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

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Final two superintendent candidates visit DCSD

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Darlington County School Board held a special called executive session meeting Monday March 5 to discuss the finalists for the superintendent post. Given the timing of this meeting, the most updated information on this story will be posted online at www.newsandpress.net.*

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The final two candidates for Darlington County School District Superintendent visited the district Feb. 26, spending time talking with local media, community members and dis-

trict personnel. Like the two candidates who visited before them, Dr. Tim Newman and Dr. Chandar Anderson discussed topics such as what they could bring to the district and what attracted them to the position.

Dr. Tim Newman

Dr. Tim Newman currently serves as superintendent of Orangeburg Consolidated District 4. In January, Newman was named one of three finalists for the superintendency of the York II-Clover School District. According to the Times and Democrat of Orangeburg, part of Newman's interest in the career change was the consolida-

tion of Orangeburg's three school districts which is set to begin in 2019.

Before getting in to education, Newman worked in retail and was involved with technology systems dealing with budgets and inventory. Newman said that having a background in technology he understands the important role it plays in education.

"Once I got into education, I was involved as a technology coordinator in our school and then, eventually, in Pickens County Schools, I was the Executive Director of Technology," Newman said. "I helped to implement technology throughout the district

and I also helped design the new schools...Technology is a game changer for our kids. My three-year-old granddaughter now knows how to get on the iPhone and find the apps that she wants to use that are actually educational apps. I don't think that we can ignore the fact that our kids automatically migrate to technology. It is something that they feel comfortable with. I think we need to meet them in ways that can help them be successful in their education with technology."

Newman said that although Darlington County School District is more than double the size of the district he is in now, there are many similarities.

"In Orangeburg Consolidated District 4, our demographics are very similar and our schools are very similar: we have some smaller schools in smaller communities and then we have some larger schools," Newman said. "We have some very high-performing schools and then we have some that struggle; (I was attracted) to the professional challenge of a larger school district. Darlington County School District is about twice the size of where I am now so, from a professional standpoint, I like the challenge."

CANDIDATES ON 3A



DCWSA Board Members formally dedication of the Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority Senator Gerald Malloy Administrative Complex on March 2.
PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

DCWSA Building dedicated to Sen. Malloy

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The Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 2, and formally dedicated their new facility to longtime DCWSA supporter Senator Gerald Malloy.

Their new 8400 square-foot facility cost \$1.9 million, and boasts a drive-thru window for convenient payments, a larger lobby with seating area, public restrooms, and handicap accessibility.

"It took us forty-seven years to reach this point, with personal sacrifices by many," said DCWSA general manager Frank Hough. "We began in 1971 with a few acres of land and a modular house. Both

were donated to us. As our customer base grew and time passed, we added on to our modular home to more than double the size."

Hough said that further expansion became necessary due to evolving customer demands for convenience and accessibility.

"We decided to invest in a facility that would solve our problems and meet both current and future consumer demands," said Hough.

With DCWSA's main office functions relocated to the new building at 131 Industrial Road, their former facility at 1701 Harry Byrd Hwy has been converted to office space for maintenance crews. The old office can also be used as an alternate headquarters in case of a natural disaster.

"We look forward to providing our customers with the excellent customer service they deserve from their Water and Sewer Authority," said Tyrone Lynn, Board of Directors chairman. "We strive to do that, and to provide you with safe, clean drinking water."

Hough said that when the Board was considering to whom they should dedicate the new building, the choice was clear.

"Senator Gerald Malloy took an interest in the Water and Sewer Authority when he first was elected to office. He is present at our annual planning sessions and provides guidance and updates on any legislation that pertains to the water industry. He is there helping as we face many com-

plex issues," said Hough.

The formal name for the building is the Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority Senator Gerald Malloy Administrative Complex.

Malloy and his family were on hand for the reception and ribbon cutting, and the senator thanked Hough and the DCWSA Board members for all their hard work on behalf of the Authority and the people of the county.

"I will say this – it is probably the best run board that we have in Darlington County," said Malloy.

DCWSA Board Members include Tyrone Lynn (chairman), Rollins Culpepper, Elbert Warren, Jeronell Bradley, Robert Griggs, and Evans Gilliard.

Interest still lacking to connect county water to Society Hill

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Efforts to connect parts of Society Hill to Darlington County water may be circling the drain for another year according to a community meeting held March 3 at Rosenwald Elementary/Middle School.

Residents of the Darlington County town say they've been trying to connect to county water for several years but according to Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority officials not enough of the town has shown an interest to make it possible.

Local pastor Matthew Robinson opened the meeting by telling the roughly 17 people in attendance that clean, potable water is a right that everyone should have.

"Every citizen should have the right to have clean water," Robinson said. "Water that don't mess up your clothes. In 2018, we shouldn't have to fight to have water."

He said that it is not only Society Hill that has water problems.

"From here all the way to Bennettsville is bad water," Robinson said. "DHEC knows it. They say its drinkable but it

will mess up your clothes. We are here today, once again, to talk about means and ways to get water in a rural area."

During the meeting, Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority's General Manager Frank Hough said that in order to move ahead with the efforts, a petition of interest must be signed by fifty residents; even after years of the effort, only 35 people have signed on.

