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

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Hartsville advances Fourth Street development plans

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At their February 13 regular meeting, Hartsville City Council took the first step in a development program that could lead to over \$10 million being invested in the city's downtown.

Council approved first reading of Ordinance 4325, accepting up to \$500,000 in grants from The Byerly Foundation for downtown redevelopment. This money, according to city

attorney Lawrence Flynn, will help reimburse the city for purchases of property to be used in developing the Fourth Street Corridor.

The City of Hartsville will also receive a \$1.5 million loan from the Byerly Foundation to allow the new non-profit Hartsville Public Development Corporation to pursue development projects beneficial to the city. Flynn said that earlier that day, the Corporation board met and approved loan documents for this

arrangement, which will allow the non-profit entity to purchase more than 30 development-targeted properties from the city and from private owners and cover related expenses, pending Byerly's approval.

Flynn said this five-year loan is interest-only, and carries a provision that would allow Byerly to forgive \$500,000 of the principal after five years, provided there is no default.

The ordinance extract states that the City of Hartsville expects this

development project – here called the Canalside Project – to yield perhaps \$10 million in capital investments over the long term, including commercial and residential developments.

Council also passed first reading of Ordinance 4324, amending several city codes to create a master ordinance related to delinquent and dilapidated properties. Flynn explained that these changes make it clear that the City of Hartsville's enforcement of International Property Maintenance

codes will be "a separate and independent right of action from the state law codified unfit dwellings act provision" to allow for prosecutions, fines, and other actions to abate nuisance properties and protect public health.

Also on the agenda, Council approved a bid award of \$26,784 for Southern Computer Systems of Lake City to install 12 solar powered cameras as part of the Community Development Block Grant program for the city's Butler Historic District.



Lauren Szymonik, Strengthening Families Coordinator presents a check to Brenda Ayers, Darlington County First Steps; Tracy Redfearn, Child and Family Resource Center; Julie Mahn, West Hartsville Elem Principal. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Darlington City Council approves first reading of four ordinances

By Melissa Rollins
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A public hearing will be held April 3 regarding a digital signage ordinance in Darlington after council passed first reading of the ordinance Feb. 15 during their monthly meeting. The ordinance first came before council last month but experienced a hiccup when councilman Bryant Gardner asked how the ordinance's time restrictions affected businesses that stayed open late.

The proposed ordinance puts restrictions on the size of the sign, where they can be located (not within the Historic Districts), and how bright the sign can be during night hours, among other items.

Lisa Rock presented council with a revised ordinance, adding the sentence: "If a business operates after 10 p.m.,

the displays must be cut off or turned to 0% brightness when the business closes."

Gardner and other council members indicated that the change satisfied their concern and approved first reading. The public hearing on the ordinance will be held at 6p.m. April 3 at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the ordinance, visit www.darlingtonsonline.com or call 843-398-4000, extension 103.

In other business, council also gave first reading to three ordinances authorizing the purchase of land with the intention of building a baseball/softball complex and a playground. The first piece of property is at the corner of Old Florence Highway and Avenue D. There are two tracts of land for a total of 17 acres. That purchase would total \$162,545.

DARLINGTON ON 3A

Four-school telehealth pilot on schedule for May launch

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During the Feb. 12 Darlington County School District Board of Education meeting, board members learned that the district is continuing to move forward in their four-school Telehealth pilot program; it is expected to be up and running in May. Chuck Miller, Director of the district's adult education program, told board members that if all goes as planned, students at Pate Elementary School, Lamar Elementary School, Southside Early Childhood Center and North Hartsville Elementary School will be part of the pilot program.

"You were kind enough to bless us with a pilot this coming spring and I'm happy to report that we're right on

track," Miller said. "When we initially met, Morphis Pediatric was the provider on the other side and that is still the case. It is my understanding that they are in talks with other providers as well that may be coming on, such as Carolina Pines Hospital and CareSouth Carolina. The contracts were reviewed and signed by the superintendent and send back to Telehealth."

Miller reminded board members that any agreement they sign is solely with Telehealth.

"We only contract with Telehealth; we do not contract with any doctor or provider," Miller said. "Telehealth is the middleman between the school district and the provider. In cooperation with Diane Sigmon, the Telehealth group conducted a technology

assessment and determined that our equipment is compatible with the mobile medical carts."

According to the timeline provided by Miller, the mobile medical carts will be ordered in February and installed and tested in March. Consent forms will be sent home to parents in April and nurses will be trained on using the equipment that month as well. The pilot will then launch in May.

During his presentation Miller also gave board members information regarding the effects the flu has had on the district. Miller said that approximately four percent of the student body had the flu; staff numbers were slightly higher at eleven percent.

During the meeting, Children's Trust of South Carolina presented a check to

Darlington County First Steps for a program to be offered at a DCSD school.

Lauren Szymonik, Strengthening Families Program Coordinator, presented the \$75,000 check.

"Children's Trust of South Carolina is very excited to present this to Darlington County First Steps who has partnered with West Hartsville Elementary to bring the Strengthening Families Program back to Darlington County," Szymonik said. "We are really excited for this team; they've shown commitment, dedication and some wonderful passion for this program. The first session starts February 22 so we hope to graduate our first group of parents by the first week of May."

TELEHEALTH ON 3A



Darlington County Election Commission Director Hoyt Campbell speaks to Darlington City Council Feb. 15. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Society Hill experiencing 'cash-flow situation'

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According to Mayor Tommy Bradshaw, Society Hill is in financial trouble. Bradshaw shared the news Feb. 13 at the monthly town council meeting after councilwoman Deborah Harrell asked him to explain the meeting minutes from a called meeting January 25. Harrell was absent from the meeting due to an illness.

"We looked at our budget mid-year and our collections dropped from what we expected to be getting in," Bradshaw said. "Our revenue was down

and our expenses remained the same. At mid-year, we found ourselves in a cash-flow situation where we had hardly any money in the bank to cover payroll."

Bradshaw said that the town had taken on two no-interest loans from the Catfish Festival and Train Depot accounts.

"We had to call for a special meeting and it was brought to our attention that we could borrow money from the Catfish Festival for \$12,500 and \$5,000 from the Depot account to carry us through to June," Bradshaw said. "Of course there would be no finance charge and no application charge for start up that we would have with a bank. So we had to do that for purposes of making it through. We fell on hard times with the revenue."

SOCIETY HILL ON 3A

Lamar hears of improvements at apartment complex

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Lamar Town Council's February 12 meeting included updates on two pressing issues: the town's water system, and the improving situation at the Cambridge Apartments complex.

Darlington County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Josh Edwards spoke to council about the long history of high criminal activity at Cambridge, noting that over an eight-year period, about 2,200 crimes have been reported at the apartments, including murders, shootings, and assault and battery. Edwards said that after Sheriff Tony Chavis took office in January of 2017, the department was alarmed by the number of calls involving drive-by shootings, gang activity and gun crime.

"The community started speaking out, and Sheriff Chavis started hearing it, so we gave the county a couple of options: either we address Cambridge, or we're going to shut it down as a nuisance," said Edwards.

As a sort of 'Hail Mary' pass, the complex's owner, Southeastern Management Group, contracted the Housing Authority of the City of Darlington to take over the complex for a year and make a concerted effort to improve conditions. Housing Authority director Jamie Steen told Lamar Council that the changes she made were proven effective in Darlington and she believes they will also have a positive effect at Cambridge.

Steen says these changes include strict enforcement of lease terms and prompt evictions for violators, repairs to non-functioning exterior

lighting, installing security cameras, implementing parking permits and towing non-resident vehicles. Steen said the security cameras have online accessibility to allow property managers and law enforcement to check the feeds through a web browser.

She cautioned that the situation will not be fixed overnight, but steady progress can be tracked and she believes that with help from the Sheriff's Office and residents, Cambridge can get back on track. Steen also noted that Southeastern Management Group has the option to extend the Housing Authority's management contract by one additional year if they are pleased with their results.

Also at this meeting, council heard the latest on efforts to repair and restore Lamar's municipal water system from Jannie Lathan of Lathan

Consulting Corporation.

Lathan said that the \$467,789 SC Department of Commerce grant (obtained with the help of Senator Gerald Malloy) is being used to cover grant match requirements and, in one case, small overages on bid contracts. Lathan said the low bidder for one water project – the DHEC-mandated installation of a control valve – was \$8,000 over budget, but Commerce agreed to allow their grant money to bridge that funding gap.

The control valve installation project is set to begin February 21, with completion estimated by March 15, 2018.

Additionally, Lathan gave a summary of grant monies received thus far and the projects for which they are allocated.

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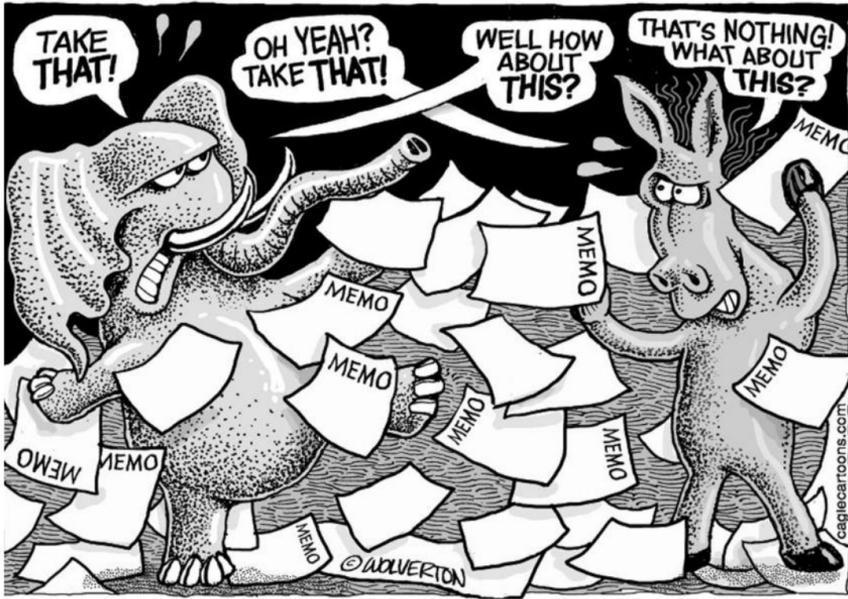
Word of the Week

Instauration: restoration after decay,
lapse, or dilapidation

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OP-ED What Would It Be Like?

By Bill Shepard

The old courthouse building, located on the town square in Darlington, seems to be back in the minds of the powers that be! I've been reading of the concerns that are on the minds of those who sit in responsible positions. What to do with the old building seems to be the question. No matter what is decided there will be those that are pleased and those who are not pleased! Is that not what happens in most every similar situation? If this writer was casting a vote it would be to repair the old building, or to replace the old building, but please do not remove the old courthouse from its present location! The courthouse is where it has always been and is a part of the historical old town.

There are varying stories as to how the courthouse came to be located at the spot where it stands. Whether true or not, they are interesting! The first courthouse was designed to fit in with the business part of town situated around it. The stores surrounding the courthouse were also designed so as to compliment the courthouse, and did so! In my traveling about I have never seen another town so designed as the town of Darlington. It could be imagined that all the store buildings are anchored to the courthouse! It is a beautiful and rather unique plan!

The courthouse of my youthful years was more complimentary to the buildings that surrounded it than the present one, (my own thinking) and I have heard others make the same statement. Whatever the design for the future building, it would be an injustice to the town of Darlington to remove the courthouse to a different location! (My opinion!)

Yes, I am prejudiced! Darlington is my hometown, my childhood memories are buried deeply in the Darlington dirt! There is hardly a street in the old town that I have not left tracks along, some barefoot! I have memories of a small boy shivering in the cold while standing in front of the old courthouse building awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus! I would see more apples and oranges and candy than I had seen since the previous years!

I have memories of walking from St. Johns School, clutching a bouquet of wild flowers, gathered from roadsides, to be placed at the tomb of the unknown soldier on the courthouse lawn! Yes, I am prejudiced!

Yes, I am prejudiced! I have memories of standing on the courthouse steps and awaiting the arrival of a nearby farmer who would meet his cotton pickers there to pay them for a week of labor! I was glad to get my "cotton-picking money!" No pun intended!

Often at night when sleep won't come, I like to step out of bed and take an imaginary journey back to my old town and walk around the square, name the stores from memory and be a child again. I can still name them all! I love going back to Metropolis and purchasing a cone of homemade ice cream! Three dips for a nickel? One each of vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate! How good! There is doubtful a store on the square that I have not left tracks inside! Why wouldn't I be prejudice?

