well."

Guests were offered samples of each cocktail, and could choose one full drink to enjoy along with a selection of

hors d'oeuvres. After taking a lap of the lounge, guests voted on their favorite mixed drink, and their favorite table decorations.

For more information on

future events at Black Creek Arts Council, call 843.332.6234 or visit them online at www.black-creekarts.org

FMU's Hanson named co-director for Baruch Institute

Francis Marion University Professor Dr. Lynn Hanson has been named co-director of the new Belle W. Baruch Institute for South Carolina Studies at Hobcaw Barony.

The new institute was created late last year through by a partnership that included FMU, Coastal Carolina University and the Belle W. Baruch Foundation. The institute is designed to further academic research in the humanities and related fields at Hobcaw Barony, a 16,000-acre research preserve operated by the Baruch Foundation.

As co-director, Hanson will be responsible for facilitating research at Hobcaw by scholars from FMU, CCU and other universities.

Hanson, who has pioneered research in the humanities field at Hobcaw, says she's excited at the possibilities that lie ahead.

"Hobcaw Barony is a unique place with many stories to be told," says Hanson. "Researchers in many fields will find a rich and varied resource for years to come. It's exciting to be a part of it. I'm honored to serve as one of its first co-directors."

Hanson has been a member

of FMU's Department of English, Modern Languages and Philosophy faculty since 1998. She directed FMU's Professional Writing program from 1998-2016. Hanson received her BA and Master's degree from Auburn University and her doctorate from the University of Georgia.

Since 2015, Hanson has been a Harry M. Lightsey Visiting Scholar Fellow at Hobcaw where she has worked to unearth and preserve papers and other materials related to the late Belle W. Baruch. It was Belle Baruch, daughter of famed financier Bernard Baruch, who created the Baruch Foundation and set up Hobcaw, the Baruch family's former retreat and hunting preserve, as a conserved research space.

The Hobcaw property has been used for research and study in marine biology and forestry for a number of years, but its potential as a site for research in the humanities is largely unrealized. The vast coastal tract includes Native American sites, Colonial-era sites and antebellum slave quarters later used by freedmen after the Civil War. The

two universities, and eventually research partners from other academic institutions, expect scholars to engage in research in history, archaeology, political science, sociology and more.

Dr. Fred Carter, FMU's president, says the new institute will be in good hands with Hanson.

"Lynn is one of our most accomplished faculty members," says Carter. "She's a prolific researcher, an innovative and popular teacher. She coordinated the university's re-accreditation effort a decade ago, and developed our professional writing program over the past few years. Everything that she does, she does exceedingly well."

Hanson will continue as a professor at FMU while serving the Baruch Institute. She will spend a portion of her time on site at Hobcaw, which is located just north of Georgetown, S.C.

Hanson's co-director at Hobcaw will be appointed by Coastal Carolina University at a later date.

The Belle W. Baruch Institute is jointly managed by FMU, CCU and the Belle W. Baruch Foundation.

Healthy resolutions for the year ahead

Many people see the dawn of a new year as the perfect time to implement changes that they hope will have positive impacts on their lives in the year ahead. New Year's resolutions have a way of falling by the wayside as the year progresses, but sticking with the following healthy resolutions can have lasting impacts on the lives of men and women.

• **Read more.** Many adults wish they had more time to read, but busy schedules filled with commitments to work and family can make it hard to pick up a book every day. But perhaps more men and women would find time to read if they knew doing so could add years to their lives. In an analysis of 12 years of data from the University of Michigan's Health and Retirement Study, researchers at the Yale School of Public Health found that people who read books for as little as 30 minutes a day over several years lived an average of two years longer than people who did not read at all.

• **Sleep more.** More time to sleep might seem like an unattainable goal for many men and women. But the

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute notes that ongoing sleep deficiency can increase a person's risk for chronic health problems, including heart disease, kidney disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and stroke. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine recommends adults age 18 and older get between seven and eight hours of sleep per night.

• **Turn off your devices.** As recently as 15 years ago, many adults made it through their days without smartphones, tablets, e-readers, and other devices that are so prevalent today. While it might seem impossible to live without such devices in the 21st century, turning them off can have profound impacts on people's quality of life. A 2013 survey of more than 1,000 people conducted by the resilience platform meQuilibrium found that 73 percent of respondents felt their devices contributed to stress in their lives. The American Psychological Association notes that stress can negatively affect the musculoskeletal system, the respiratory system and the nervous system and potentially

increase a person's risk for heart disease and gastrointestinal problems.

• **Work less.** Working fewer hours may help many professionals cut back on their stress, as the APA notes that 65 percent of Americans cited work as their primary source of stress. But working fewer hours may also make men and women more productive. A recent experiment funded by the Swedish government compared professional nurses at a retirement home who worked six-hour days on eight-hour salaries to a control group that worked the more traditional eight-hour workday. Nurses in the experimental group reported having more energy in their spare time and at work, which allowed them to do 64 percent more activities with facility residents. Nurses in the experimental group also took half as much sick time as those in the control group. As a result, the study's authors ultimately concluded that productivity can increase with fewer hours worked.

Committing to healthy New Year's resolutions can have profound and unexpected consequences that can greatly improve one's quality of life.