"I agree with them, it is our right to have good, clean water in 2018," Hough said. "That is the process that we are going through this morning. I'm not here to have people pull out their checkbooks and write a check; that is not what this is all about. The government and the legislators and the people with offices, they have money available to get you water. That is what we are trying to do. We are trying to get grant money that is already available to provide water. In order to do that, they asked for a list of people who is interested in water."

Hough said that he has been at several similar meetings before and that people in the community need to spread the word.

SOCIETY HILL ON 3A

FMU Board addresses Pee Dee teacher shortage

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Last Thursday night, the Francis Marion Board of Trustees unanimously approved three resolutions, two of which will help combat the K-12 teacher shortage across the region, state and country.

Trustee Mark Moore introduced the resolutions. He said that resolution 01-18, for the Master of Education in Teaching and Learning, would be especially helpful in recruiting teachers from professional fields other than education.

"We heard from Dean Meades Holcomb from the School of Education (about this resolution)," Moore said. "Basically, there is a significant shortage of K-12 teachers throughout the state, in particular the Pee Dee Region. This is aimed at addressing that need by offering certi-

fication for individuals who already have a four-year degree in the needed subject areas. So it allows students who have studied other majors, outside of education, to pursue the education degrees and address that shortage."

Moore said that the resolution ratifying the new option of Teacher Certification in the Bachelor of Science in History and the Bachelor of Arts in History would also address the shortage, within the specific field of social studies.

"We heard from Dr. Scott Kaufman, chair of the History Department, about Resolution 02-18," Moore said. "There is a critical shortfall for social studies teachers across the state. They actually did a poll of superintendents and more than half of the respondents indicated that they'd be hiring five social studies teachers in the next five years. Again, to meet the shortfall, this is a program for certification to allow the history department to produce more folks who would be available to teach those subjects."

BOARD ON 3A

Homeschool students learn about Chinese culture

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Last week during the Homeschool Hub at the Darlington Library, students learned about Chinese culture, the Year of the Dog, and how to make tea. Speaker Myra Tong is originally from Hong Kong but has lived in the United States for nearly two decades.

Tong started the program by sharing a traditional greeting with the students.

"We always greet each other with Ni Hao," Tong said. "Ni is you; Hao is good. It is just like hello but it always makes good wishes."

Tong explained what year of the Chinese Zodiac 2018 is.

"This is the Year of Dog," Tong said. "If you are twelve-years-old, twenty-four, thirty-six, forty-eight...you were born in the Year of Dog."

The Chinese Zodiac has twelve animals signifying the different years in a twelve-year cycle. The animals are Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. Chinese culture teaches that people born under a certain animal sign share charac-



Myra Tong talks to students during a Homeschool Hub program at the Darlington Library.

PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

teristics with that animal. Tong shared with the students how the tea that they are used to drinking is different than traditional Chinese tea.

"Tea is a very important celebration in a Chinese New Year," Tong said. "It is differ-

ent than sweet tea. In America, it is kept in the tea bag; the leaves are ground very finely. In Chinese tea we use the leaf loose. Tea started in China like 2,000 years ago."

After getting the group to name types of tea, such as green tea or black tea, Tong

explained why they have the names they do.

"Black tea, red tea, green tea, it is not about the color," Tong said. "It is about the time of fermentation; the time of how to process it."

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Word of the Week

tenebrous 1: shut off from the light : dark, murky
2: hard to understand : obscure 3 : causing gloom

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My World When A Boy Continued

By Bill Shepard

Ah, to live those days over! Go out into the field and lie in the tall broom sage and gaze at the clouds overhead and pretend I saw the things I imagined! The white fluffy clouds changing forms and shapes would challenge the minds of one, as young as I. Far away places I knew of, by seeing their picture or reading their name, was always a challenge that I never hoped to achieve. Not some day or ever!

After Dad bought our first car, a four door T-model Ford, my world grew a little larger. It

embraced Hartsville (14 miles away), Lamar, and Timmonsville. We might have taken in Mont Clare and Mechanicsville, but we didn't have any kinfolk living in those places.

I enjoyed Sunday when the Sunday dinner was over and the left over food had been placed safely away, and Dad would ask Mama where she wanted to go. Dad got out of the house every day; he went to the big mill, but Sunday after dinner was Mama's only time to leave the house. Mama was a stay-at-home Mom and she didn't complain. I think that she and Dad both preferred her to be at home and I know I did!

Everything all put away, the signal to load up would be given and the three Shepard boys would scramble out of the door and head for the car. The first two to arrive would get the two side seats. That meant the last to arrive would have to sit in the middle. That was usually my position anyway, as Mama was always afraid I would fall out of the back door, if I sat on one side.

In the wintertime, that was the best seat anyway and the warmest. That car did not have glass windows that would roll up and down. It had a place for curtains but Dad didn't buy the curtains when he bought the car. They were not included in the price Dad paid for the car (\$20.00).

The roads we traveled in those times were not paved. They were all dirt and full of holes, bumps, debris, chickens, pigs, cows and sometimes, another car but not often. We would go bumping along and in the summer, I liked to look out at the fields of watermelons and wished we could stop and get one.