And I can never forget my first visit home after joining the military in 1942 I hitched a ride from Tampa, Florida where I was stationed at Drew Field Air Base. The driver that stopped just outside of Jacksonville, Florida and offered me a ride was on the way home to some place in North Carolina. The driver drove miles out of her way in order to put me off in Darlington. It was Saturday afternoon when I stepped from the car that had stopped near the steps of the old courthouse. As the car moved slowly onward, I stood and gazed about the square. As usual there were groups of farmers standing on the street swapping yams about happenings back on the farm. There were shoppers moving in and out of stores. It was just as I had always remembered. I stood for a moment, so proud to be back home, so proud to be a soldier and wearing the uniform of my country. So proud of my town! Yes, I am prejudiced! With so many beautiful memories, shouldn't I be? I crossed the street, turned down Pearl and started off toward west end and my home on the village.

Repair the courthouse! Replace the courthouse! Please do not remove the courthouse from the town square!
What would the old town be without it?

Next time, Bill Shepard

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By Tom Poland
Cold weather? Stay up North. My dash says it's 48 degrees as I drive by a swamp, yet singing frogs drown out my heater fan. They must be pleading for warm weather to arrive. Well, let me tell you, warm weather can't get here fast enough. Just the other night, I told a lady I couldn't wait to see daffodils and pine pollen. Yes, pine pollen. The color of spring is gold. Bring on daffodils and bring on yellow dust storms, sure signs winter is loosening its grip on the land.

Now generally I detest the yellow stuff but I detest the cold even more. So let the pollen blow o'er us like fine cornmeal. Truth be told, pine pollen is more like flour. In fact, "pollen" is Latin for "flour," and patientia is Latin for patience. Here it is February and late March's peak pollen seems a million years away. Patient I'm not. Release millions of pounds of yellow flour now so a party can take place among the branches. Sooner than later, I hope, we'll find ourselves in the midst of carousing woodlands. Trees will be mating. As the party fades a bit, rain flushes spent pollen into the streets and it swirls about in lemon-colored puddles.

By Natalie M. Zeigler
Hartsville City Manager

Numbers do not often lie, but they can be misleading when cited out of context. For a city the size of Hartsville, statistics can be interpreted in a way that doesn't really give an accurate picture of all that makes this municipality a safe place to work, play and stay. While it may seem that the nation is facing influxes in criminality, crime rates in Hartsville remain dramatically lower than the national average.

Thanks to the hard work of Police Chief Jerry Thompson and Hartsville law enforcement, 2017 saw a decrease in crime across major categories. The total number of serious crimes, significantly declined; like Robbery down from 36 reported robberies in 2010 to 16 in 2017. We also saw major changes within the year. Aggravated assaults reduced, from 92 in 2016 to 70 in 2017. Similarly, simple assaults dropped from 190 to 170. There were also decreases in shoplifting, sex offenses, and fraud offenses.

Of course, some categories of crime increased last year, including a 400 percent increase in identity Theft. This sounds dramatic without considering the size of Hartsville's population. 400 percent is

Lovely. I can't wait to spray off my deck. I can't wait to see the yellow stuff tracked across my hardwood floors. Can't wait to see yellow arcs streak across my windshield. As abundant and free as it is, you'd think some folks would have found ways to make money off pine pollen. Well, they have. According to some so-called health food distributors, pine pollen has more than 200 fully bioactive nutrients the body needs. Something in pine pollen, they say, improves the body's metabolism. Maybe so. (It elevates moods. Just thinking about swirling clouds of yellow lifts my spirits.)

Research claims pine pollen fights fatigue, improves memory, and relieves headaches. It decreases cholesterol too (the bad kind I suppose). Moreover, pine pollen powder helps prevent aging. Can it make your white hair brown, Crystal Gale?

Of course, at the end of a mild winter it's fashionable to complain about pine pollen. As it rains down we blame it for our sneezes, runny noses, and watery eyes. Take heart. Its clinging, coating presence on everything happens for a simple reason: it's too heavy to hang in the air. It's the super-fine pollen from other

trees and plants that mostly cause allergies. As for me? I'd rather sneeze than freeze. And winter? There's not enough money in the world to get me to live up North. That's where cold weather belongs.

Things sure do change. When I was a boy the cold didn't bother me and I have no memories that pollen even existed. Oblivious I was. The only thing I like about winter today is the slight chance that snow will bring us a winter wonderland sublime but that seldom happens. Instead of snow we get bowlegged, pot-bellied snowbirds in plaid shorts and black knee socks assaulting our ears. Overheard in Publix on a 36-degree day. "Dis winter is nuttin. Anyways, I miss da snows up North." Well guess what? I-77 and I-95 still run both ways. Hop on 'em.

This cold weather has me longing for pine pollen. I'm ready to see my shoes turn yellow when I walk into the yard. I'm ready to see our Southern version of blizzards. I'm ready to see tracks on my deck laid down by that masked bandit of the night, Mr. Raccoon. I'm ready to see blue cars turn green. And most of all, I'm ready to see Old Man Winter get out of Dodge. We've had sustained

cold for a long time now. Is this Detroit? Is this Hoboken? Is this Boston? (nasal "Baaaah-stun") I'm tired of it. I'm ready to see winds blow sulfur-colored clouds across the landscape like some scene from an alien planet.

We all know Yankees like to cut the trees around their houses but they can't cut 'em all. Up North, when they get pine pollen what's the result? Yellow snow? Hmmm ... not good. Maybe their pollen season comes much later, after ice fishing season ... yeah, cut those holes through four-foot-thick ice, catch a walleye, and chew on a brat.

Lewis was right. Nail my feet to the ground. I'm never going up North, up where folks fish through holes in the ice. Give me pine pollen instead and give it to me now.

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OP-ED A Moment with the Manager – by the numbers

much less alarming when we understand that the number of identity thefts reported in 2017 increased from one incident to five reported incidents. Another example, Counterfeiting increased over 25 percent, from 56 reported incidents in 2016 to 74 in 2017.

Hartsville is fortunate to have a very effective police force with a commitment to community-oriented policing. Initiatives like the Hartsville Safe Communities program led by Lt. Tenyonde Richardson is proactively helping to curb crime in our area. The promotion of Lt. Brian Rudick to the position of Hartsville Police Special Operations, Crime Analysis and Business Liaison reinforces the commitment to serve and protect. Also, the final months of 2017 saw the Hartsville Police Department receive a grant of \$100,000 to hire a DUI enforcement officer. This officer will be responsible for responding to possible drunk driving calls to field test drivers and determine if the person is, in fact, driving under the influence—making our streets safer.

In 2017, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety awarded the Hartsville Police Department with Agency for the Year of its size in recognition of the steps our local law-enforcement use to ensure

Hartsville is one of the safest small cities in the region. Crime may always number among the most pressing issues of any community, threatening a sense of wellbeing. However, the Hartsville Police Department has a higher clearance rate for cases than

the national average in nearly every category. The previous year gave us quite a few reasons to be proud of the work that our local law enforcement officers do every day. I'm looking forward to seeing more of their achievements in building a better community this year.

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Moore named 2017-2018 Senior Agent

The South Carolina Association of Health Underwriters (SCAHU) has awarded Rookie Moore the Senior Agent of the Year Award for 2017-2018. The award was given at the award banquet for the association at the Courtyard by Marriott Downtown at USC.

Rookie has been in the insurance business for 38 years. He served as President of the SCAHU 2007-2008. He was responsible for initiating the Grand Strand Pee Dee Association of Health Underwriters.

Rookie owns the W.P. Moore, III Insurance Agency in Darlington, S.C. He was born and raised in Trinity



United Methodist Church in Darlington and has been married to his wife Sue for 52 years.

Telehealth

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At the prompting of board chairman Jamie Morphis, Szymonik briefly explained how the program works.

"We will have twelve families that we host every Thursday out at West Hartsville Elementary," Szymonik said. "We feed them a meal and then the families have an opportunity to garner some skills. Our target age range is children ages 6 to 11 but the entire family is invited. The parents will learn some parenting skills and the children will learn some coping and resiliency skills. The children come back together with their parents and they have an opportunity to talk about what they learned and practiced individually. We give them some homework to help them norm and form together as family. We'll have a graduation for them at the end of the program."

Morphis said that it sounded like a great program and he was interested to visit during one of the sessions and see the

results at the end of the 14-week program. Board member Connell Delaine reminded board members that this was not the first time the program had been presented in the district, although Lee County First Steps had directed the previous session.

After an executive session with consultant Dr. Rainey Knight, a release was sent out Wednesday announcing that the district had four finalists for the DCSD superintendent post. The release said that 25 candidates had applied and nine were interviewed by the board. The four finalists are Dr. Chandar Anderson, Chesterfield County School District; Dr. Donna Hargens, Jefferson County Public Schools (Louisville, Kentucky); Dr. Tim Newman, Orangeburg Consolidated School District 4; and Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Berkeley County School District.

Drs. O'Gorman and Hargens will be in the district Feb. 21-22. Drs. Anderson and Newman will be in the district Feb. 26-27 for community meetings with the public.

Darlington

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The second piece of property would be purchased from the Darlington County School District for \$100,000. That property includes Virgil Wells Stadium, an adjacent Little League field and tennis courts.

The third piece of property that council approved the purchase of is 207 Siskron Street. That purchase was \$80,500.

All of three ordinances included the clause: "WHEREAS: Any and all property must be conveyed with a marketable title. This is defined as a title to real property that

is free from encumbrances, litigation, and other defects and that can be sold or mortgaged to a reasonable buyer or mortgagee. If property cannot be conveyed with such title, any agreements set forth within will be considered void and unenforceable."

These ordinances will require a second reading at the March meeting.

Lee Andrews, Director of Darlington County Parks and Recreation, spoke to council about all three properties, specifically addressing the property purchase from the school district.

"This is the property that we had in mind to build four ball fields on but when the property came open at Old Florence Highway, and we could get everything in one spot, we didn't just want to abandon

the property because we are using it now; it is very well used as it is," Andrews said. "We need to update the property after the purchase but it will help us with parking at the gymnasium over there, we will be able to put our football/soccer program that we plan on having there. We can redo the stadium and have some bathrooms there. We can put in a park, playground tennis courts, really update the land and give all the people of Darlington somewhere to go and have fun."

Darlington County Election Commission Director Hoyt Campbell spoke to council about the possibility of using city property.

"If ya'll would give us permission,

what we would like to use is part of the railroad bed," Campbell said. "It looks like to me that the railroad bed is about 40 feet wide. What we'd like to do up front is have some extra parking plus, at the back, put a road leaving the city parking lot and come around the building where we could load voting machines the day before the election and unload them election night. Eleven months out of the year it could also be a place for people to park."

City Manager Howard Garland asked if Campbell would be willing to get a survey of the property done to see how much they need. Campbell said he would pursue that and get back in touch with the city administration.

Society Hill

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The cash-flow problem will affect the town's ability to employ several workers.

"We decided that we had to make some cuts per our accountant," Bradshaw said. "So we did reduce Lieutenant Gillespie from a full-time employee to part-time employee, from 40 hours to 29 hours. We found ourselves unable to pay Eugenia Peterson and Shawn Hawes. We did what we had to do; we didn't have a choice. We had strong language from our accountant that that's what we needed to

do, so that's what we did."

The loans will help keep the town in the black but must be repaid no later than July 2018, according to the January 25 meeting minutes.

"You can see if you look at our spreadsheet it says that we basically have \$24,000 in the bank now; you have to factor into that that \$17,500 is a loan to us," Bradshaw said. "And of course, we have other expenses that are coming the first of February so we are treading water financially. We didn't want to have a bank draft for payroll or write a check that would bounce. That is the issue we found ourselves in."

Harrell said that she under-

stands why the decision was made to take the loans but she thinks the issue could have been avoided had the town not gotten ahead of themselves when they recovered from the debt left by the previous administration.

"I understand everything you're saying and that goes back to also when we were out of debt, when we cut that debt really down to where we were making all of our assessment payments on time, and we were able to make the full amount of the payment," Harrell said. "But we also went and brought on, and don't take this the wrong way, we brought on two part-time employees and we

also gave some raises. I think that was the decision, probably, that got us (here). We also hired another part-time police officer. It looked good on paper and everything but we were talking about building up a reserve and I think that's what we should have done, built up that reserve, before we made the decision to bring on three more part-time workers and giving raises. Now we are back to where we've got to make

those cuts again."

In other business, council held a public hearing on adopting the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. No members of the public had any questions and council voted to approve the plan.

Council also approved first reading on Ordinance 02-2017/2018 to adopt a local hospitality tax. Once a second reading is approved, the ordinance will go into affect.