Hartsville Chamber hosts Economic Development Luncheon

The Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Economic Development Luncheon on Wednesday, January 31 at the Hartsville Country Club. Lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Darlington County Economic Development Director Frank Willis will be presenting information on recent developments in the county while Ronald Carter of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA) will delivering an update on activity in the Pee Dee region. The keynote speaker for the event is Mandy Brawley, Deputy Director for Global Business Development at the S.C. Department of Commerce.

"Rural communities like ours have only two choices for the future - grow or decline. Our members fully understand the importance of economic development to the growth and well-being of our local business community. This event provides us with an opportunity to hear about the latest plans and activities for our county, region and state from experts in the fields. Tickets are available at www.hartsvillechamber.org or contact the Chamber at admin@hartsvillechamber.org or (843) 332-6401.

The Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based business advocacy organization founded in 1910. The Chamber provides a voice for local businesses, supports economic development, and promotes the vibrant and personal community that makes Hartsville appealing to businesses and residents.

Local student news

Coastal Carolina University announces Dean's List for Fall 2017

CONWAY-- Approximately 2,419 students have made the Fall Semester 2017 Dean's List for academic achievement at Coastal Carolina University. To qualify for the Dean's List, freshmen must earn a 3.25 grade point average, and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 grade point average.

Local students who made the Dean's List for fall are:

Wesley Caudle of Hartsville, a biology major
Keenan Cottingham of Darlington, a biology major
Alexander Ferguson of Hartsville, a music major
Ethan Gainey of Hartsville, a exercise and sport science major

Seth Gainey of Hartsville, a information technology major
Jayson Hicks of Hartsville, a digital culture and design major

Tabitha Hudson of Darlington, a middle level education major

Adrian Smith of Darlington, a graphic design major

Hannah Thompson of Hartsville, a communication major

Zackery White of Darlington, a communication major

Coastal Carolina University is a public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, S.C.

CCU offers baccalaureate degrees in 73 major fields of study. Among CCU's 21 graduate-level programs are 18 master's degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the Ph.D. in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. The most popular undergraduate majors are marine science, management, exercise and sport science, communication and psychology.

Learn more: <http://www.coastal.edu/>

Coastal Carolina University announces Fall 2017 President's List

CONWAY-- Coastal Carolina University has announced that 814 students made the President's honor list for high academic achievement for the 2017 Fall Semester. To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a 4.0 grade point average and must be enrolled full time.

Local students on the President's List for the fall semester are:

LaDaysha Bonaparte of Darlington, a psychology major

Casey Ludwick of Hartsville, a marine science major
Paris Miller of Darlington, a accounting major
Joretta Morris of Darlington, a English major

Area students graduate from Clemson University

CLEMSON—Several local students graduated from Clemson University at the Dec. 21, 2017, ceremonies.

They are:
Mary F. Stokes of Darlington, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition.

Rebecca C. Edwards of Hartsville, who graduated with a Master of Public Administration in Public Administration.

Joshua William Godwin of Hartsville, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

Warner L. Mahn of Hartsville, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Sara Rolfe of Hartsville, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Natural Resources .

They were among more than 1,400 students who graduated at Littlejohn Coliseum.

Coker to host singer Jacob Will

On Sunday, February 11, at 3 p.m., Coker College is hosting internationally celebrated opera singer and Hartsville native Jacob Will in concert.

Will is a faculty member at the Institute for Young Dramatic Voices and a Professor of Voice at the University of South Carolina. An experienced concert artist, he has appeared with the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra and with the Cabrillo

Festival. He has sung with the San Francisco Symphony, the International Bach Festival of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, and with the Vienna Symphonic Orchestra. He made his New York Philharmonic debut as soloist in the American premiere of the "Messa per Rossini," a performance televised live nationwide. He sang for many years with the Zürich Opera. Other companies with which he has per-

formed include the New York City Opera, Vancouver Opera, the Bavarian State Opera, and the San Francisco Opera.

Will graduated from the University of South Carolina and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He participated in the Merola and Adler Fellowship Programs of the San Francisco Opera and has been a prizewinner in various international singing competitions.

LIVING ON PURPOSE

Hope is confidence that something better is coming

By Dr. William Holland

I have the privilege of being a community chaplain and along with this opportunity to serve I see a lot of heartbreaking circumstances that many people do not see. Every year at the holiday season it's difficult for me to be filled with excitement because I'm surrounded by those who are facing major problems and will not experience the same blessings that most of us enjoy. This past Christmas and Thanksgiving, we were overwhelmed with those reaching out for help. The little children are so innocent and helpless and we have actually watched them open the jars of peanut butter and eat it with their fingers because they were hungry. We do not have to search in other third world countries to find people who are hungry and going through hard times - we have them in our own hometown. The last couple of months, I've been busy helping to coordinate food drives for the needy, but even though we helped numerous families, this did not resolve the problem. Boxes of food and clothing is a nice ges-

ture but how can we help people escape from poverty? I know nothing is impossible with God as I remember Jesus miraculously feeding five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. If this was not amazing enough, after everyone had eaten all they wanted, they took up twelve baskets of leftovers. Maybe instead of focusing on the size of the need, we should consider how big our God is!