Of all the places we would visit on Sunday afternoons, I enjoyed visiting my cousins that lived in the country, near Timmonsville. That was where my Mama's sister lived. Mama had one sister and one brother, but we didn't visit her brother often. Mama had an aunt, but we didn't visit her much either.

Uncle Alvin Folsom and his wife Cassie, my mama's sister, had a large family of boys and girls. When we visited them at their home in the country, we had plenty of boys and girls to spend the afternoon playing with. They had a large farm and a huge sawdust pile that we enjoyed playing on. The sawdust pile was created when the timber was cut and sawed in preparation for building the house that the Folsoms lived in—Ah, the fun and enjoyment those Sunday visits furnished. While the older folk visited, the children would pair off and play. When the evening shadows would begin to creep over the treetops, Dad would announce it was time to begin our ride back home. Dad knew the importance of arriving back home before dark. He never knew if the lights on the old car would work, or how many flat tires we would experience! Tired from all the visiting we had done, we would travel quietly along the bumpy road home, homeward bound. Not even the fields of watermelons would be as inviting, as before. Next Sunday was a week away; no use to think about it now!

While Dad parked the car underneath our shed, Mama would set the table with the food that was left from the dinner meal. Bedtime would come early and the tired family would need no persuading to answer the call. Come morning, Dad would begin another week's work at the sweatshop and mama would begin her regular routine of household duties. There was always a plenty to do!

The old T-model would rest under the shed and not be started again until the next Saturday or Sunday! Come next Sunday, the Shepards would be on the road again. Mama would have a week to decide where we would go. I would find out next Sunday when Dad would ask, "Mama, who do you want to visit today?"

Next time, Bill

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Granddad's Cow-Charming '65 Chevy

By Tom Poland

Granddad Poland farmed but never drove a pickup, not that I recall. In a battered old car, he'd bump through pastures festooned with yellow bitter weeds, clunk past a lonely persimmon tree and ranks of white-faced cattle. Herefords, they were. From afar, those cows would amble Granddad's way and when his jalopy closed in they would break into a stiff-kneed trot. To see the old man's car was to see feed and hay.

My best friends, the children of field hands, and I sat in the back of Mr. Johnny's cars. Sometimes we rode on the trunk, sometimes on the fenders. We were invincible and we were oblivious. The era of Jim Crow was upon us but Joe Boy, Sweetie, Jabe, and I knew nothing about all that. We were comrades in arms united in our quests to knock down red wasp nests, catch bluegills, dine on tomato-red persimmons, and swim in ponds sometimes blue, sometimes muddy. We lived like kings.

Granddad wore a felt hat and overalls and could cuss the horns off a billy goat. Whenever I was in his presence, I felt the need to hush up. Outside of cussing, Mr. Johnny didn't talk much, so neither did I. And maybe that was good. For what I remember from our drives through pastures about lightning bug time pleases me still. The grassy hillsides ... the fertile fragrance of pastures ... the lowing of cattle ... the distant line of dark trees it seemed an

artist had sketched and fish-ponds smooth as glass where bullfrogs commenced to sing and fireflies lit up clumps of grass.

When the car shut down with a shudder and we sat still as stones, country sounds embraced us. Wind, lowing cattle, the distant hoot of a barred owl. Nary an ambulance, fire truck, or police siren. "Sigh-reen" as the country folk are wont to say. "Did y'all hear that sigh-reen last night?"

Most of what pleased me as a boy took place on that farm. And so I associate Granddad's old cars with treasures—varnished cane poles, red-and-white bobbers, mats of algae that betrayed snakes' serpentine wanderings, jelly-like clumps of frog eggs, and the heavy wooden boat Granddad made with its ever-present snakes beneath—treasures like no others. Grandmom taught me to dig worms from beneath cow piles. We marveled at a great pine of another epoch that served as a place to butcher cattle. We tread by it with reverence. That farm was our Disneyland adventure and Granddad's old car carried us o'er its pastures, bottoms, and woodlands. We were kings in a kingdom where palatial treasures waited around the bend of every cow path.

When we were on foot, away from Granddad, we found mischief. There was a time when a western section of Granddad's pasture looked like a junkyard. Old cars, old tractors, farm implements,

and all manner of scrap metal gave red wasps places to hang their waxy papery nests, which we gleefully clobbered with flint rocks. The fun part? Running for your life when a boiling ball of mad wasps shot out.

I'd do it all again. All.

It's a damn shame we grow up. By the time I was in college and too big for my britches, Granddad used a 1965 Chevrolet Bel Air as his truck. Green like copper patina it was. Like all the cars before, he fueled it up at his own pump. That pump stood between the house and the barn—all three gone now, relegated to the dustbin of history but this past Sunday I stood right where the old pump stood, a yard from where Great Uncle Searles tried to knife Dad one heated Sunday afternoon. You don't forget things like that.

As for Granddad's car, the only places it went were pastures, Dad's saw shop, and Price's Store, a classic country store with its roof now open to rain, soaking the very floors where Cokes still bob in ice-filled vats in one boy's childhood memories. Granddad and Grandmom's house burned two years ago. Someone tore down the old barn where a million fleas would hop on you, and Price's Store is mortally wounded. Damn if everything we love doesn't just rot away.