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Dominion Energy and SCE&G: Building a Better Future for South Carolina

By Ed Baine,
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Distribution,
Dominion Energy

The proposed partnership between South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) and its parent company, SCANA, with Dominion Energy would benefit all South Carolinians. Once approved, the combination of the two companies would provide rate relief for customers, help community organizations, and protect thousands of jobs in the Palmetto State.

This is very good news for families and communities served by SCE&G, who have seen electric rates dramatically increase in recent years because of the unfinished nuclear power facility at V.C. Summer.

In an unprecedented offer, the deal includes cash payments for all electric customers, including about \$1,000 for a typical residential customer. Payments also would go to churches, schools, small

businesses and industry. The payments would total \$1.3 billion. We believe this is one of the largest payments to customers by any utility in history. It clearly shows Dominion Energy is keeping the best interests of SCE&G customers in mind.

SCE&G electric customers also would get a rate reduction of at least 5 percent to help offset the costs of the abandoned nuclear project. Dominion Energy would also help absorb more than \$1.7 billion in debt associated with that project, which has become too costly to complete. And, the company would not be able seek a rate increase for other reasons for three years.

The joining of the two companies also would be critically important for SCE&G because it comes at a time when certainty is needed most, particularly for SCANA employees and their families. Dominion

Energy has committed to retain all current SCANA employees until at least 2020, and ensures that all financial commitments to retirees would be met and honored.

It is important to know that Dominion Energy isn't new to the Palmetto State, but instead already calls South Carolina home. The company has been a responsible corporate citizen here since 2015, when it acquired Carolina Gas Transmission, a natural gas company that serves industrial customers across the state. Also, Dominion Energy already operates two solar energy facilities in Jasper County, which produce enough energy to power about 20,000 homes. Dominion Energy has plans to increase the use of solar and other renewable sources in S.C.

Dominion Energy also is strongly committed to giving back to the communities it serves, making them

better places to live and helping people in need. We are making a five-year pledge to increase donations to charities by \$1 million on top of what SCE&G is already giving.

We believe our proposal provides the best opportunity for keeping and adding jobs in South Carolina. Dominion Energy has a strong record of promoting business development opportunities. We regularly are recognized as one of the best utilities in the country on this front.

Without this deal, the future of SCE&G, its employees and the customers who rely on it for electricity and natural gas will remain uncertain. But what Dominion Energy is offering would bring certainty and it represents a good opportunity for the people of South Carolina. With Dominion Energy and SCE&G together, our energy future is bright, reliable and strong.

Clemson national champion of 2017 GameDay Recycling Challenge

CLEMSON — With 98,521 pounds of waste recycled, composted or donated, Clemson University was named national champion in total recycling as part of the 2017 GameDay Recycling Challenge (GDRC). It marked the second time in the last four seasons that Clemson won the total recycling category with a win in 2014 and second-place finishes in 2015 and 2016. The GDRC is produced through a partnership of the College and University Recycling Coalition, Keep America Beautiful, RecycleMania Inc. and the

U.S. Environment Protection Agency.

"Clemson set the bar high with last year's GameDay Recycling Challenge, so beating our 2016 numbers was both challenging and exciting," said Dave Vandeventer, recycling manager for the university. "Participating in the competition is a way to push ourselves, and we are proud of how we improved upon last year's system. We were able to decrease our labor hours and still increase our recycling rate. We would not have been able to achieve our GameDay recycling goals without the

hard work of our recycling team and the support from the Clemson community."

The challenge pitted 70 colleges and universities in a fun and friendly competition to engage college football fans in an initiative to see who could recycle or reduce the most waste. Participating schools recycled or composted nearly two million pounds of waste during the 2017 season. University of Arkansas, University of Virginia, Louisiana State University and University of Texas rounded out the top five for 2017.

"We are proud of our uni-

versity, athletics department, IPTAY donors and fans for a continued commitment to a first-class, responsible football gameday environment," said Dan Radakovich, Clemson's director of athletics. "This is documented proof of the hard work done by Dave Vandeventer and our recycling team."

Top Five:

- Clemson – 98,521 (pounds recycled)
- Arkansas – 56,540
- Virginia – 42,466
- LSU – 41,200
- Texas – 39,865

Lamar

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This includes a \$500,000 Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) grant to rehab the town's two above-ground water tanks, which requires a \$95,000 match from Lamar. Quarterly progress reports on this project will be submitted to RIA, and completion is expected by November of 2018.

Mayor Darnell McPherson queried Lathan about state regulations regarding the distribution of income questionnaires or forms to Lamar residents. McPherson said that updated information on town income levels could help Lamar qualify as low to moderate income (LMI) and open the doors to more grant funding. Lathan agreed to consult with the town and help ensure any such effort observes SC Commerce requirements and procedures.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the proposed FY2018–2019 Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program) Application to be submitted to the South Carolina Department of Transportation no later than February 16, 2018.

Those interested in attending a public hearing on this application should contact Jackie Anderson – Executive Director in writing on or before March 16, 2018. The public hearing will be held on March 21, 2018 before the Darlington County Council on Aging. The contact address is 402 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC 29532.

The Transportation Program provides assistance for transportation options and services for the communities operating in Darlington County. These services will expand services currently provided using a 14 passenger vehicle. Services are rendered by Darlington County Council on Aging.

The total estimated amount requested for the period **July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:**

Project Category	Total Federal Amount	Minimum Local Match
Capital (Vehicles & Other)	\$ 55,000	\$ 10,000
TOTAL	\$ 55,000	\$ 10,000
	Total Funding Request	Total Local Share

This application may be inspected at **402 Pearl Street, Darlington** from **10 am to 1 pm, March 5th through March 16th**. Written comments should be directed to Jackie Anderson, DCCOA, 402 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC 29532 before **March 16, 2018**.

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Linda L. Niver
A memorial service was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ron Moore officiated. The family received friends from 1 until 2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home, located at 315 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC 29532.



Linda, age 77, died on the evening of February 17, 2018, following a courageous fight against an extended illness. Born on August 20, 1940, in Clinton, SC. She was the daughter of the late Frank and Josie Lyda. After graduating from Clinton High School, she married her high school sweetheart Bill Niver. She worked and retired after many dedicated years of service from the Lazyboy Corporation in Florence, SC.

Linda had no greater love than family and derived much joy from her grandchildren. She was a founding member of West Florence Baptist Church in Florence where she enjoyed participating in the church choir. At the time of her death, she attended Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington, SC.

Linda Niver is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Tommy) Thomas of Hartsville, SC; granddaughters, Cassie E. Thomas of Coward; Melanie Katie Thomas and (Patric) of Hartsville, SC; sister, Dodie (Terry) Campbell of Clinton, SC; and special friend Jerry Warren of Florence.

She was preceded in death by her husband, WW Niver, III; son, David W. Niver and sister, Diane Lyda.

The family would like to thank the staff of Carolina Hospital Systems and Agape Hospice for their heartfelt assistance during this difficult time.

Memorials may be made to Faith Free Will Baptist Church, 1309 Lamar Highway, Darlington, SC 29532.

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

penry and painting. He enjoyed fishing, collecting coins, but mostly his grandchildren. Michael was an original member of Temple Free Will Baptist Church, where he served in many capacities; Deacon, Treasurer, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, Prayer warrior, Prison Ministry, and Choir. Michael loved the Lord and his church, which his father founded.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Dr. Naomi Player of Darlington; his children, Dolly P. "Dee" Gabriel (Jason) of Inman, SC, Lee "Bubba" Player (Amy) of Darlington, Josh Player (Marcia) of Dixiana, SC, Adrienne P. Wolfe of Gilbert, SC, and Rebekah Paschal (Ronny) of Darlington. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Bryson Gabriel, Annabelle Gabriel, Nathan Player, Emmalyne Player, Noah Wolfe, Eli Wolfe, Carter Paschal, Kayln Paschal, J.D. Paschal, and L.J. Paschal.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ira Wilson Player.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Temple Free Will Baptist Church, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born July 12, 1948, Michael is the son of the late Rev. Henry LeRoy Player and Ida Elizabeth Weatherford Player. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1968-72; and then retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier. After his retirement, he co-owned Brush and Hammer doing car-

Saturday, February 17th at Freedom Baptist Church in Darlington, with burial following in Darlington Memory Gardens, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church and other times at the home of Jimmy and Cynthia Jolly, 1121 Potato House Road, Darlington.

Born August 22, 1932, Eleanor is the daughter of the late Willie G. Odom and Essie Suggs Odom. She retired from Dixie Cup after 47 years. She was an avid USC Gamecocks fan, and never missed a home or away game in over 20 years, even traveling to Hawaii to watch them play. Eleanor loved her family and was a very selfless woman. She was a member of Freedom Baptist Church in Darlington.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Corbett Gandy; her sons, Randy Jolly and Jimmy (Cynthia) Jolly, all of Darlington; her grandchildren, Ryan Jolly Howle, who was raised as a daughter, Kelsey Jolly, and Landon Jolly; her great-grandchildren, Jackson, Coker, and Autumn Rylee; her sister, Debbie (Danny) Odom Welch of Sumter; many nieces and nephews, and her special caregiver, Margarie Scott.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Raleigh Odom, Beatrice Poe, and Linda Gail Odom.

Memorials may be made to the McLeod Hospice Foundation, PO Box 100551 Florence, SC 29502-0551.

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

Michael Player
Michael LeRoy Player, age 69, passed away Monday, February 12, 2018. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Thursday, February 15th at Temple Free Will Baptist Church, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born July 12, 1948, Michael is the son of the late Rev. Henry LeRoy Player and Ida Elizabeth Weatherford Player. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1968-72; and then retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier. After his retirement, he co-owned Brush and Hammer doing car-

Eleanor O. Gandy
Eleanor O. Gandy, age 85, passed away Thursday, February 15, 2018. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Thursday night is at 7 p.m. at 109 Main St. in Darlington Come worship under the leadership of Pastor Warren D. Spearman. Call 843-250-0418 for prayer.

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

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

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church
3123 W. Palmetto St., Florence. Worship Time: 11 a.m. (4th Sunday 8:30 a.m.) Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Phone: 843-601-3672 Facebook: St. Catherine's EC Vicar: The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson

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

Black Creek Baptist Church
Black Creek Baptist Church, located 139 Mont Clare Road, Dovesville, announces their hours:

Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11a.m. Worship Services and 6 p.m. Evening Worship. Wednesday: 6:30 Adult Bible Study; Youth Bible Study, Children (Children In Action) 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

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

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

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

LIVING ON PURPOSE Hopefully, cancer will soon be defeated

By Dr. William Holland

It's very sad, but most of us have known someone with cancer or maybe have heard a doctor tell us that we have the word. My wife Cheryl has battled this disease on two different occasions but with surgery, radiation and lots of prayer, the Lord has allowed her to be cancer free for over 12 years. Whatever the situation, its normal to experience fear and anxiety when it comes to severe illness and in times of distress. May we remember that God is not only aware of our problems but also has the power to take care of them. It's evident that most people at least subconsciously believe that God can heal because when someone they know is sick, they always ask for prayers and that is wonderful. Nonetheless, we are also recognizing the Lord is very involved in the medical community as He continues to give science the intelligence to comprehend how the human body functions and inspirational ideas for new treatments that can help us overcome diseases. In whatever way our Creator chooses to intervene, we are forever grateful for His mercy and compassion.

I was listening to an interesting conversation the other day by a man named Jay Walker, a respected visionary that researches cutting-edge medical advancements. He said that every day the medical world has a deeper understanding about cancer and is on the brink of discovering new life-saving procedures and medicines. He explained that finding a cure for cancer could happen in the near future but for now, the attention is more focused on helping those who are diagnosed with the disease to live a relatively normal life. As genetics and biomedical technology has advanced over the years, we have seen other serious diseases become manageable and it's widely believed that cancer treatments will also continue following this pattern. Mr. Walker went on to say, "For the first time in the history of the world, humans are learning how to control the operating code. Scientist are now able to manipulate the DNA, and are at the cusp of understanding the instructional layer that creates the proteins which in turn creates the tissues, systems, and organs of the body. It's almost as if we're inventing reading, writing, printing, and thinking all at the same time in the form of scientific medicine."

It's believed that most people actually have traces of cancer in their bodies but may never manifest the disease because of the slow advancement in cell multiplication. It's also common knowledge that when cancer is detected through screening, it has been developing at least seven years. The hope is to find ways to slow down the progression of these bad cells instead of the radical surgeries and chemotherapy we are subjected to today. With so much pain and suffering, I'm sure you will agree this is wonderful news and how exciting it is to know this terrible sickness will soon be defeated.