Many of those filling out applications were grandparents who are raising their grandchildren because their children are in trouble. I could sense the anxiety as I listened and with no magical solutions, all I could do is pray for them and encourage them to keep praying as well. The drug epidemic has become so widespread that it's affecting extended families and many of them cannot afford the financial burden. Another factor that is associated with poverty is the amount of people who do not have a college education and are faced with accepting lower paying jobs. Add this with the ever-increasing cost of living and this creates a serious challenge to survive. I know when

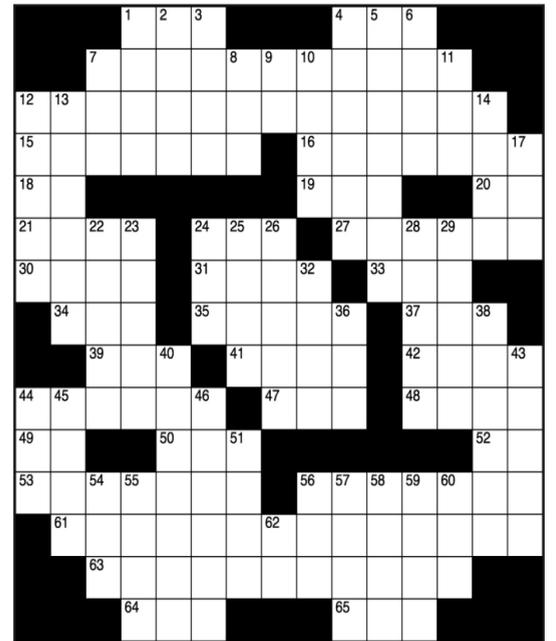
I'm dealing with difficulty I am stressed, but can we imagine the level of concern that many people deal with every day? Unfortunately, a significant portion of our society lives in a continual state of fear and depression about their inability to purchase food, pay their bills, or maintain reliable transportation. Many are worried about the basics such as having health insurance and being able to purchase big-ticket items when things need to be replaced. I know there is probably not enough money in the world to fix everyone's problems, however I do believe with all of my heart that the God who delivered Israel from the Egyptians in Exodus chapter 14 can also deliver any of us from whatever problems we may be facing. Of course, I believe in doing all the practical things, but hope gives us the ability to remain optimistic (even when things seem impossible) with a sincere confidence that something better is coming.

We should celebrate Thanksgiving everyday as an appreciation to God for giving us His blessings, however, if we are only basking in the delight

of our own abundance we may forget about the individuals all around us that have a fragment of what we have. I know that some people will be quick to point out how hard they have worked to accomplish great things and that is a worthy point, but it's also good to remember that we did not do it all by ourselves. It's the Lord who empowers us with His wisdom and gives us favor to succeed. May we consider where we would be today without His grace and mercy? It's our pride that makes it easy to look down on those who struggle as we blame them for their own failures. Yes, many have made critical mistakes but that does not disqualify them from receiving God's love and forgiveness or our compassion. Maybe we should try to see others as God sees them and demonstrate more humility instead of being judgmental. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name" Psalm 100:4.

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ACROSS

- Measurement (abbr.)
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
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- Attribute
- Poked holes in
- Angers
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- Not don't
- Snubs someone
- Where kids bathe
- One might be in distress
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- Musical style drum and bass
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- Single Lens Reflex
- Atlanta rapper
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- Faces of buildings
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- Tooth caregiver
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- Fava d'_: tree found in Brazil
- Vehicle
- Limited
- Old English
- Aussie golfer Norman
- Job
- Loose-fitting undergarments
- Protected by balancing
- Give up
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Extravagantly bright
- Takes dictation
- 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- Rounded knob (biology)
- French philosopher Pierre
- Mothers
- Dardic ethnic group
- Supports the rudder
- An ugly evil-looking old woman
- Of a fasting time
- Filled with passengers
- Below the ribs and above the hips
- Binary-coded decimal
- 51 is a famous one
- Goes into a funk
- Chief O'Hara actor
- Videocassette recorder
- Scored perfectly
- Type of tree
- Spumante (Italian wine)
- Popular commercial "pet"
- Supreme god of Ancient Egyptians

WORD SEARCH

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Lamar shooting investigation

Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies were dispatched at 2 p.m. Jan. 22 to a residence on Lincoln Circle in the Lamar area of Darlington County in reference to a shooting. According to witnesses, an occupant of an unknown vehicle fired shots striking a residence and left the scene. No one was injured.

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.

Deputy involved in vehicle collision

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to an armed robbery in progress in the Hartsville area of Darlington County at approximately 6:45 p.m. Jan. 16. A Patrol Deputy en-route to the incident traveling west on W. Bobo Newsom Hwy. with his emergency lights and siren activated entered the intersection of Kelleytown Rd. and was struck by a vehicle.

The Patrol Deputy was transported to an area hospital to be treated for minor injuries. The driver and a passenger of the other vehicle did not receive any major injuries.

The vehicle collision is being investigated by the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Darlington shooting investigation

At 6 p.m., Jan. 21, Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Larry's Drive in Darlington in reference to a shooting. Two individuals were located at the scene with gunshot wounds. Darlington County EMS transported both individuals to area hospitals; one is in stable condition and the condition of the other is unknown.

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.

Deputy Sheriff Graduates Academy

Columbia, SC - Sheriff Tony Chavis has announce the graduation of Darlington County Sheriff's Deputy Justin Taylor.