That car and some out-buildings are the only things left from my farm-exploring childhood. Granddad's dead. Grandmom's dead (All my life I called her "Bama," the

residue of childhood speech issues). The home place burned. My childhood friends are grown and gone and I have changed so much sometimes I don't even know who I am anymore. And Granddad's last car? I figured that car had long gone to the scrap pile. Granddad died in 1972, and I figured I'd never see that car again but I never forgot it.

And then lo and behold February 18, 2018 when I was walking his old farm taking pictures and recalling things, I couldn't believe my eyes. There it was. His "Bel Air" pickup was sleeping in a sepulcher of cedars and vines, which had grown around it. Like a heart ripped from its body the old battery sits on the ground still. It's there. See for yourself. I did. Gave me a jolt.

I guess we have come full circle. Granddad used a car for a pickup ... Back in the dark ages when I was in high school you wouldn't be caught dead in a pickup. Uncool. Then the Ford Ranchero came along in 1957 and not to be outdone Chevy's El Camino debuted in 1959. Things began to change. Get feed and hay by weekday and go to church in your new pickup come Sundays, but pick up a date in one? No way. Well, somehow the pickup ascended. There's a kid in my neighborhood who drives one. He's souped it up and outfitted it with one of those annoying boom bass systems you hear for miles.

CHEVY ON 3A

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Prescribed an opioid? Ask your doctor these questions

By Dr. Sam Ho, chief medical officer, UnitedHealthcare

If your doctor or dentist prescribes a pain reliever, take charge of your health and find out exactly what you are getting. UnitedHealth Group medical experts recommend you ask your doctor these questions about any opioid prescription. Common opioid brand names include Vicodin and Percocet.

1. Why do I need this medicine?

Ask your doctor for reasons why it is right for you.

2. Are there other options that will address my pain?

Opioids are not the only option for treating pain. Other options are available. An over-the-counter pain

reliever (such as Tylenol, Aleve or Advil) may be enough, or, physical therapy or chiropractic care could give the same results.

3. How long do I take this?

Extended opioid use can increase the risk of dependence and addiction. Talk with your doctor about how long you should take the medicine and whether it should be refilled.

4. Does this medicine line up with current medical guidelines?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published specific guidelines, directing doctors to prescribe the lowest dose for the shortest length of time possible.

5. What are my risks for addiction?

Some people may be more prone to addiction than others. A report published by the CDC suggests that the risk of chronic opioid use rises with each additional day after the third day, with a steep rise after the fifth day.

6. How does this medicine mix with other medicines

I'm taking?

Opioids can be deadly

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Candidates

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Community plays a large role in educating students, Newman said.

"One of my primary goals in the district that I'm in, and it's my primary goal wherever I am, is community," Newman said. "Inside the building it is about how we interact with each other, how we help and support each other, how we can get together as faculties and staff to do community services projects and give back, connecting with the communities that our schools are in. Of course outside of our buildings, it is how do we get out to where our families are. That might mean standing outside a grocery store giving out water or it may be having a movie night with a big blowup screen in the parking lot and inviting people to a free movie night; it may be me speaking at the Chamber of Commerce or Rotary Club interacting with our businesses. There are so many things that we can do to connect our community with our schools."

Dr. Chandar Anderson

Dr. Chandar Anderson is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel in Chesterfield County. Anderson previously served in neighboring Florence School District One.

Anderson said that there were two reasons that he decided to apply for the superintendent position in Darlington County.

"First of all, I'm familiar with the county growing up in a neighboring county, Florence," Anderson said. "I remember playing basketball and playing against St. John's back then, Mayo High School, Hartsville High School. I made a lot of friends with individuals in Darlington. I also spent some time, when the races were going on, I'd work there on the weekends as a teenager, so I am very familiar with the Darlington area. I've worked at two districts and Darlington is right in the middle so I am very familiar with what's going on in education and a lot of different issues too so it won't be anything foreign. The second reason is because when I looked at the stakeholder feedback, in regards to the attributes that they were looking for in a superintendent, I took those attributes, compared them to who I am as a leader and as a person and the work that I've done professionally and it's a perfect fit."

Some things that Anderson said he would bring to DCSD include his experience working to



Dr. Tim Newman talks with a member of the community Feb. 26 at Black Creek Arts Council in Hartsville.

PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS



Dr. Chandar Anderson and his wife met with members of the community during a reception in their honor in Hartsville on Feb. 26.

create a good environment for teachers and students.

"Working strongly with the retention and the recruitment of teachers, I've done that and I've been doing that for a while," Anderson said. "I'm really strong and really enjoy working on student achievement. I was a principal for nine years and student achievement has always been a priority for me; making sure that our students are prepared. Those things are vital to me and they are basic needs for all of our students, regardless of location."

Having worked at all levels of education, Anderson said that he

can lead by example.

"The first thing that I would bring is a strong sense of leadership," Anderson said. "My strength is in teaching, leading and coaching, not just on the basketball court but in education. So bringing that strong leadership, coaching our principals, coaching our district staff, making sure that our vision is clear, making sure that we are aligning all of our resources to achieve that vision, that's what I can bring; it'll take some time but it can happen."

Anderson was asked what he would like to accomplish

first should he be hired as DCSD's superintendent. His priorities included ensuring district safety and reaching out to the community.