Going back to the discussion about God healing our physical body, I have people ask me about this regularly. We realize God can do anything, but I do not understand why everyone we pray for does not always receive their physical healing. I read where Jesus healed those who called upon Him and how He desires that we walk by faith but I also know there are reasons for everything good and bad and only God has the perfect wisdom and judgment to make these decisions. Why are we sometimes disappointed? Again, I do not know and neither does anyone else. As humans, we do not have the capability to know everything about everyone. However, the one thing we can be sure of is that God is filled with love and whether He chooses to heal us now or in the life to come, He always has our best interest in mind. God is good all the time and we can live in peace when we love Him and trust Him with everything. No matter what happens in this life, I believe His promises are true and never fail.

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

CHURCH NEWS

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

Revival
Hartsville First Church of Nazarene, 1909 W Bobo Newsom Hwy, Hartsville, invites everyone to come out to a revival with Rev. Darryl Bogatay from Avon, Indiana. Music will be provided by The Sharpes of Blythewood. Services will be Friday Feb. 23 at 7 p.m., Saturday Feb. 24 at 7 p.m., Sunday Feb. 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Come renew your spirit.

Appreciation Service
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 512 Swift Creek Road, Darlington, will hold an Appreciation Service and Chicken Bog March 3. The church service starts at 5 p.m. and will feature Unity Quartet, The Bunkleys, & Next Chapter. The chicken bog will be sold from noon to 4 p.m.

Women's Conference 2018
River of Life Christian Church will host a Women's Conference March 16-17. The theme is Empowering Women for the Kingdom of God. March 16, 7 p.m. the keynote speaker will be Pastor Linda Bailey of New Jerusalem Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ Inc., of Darlington. There will be two workshops March 17 at 8:30 a.m.: Praying with a Godly Purpose and Character of a Godly Woman. Speakers are Virginia Samuel and Melissa Fulmore, respectively. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee for the conference and luncheon is \$30. The conference will take place at Hampton Inn and Suites in

Hartsville. For more information, call 843-393-6318.

Oates Baptist Singing
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.

Black History Program
Center Baptist Church will hold a Black History Program on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. The theme is 'Round Em Up', taking it back to 1905 until the 21st Century, with special guest Kelvin Washington, a United States Marshal. Everyone is invited.

Senior Choir Anniversaries
The Senior Choir of Center Baptist Church will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, March 4 at 4 p.m. with an "Old Fashioned Choir Extravaganza." All are invited.

Revival
Bible Truth Holiness Church, 5360 Indian Branch Road in Lydia, will hold their revival March 4 to March 9. It will begin on March 4th with Bro. Keith Speed from Belton, SC bringing the morning message at 11 a.m. and an evening service at 6 p.m. We invite you to attend the revival all week, March 5 - 9, Monday thru Friday, at 7 p.m. each night.
For more information, call Pastor Hazel Mixon 843-332-3442 or 843-858-1209.

The Upper Room Holy Ghost Mission
Sunday morning worship is at 11 a.m. Bible study

**DARLINGTON COUNTY
FY 2018/2019 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX
APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications for Accommodations Tax funds are available from Darlington County. Total anticipated funding for the County is \$25,000. Eligible applicants/sponsors include public and private non-profit organizations. Eligible projects include those which promote tourism, the arts and cultural events; provide facilities and services for civic and cultural activities; or support tourist-related services.

The following minimum eligibility documentation must be submitted with applications:

- Applicant/Sponsor Federal ID number;
- Certificate of Incorporation/Charter;
- IRS 501(C)(3) or 501(d) certification letter (non-profits); and
- SC Secretary of State's public charity registration letter (non-profits).

Applications are available at Darlington County Administrator's Office, Room 210 at Darlington County Courthouse in Darlington. You may also call 843-944-8270 or email jbishop@darcountyc.gov for an application to be mailed/emailed/faxed to you.

The deadline to submit applications is Monday, March 12, 2018.

Please submit applications to Darlington County Administrator's Office, Attention: J. Janet Bishop, Clerk to Council, 1 Public Square, Room 210, Darlington, SC 29532 or email to jbishop@darcountyc.gov.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



The explorer! I'm OK having another cat joining in the fun but I'm just as happy venturing out on my own. Just 2-3 yrs old, I'm not a real clingy guy and have a more independent streak but am always game for a belly rub. Grateful for simple things in life like a poofy bed, warm place to call my own and a person that I can make smile, my name is Baxter and I'm hoping soon you'll come on by and ask for me! brown tabby; male



What a handsome, playful boy! Found roaming and playing with the neighborhood dogs, Blue Boy's person never came for him so now he's in the hunt for a new home. Great with people and graced with a happy, friendly outlook on life, we are very drawn to this blue pit and know you will be as well. 56lbs; 1-2 yrs old; bull mix; male

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

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/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.

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.

Recreation Trip

February 21, Palmetto Peddlers and Lunch at Red-Bone Alley. Depart at 10 a.m. Cost: \$8 for travel. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

Recreation Trip

February 21, Palmetto Peddlers and Lunch at Red-Bone Alley. Depart at 10 a.m. Cost: \$8 for travel. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

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.

Recreation Trip

February 23, Newberry Opera House On Golden Pond. Cost: \$40. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

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: www.helloagain23.com/events

Open House

Trinity-Byrnes will hold an Open House February 25th, 2-4 p.m.
The school is located at 5001 Hoffmeyer Road in Darlington and is for grades 7-12. Advance Placement courses, athletics and extensive fine arts offerings are available. Call April Munn at 843-395-9124 for more details.

March 2018

Recreation Trip

March 1, Brookgreen Gardens Silent Cemetery Tour. Cost: \$20. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

Darlington County Council Meeting

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

Recreation Trip

March 9, Theater of the Republic The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Depart at 4 p.m. Cost: \$28. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon

Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

Bingo

Play Bingo! with Darlington Area Recreation at 10 a.m. Monday, March 5, at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., Darlington. Info: 843-398-4030

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting March 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. March 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. March 12 at town hall.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting March 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 March 13. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

St. Patrick's Day Walk

Darlington Area Recreation will hold a St. Patrick's Day Walk in Williamson Park at 10 a.m. on March 16, weather permitting. Info: 843-398-4030

Kalmia Gardens Oyster Roast

The annual Kalmia Gardens Oyster Roast will be held March 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kalmia Gardens, 1624 W. Carolina Ave. Come enjoy SC Oysters, libations, appetizers, and music. This is a great event that supports the Gardens. For more information, visit kalmiagardens.org or call 843-383-8145.

Planning Commission

Meeting, 9 a.m. March 20, at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

Recreation Trip

March 21, Top Hat Specialties in Florence. Depart at 11 a.m. Cost: \$5 for travel. Lunch on your own. Please sign up one week prior to trip at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St., or by calling 843-398-4030.

Beautification Board

Meeting, 5 p.m., March 21 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St. For information, call 843-398-

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Local student news

Local students named to President's List at Clemson University

CLEMSON--Local students have been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the fall 2017 semester.

- They are:
- Bethany A. Byrd of Darlington, whose major is Chemistry
 - Alexandria Michelle Curtis of Darlington, whose major is Pre-Business
 - Blaine A. Eads of Darlington, whose major is Marketing
 - Heather R. Godbold of Darlington, whose major is Accounting
 - Kate H. Lawson of Darlington, whose major is Graphic Communications
 - Kaitlyn E. Shillinglaw of Darlington, whose major is Microbiology
 - Benjamin P. Bonds of Florence, whose major is Biological Sciences
 - Rachel M. Coates of Florence, whose major is Early Childhood Education
 - Joshua M. Davidson of Florence, whose major is Mechanical Engineering
 - Riley Catherine Dunnam of Florence, whose major is Health Science
 - Emma L. Eason of Florence, whose major is Packaging Science
 - Stephanie Nicole Hertzog of Florence, whose major is Psychology
 - Zachary Tyler Jones of Florence, whose major is Biological Sciences
 - John T. King Jr. of Florence, whose major is Animal and Veterinary Sciences
 - Rachel L. Liles of Florence, whose major is Communication
 - Connor Victoria

Makris of Florence, whose major is Visual Arts

- Anna E. Shurman of Florence, whose major is Biological Sciences
 - Hannah M. Snider of Florence, whose major is Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management
 - Amanda Marie Spence of Florence, whose major is Elementary Education
 - Alexander James Spence of Florence, whose major is Financial Management
 - Sarah C. Spence of Florence, whose major is General Engineering
 - Madison R. Sprenger of Florence, whose major is Accounting
 - Sally Dillard Thomas of Florence, whose major is Animal and Veterinary Sciences
 - Hailey Rose Vivona of Florence, whose major is Health Science
 - Hannah E. Winnie of Florence, whose major is Management
 - Ashley Lynn Atkinson of Hartsville, whose major is Biological Sciences
 - Alexandra M. Doubles of Hartsville, whose major is Psychology
 - Caroline R. Herring of Hartsville, whose major is Visual Arts
 - Avery Elizabeth Jenner of Hartsville, whose major is Early Childhood Education
 - Chase T. Ollis of Hartsville, whose major is Biological Sciences
 - Anna R. Shaw of Hartsville, whose major is Animal and Veterinary Sciences
 - Hailey D. Lovelace of Mc Bee, whose major is Physics
 - Margo Gray Averitt of Timmonsville, whose major is Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

Local students named to Clemson University Dean's List

CLEMSON-- Local students have been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University for the fall 2017 semester.

- They are:
- Bryan Stephen Andrews of Darlington, whose major is Computer Science
 - Brandon Taylor Blackwell of Darlington, whose major is Electrical Engineering
 - William C. Ervin III of Darlington, whose major is Biological Sciences
 - Elexander Scott Fryer of Darlington, whose major is Computer Engineering
 - Anna R. Godbold of Darlington, whose major is Packaging Science
 - Bailey Elizabeth Goodson of Darlington, whose major is Nursing
 - Elizabeth P. Lawson of Darlington, whose major is Genetics
 - William G. Revell of Darlington, whose major is Pre-Business
 - Mary F. Stokes of Darlington, whose major is Food Science and Human Nutrition
 - Dominique R. Addison of Florence, whose major is Psychology
 - Adam L. Baker Jr. of Florence, whose major is Biological Sciences
 - Nicole C. Barber of Florence, whose major is Health Science
 - Sydney E. Belt of Florence, whose major is Biological Sciences
 - Ashni Ashok Bhojwani of Florence, whose major is Psychology
 - Emily Grace Bingaman of Florence, whose major is Food Science and Human Nutrition
 - Kaybren L. Boyd of

Florence, whose major is Environmental Engineering

- Priya R. Chokshi of Florence, whose major is Biological Sciences
- Isabelle Sheppard Davis of Florence, whose major is English
- Harriotte Anne Davis of Florence, whose major is Biological Sciences
- Taylor Elizabeth Deyoung of Florence, whose major is Visual Arts
- Hannah Elizabeth Farrell of Florence, whose major is Elementary Education
- Bowman G. Hiller of Florence, whose major is Pre-Business
- William Love Jones of Florence, whose major is Agricultural Mechanization and Business
- Zachary James Jinkins of Florence, whose major is General Engineering
- Grant Alexander Macpherson of Florence, whose major is Chemistry
- Roshan Mathi of Florence, whose major is Biological Sciences
- Mason C. Mclamb of Florence, whose major is Health Science
- Franklin Hunter Morgan Jr. of Florence, whose major is General Engineering
- Marianna Kristen Moss of Florence, whose major is Sociology
- Kenneth E. Peters of Florence, whose major is Electrical Engineering
- Nicholas J. Pierce of Florence, whose major is Mechanical Engineering
- Elizabeth Marie Roach of Florence, whose major is Pre-Business
- Thomas B. Ruedinger of Florence, whose major is Civil Engineering
- Shreya Shankar of Florence, whose major is Industrial Engineering
- Sarah A. Smith of Florence, whose major is Landscape Architecture

- Seth A. Stephens of Florence, whose major is Mechanical Engineering
- Kayla Stevens of Florence, whose major is Psychology
- Wyatt Deforest Streett of Florence, whose major is Sports Communication
- Hallie Elizabeth Ward of Florence, whose major is Biological Sciences
- Brooks K. Watford of Florence, whose major is Visual Arts
- Haley Marie Winstead of Florence, whose major is Special Education
- Matthew K. Worn of Florence, whose major is Mechanical Engineering
- Tykia S. Blakney of Hartsville, whose major is General Engineering
- Anne-Drew Meggs Bullard of Hartsville, whose major is Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Maya A. Cheatham of Hartsville, whose major is Financial Management
- Victoria R. Davis of Hartsville, whose major is Health Science
- Lindsay P. Godwin of Hartsville, whose major is Accounting
- Charlie M. Lewis of Hartsville, whose major is Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Collin Mccrae Manuel of Hartsville, whose major is Biochemistry
- Taylor G. Pederson of Hartsville, whose major is Psychology
- Tiquez Quandre Rivers of Hartsville, whose major is Chemistry
- Sara Rolfe of Hartsville, whose major is Environmental and Natural Resources
- Harry B. Wilfong III of Hartsville, whose major is Agribusiness
- Anna Yang of Hartsville, whose major is Preprofessional Health Studies
- Grace E. Driggers of

Lamar, whose major is Communication

- Sarah Elaine Reynolds of Lamar, whose major is Political Science
 - Samuel R. Beasley of Society Hill, whose major is Political Science
 - Robert Thomas Hewitt of Timmonsville, whose major is Agricultural Mechanization and Business
 - Olivia G. Lyles of Timmonsville, whose major is Nursing
- To be named to the Dean's List, a student achieved a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

Mercer University announces fall 2017 President's, Dean's Lists

Mercer University recently announced the President's List and Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester. Inclusion on these lists requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards specific to the college or school within the University.