Taylor from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy this morning.

"I am excited for Deputy Taylor, who has a great passion for public service" stated Sheriff Tony Chavis. Deputy Taylor is assigned to the Patrol Division and will begin field training Jan. 22, according to Sheriff Chavis.



BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER JANUARY 12 THROUGH JANUARY 22, 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.

• Christy Lynn Jeffords, 41, of 2352 Chadwick Drive, Florence, Trespassing, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Patrick Austin Johnson, 20, of 177 Cedar Ridge Road, Darlington, Attempted Murder

• Diamond Danielle Kelly, 24, of 2585 Syracuse Community Road, Darlington, Deface License Plate with Intent to Defraud, Aquaculture Fail to Register/Obtain Permit, Driving Under Suspension, Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation

• Matthew Eric Key, 23, of 2123 New Market Rd., Hartsville, Shoplifting \$2000 or less (Enhance 16-0-157), Drugs/Man, Dist, Etc of Methamphetamine 1st

• George Edward Matuse Jr., 38, of 2129 Sparrowswamp Rd., Hartsville, Parole Violation

• Roger Gregory Player, 28, of 1425 Beaver Path, Hartsville, Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st, Receiving Stolen Goods Value >\$2,000<\$1,000, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched 1 TOV-1st

• Paula Christine Rogers, 22, of 1425 Beaver Path, Hartsville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched 1 TOV-1st

• Sean Aaron Smith, 25, of 543 Oleander Dr, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Christopher Elwood Bartley, 43, of 725 East Carolina Ave 6D, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension

• Lisa Marie Froese, 38, of 1011 Stuckey Bottom Rd, Hartsville, Trespassing

• Calvin Bull Jackson, 55, of 1212 Mondel Street, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning, Malicious/Domestic Violence, 3rd Degree

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

• Michael Bradley McElveen, 48, of 1014 Lendina, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension

• Ranardo Dakeith McNeil, 33, of 3716 Gardner Road, Timmonsville, Driving Under Suspension

• William Arnold Norwood II, 38, of 111 Vaughn St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

• Bradley Weston Ritter, 32, of 1533 Bethlehem Rd., Hartsville, Trespassing

• Rodriguez Kenard Wingate, 35, of 708 Hudson St, Hartsville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched 1 TOV-1st, Drugs/Distr, Sell, Manuf or PWID Near a School, Giving False Information, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash-1st, Giving False Information

• Aquarius Jaleel Brown, 25, of 2911 W Sumter St, Florence, Driving Under Suspension

• Terry Gerome Frazier III, 41, of 2203 N Center Road, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Devin Thomas Gainey, 28, of 551 Crowley Hill Road, Society Hill, Discharging Firearms Into A Dwelling

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

• Joseph Antonia McFarland, 40, of 1138 E Candy Lane, Florence, Driving Under the Influence, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 2nd

• Alex Jamal Patterson, 20, of 857 Johnson Street, Darlington, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2,000

• 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

• Ervin Lefoy Crowley, 56, of 2027 Darlington Dr, Hartsville, Open Container of Beer/Wine; DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 2nd; Driving Under the Influence

• Karla Denise Jackson, 31, of 724 Graham Street, Darlington, Leaving Scene of Accident Unattended Vehicle

• Stephanie Dense Blakely, 35, of 1501 E Bobo Newsome Hwy, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning; Disorderly House

• Lillian Denise Brown, 32, of 206 Magnolia St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Bennie Demetrice Daniels, 30, of 308 Vista Street, Florence, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Anthony Wade Lamb, 28, of 3013 Spring Valley Dr, Florence, Safekeeping

• Dylan Ray Larymore, 25, of 800 Quiet Brook Rd, Darlington, RSG/Unlawful Possess/Sale of/Stolen Property

• Roberta Lighty, 59, of 216 Marion Ave, Hartsville, DUI <10 1st Offense

• Kevin Michael Schafer, 26, of 5821 Middendorf Rd,

C h e s t e r f i e l d , Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Jovaris Marquil Cottingham, 23, of 309 Harrell St Apt A, Florence, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon

• Marvin Everette Joyner Sr., 51, of 710 Jasmine Lane, H a r t s v i l l e , Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Martin Richard Madrid Jr., 37, of 904 Auburn School Road, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Trevon Quintese Pringle, 28, of 502 E College St, Bishopville, Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Operating Motor Vehicle W/O License; Speeding >15 but <25 MPH Over the Speed Limit

• Ronald Thomas Reaves, 73, of 1024 E Lake Drive, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Angelo NMN Ross, 52, of 200 Russell St, Darlington, Non Support; Non Support

• Eshawn Jessica Scipio, 32, of 115 Cannon Dr, Hartsville, Neglect By Legal Custodian; Neglect By Legal Custodian

• Marvin Harris Windham Jr., 62, of 1723 Kellytown Rd, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• Arthur Donte Alford, 36, 2209 Greenfield Road, Darlington, Driving Under S u s p e n s i o n ; Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

• John Henry Brailey, 62, of 732 Tony James Rd, Hartsville, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)

• Frankie Lee Holloway, 57, of 116 Reid St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct; Trespassing