"I want to make sure that the community is updated on what we're doing, where we are in regards to our goals and, more importantly, I want to make sure that I am in front of our community, our parents, business owners and so forth," Anderson said. "I want to make sure that I am in front of them so that they can ask me questions and so they can help me with solutions."

DDRA prepares for annual Taste of Darlington

The Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association is looking for grillers, cooks, table hosts, and sponsors for the biggest social gathering in Darlington, the annual Taste of Darlington. The Taste is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the garage area at Darlington Raceway.

You can participate in one of four ways:

1. Griller: Fire up your grill or fryer and cook your favorite meaty recipe. Past dishes have included Boston butt BBQ, beer-can chicken, fried oysters and shrimp.

2. Table Host: Gather a variety of sweet or savory dishes to decorate a large, round table with decadent desserts or finger foods. Previous hosts have put up fabulous floral displays, chocolate fountains, coffee bar, sushi platters and pasta.

3. Sponsor: Show your commitment to the community and get your business in front of new customers with your banner displayed throughout the event. Sponsors receive 4 tickets per \$500 donated and their banner displayed at the event as well as recognition in press releases and online. Top-level sponsors (\$1,000 level) will have their logos on all print ads and flyers.

4. Attend: Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the gate. Guests must be 21 or older to attend.

This year's event will fund free concerts among other community projects, such as beautification projects and improvement incentive grants, among other things. For more information contact Lisa Rock DDRA Director, at 843-398-4000 ext. 103 or darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Society Hill

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"They are not just going to start putting in lines on a whim; it is a process," Hough said. "I think that it would go quicker if we would all pull together and go in one direction, trying to help those who are not here and are not signed up to do so, so we can help everybody. You wouldn't like it if you had water and your neighbor didn't have water. I don't know your circumstances but I feel like everybody needs water but for some reason not everyone is coming to these meetings and signing up."

The water would be connected coming from Darlington along Rosenwald Road down Society Hill Road back to Greenfield Road, according to Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority officials.

Rosenwald Elementary/Middle School Principal Kimberly Mason said that she has students who live in the area that could be connected and her son has also dealt

with some of the water issues in his job.

"I am very concerned," Mason said. "My son is a plumber and I told him a little bit about what this meeting was about. He recently serviced (a local church) and he said their water is unclear; it is running rusty. They are using some kind of pump system, some of you may be familiar with that, and I just believe in 2018 nobody should be using water that is that troublesome."

Hough said that he and his staff are doing what they can to move the process along and he asked the community members assembled to help them.

"We're too close to let this fail," Hough said. "We've got to give this one more shot. The reason it's taking so long is we get so far and we give up. I'm used to fighting."

Another community meeting will be held in the Rosenwald Elementary/Middle School Saturday, March 10 at 9 a.m. The school is located at 508 Church Street in Society Hill.

Students

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Tong said that temperature is very important in growing tea leaves and in using them to make tea to drink.

"Oolong Tea, the tea leave is very long like a needle," Tong said. "Every morning about four to five o'clock, a young boy or girl...would get up and get ready and go up to the mountain, very cold, and they prick the tip of the leave and they roll it. They roll it into a lump and then they have to dry it. The temperature cannot be too high or too low. If it is too high, it would burn up the flavor in the leave. Then it is ready for hot water. The hot water cannot be one hundred degree or it will burn the tea leave. It can only be 96 degrees. I get the water boiling and then I let the temperature come down."

After learning about tea and passing around a tea leaf to feel and smell, the students were also able to try Tong's Oolong Tea.

Opioids

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when mixed with other drugs, especially those taken for treatment of anxiety, sleeping disorders and seizures. It's a bad idea to mix alcohol with an opioid pain reliever or muscle relaxants.

7. What are the expected side effects?

These vary. They might include feeling sick to your stomach, sleepiness, extreme excitement, itching and more. Talk with your doctor.

For additional information and resources visit newsroom.uhc.com/opioids.html.

Board

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The third resolution was to ratify the option of Sports Management and Sports Marketing in the Bachelor of Business Administration.

During his president's report, Dr. Fred Carter thanked the board for approving those resolutions, which will allow the university to meet the teacher shortage head-on.

"Each of those programs play an important role in enhancing and expanding our curriculum, especially those two that will broaden what we're doing for the school

districts and supporting K-12 education efforts," Carter said.

Carter told trustees that progress was being made on the mechanical engineering program and that university administration would soon begin work to develop the curriculum.

"The faculty has recently sent me the mechanical engineering feasibility study, recommending approval of mechanical engineering feasibility and I've accepted that study," Carter said. "We will, over the next year, move in a direction of developing mechanical engineering and we'll work with the faculty to develop the curriculum and

get it passed by academic affairs, the senate and ultimately the faculty. Shortly thereafter, we'll bring that back here as a board resolution. I think that will be an enormous complement to our industrial engineering program as we continue working on developing a comprehensive department of engineering on this campus. I think we're only a few short years away from being able to do that."

Not to be outdone by education and engineering, the nursing program at FMU anticipates several resolutions making their appearance before the board soon, Carter said.