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The University enrolls more than 8,600 students in 12 schools and colleges - liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, health professions, and Penfield College of Mercer University - on campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah - and two regional academic centers in the Atlanta metro area.

The following area students earned a place on the lists:

- Sonora White, freshman from Darlington, Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, Dean's List

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Lady Stingers defeat Southeastern to win sixth game in a row

FLORENCE-- Coming off a four-game winning streak, the Lady Stingers continued their success by beating Southeastern Community College in a doubleheader in Whiteville, North Carolina last Friday.

The softball team won the first game of the doubleheader 4-3. Marissa Tyndall was the winning pitcher. She was on the mound for seven innings. Tyndall struck out five batters throughout the game and only allowed four hits and four walks.

Kristina Lee led the team in batting during the first game on Friday. She was 3-4 and earned one run batted in. Shelby Cox was 2-4, and she also had one run batted in.

In the second game, the Lady Stingers dominated to win 15-5. Tori Alexander was the winning pitcher as she struck out three batters in six innings. Alexander was relieved by Tyndall, who pitched for two innings.

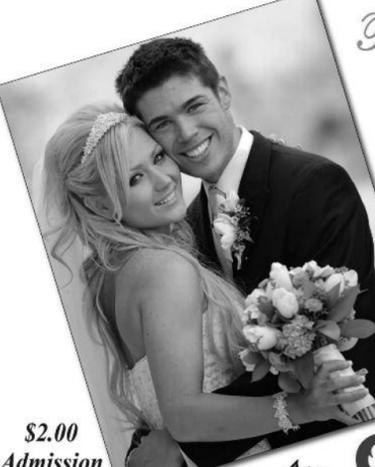
Once again, it was Lee and

Cox leading the team in the batter's box at the plate. Both, Lee and Cox were 3-5 and earned three runs batted in each.

The Lady Stingers will host their first home games this

upcoming weekend. On Friday, February 23, the Lady Stingers will play Patrick Henry in a doubleheader at Old Cormell Field. The first game is currently scheduled for 1 p.m., while the second

game will begin at roughly 3 p.m. On Saturday, February 24, Richard Bland will visit Old Cormell Field for a doubleheader. Game times for Saturday are roughly 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.



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Tech Stingers beat Southeastern 10-5

FLORENCE—On Feb. 14, the Florence-Darlington Technical College Stingers hosted Southeastern at Old Cornell Field and beat them 10-5.

The Stingers opened the first inning up by putting four runs on the scoreboard. In the second inning, the Stingers extended the lead by a run to make the ball game 5-0, but by the third inning, Southeastern answered back with three runs. In the bottom of the fourth, FDTC scored two more runs to make the game 7-3. Southeastern tried to answer back by loading the bases in the fifth, but they were held scoreless until the seventh inning. In the end, the Stingers were able to add three more runs to the scoreboard to defeat Southeastern.

Rafi Vazquez earned the win after pitching on the mound for three innings. He allowed five hits and three runs, but he struck out four batters. Blake Whiting earned the save.

Dax Roper had two hits, including a two-run homerun. Grayson Cottingham and Ed'Zaviah Paul of Florence,

South Carolina, as well as Connor Pett had two hits and two runs each.

"I was happy with our approach at the plate and how we competed," head baseball coach Preston McDonald said. "We didn't have a single 1-2-3 inning and scored in all but two innings. We struggled with our command on the mound. We struck out a bunch of guys, but we walked 10. We were pitching with guys on base all night. Luckily, we scored enough runs to keep it from being a close game late."

The Stingers' winning record improves to 5-2 with the home win. Beginning on Friday, February 16, the baseball team will host the Stinger Invitational at Sparrow Stadium located on the campus of Francis Marion University. The Stingers will play Patrick Henry at 4 p.m. on Friday. They will host Potomac State at 4 p.m. on Saturday, as well as Cecil later that evening at 6:30 p.m. To end the tournament, the Stingers will host East Georgia State at 3 p.m. on Sunday.



Rafi Vazquez earned the victory on the mound for the Stingers as they beat Southeastern at Old Cornell Field. Contributed Photo

Cobras Declaw Jaguars in Doubleheader Sweep Over Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga.- The Coker College softball team traveled to Augusta, Ga. Feb. 13 for a midweek non-conference doubleheader and came away with two victories. The Cobras put on a dominant display of offense in both games, winning game one 12-3, and game two 9-1, securing their fifth and sixth wins of the season.

Game One

Coker (5-0) wasted no time in piling up the runs over Augusta (1-4), scoring three runs in the top of the second inning. Allyson High led off the inning with a single to center, but was then erased at second on an Anna Gluhosky fielder's choice. After a wild pitch advanced Gluhosky to second, Hannah Goodman drew a walk. With two outs, Kelsi Bachmann drove Gluhosky home on an RBI single to left; both runners moved into scoring position on the play. Casey Simmons then stepped in and made the score 3-0 on a double to left.

The Cobras put the pressure on the Jaguars in the third inning, hanging nine runs on Augusta's pitching staff. Hannah Price got things started with a single up the middle and Diane Servideo was then hit by a pitch. High connected on her second base hit of the afternoon, driving a ball to center field. On the play, Augusta's center fielder misfielded the ball, allowing Price and Servideo to score. Alex Alverson then pinch ran for High, as Gluhosky reached on an error to put runners on the corners. With one out, Gluhosky stole second before Courtney Boan was issued a



walk to load the bases. Bachmann also drew a walk, and recorded an RBI as Coker took the 6-0 lead. Simmons then connected on a two-run single back up the middle. Simmons stole second and advanced on a Jaguars' throwing error, allowing both runners to advance once more on the play. Maria Williamson also reached base, finding her way on by an error from the shortstop, scoring Simmons. Katelyn Chambers pinch ran for Williamson before Price hit into a fielder's choice, but both runners would be safe after another Augusta error. Servideo drew a walk to load the bases, and with two outs, Gluhosky ripped a base hit to right. The base hit scored both runs to put Coker on top 12-0 through three innings.

Augusta was able to scrounge three runs out of Coker's Christine Carver (3-0), who went 5.0 innings, relenting three runs, all earned, on seven hits, no walks and two strikeouts.

Game Two

Augusta would strike back for a lone run, but the Navy and Gold would answer back in the top of the third inning with five runs on four hits and an error. Madison King got it started with a leadoff walk. Behind her Bachmann singled on a bunt, and advanced to second on an error by the first baseman, pushing King to third. Casey Simmons then stood in and doubled to right, scoring both runners to put Coker up 4-1. Maria Williamson tacked on an RBI single to center before Hannah Price singled and Makayla Shore was walked. With the bases loaded, Mindy North drew a walk giving the

Game two for Coker (6-0) brought more offense for the Cobras, as they put two early runs on the board in the first inning against Augusta (1-5). Kelsi Bachmann led off with a single to center and was then moved over to second on a Casey Simmons sacrifice bunt. Maria Williamson then stood in and homered to center, putting the Cobras up, 2-0.

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Cobras a 6-1 advantage. With one out, Gluhosky flew out to center, but Price was able to tag up on the play, making it 7-1 on the sacrifice fly.

Coker added two more runs in the fourth inning, led by back-to-back walks issued to Bachmann and Simmons. Bachmann picked up two stolen bases in the process. With runners on the corners, Williamson grounded out to second, but scored Bachmann on the play. Price then reached on a fielder's choice as Shore stood in and drove a single to right, scoring Simmons making it 9-1.

Nikki Linthicum (2-0) secured her second victory of the season with 4.0 innings of work, relenting one unearned run, on four hits, no walks and one strikeout. Brianna Strickland also took to the circle, working the final inning picking up a strikeout.

Coker will be back in action this coming weekend, hosting the Cobra Invitational with Alderson Broadus and Mount Olive.

Coker Men's tennis leans on veteran roster in 2018 season

The Coker College men's tennis team, under the direction of fourth-year head coach Tom Simpson, will lean on their veteran roster for a successful 2018 campaign. Simpson, who served as the Cobras head tennis coach from 2011 to 2014, takes over the program from his son, Bill. The father-son coaching swap is one of the most unique coaching changes in NCAA Division II history.

The Cobras head into the spring season with a seven-man roster, returning all seven players from last year. Of the seven returners, five are seniors.

"We have five seniors returning and they are all healthy this year," said Simpson. "The seniors will provide leadership for our squad this season and will fill our 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 slots."

Highlighting Coker's roster will be seniors Mark Watt, Henrik Hellbe, and sophomore Hunter Horton. Watt posted a team-high 12 singles wins last season, including four in conference play, while Hellbe earned four singles wins on the year with one in conference play. Finally, Horton finished second on the team in wins with 11 in his rookie campaign and picked up six of his wins in conference play.

"It's exciting to be with all the seniors again," stated Simpson. "I recruited them, coached them for their first

semester, and now I get to come back for their entire senior season."

Returners Dominic Allan, Simon Bergbom, Walker Long, and Felix Schwyer round out the Cobras roster.

The Navy and Gold season includes games against Johnson C. Smith (Feb. 17), and Francis Marion (Feb. 25) before heading into conference play. The Cobras will open up South Atlantic Conference play on Mar. 10 when they host Tusculum. Other home matches against conference opponents include Wingate (Mar. 28), Mars Hill (Mar. 31), Catawba (Apr. 11), and Anderson (Apr. 14).

As mentioned, head coach of the Coker tennis program, Tom Simpson, returns to Coker after taking a three-year hiatus from the team and is looking forward to leading the Cobras once again.

"It was a very unique experience to step away from the team and head back into the program and see what Bill was able to do with the team," said Simpson. "I will hopefully add to some of the success Bill reached and finish this season strong with this group of student-athletes. I missed the coaching and being around the college game. I was definitely chomping at the bit to be a part of the program again."

Fans are encouraged to follow the 2018 Coker men's tennis season at www.cokercobras.com.

Coker Student-Athletes excel in classroom during 2017 fall semester

Over 400 Coker College student-athletes excelled in the classroom this past fall semester by accumulating a notable 3.1366 semester grade point average (GPA) and a 3.0896 cumulative GPA.

In addition to the impressive department fall semester GPA, 223 Coker student-athletes finished with a 3.0 semester GPA or higher and

207 student-athletes have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Coker student-athletes have also excelled with their Academic Success Rate. Each year, the NCAA publicly announces the Academic Success Rate (ASR) of all Division II institutions. According to the most recent Academic Success Rate data,

73 percent of Division II freshmen student-athletes who entered college earned a degree. The graduation-rate data are based on a six-year cohort prescribed by the U.S. Department of Education. The Cobras are above the national average with an 80 percent ASR.

"I am proud of the academic performance of our student-

athletes during the fall semester," said vice president for athletics and athletic facilities, Dr. Lynn Griffin. "They continue to understand the importance of their academic careers at Coker. It is important to highlight the relationship that our coaches and faculty have and the effort made by all to aid our student-athletes in their academic success."

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Darlington County School District Announces Finalists for Superintendency

The Darlington County Board of Education has named four finalists for district superintendent. Working with search consultant and former superintendent Dr. Rainey Knight, the board evaluated 25 applicants and interviewed nine before narrowing the search to the finalists. The four are (alphabetically) Dr. Chandar Anderson, Chesterfield County School District (South Carolina); Dr. Donna Hargens, Jefferson County Public Schools (Louisville, Kentucky); Dr. Tim Newman, Orangeburg Consolidated School District 4 (South Carolina); and Dr. Kevin O’Gorman, Berkeley County School District (South Carolina).

Chandar Anderson, Ed. D., is the assistant superintendent for personnel in the Chesterfield County School District, which operates 17 schools that serve 7,200 students. During his education career, he also served as a principal in multiple districts, including Florence School District One, an executive director of personnel, an assistant principal, and a teacher. He coached both middle school and high school basketball teams. Dr. Anderson earned his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Claflin University, his Master of Science in Educational Leadership at Nova Southeastern University, Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership at Wingate University, and his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Wingate University.