• Christian Eugene Thomas, 25, of 4413 Southborough Rd, Florence, Lottery/Defraud Alter Etc Counterfeit Ticket; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Darris Learnard Evans III, 20, of 716 Pit St, Hartsville, Armed Robbery Armed with Deadly Weapon; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime

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

• Christopher Joseph Lee Gatling, 20, of 929 Crestwood Drive, Darlington, Attempted Murder; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Joshua Daniel Ghoens,

29, of 3432 W Old Camden Hwy, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon

• Thomas George Hall II, 36, of 1324 Whyworry Dr, McBee, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree

• Justin Lee Kelly, 35, of 1102 Mainsail Dr, Hartsville, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Drugs/Man, Dist, Etc of Methamphetamine 1st

• Arthur NMN Williams, 73, of 717 Wilcox Rd, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning; Violation of City Ordinance

• Harvey James Davis, 60, of 441 Georgetown Road, Darlington, DUS (DUI) 1st Offense; DUI 2nd

• Jerry Lee Thompson, 47, of 1763 Boatwright, Chesterfield, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 2nd; Use License Plates Other Than Vehicle Issued; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation

• Lavern NMN Wilson, 62, of 522 S Church St, Florence, Obtain Sign Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000; Breach of Trust <\$2000

• Willie T Bennet, 26, of 1211 Mechanicsville, Darlington, Speeding; Driving Under Suspension

• Teddy Gerrod Easterling, 39, of 130 Jordan St, Darlington, Resisting Arrest;

Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree; Domestic Viol 2nd Degree

• Mallori Anne Gainey, 20, of 102 N Fifth Street, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Terronica Alecia Graham, 34, of 157 Ceder Ridge Rd, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence

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

• Michael John Phelps, 28, of 16264 Bristol Hwy, Bristol VA, DUI <10 1st Offense

• Deandre Raquan Robinson, 20, of 201 Lamar Hwy, Darlington, Disregard Traffic Device/Improper Lane Change; DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 2nd; Fail to Stop for Blue Light

• Herbert Lee Ross, 45, of 113 Pepper Dr, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Chad Austin Sauls, 41, of 231 McLaughlin Rd, Effingham, Fail to Appear Drug Charge; Fail to Appear Drug Charge

• James Heath Stokes, 36, of 1645 Sandbox Road, Lamar, Driving Under the Influence

• Keith Edward Vinson, 47, of 1436 Lakeview Blvd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Gabriel Allan Wilkes, 31, of 2141 N 5th St, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning; Public Disorderly Conduct

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McLeod Health opens Medical Park in Hartsville

McLeod Health opened a Medical Park in Hartsville, located at 1319 South Fourth Street on January 2. Services at this location include McLeod Orthopedics, McLeod Cardiology Associates, McLeod Vascular Associates, McLeod Sports Medicine, and McLeod Rehabilitation Services.

The physicians of McLeod Orthopaedics Hartsville include Rodney Alan, MD; Barry Clark, DO; Patrick Denton, MD; and Jason O'Dell, MD. Physical Therapy services for McLeod Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine will be provided by Karen Hammer, PT.

The physicians of McLeod Cardiology Associates include Cardiologist John Patton, MD; Electrophysiologist Prabal Guha, MD. Vascular Surgeon Eva Rzuclidlo, MD, will serve as the physician for McLeod Vascular Associates.

"We are pleased to provide convenient access to McLeod orthopedic services by locating in the Hartsville community," said Dr. Patrick Denton, Orthopedic Surgeon and Medical Director of McLeod Centers for Advanced Orthopedics. "Part of our commitment to the community includes the continuous improvement of care, service, and access to advanced sub-

specialty trained orthopedic surgeons and services."

"Dr. Guha, Dr. Patton and Dr. Rzuclidlo have been providing the highest quality adult heart and vascular care utilizing the latest techniques to the patients of Florence County for several years and we are now excited to bring that same care to the patients of Hartsville," said Dr. Alan Blaker, Executive Medical Director of the McLeod Heart and Vascular Institute. "Together we are working with the physicians in this community to help meet the goals of the McLeod Heart and Vascular Institute to significantly reduce the risk factors

for heart disease that place patients at risk for the number one killer in South Carolina."

"McLeod's expansion into Hartsville will have a great impact on the health of our community," said Quinetta Buterbaugh, President of the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce. The specialty services they are providing will bring experienced physicians to our residents, making it much easier to receive care."

An Open House and Ribbon Cutting for McLeod Medical Park Hartsville will be held Thursday, February 8, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce.

City of Hartsville reaches two milestones with waterpark expansion project

The City of Hartsville has reached two significant milestones with the waterpark expansion project with the naming of the waterpark and hiring a manager of Hartsville's newest attraction.

Visitors to the City of Hartsville's latest project will know the attraction as "Neptune Island". Opening this summer, visitors of all ages will take part in a tropical island adventure in the progressive small-town.

Managing Neptune Island will be Eric Tucker, Water Park Manager, who specializes in maximizing park safety while maintaining exceptional customer service and park cleanliness. Tucker has managed departments such as Aquatics, Park Services, and Security and First Aid in multiple states and countries including Florida, New York, Illinois, and Thailand. Beginning his career as a lifeguard and working his way up to Director of Operations, Tucker brings 17 plus years of waterpark experi-

ence to the team.