"Dean Wittman-Price has told me that she is anxious to move ahead with some nursing specialties and I support her efforts 100 percent," Carter said. "So, within the next couple of board meetings, you'll see that we'll introduce a

couple of resolutions relative to moving ahead with some of those nursing specialties. Specialties that I think are needed statewide but especially in the Pee Dee Region. So stay tuned one that one; we're very excited about that."

Chevy

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You know and I know he'd never drive it across a terrace in a pasture full of manure ... sun-baked cakes as Mom referred to them. Cows probably terrify him too.

As for Granddad's cow-charming '65 Chevy, he probably got it from one of his favorite haunts, a junkyard. Over a handful of years he made his last pasture rides in that car. And who went with him? I dare say no one other than Roosevelt, staunch friend of the family. The times, something called change, and a bad heart were about to leave Granddad in the dust. But his car is still with us. It sits there waiting for Joe Boy, Sweetie, Jabe, and me. Had I a time machine I'd see that we all took another ride through Mr. Johnny's farm. We'd put a new battery in, get some tires and gas and

head out. The things we'd talk about ... riding through the pastures of long-lost youth and missing those white-faced cattle.

Tom Poland is the author of twelve books and more than 1,000 magazine features. A Southern writer, his work has appeared in magazines throughout the South. The University of South Carolina Press released his book, *Georgialina, A Southland As We Knew It*, in November 2015 and his and Robert Clark's *Reflections Of South Carolina, Vol. II in 2014*. The History Press of Charleston published *Classic Carolina Road Trips From Columbia in 2014*. He writes a weekly column for newspapers in Georgia and South Carolina about the South, its people, traditions, lifestyle, and changing culture and speaks often to groups across South Carolina and Georgia, "Georgialina." Find more columns at www.tompoland.net.

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Evadne O'Neal
Evadne Graham O'Neal, age 101, passed away Monday, February 26, 2018. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Thursday, March 1st at First Freewill Baptist Church, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church.



Born January 20, 1917, Evadne is the daughter of the late Johnny L. Graham and Evie McDonald Graham. She worked as a farm laborer for many years and then worked for McLellan Dime Stone, Roses, and retired from Nytronics. At the age of 90, she would drive from Darlington to Olanta to waitress at her son David's restaurant. She loved flowers and enjoyed gardening. Evadne was a member of First Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving are her son, Ed O'Neal of Darlington; her daughter, Mary (Rick) Heinz of Troy, NC; 6 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Wesley O'Neal, Jr., her sons, Wesley O'Neal and David O'Neal; her daughter-in-law, Gloria Jean O'Neal; her granddaughter, Crystal Kimbrel; her brother, Leon Graham; an infant daughter and an infant great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to First Freewill Baptist Church, PO Box 441 Darlington, SC 29540.

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

Monty Miles

COLUMBIA - Delton Montague "Monty" Miles, age 73 died at his residence on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. A funeral service was held in the Lamar Chapel of Belk Funeral Home at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018 with burial following in Lamar Cemetery.

Born in Charleston, SC on July 4, 1944, he was the son of the late Delton M. and Trannie Mae Garner Miles. Monty graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1973, and retired from the South Carolina Employment Commission.

He is survived by a cousin, Minnie Lee Hill of Charleston and other extended family members.

Memorials are suggested to the Darlington County Humane Society Rescue Fund, PO Box 503, Darlington, SC 29540.

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

Tommy Odom
William Thomas Odom, Jr. age 79, died Tuesday, February 27, 2018. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018 in Odom Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday evening at Belk Funeral Home.

Born in Darlington on May 16, 1938, he is the son of the late William Thomas Odom, Sr. and the late Ruth Howell Odom. Tommy worked for and retired from Dixie Cup as supervisor. He was a talented harmonica player and often played with the Good Time Band. Mr. Odom enjoyed gardening and time spent with family and friends, especially if it involved food, and was also known for the chicken bog that he used to cook. Tommy had recently been attending First Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are his children: William "Bill" T. Odom, III of Darlington, Virginia "Ginny" (Jimmy) Johnson of Jacksonville, FL, grandchildren, William Thomas (Lisa) Odom, IV, Zachary "Bryce" Johnson and great grandchildren: Jackson Monroe Odom and Harper Caroline Odom, and siblings, Nellie Patterson of Oklahoma and Beth (Bill) Capell of Atlanta, GA. Also surviving is Tommy's loving friend and companion for over twenty-years, Frances Cox, her children, Wayne and Connie McKay, Jennie and Mike Smith, Curtis and Cynthia Cox, and their children: Natalie, Lindsay, Curt and Christy.

Flowers are encouraged, or memorials may be made to McLeod Hospice, PO Box 100551, Florence, SC 29502-0551 (www.mcleodfoundation.org)

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

Rudell Woodham

Rudell Windham Webb Woodham, age 92, passed away Thursday, March 1, 2018. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3rd at Faith Freewill Baptist Church, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church fellowship hall.

Born September 16, 1925, Rudell was the daughter of the late Clarence Windham and Sue Knotts Windham. She was married to the love of her life, the late Charles Henry Webb, and then to the late Jack Woodham. Rudell was a charter member of Faith Free Will Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, especially her famous

chocolate cakes, and working in her yards.