Donna Hargens, Ed.D., served most recently as the superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, Kentucky, which operates 150 schools for more than 100,000 students. She has also served as the chief academic officer for Wake County Public Schools, interim superintendent of Wake County Public Schools, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, and Western area assistant superintendent. Dr. Hargens has been a principal, an assistant principal, and a high school teacher. She earned a Bachelor of Arts at Marquette University where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. She holds a Master of Education in

Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership, Management, and Policy from Seton Hall University. She has written numerous professional articles and presented extensively across the country.

Tim Newman, Ed.D., is the superintendent of Orangeburg Consolidated School District 4, which serves 3,700 students in eight schools. During his education career, he has also served as assistant superintendent for human resources and public relations, interim chief financial officer, executive director of operational services and accountability, information and technology services in Pickens County School District, assistant principal, business teacher, technology coordinator, and athletic director. Before entering the education field, he worked in retail management and administration. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Financial Management and a Master of Arts in Economics from Clemson University. He earned a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Administration from the University of South Alabama and a doctorate in Educational Administration from South Carolina State University.

Kevin O’Gorman, Ph.D., is the chief academic officer of Berkeley County School District, serving 34,000 students in 42 schools. Before moving to the Berkeley County School District, Dr. O’Gorman worked in the Aiken County School District as associate superintendent for instruction and accountability, an elementary school principal, an assistant principal of a middle school, and a visiting professor at Western Carolina University. He has also been a middle school teacher and a coach. He has published several articles and presented extensively at the state and national levels. Dr. O’Gorman earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Spring Hill College. He earned a Master of Arts in Secondary Teaching, a Master of Education in Elementary Education Administration, and a doctorate in



Dr. Chandar Anderson PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



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Educational Administration from the University of South Carolina. He is currently the President-Elect of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators Instructional Roundtable.

Full résumés of all four finalists are available on the district’s website at www.darlington.k12.sc.us.

The finalists will visit the Darlington County School District, meet with the

Darlington County Board of Education, and participate in a series of meetings with employees and community members before the end of the month. Drs. O’Gorman and Hargens will be in the district

Feb. 21-22. Drs. Anderson and Newman will be in the district Feb. 26-27. The community meetings will be announced soon. Board members hope to name the new district superintendent by mid-March.

Larry Guy Hammond announces intent to run in SC 7th Congressional District

Larry Guy Hammond has announced his plans to run for the seat representing the 7th Congressional District. A resident of Horry County since 1995, Hammond moved his family to Myrtle Beach to invest himself completely as a local business owner. A native of Cincinnati, he’s lived in five states, and has traveled this entire nation and parts of Canada in a motorhome over the past few years. He has been

a personal witness to many states’ and cities’ successes, as well as their most glaring failures.

“South Carolina has the potential to be so much better than it is today,” Hammond said. “Did you know that SC per capita income is ranked the 45th worst state in America? That we’re the 48th worst in employment opportunities? And the rock bottom of the list worst in education? Our infra-

structure is failing, crime is increasing, medical costs are exploding, and health care is a mess. And that’s just the tip of the iceberg.”

He believes that incumbent, long-term politicians have developed apathy for the needs of common folks, but that newcomers will feel the urgent need to get the job done. It’s time to vote new blood into a stalled system.

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Lamar Library celebrates the Year of the Dog

The Lamar Library brought a touch of the far east to local kids at a February 17 tea party, where young men and ladies watched the Disney classic "Mulan," heard a very informative and entertaining story about etiquette (read by children's librarian Kelly Shull), enjoyed some Chinese treats and cuisine, and learned about the Chinese Zodiac signs – including which of 12 cool animals signifies their birth year.

Shull said the Lamar Library tries to have a different themed tea party every year around Valentine's Day, allowing toddlers to sixth graders to dress fancy (if they wish), share some delicious food, and get a little practice on their table manners and socialization. Shull says the tea parties also serve as a reminder that the library isn't just for checking out books – it's a fun place that offers lots of paths to learning.



Fahrenheit 225 opens on Darlington Square

By Samantha Lyles
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Fahrenheit 225, downtown Darlington's newest eatery, is now open for business – in case you couldn't tell by the tantalizing smell of slow-cooked meats wafting around the Public Square.

Owner and cook Trey Calcutt welcomed guests to a Grand Opening on Tuesday, February 13, and introduced a menu of traditional barbecue favorites and yummy sandwiches and sides. Many offerings feature Calcutt's original sauce recipe, which he describes as tomato-based and a bit sweeter than many other vinegar-based Pee Dee offerings.

"About six or seven years ago, I started doing barbecue competitions for SCBA (South Carolina Barbecue Association), and I found a recipe that worked for me and that everybody liked, so I start-

ed doing a little catering for friends and family," says Trey.

He also gained some valuable kitchen experience cooking at South of Pearl, the upscale Darlington eatery owned by Todd Hardee, and parlayed that into his own independent venture in the food business.

Fahrenheit 225 has a number of choices for the discerning carnivore, including sauced pulled pork, ribs, brisket, and chicken. Each meat is accompanied by your choice of two side dishes. And if you're in the mood for an awesome sandwich, they've got you covered with options like chicken, chicken salad, barbecue, and brisket. Trey recommends the brisket grilled cheese – which, frankly, sounds awesome.

"That one has the brisket we cook for fourteen hours, gouda cheese, smoked bacon that we cook on the grill, caramelized onions, and we serve it on

Texas toast. That's a big hit right now," says Calcutt.

For the first week of business, sales have been brisk and Trey says the ribs, brisket dinners, smoked half-chickens, and pulled pork have all been selling really well. Dine-in customers can enjoy their meals with a cold craft beer (bottle or tap), or a nice glass of wine. No mixed drinks on the menu just yet, but Calcutt says that may change in time if he gets enough requests. He also plans to offer sauce variations (maybe vinegar, maybe mustard) in the future to give diners their choice of flavors.

Fahrenheit 225 is open Tuesday through Friday, with lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. To keep up with special promotions or menu offerings, check them out on Facebook. The restaurant is located at 26 Public Square in Darlington; phone 843-944-0321.



Trey Calcutt checks the temperature on a rack of ribs. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES



Darlington County young farmers Cole Norwood, Lee Rogers, Baker Myers, Thomas Chaplin, Ashleigh Chaplin, Mason White, Jay Dean, Mary Kate Rogers, Dohnia Galloway, Ryan Galloway, Jessica Heimbrook, Charles Rogers, Mary Wylie, Tamara Weatherford, William Kirven, Ty Woodard, Tracy Woodard, Wil Atkinson, Caid Kirven (L to R), Melesa Creamer, Jason Creamer, Kristen Myers and Kaycie White (not pictured) were among the more than 300 young farmers and ranchers from across the state who traveled to Greenville, SC, to network, become better leaders in their communities and learn how to overcome challenges within the agriculture industry. Photo Contributed

“Farm=Life” for Darlington County Young Farmers and Ranchers

Greenville, SC – A record number of attendees met recently for the annual South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation (SCFB) Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference. Darlington County young farmers Cole Norwood, Lee Rogers, Baker Myers, Thomas Chaplin, Ashleigh Chaplin, Mason White, Jay Dean, Mary Kate Rogers, Dohnia Galloway, Ryan Galloway, Jessica Heimbrook, Charles Rogers, Mary Wylie, Tamara Weatherford, William Kirven, Ty Woodard, Tracy Woodard, Wil Atkinson, Caid Kirven, Melesa Creamer, Jason Creamer, Kristen Myers and Kaycie White were among the more than 300 young farmers and ranchers from across the state who traveled to Greenville to network, become better leaders in their communities and learn how to overcome challenges within the agriculture industry.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to listen to a wide variety of speakers on topics addressing all aspects of agriculture—everything

from technology and labor to animal agriculture, food safety, honey bees and conservation.

Case Chumley was elected as the 2018 SCFB Young Farmers and Ranchers Chair. Chumley takes on this role following the leadership of last year’s chair Davis Peeler of Anderson County.

“Davis has shown great leadership during his tenure as Young Farmer and Rancher chair,” said SCFB President Harry Ott. “He has been a true leader. Davis is a great decision maker, he’s trust worthy, fully committed to the task and has selflessly sacrificed for the work of this organization during his term as chair. We are thankful for his efforts and look forward to the guidance and knowledge of our newly elected chair, Case Chumley.”

Zack Snipes, of Charleston County, won the 2018 Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award. The competition consists of a written application and an oral presentation in front of a panel of judges. The Excellence in Agriculture

Award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who do not derive the majority of their income from an owned agricultural operation, but who actively contribute and grow through their involvement in agriculture, their leadership ability and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations.

Davis Peeler, of Anderson County, won the 2017 Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award. The Achievement Award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who derive the majority of their income from an owned agricultural operation and have excelled in their farming or ranching operations while exhibiting superior leadership abilities. Participants are evaluated on a combination of their agricultural operation’s growth and financial progress, Farm Bureau leadership and leadership outside of Farm Bureau.

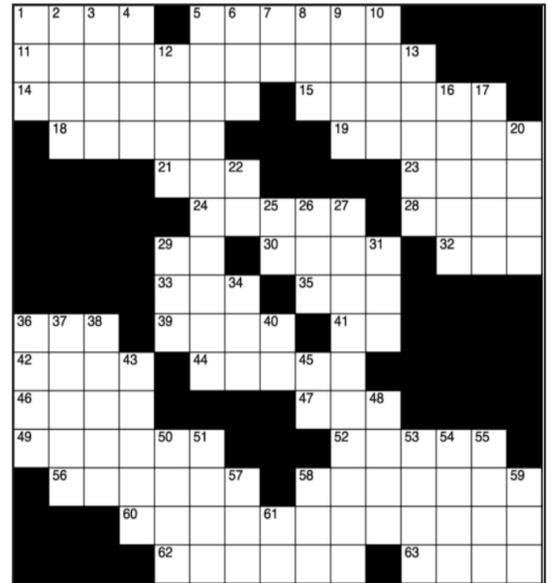
Horry-Loris County Farm Bureau Chapter received the award for the Largest County Delegation, boasting 23 young farmers and ranchers

in attendance at the conference.

“Our Young Farmers and Ranchers program is growing as an increasing number of young people recognize the value of Farm Bureau Federation and its mission to promote agricultural interests in South Carolina,” said Jessica Cabrera, the SCFB Young Farmers and Ranchers Coordinator and Director of Organizational Training and Leadership Development. “We were really excited to host our largest group ever at this year’s conference.”

The SCFB Young Farmers and Ranchers program is one of many purpose activities sponsored by the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. SCFB is a grassroots, non-profit organization that celebrates and supports family farmers, locally grown food and our rural lands through legislative advocacy, education and community outreach. The organization, founded in 1944, serves more than 100,000 member families in 47 chapters. For more information, please visit www.scfb.org.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Emperor of Russia
5. Abounding in rocks
11. Increase in speed
14. Music app
15. Not nice
18. Tables (Span.)
19. Decomposes
21. ___ student: learns healing
23. Nursemaid
24. Joke-teller
28. Male parent
29. Group of countries (abbr.)
30. “Rambling Rose” actor Lukas
32. Midway between south and southwest
33. Cartoon Network (abbr.)
35. Peacock network
36. Principal ethnic group of China
39. Made of fermented honey and water
41. Exclamation of surprise
42. Evaluates skill or knowledge
44. Stage in ecological succession
46. Ethnic group of SE Asia
47. Not small

CLUES DOWN

1. Used to pour beer
2. Con game
3. Skin disorder
4. Communists (slang)
5. Subjects to hostility
6. A major division of geological time
7. Hitting statistic (abbr.)
8. British thermal unit
9. Influential envoy to Woodrow Wilson
10. Fits on neck of animal
12. Fertile soil
13. Type of battery
16. Khoikhoi peoples
17. Consist of two parts
20. Small group of

22. Execute or perform
25. Millihenry
26. 007’s creator
27. Associated with esoteric doctrine
29. Electronic countermeasures
31. Schenectady County Airport
34. No (Scottish)
36. Position of leadership
37. Statement
38. Raccoons belong to this genus
40. One who diagnoses
43. True mosses
45. Blood type
48. Albanian
50. Emergency response notification system
51. College reservists
53. Away from wind
54. Tough outer layer
55. Art __, around 1920
57. Born of
58. The greatest of all time
59. Georgia rockers
61. Natural logarithm

WORD SEARCH

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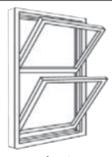
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Answers on 5B



Darlington Pilot Club installs new officers

The Pilot Club of Darlington Foundation, Inc., met recently and the new officers for 2018-2021 were installed. The Foundation sponsors Project Lifesaver to locate lost loved ones who suffer from Alzheimer’s, Autism, or Down’s Syndrome and tend to wander. Pictured are, first row: Ginger Ridgill, Secretary; Belinda Copeland, Vice Chair; Ruth Flowers, Treasurer. Second row: Judy Langley, Chair; Melissa Schwier, Director; Laura Smith, Pilot Club member installing the new Foundation board members. Third row: Ricky Flowers, Director; Danny Watson, Director; and Mary Scott, Director.