"Giving a name to the project coupled with bringing Eric onto the team brings further life to our team's vision of the waterpark, says City Manager, Natalie Zeigler, "We are excited about the continued progress and the bright future that Neptune Island will bring to our city."

The adventure island waterpark expands on the current splashpad with larger water features including a 1,000-foot lazy river, a zero entry pool, a wave pool, a speed body slide, a pair of tubular water slides and three mat racing slides. Cabana rentals, party huts, and food trucks will also assist in making Neptune Island a celebrated destination for residents and visitors throughout the region.

For questions about the project, contact NeptuneIsland@hartsvillesc.gov. For information and updates about the attraction, follow Neptune Island Waterpark on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Hartsville Museum's newest exhibit celebrates Black History Month

Beginning Feb. 1, the newest exhibit at the Hartsville Museum will celebrate Black History Month. The museum's permanent collection of Black Heritage Stamps and other postal memorabilia will be on display in the W. Reaves McCall Gallery until Feb. 28.

The Black Heritage Stamps

series first began in 1978, with the first honoring abolitionist, Harriet Tubman. The 2018 Black Heritage Stamp, the 41st issuance in the series, honors Lena Horne (1917 - 2010). Horne is honored for her achievements as a legendary performer and civil rights activist, using her personal elegance, charisma,

and fame to become an important spokesperson for civil rights.

Stamps currently in the museum's collection will be on display during the month of February during normal hours of operation. The Hartsville Museum is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Admittance into the museum is free, however, donations are accepted and appreciated.

For more information about the exhibit and the Hartsville Museum, call 843-383-3005. Follow the Hartsville Museum on Facebook for updates.

LEGAL NOTICES

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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: GUARDIAN AD LITEM and FILING** STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMONS 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

AMENDED NOTICE OF LIS PENDENS (NON-JURY)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMONS PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Case No.: 2017-LP-16-39 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. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an action has been hereby commenced and is now pending in the Darlington County Court of Common Pleas in regards to an Amended Summons and Amended Complaint filed on July 21, 2017. Said parcel that is the subject of this action was, at the time of the commencement of this action, and at the time of the filing of this

notice, situate in Darlington County and described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land identified as a portion of Tract No. "1" as identified on a plat prepared by Ervin Engineering Co., dated January 10, 1990 and recorded in the office of the Darlington County Clerk of Court in Plat Book 126, at page 159 on January 24, 1990. According to the terms of said plat, said parcel is bounded as follows, now or formerly: on the north by the remainder of Tract No. "1" on said plat, for an indeterminate distance; on the east by property of Coe, for a distance of 150.45 feet; on the south by State Route S-16-179 (McIver Road), for a distance of 740.82 feet; and on the west by property of Jeffrey, for a distance of 149.93 feet. See above-captioned plat for a more particular description. This being a portion of the same property conveyed to Defendant Godley Auction Company, Inc. by Deed of Linda S. Lombard, dated January 24, 1990 and recorded in the office of the Darlington County Clerk of Court in Book 986, at page 136 on same. TMS # 166-00-02-070 Darlington, South Carolina _____, 2017. PARKER E. HOWLE S.C. Bar No. 77878 Attorney for Plaintiff 88 Public Square Darlington, SC 29532 Tel.: (843) 395-1519 Fax: (843) 393-0342 (26c3 leave in thru 1-24-18)

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Audrey Jane Tripp

Address: 418 W Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550 (27p3 leave in thru 1-31-18) **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: Shirley H Saults Date of Death: 9/12/2018 Case No: 2017ES1600596 Personal Representative: Mary Platt Address: 364 North Leo Road, Lake City, SC 29560 Attorney: Gary W Crawford Address: PO Box 508, Florence, SC 29503 (27p3 leave in thru 1-31-18)

Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00266 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation vs. Charles E. Bryant and if Charles E. Bryant be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of Charles E. Bryant distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of Charles E. Bryant and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Jemaine Charles Bryant; Eric Bryant; Nakiasha Cook; Erika Christine James; Charles Edward Smith; Melissa Pilgrim Richardson n/k/a Melissa Pilgrim Blackwell, I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on February 5, 2018 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: Legal Description and Property Address: All that certain piece or lot of land, together with all improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Palmetto School District, Darlington County, South Carolina, fronting one hundred (100) feet on Meadowbrook Road and being bounded according to a plat made by Ferrell J. Prosser, R.L.S., dated January 17, 1972 and being bounded according to said plat as follows: on the North by Lot No. 61 as shown on said plat for a distance of one hundred ninety-five (195) feet; on the South or Southeast by said Meadowbrook Road; on the Southwest by Lot No. 58 as shown on said plat for a distance of one hundred ninety-five (195) feet, and on the West or Northwest by land now or formerly of T.O. Evans, Sr. for a distance of one hundred (100) feet. For a more particular description reference is hereby made to

plat above referred to, a copy of which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 56 at page 163, and being the same property also designated as Lots No. 59 and 60 of Section 1 of Meadowbrook Subdivision as shown on plat filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 31 at page 61. This being the same property conveyed to Charles E. Bryant by deed of Melissa Pilgrim Richardson n/k/a Melissa Pilgrim Blackwell dated December 22, 2014 and recorded December 23, 2014 in Deed Book 1074 at Page 2538, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County, South Carolina. 3215 Meadow Brook Drive Florence, SC 29501 TMS# 218-05-01-002 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 75/100 (4.75%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Special Referee for Darlington County Darlington, South Carolina _____, 2017

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P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700 (27c3 leave in thru 1-31-18) **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: Nathaniel Robinson Date of Death: 11/30/2017 Case No: 2018ES1600029 Personal Representative: Agnes Carol Robinson Address: 425 Georgetown Road, Darlington, SC 29532 (28p3 leave in thru 2-7-18)

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any security as to the claim.