Surviving are her children, Mrs. Linda (Dennis) Marotta, Mrs. Jackie Weatherford, C. Marshall (Robin) Webb, and Tommy M. (Teresa) Webb; 10 grandchildren, Cheree (Ricky) James, Pam (Ronald) Boswell, Jamie (Kim) Weatherford, Danny (Penny) Weatherford, Randy (Elizabeth) Weatherford, Amy (Chad) Reynolds, Jennifer (Kip) Hicks, Scott (Kristy) Webb, Ashley (Robbie) Singletary, and Kathryn White; 20 great-grandchildren, her sister, Madie Lee Hodge of Darlington, and her best friend, Jill Norwood.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Franklin "Bud" Windham; her sisters, Ruth Windham, Suzanna Windham, and Christine Huggins; her son-in-law, Roger Weatherford.

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

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

Charlene Bell

Charlene Ann Louise Bell, age 71, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Funeral services were held 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3rd in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home.

Born March 5, 1947, Charlene is the daughter of the late Benedict Overend and Virginia Overend. She was raised in Charlestown, Rhode Island, and then moved to Charleston, South Carolina. Charlene owned a boat repair business in Charleston, and worked in real estate in both Charleston and Jacksonville, FL.

Surviving are her husband, Clarence Bell; her children, Heather M. (Matthew) Jordan, Heath M. Smith; her grandchildren, Ashley N. Jordan and Coleman E. Jordan; her brothers, Jimmy Overend and Timmy Overend.

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

James "Ricky" Richard Howle

James "Ricky" Richard Howle, 54, of Darlington died on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 3 p.m. in Free Will Baptist Bible Church. Burial will follow in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home of Darlington. The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, March 5, 2018 at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home.

Ricky was born in Darlington County. He was the son of Barbara Rabb Howle and the late John Newton Howle, III.

Surviving are his mother, Barbara Rabb Howle of Darlington; his children, Austin

(Tracie) Jones and Whitney Jones; his brothers, Johnny (Gloria) Howle and Danny Howle all of Darlington; his nieces, Ashely (Allen) Abernathy, Shelley (Jeremy) Duty, Erin Howle (Quinton) Cash, Nicole (Valentin) Yakimenko, and Grace Marie Howle; his nephew, Thomas Howle; his great niece and nephew, Hannah and Jackson Duty; his great nephew and niece, Aiden and Anna Lee Abernathy and his great nephew and niece, Alexander and Yakimenko.

Ricky was preceded in death by his father, John Newton Howle, III and his brother, Bobby Howle, and his grandparents, Rev. John Newton Howle and Gracie Howle.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Free Will Baptist Bible Church, 316 Orange Street, Darlington, SC 29532.

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

Bonnie Lee Broach Munn

Bonnie Lee Broach Munn, 63, of Darlington died on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 3 p.m. in Hicks Cemetery, directed by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home. The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home.

Bonnie was born in Florence County. She was the daughter of the late Jesse Morrell Evans and Carrie Mae Floyd Evans. Bonnie loved fishing and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, Perry Munn; her children, Michelle Gibson, Ronald (Nicki) Broach and Terri (Brian) Kickery; her step children, Niki Munn (Michael) Pfleger and Perry Munn; her grandchildren, Heather Broach, Ryan Gibson, Walker Gibson, Brianna Broach, Noah Broach, Cameron Stewart, Ty Kickery, Payton Kickery, and Hayden Kickery; her step grandchildren, Thomas Berry, Calvin Berry, Cole Berry, Caden Berry, Blair Munn, and Wesley Munn; her great grandchildren, Carol Sherwin Altman, IV and Kyzer Howell; her sisters, Retha McCutcheon and Willa Powers; sister-in-law, Carolyn Evans; ex-husband, Ronnie Broach; special friend, Helen Ackerman; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents listed above; her brother, Jesse Evans; her son, Rudolph Broach; and her sister, Jane Broadwine.

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

Hop over to Coker College for the Community Easter Eggstravaganza

On Sat., March 17, the City of Hartsville and Coker College will host the Community Easter Eggstravaganza at Coker College's Davidson Hall lawn. Featuring more than 12,000 eggs stuffed with candy and toys, Hartsville youth ages 12 and under are invited to participate in three separate egg hunts at different times divided by age group. The first round will be for children ages 4 and under, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The second round will feature more challenging hiding spots for children ages 5 to 8, starting at 11 a.m. The third and last round

will be for children ages 9 and up, starting at 11:30 a.m. Children are asked to bring their own baskets, but a limited number of collection bags for eggs will be available at the event for those in need.

Families can also enjoy food vendors, music, story time by Burry Bookstore, face painting, and other kid-friendly activities from Girls University and other community participants. Photo opportunities will be available with special appearances by Coker College's Striker the Cobra and the Easter Bunny.

"We are delighted to once

again host the Eggstravaganza on our campus," says Coker College President, Dr. Wyatt,

Please note the following tips to help make this free community event enjoyable for all:

- Parking is available in all City and Coker College public parking lots.
- For a campus map of Coker College, visit coker.edu/campus-map.
- Please allow time for parking and getting to the appropriate lawn for the egg hunt.
- Egg hunts are divided into three age groups: under the age of 4, ages 5 to 8 and ages 9 to 12.