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Fifteen of Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School's high school students were inducted into the National Art Honor Society during a small ceremony on Friday, February 9. Students were required to have attained an average of 95 or above in Art One, and any consecutive Visual Arts classes, or they were very close to a 95 and submitted an Arts Portfolio that has been accepted for induction into the organization. The following students were inducted:
Seniors - Ambre Calzat, Cary Hobbs, Lara Wyatt, Gloria Zhang
Juniors - Chloe Arthur, Madison McKimmey, Hope Wilberger
Sophomores - Grace Cleveland, Abraham Damon, Haley Davis, Natalia Figueroa, Ruth Player, Eliza Gregg Saleeby, Reagan Saunders, Sullivan Smith



Second Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct arrest

On February 11, 2018 Raymond Charles Lowery-Kris age 20 was arrested by the Darlington Police Department for Second Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct. The subject allegedly committed a sexual battery on a 12-year-old female. The incident is still under investigation.



Deputies investigate armed robbery; suspect in custody

Darlington County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Rogers Rd. at midnight Sunday in reference to an armed robbery. Patrol deputies believe a firearm was discharged with at least one round striking a residence. No injuries were reported. Patrol deputies have taken one suspect into custody and continue to investigate with the assistance of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.

Florence County pet storeowner arrested for not remitting \$11K in withholding taxes collected from employees

Jobie Barker, owner of Barkers Pets in Florence County, was arrested today by South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) Agents for three counts of failing to remit taxes withheld from employee paychecks.

For tax years 2014 - 2016, Barker withheld a total of \$11,048 in South Carolina state income taxes from employee paychecks. However, the defendant failed to file South Carolina Withholding Tax Returns and to remit those taxes due to the state of South Carolina.

If convicted, Barker faces fines up to \$10,000 and/or up to five years in prison per count.

The SCDOR is committed to the fair administration of tax laws. By taking enforcement action against noncompliant taxpayers, the Department seeks to prevent unfairly increasing the tax burden on those who do comply.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER FEBRUARY 12 THROUGH FEBRUARY 19, 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.

- Edward Raquan Brown, 20, of 209 Davis St, Darlington, Fail to Appear After Release for a Misdemeanor

- Allen Levern Dudley, 38, of 200 Palmetto Circle, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st; Driving Under Suspension; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Use License Plates Other Than Vehicle Issued; Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic; Alteration of License/Sale of Fictitious Lic/Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

- Christian Lee Edenburn, 22, of 1210 Broadlawn, Hartsville, Telephone/Unlawful Use of Telephone

- Jonathan Edward McPhail, 41, of 1732 N Governor Williams Hwy, Darlington, DUI <10 1st Offense; DUS License Not Susp for DUI 3rd or Sub

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

- Devona Donta Taylor, 28, of 102 Brunson St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 2nd; Poss 28g or Less Marij/10g or Less Hash 2nd/Sub

- John Shannon Turner, 44, of 1237 Griggs Circle, Hartsville, Breach of Trust w/Fraud Intent <\$2000

- Jarell Washington, 51, of 434 Brewer Ave, Hartsville, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 2nd

- Chris A Black, 68, of 319 Edwards Ave, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning

- Stephanie Campbell, 30, of 2937 Poinsette Drive,

Florence, Driving Under Suspension; Obtain Sign/Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000; Obtain Sign/Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000

- James Alvin Dixon Jr., 39, of 2382 Gallowaytown Rd, Hartsville, Trespassing

- Shermaine Epps, 32, of 357 A Wrenfield Rd, Florence, Littering

- Mary Grace Gardner, 38, of 405 W College Ave, Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning

- Kimberly Marie Johnson, 31, of 1162 Old Mill Pond Road, Darlington, Disregard Traffic Device/Improper Lane Change; Vehicle With Missing/Incorrectly Displayed Tag; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

- Vondella Denise Roary, 38, of 408 Howard St, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000; RSG/Unlawful Possess/Sale of/Stolen Property

- Lorenzo NMN Scott, 46, of 103 Jeffery St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Traffic/Expired Vehicle License; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st off

- Melissa Scott, 36, of 1746 Lamar Hwy, Darlington, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

- Stephanie Denise Blakely, 35, of 1501 E Bobo Newsome Hwy, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Resisting Arrest; Throw Bodily Fluids on Employee by Prisoners

- Reginald Byrd, 40, of 2865 S Broad St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

- Frank Bob Coe, 60, of 300 Jamnestown Avenue, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

- Samantha Nicole Griggs, 31, of 717 Tarte St, Hartsville, Use License Plates Other Than Vehicle Issued

- Dayshawn Steven Joseph, 24, of 3422 Ours Court, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Kenneth William Lewis, 48, of 367 Winburn Lake Road, McBee, Safekeeping

- Kenneth Durrell Robinson, 28, of 1404 Marie Drive, Darlington, Manuf Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st

- Hugo Sanchez Alba, 37, of 704 Cranbrook St, Greensboro NC, Speeding; Driving Under Suspension

- Trevaris James Alford, 18, of 1133 Pineapple Gate Drive, Darlington, Murder; Armed Robbery Armed with Deadly Weapon

- Jonathan Bryce Anderson, 18, of 1620 Rogers Rd, Darlington, Carrying Weapons on School Property

- Paul Casey Bailey Jr., 28, of 1408 Crabapple Ln, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Property; Burglary First Degree

- Desmond Duron Coe, 22, of 777 Azalea Cir, Hartsville, Resisting Arrest

- Tommy Levonta Hyman, 19, of 1335 Farrow Rd, Darlington, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

- Jasmine Alexis King, 18, of 1309 WL Johnson Rd, Hartsville, Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School; Manuf Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st

- William Treymaine Knox, 26, of 1305 Mount Sinai Drive, Darlington, Manuf Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Poss 28g or Less Marij/10g or Less Hash 1st

- Thomas Luckey, 45, of 166 Freedom Ave, Elliot, Driving Under Suspension

- Kiarand Myron Bonaparte, 27, of 100 Tedder St, Darlington, No Charge Data

- Charstina Carter, 26, of 132 Tims Dr, Bishopville, Driving Under Suspension

- Christian Lee Edenburn, 22, of 1210 Broadlawn, Hartsville, Poss/Threat Use Weapon Mass Destruct/No Death

- John Alvin Gainey, 42, of 2847 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 mths

- Ashley Louise Hicks, 32, of 5201 Country Lane, Timmonsville, Driving Under Suspension; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

- Johnathan Hicks, 24, of 210 Andrea Dr, Fla FL, Poss 28g or Less Marij/10g or Less Hash 1st

- Javard Cleondus Hodges, 46, of 523 Chestnut St, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Jody Christopher Holden, 47, of 2739 Mount Olivet Road, Hartsville, Traffic/Nonregistered Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation

- Donte Dwayne Horton, 29, of 1012 Robinson St, Hartsville, Non Support; Non Support

- James Latner, 24, of 210 Andrea Dr, Largo FL, Poss 28g or Less Marij/10g or Less Hash 1st

- Leslie Jordan Outlaw, 35, of 168 Sycamore Dr, Florence, Trespassing

- Jackie Robinson, 66, of 844 West Lynchs River Road, Lamar, Driving Under the Influence

- Bryan Oneal Harris, 37, of 725 Holloman Dr, Darlington, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 3rd or More; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Driving Under the Influence 3rd Offense

- Dalton Eliot Lowell, 19, of 1503 Ballentine Dr, Hartsville, Financial Transaction Card Theft; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 mths

- Nyquijah Tierra Lucas, 17, of 515 S Sixth Street, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Property; Shoplifting <\$2000

- Johnny Walls, 50, of 210 Dargan St, Darlington, Fail to Appear Disorderly Conduct

- Cherod Renaldo Johnson, 26, of 505 Hunter Drive, Hartsville, Criminal Domestic Violence 3rd or Sub

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

- Anthony Graham, 18, of 2512 Thousand Oaks Dr, Hartsville, No Charge Data

- Anthony Lavell Graham, 18, of 1318 Larry Road, Darlington, No Charge Data

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A message from Senator Kevin L. Johnson

District 36- Clarendon, Darlington, Florence, and Sumter Counties

The second regular session of the 122nd General Assembly convened on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. This is the second year of this

two-year session. Any bill left from last year and any bill that is introduced this year that is not passed must be reintroduced next year, which will be the first year of the two-year 123rd session. As you may be aware, we normally meet Tuesdays-

Thursdays while we are in session. The session is scheduled to end on the third Thursday in May, or May 17th.

This session is off to a very slow start. We were out of session for two days during the second week due to weather

conditions. Most of our work thus far has been in committee meetings. Some very interesting bills have come before the various committees that I serve on.

House Bill 3653, also referred as the Nuisance Bill, received 3rd reading in the

Senate. It now goes back to the House with amendments for consideration.

I expect the issue involving SCANA/Santee Cooper and the nuclear debacle to dominate this session. Other major issues this year will be public education, healthcare, the

state's pension system, the teacher shortage and the state budget. I am sure other major issues will arise during the session. As the pace picks up I am sure that I will have more to report next month.

-- Senator Kevin L. Johnson

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Pee Dee Grocers, LLC DBA Piggly Wiggly #170 intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer and wine at 401 Pearl St., Darlington, SC 29532. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be post-marked no later than Feb. 23, 2018. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

(1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;

(2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied;

(3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);

(4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,

(5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, Attn: ABL, PO Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

(30p3 leave in thru 2-21-18)

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 basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Gene Lynch AKA Wylie G Lynch

Date of Death: 11/12/2017

Case No: 2018ES1600048

Personal Representative: Dorothy H Lynch

Address: 404 N Sansbury Road, Timmonsville, SC 29161

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Estate: Teresa J Walters

Date of Death: 12/13/2017

Case No: 2018ES1600052

Personal Representative: Donna Jones Walters

Address: 2536 E Old Camden Road, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Walter Reese McKnight

Date of Death: 1/17/2018

Case No: 2018ES1600053

Personal Representative: Ryan McKnight

Address: 8496 Roanoke Drive, North Charleston, SC 29450

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Estate: Estelle Rouse

Date of Death: 12/12/2017

Case No: 2018ES1600054

Personal Representative: Toney Rouse

Address: 949 W McIver Road, Darlington, SC 29532

Co-Personal Representative: Thomasena Rouse Baker

Address: 813 Johnson Street, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Ronald Franklin Scott AKA Ronald F Scott

Date of Death: 11/22/2017

Case No: 2018ES1600005

Personal Representative: Mary Calhoun Scott

Address: 306 Wyandott Street, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Emeline J Clarkson

Date of Death: 12/29/2017

Case No: 2018ES1600025

Personal Representative: William C Ervin, Jr

Address: PO Box 3, Florence, SC 29503

Attorney: John Jay James, II

Address: PO Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540

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Estate: T Roger Hathcock AKA Thomas Roger Hathcock

Date of Death: 1/20/2018

Case No: 2018ES1600058

Personal Representative: Patricia G Hathcock

Address: 106 Grace Street, Darlington, SC 29532

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Estate: Larry Claude Langston

Date of Death: 12/31/2017

Case No: 2018ES1600059

Personal Representative: Kaycie Crystal Jean Langston

Address: 2712 Nob Hill Drive, Florence, SC 29505

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Estate: Jannie Lee Sanders McMillian

Date of Death: 10/20/2017

Case No: 2017ES1600599

Personal Representative: David McMillian

Address: 441 Commanchee Street, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Raymond Franklin Harris, Jr