Estate: Nathaniel Robinson Date of Death: 11/30/2017 Case No: 2018ES1600029 Personal Representative: Agnes Carol Robinson Address: 425 Georgetown Road, Darlington, SC 29532 (28p3 leave in thru 2-7-18) **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: Walter Saults Date of Death: 11/28/2017 Case No: 2018ES1600032 Personal Representative: Barbara Matthews Saults Address: 221 Semper Fi Lane, Lamar, SC 29069 (28p3 leave in thru 2-7-18)

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Co-Personal Representative:

Teresa Smith Hall Address: 788 Bells Branch Road, Bishopville, SC 21901 (28p3 leave in thru 2-7-18) **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: Allen Walter Saults Date of Death: 11/28/2017 Case No: 2018ES1600032 Personal Representative: Barbara Matthews Saults Address: 221 Semper Fi Lane, Lamar, SC 29069 (28p3 leave in thru 2-7-18)

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Celebrity Dancer Craig Morris and partner Maria Jones. 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.darlingtoncountydancingwiththestars.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.

The big night is here so this week's feature is our last couple. This week's dancers are:

- Maria Jones (Professional) & Craig Morris (Celebrity)

- Dance Style: Quickstep; Broadway Show: Grease (Choreographer: Burnadene Kelley-Newman)

Celebrity Dancer Craig Morris is a native of Hartsville, SC and 1984 graduate of Hartsville High School. His senior year he was voted as the first Mr. Hartsville High School. Craig has been in the automotive business since the age of 20 and for the last 12 years has been the Shop Manager for Gibson's Wheel Alignment. Craig says he has done his best to contribute to the community by serving with truth, honesty, and a high degree of personal integrity. His hobbies include spending time with family, cooking, supporting USC and Hartsville High School football, and having a great devotion to his wife, Lori Martin Morris. Craig strongly supports this cause because he has a wife, two daughters, and two granddaughters that he would protect with his life. He believes there is no greater cause than to stand up for domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Professional Dancer Maria Jones grew up in Decatur, Alabama and attended the University of Alabama before entering the USAF where she

met and married her husband of 28 years, Bryan. They have a son Eli (Kaitlyn) and a daughter Emily. Since childhood, volunteerism has been an important family tradition. Maria has served in many different volunteer capacities, in leadership and board positions for 20+ years, most recently serving as the 2011-2013 President of the Women's League of Hartsville. She loves spending her free time with family and friends, traveling, and watching college football...ROLL TIDE! Maria happily accepted the challenge to dance for the Pee Dee Coalition. She hopes to do her best to raise money, awareness of domestic and sexual assault, and to make her family proud.

Choreographer Burnadene Kelley-Newman is the owner and director of KFA which is currently celebrating its 29th year. She began her dance education at the age of six. Her natural talent and passion for dance was discovered and continued through high school and college. She received a BA in Dance, as well as, a BA in Elementary Education from Columbia College. Her special training includes not only dance but cheerleading, runway, print and commercial modeling, theatre, and music (both instrumental and vocal). Burnadene is a certified member of Dance Masters of America. Since KFA's beginning, some of her accomplishments and awards include: Business Women of the Year, Who's Who Among Business Professionals, serving on the South Carolina Dance Colloquium, the I.V. League honor of distinction for Interviews Magazine, TV 13's Pee Dee Hero Award, and receiving the honor of a sponsorship for the first studio Chapter in South Carolina for the National Honor Society for Dance Arts. She is also the former director of the Phantom Dance Team and was the choreographer and director of the AIFA Championship halftime shows for 2007 and 2008. She has enjoyed choreographing with the Florence Little Theater in 2009 for their production of

Peter Pan, in 2014 for the Wizard of Oz, and in 2015 for Mary Poppins. Mrs. Burnadene served as the 2010/2011 head cheer coach for the FMU Patriots cheerleaders and directed the "Vipettes", the dance team for the PeeDee Vipers basketball team 2013-2015. She has served as a performer for Clarendon DWTS, Cheraw DWTS, and Florence DWTS. She has been the director of choreography for Florence DWTS since its beginning in 2011. She also has directed the Cheraw DWTS, Lee County DWTS and Kershaw County DWTS and is presently a choreographer for the Darlington DWTS. Burnadene is not only the owner and director of KFA but also the founder of the KFA Dance Company who is well known in the state of South Carolina and beyond. She has 7 studio locations - Florence, Lake City, Turbeville, Bishopville, Hartsville, Camden and Cheraw, and has taught dance to thousands of students, some of which are children of former students. Burnadene is very active in the local community as well as the dance world at large. She has taken her students to perform in places such as Las Vegas, New York City, MGM studios, Carnival, Royal Caribbean cruise lines, the Orange Bowl, the Gator Bowl, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, Universal Studios, Disney, and many more. She has received numerous top choreographer, teacher, and director awards. Mrs. Burnadene and her KFA dancers have provided the entertainment for the Miss South Carolina pageant, the AIFA National Halftime, Harlem Globetrotters, and many halftime shows for college basketball games. Most recently Miss Burnadene was featured in an article "Dances on Demand" in the September issue of Dance Studio Life Magazine. She and her dancers have recently been a part of a dance movie called "One Family", featuring studios from around the US and Canada. Mrs. Burnadene resides in Florence with her husband, Sid, and they are the proud parents of five children.

Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County shines light for sexual assault awareness

The Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County Planning Committee, along with many volunteers, have been meeting since July preparing for their big event to benefit the Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Assault to be held on January 25 at the Hartsville Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for General Admission can be purchased online now at www.darlingtoncountydancingwiththestars.com. Tickets are \$45 each. The doors will be open for General Admission beginning at 6:30pm. This year's event theme will be "City Lights, Broadway Nights" which will include music from Broadway favorites.

The Planning Committee members are Pat Segars, Pat West, Mary Wood Beasley, Jennifer Boyles, Alma Harris, Eric Thompson, Ellen Bethea, Eliza Truett, Judy Jacobs, Tamara Weatherford, Lukas Glenn, Greg Goode, Ben Gore and Rita Daniel.

Under leadership of Rita Daniel, students from local high schools and many other adult volunteers in the community will be assisting with ballot sales, handing out programs, decorating, serving as ushers and will also be volunteering in the Coat Check Room. There has been tremendous support for the event from many businesses and citizens in Darlington County.

Twelve dance teams will be competing for the titles of the 2018 People's Choice Award and the 2018 Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County Dance Award.

The dance teams and dance styles are:

- Celebrity, Trish DeHond, and Professional, Marlin Ketter, performing the Rhumba to songs from Chicago
- Celebrity, Madge

Zemp, and Professional, Blade Boulware, performing the Waltz to songs from Beauty and the Beast

- Celebrity, Curtis Boyd, and Professional, Logan Suggs, performing Hip Hop to songs from Wicked

- Celebrity, Becky Askins-Weaver, and Professional, Brian Forte, performing the Quickstep to songs from Jersey Boys

- Celebrity, Noah Stanley, and Professional, Caroline Williams, performing the Shag to songs from Mamma Mia

- Celebrity, Roxie Gardner, and Professional, Joseph McPherson, performing the Tango to songs from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

- Celebrity, Carl Hunsucker, and Professional, Devin Jennings, performing the Waltz to songs from Les Miserables

- Celebrity, Craig Morris, and Professional, Maria Jones, performing the Quickstep to songs from Grease

- Celebrity, Cody Mitchell, and Professional, Vera DuBose, performing the Cha Cha to songs from Hairspray

- Celebrity, Tre Gammage, and Professional, Kendall Chapman, performing Hip Hop to songs from Hamilton

- Celebrity, Cliff Jones, and Professional, Shantella Harris, performing the Rhumba to songs from West Side Story

- Celebrity, Sarah Floyd, and Professional, Hunter Jordan, performing the Jive to songs from Mary Poppins

Being a dancer for Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County requires many hours of dedicated practice. Brenda Cranford School of Dance, KFA, Coker College, and

Driven by Dance Studio all graciously provided their studios for the dance teams to practice. Local choreographers for this year's dances include Tracee Auman, Heather Norment, Brenda Cranford, Burnadene Kelley-Newman, Sheila Schmotzer, Devin Jennings, Vera DuBose, Kendall Chapman, and Shantella Harris.

The dance team that receives the most votes will be named the 2018 People's Choice Award winner. Ballots to enter a vote will be sold for \$10 by dancers, Pee Dee Coalition members, the DWTS website, and ballot assistants the evening of the performances.

A distinguished group of judges will rate each dance couple on their technical level, creativity of integrating their assigned Broadway show, and overall entertainment. The Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County 2018 trophy will go to the team with the highest overall total score.

Andy Locklair will be the Master of Ceremonies again this year. He is a multi-talented comedian, singer, songwriter, and TV personality from the area. The Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County Planning Committee have been diligently working to provide a fun and entertaining evening while increasing awareness about domestic and sexual assault. Their hope is that their work will translate into more money to be available to help provide the services needed by victims in Darlington County who receive services from the Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Assault.

More information for Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County can be found on their Facebook page, Instagram, and their website: www.darlingtoncountydancingwiththestars.com.

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Hispanic scientists throughout history

Over time, many Hispanics have been influential in the fields of engineering, space exploration and much more. The accomplishments of Hispanic scientists have helped shape the world.

- Alfonso Caso y Andrade: Caso didn't begin as a scientist

but as a philosopher. In 1925, the Mexico City native began taking classes in anthropology. He would go on to make incredible discoveries at the excavation of Tomb Seven at Monte Albán.

- France A. Córdova: Astrophysicist Cordova is the

director of the National Science Foundation, an agency that develops programs to advance all fields of scientific discovery. During her career, Córdova conducted important research on X-ray and gamma ray sources, black holes and accretion discs.