Date of Death: 12/11/2017

Case No: 2018ES1600001

Personal Representative: Lisa H Grantham

Address: 110 Freestone Drive, Irmo, SC 29063

Attorney: J Alex Stanton IV

Address: PO Drawer 70, Hartsville, SC 29551

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Estate: Wayne E Walker

Date of Death: 9/5/2017

Case No: 2018ES1600061

Personal Representative: Carol J Walker

Address: 909 Hicks Drive, Florence, SC 29501

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Estate: Theron L Dewitt, Jr

Date of Death: 1/15/2018

Case No: 2018ES1600066

Personal Representative: Michael Scott Dewitt

Address: 668 Westwood Drive, Lexington, SC 29073

Co-Personal Representative: David Brian Dewitt

Address: 2626 Timmonsville Highway, Darlington, SC 29532

Attorney: Paulling & James

Address: PO Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540

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Estate: James Lee Cooley

Date of Death: 4/9/2017

Case No: 2017ES1600243

Personal Representative: Tomasena Cooley

Address: 1626 Greenfield Road, Darlington, SC 29540

Attorney: Gerald Malloy

Address: PO Box 1200, Hartsville, SC 29551

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Estate: Bessie Sanders

Date of Death: 6/6/2017

Case No: 2017ES1600346

Personal Representative: Carla Kimberly Morse

Address: 160 Some Road, Darlington, SC 29532

Attorney: Gerald Malloy

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Estate: Virginia Bruce Washington

Date of Death: 10/24/2017

Case No: 2018ES1600007

Personal Representative: Barbara Bruce

Address: 215 Edwards Avenue, Darlington, SC 29532

Co-Personal Representative: Robert Washington

Address: 218 Chalmers Street, Darlington, SC 29532

Attorney: Gerald Malloy

Address: PO Box 1200, Hartsville, SC 29551

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C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00464

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT vs. Wesley P. Moore, IV; Regional Finance Corporation of South Carolina; Carolina SupplyHouse, Inc. I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on March 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, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Darlington County, South Carolina, containing Six and 70/100 acres, more or less, and being bounded according to a plat made by J.E. Tucker, Jr., Registered Surveyor, dated October 21, 1971, as follows: On the Northeast by land of Emily Graham for a distance of 1041 feet; on the Southeast by ditch separating tract of land from land of Joe and Ruth Curtis for a distance of 286 feet; on the Southwest in part by land of Agnes G. Gainey, in part by land of Edna G. Mellon and in part by land of Pearl P. Shepard for an aggregate distance of 952 feet; and on the Northwest by right-of-way of A.C.L. Railroad for a distance of 293 feet. For a more particular description reference is hereby made to plat above referred to, a copy of which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court with Deed recorded in Book 663 at Page 251.

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(2) Parcel containing .785 acres, the same having been conveyed by Pearl P. Shepard and Raymond K. Shepard unto W. P. Moore, III, and Sue S. Moore by deed recorded on March 19, 1981, in Darlington County Deed Book 824, at Page 609.

(3) Parcel containing .67 acres, the same having been conveyed by Pearl P. Shepard and Raymond K. Shepard unto W. P. Moore, III, and Sue S. Moore by deed recorded on May 1, 1984, in Darlington County Deed Book 872, at Page 563.

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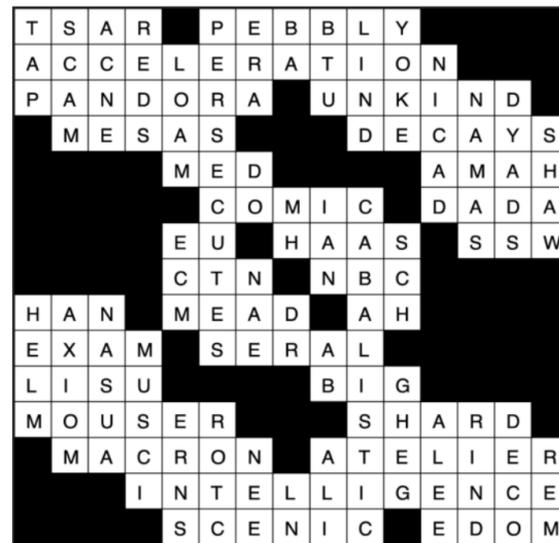
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SC Manufacturers Alliance Statement on the signing of H. 3653

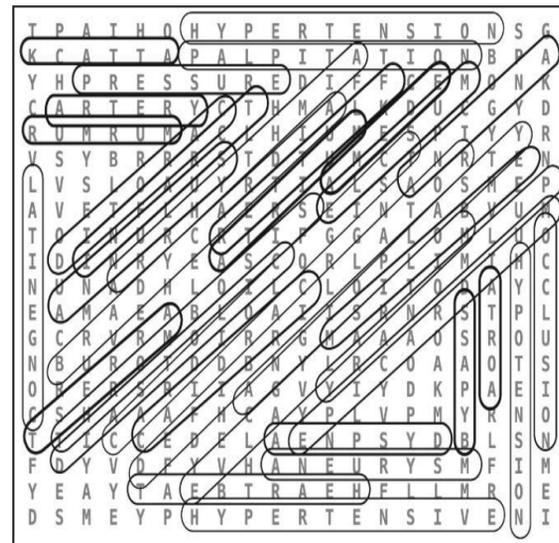
The South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (SCMA) has released the following statement regarding the signing into law of H. 3653.

"On behalf of South Carolina manufacturers and their thousands of South Carolina associates, we are grateful to the legislature and Governor McMaster for their leadership in making H. 3653 law," said Sara Hazzard, President and CEO of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance. "As South Carolina's

population continues to grow and neighborhoods continue to expand closer and closer to existing manufacturing facilities' footprints, it is important to provide certainty to those manufacturers so that they can continue to invest, operate, and provide jobs. South Carolina manufacturers strive to be good neighbors and this legislation strikes a balance between the needs of industry and the rights of citizens. This law will encourage future South Carolina manufacturing capital investments and jobs."

"Manufacturers have a long and proud history of being good corporate citizens to the communities where we work and live," said Dirk Pieper, President and CEO of Sage Automotive Interiors and past Chairman of the SCMA. "It's important to have policies like H. 3653 that encourage fair, consistent, and common-sense approaches in the legal system because this allows manufacturers to continue to do what they do best - create, innovate, and provide meaningful local employment."

ABOUT THE SCMA - The South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance is the only statewide organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of manufacturers. Its mission is to elevate the quality of life for all South Carolinians by advancing the state's manufacturing industry. The SCMA membership is comprised of more than 200 manufacturing companies that represent more than 80,000 associates in South Carolina. For additional information about the SCMA, please visit www.myscma.com.





Pee Dee United Elks Lodge # 1679 and Excelsior Temple # 790 are shown after attending Founder's Day Service at Bethel AME Church in Darlington, South Carolina. The event was held on February 11, 2018. The lodge and temple had a Unity Fellowship Breakfast and Fellowship. The lodge and temple after breakfast and fellowship then attended Bethel AME Church's Founders Day Service. Pee Dee United Lodge # 1679 and Excelsior Temple # 790 gave a donation to the church's youth department. Photo Contributed

Duke Energy nuclear plants deliver strong performance in 2017

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Duke Energy's 11 nuclear generating units posted strong operating performance in 2017, providing the Carolinas with nearly 90 billion kilowatt-hours of carbon-free electricity – enough to power more than 7 million homes.

"Much of our 2017 success is due to our focus on safety and work efficiencies identified by our nuclear employees, along with ongoing emphasis on planning and executing refueling outages to increase our fleet's availability for producing electricity," said Preston Gillespie, Duke Energy chief nuclear officer.

Some of the nuclear fleet's 2017 accomplishments include:

- The 11 units achieved a combined capacity factor of 95.64 percent, second only to the fleet's 2016 record of 95.72 percent, marking the 19th consecutive year of attaining a 90-plus percent capacity factor (a measure of reliability).
 - The two units at Catawba Nuclear Station produced more than 19 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, and the single unit at Harris Nuclear Plant generated more than 8 billion kilowatt-hours, both setting 12-month records.
 - Brunswick Nuclear Plant unit 2 achieved a record operating run.
 - Both McGuire Nuclear Station units completed their shortest refueling outages ever and unit 1 recorded its longest operating run.
 - Oconee Nuclear Station unit 2 achieved a fleet record operating run.
 - The Robinson Nuclear Plant team completed the station's 30th refueling outage, which included a main generator stator replacement, well ahead of schedule.
- "Our nuclear employees

are committed to providing reliable, clean electricity every day for our Carolinas customers," added Gillespie. "We are very proud of our team's 2017 accomplishments and continue to look for additional opportunities to further enhance operations."

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Oconee County, S.C.	2,554 MW	1973
Robinson County, S.C.	741 MW	1971

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Nurse of the Quarter and DAISY Award Winner: Kimberly Prescott

Kimberly Prescott, RN, of the Medical/Surgical Department at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center was named the Nurse of the Quarter and the DAISY Award for Nursing Excellence of the 1st Quarter of 2018. The awards are chosen from nominations from hospital staff, patients and family members that wish to recognize exceptional nurses each quarter.

"Kimberly is an excellent RN who provides exemplary service to her patients," said Christy Moody, Director of Nursing. "She is compassionate, patient, and very knowledgeable. She treats her patients and their families as if they were her own – and Kimberly has been known to go out of her way to care for her patients."

In her nomination form, Prescott was described as "a rainbow on a cloudy day" by a recent family member of a patient, and that she is "a professional and shows her love for the job – you can tell that she truly has nursing in her heart."

Prescott began her medical career as a med tech/caregiver with the Kershaw County Board of Disabilities in Camden and worked as a CNA at Kershaw Health for six years. She received her Associates Degree in Nursing from Fortis College in Columbia. She has been an RN since September of 2016, and began working at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center in November of 2016.

She is the proud mother of a 12-year-old son, Jaylen.

Prescott's inspiration to become a nurse came from the woman she admires most – her mother.

"My mother was diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer in 2007," said Prescott. "Being a part of her journey with cancer is when I decided to be a nurse."

Prescott was working at the Board of Disability at the time. "My mom's cancer was a life or death situation," she recalls. "It was that severe. Dr. Orville Dyce did her surgery; he took very good care of her, and here she is 11 years later a cancer survivor. When I was younger I thought I may get into physical therapy – but once I started taking care of people at the disability board, then helping my mom, I realized that nursing was my calling."

She described her years working with people with multiple disabilities as a pivotal time in her life, as it taught her the compassion she has today. "It taught me patience, and to be open to many different situations. Every patient's situation and circumstances are different. Every single patient is unique in their own way."

Prescott decided to work at Carolina Pines because of her uncle, Philip Prescott.

"My uncle has been working here for 31 years and loves it – I decided that it was worth the drive to work somewhere that I loved, too," Prescott said. "I like the fact that we are known by our name here – in bigger facilities, you are not recognized by name, and it's hard to get to



know everyone."

What is The DAISY Award?

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33, from complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP). During his eight-week hospital stay, his family was impressed by the care and compassion his nurses provided, not only to him but to everyone in the family. They created the DAISY Award in Pat's memory to recognize those nurses who make a big difference in the

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Lady Silver Foxes inch closer as Hartsville, Darlington get eliminated

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The South Carolina High School League basketball playoffs started this past week and Darlington County was well represented with Darlington, Hartsville and Lamar High School each having at least one team participating.

Here we will take a look at all three high schools and recap how their quest in the playoffs is going at the present moment.

Darlington

Entering into this past week the Darlington Falcons and Lady Falcons looked like mirror images of each other. Both finished third in the region, both made the playoffs and both traveled to Orangeburg-Wilkinson to play their opening playoff game.

That mirror imaging contin-

ued unfortunately with both Falcons and Lady Falcons losing to the Bruins on back-to-back nights.

The Lady Falcons lost on Tuesday, February 13 by a score of 46-34 while the Falcons lost the night by a score of 58-52.

Hartsville

Like Darlington, both the Red Foxes and Lady Red Foxes made the playoffs and both finished second in the region

Unlike Darlington, however, the results for both teams were a mixed bag.

A.C. Flora upset the Lady Red Foxes at home on Tuesday, February 13, 50-43 in their opening playoff game, while the Red Foxes were able to defeat Lower Richland on Wednesday at home 51-38.

That win advanced the Red Foxes to the second round where

it lost to Berkeley this past Saturday 63-54.

Lamar

Lamar only had its girls' team make the playoffs, but the Lady Silver Foxes are quite the established program and in the first week of the playoffs they are showing it.

On February 12, Lamar kicked its playoff quest off with a convincing 57-28 win over Calhoun Falls and they followed that up with a 15-point, 50-35 victory over one-seeded Blackville-Hilda on the road this past Thursday.

Now all that stands in the way of the Lady Silver Foxes second straight upper state championship appearance is archrival Timmonsville.

The teams square off on February 19 in Timmonsville.

Hartsville residents invited to have Coffee with a Cop

On Tues. Feb. 27, officers from the Hartsville Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Hartsville as well as express their concerns.

All community members are invited to attend. The event begins at 10 a.m. at 405 Swift Creek Rd.

The national Coffee with a

Cop is an initiative supported by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, promoting community meetings to develop relationships between law enforcement and community members. Similar events are held across the country as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

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