• Pushing, shoving, or knocking down of participants will not be tolerated. Any instances will result in immediate removal of the egg hunt.

- Parents or guardians should supervise their children at all times during the event.
 - In the event of rain, the event location will move to the Coach T.B. Thomas Center located at 701 W. Washington St.
- For more information about this event, call 843-917-0602 or email Jordan.braddock@hartsvillesc.gov. Follow event updates on Facebook at Visit Hartsville, SC.

LIVING ON PURPOSE
An ordinary man with an extraordinary mission

By Dr. William Holland

Like many of you, I'm very sad about Billy Graham passing away. Those who are younger will probably not have the familiar connection with him like some of us older folks, but nonetheless, I'm sure his books and recordings will continue having a beneficial impact on future generations. Throughout my childhood, I remember my parents always dialed in our old television set to watch Billy Graham evangelistic crusades and even though as a typical child I thought church services were somewhat boring, I would still sit and listen. In fact, I may not have realized it at the time, but I'm convinced his messages had a positive effect on my spiritual calling and helped influence me into a life of ministry. Here is one of his more popular statements, "Being a Christian is more than just an instant conversion, it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Jesus."

He had such a mesmerizing voice and would speak with such passion that you could not help but feel this was a truth that was being relayed from heaven. I believe his sense of urgency along with expounding the ever-important subject about Jesus being crucified and where we are going to spend eternity caused his audience to be riveted to their seats. I recall when my grandparents would come to visit and if Billy Graham was on, my dad would tune in as his parents also appreciated Mr. Graham's ministry. My grandmother would pull out her handkerchief and every now and then she would wipe a tear from her eye. I did not understand what was going on at the time but after I grew up I realized she was being blessed and moved deep within her soul.

In the church where I grew up, we had prayer alters around the stage and everyone was invited to come and kneel down and it was common to see them weep. Some would cry because of a crisis and some were repenting and asking forgiveness and yet others were often filled with joy. I believe this is a wonderful and natural reaction as we sense God's presence we can express how

grateful we are for who He is. The determination to find a special place to meet with God and fall on our knees before Him can open our spiritual eyes to how much we desperately need Him. We need more messages about yielding our will and inviting Christ to be the Lord of our life as Mr. Graham would always point out. At the funeral, Franklin Graham presented this quote from his father, "No matter what your problem is, if you and I could sit down and talk, I would want to tell you one great truth: God loves you, and He can make a difference in your life if you will let Him. God loves you so much that He sent His Son into the world to die for your sins. When we open our hearts to Christ, He forgives our sins and comes to live within us by the Holy Spirit. He also gives us strength for the present and hope for the future."

It's estimated that in his lifetime he preached to live audiences totaling over 215 million people in 185 countries. This along with his books and resources is more than anyone else has ever relayed the gospel of Jesus. He knew what God wanted to say and was used as a vessel of honor to demonstrate the authority of God's Word. Billy Graham was not perfect and I'm not trying to portray him as a saint, but it's obvious he truly loved people and had a burden to make sure everyone knew about salvation and eternal life. He was an ordinary man that God used to accomplish an extraordinary mission! It's never the charismatic personality, intelligence or ability of humans that can change another person, but rather it's the power of divine truth that convicts the conscience and allows God to transform a life. The opportunity for you to be forgiven and to accept the Lord is available right now as I close with this last quote, "God proved His love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, I love you."

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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

DC Disabilities and Special Needs Board

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

Darlington Branch NAACP

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

Darlington Professional Women

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

Historical Commission Meeting

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

American Legion Post 13

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

Darlington County Coordinating Council

The first Friday of every month at 11:30. Alternating months between Carolina Pines in Hartsville and Medford Nursing Center in Darlington.

Darlington Library Needle Nuts - 2nd Fri. each

month
Book Club - 3rd Sat. of each month

Yoga for Beginners

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

Book Club

The Darlington Library Book Club meets the 3rd Saturday of each month 12pm-1 p.m. Stop by the library to pick up each month's selection.

March 2018

St. John's 50th Reunion Planning Meeting

St. John's High School Class of 1968 is planning a 50th Class Reunion for May 25-26, 2018. There will be a class gathering of classmates at Takis Diner at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 24th to talk about reunion plans. If you can attend the meeting on March 24th, call Jimmy Sanderson at 843-616-4308. Also, classmates are encouraged to email their updated contact information to Judy Frank Langley at judy.langley99@yahoo.com.

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.

Charity Ride

A Charity Ride for the Douglas family who was recently involved in a tragic car accident will be March 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1490 Harry Byrd Hwy in Darlington. Dinner plates are \$7 and donations will be accepted. All proceeds will go to the Douglas family.

For orders of five or more, dinners can be delivered to the Florence and Darlington area. For more information, call 843-713-5601.

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.

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.

Diabetes Support Group

March 8 Living Well with Diabetes Support Group at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center 6 p.m. Education Classroom
Join our diabetes support group the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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.

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.

Democratic Women Council

Democratic Women Council of Darlington County for their monthly meeting March 12, 6pm at The Bethel AME Church Annex, 1332 S. Main Street. Darlington. Guest Speaker will be Hoyt Campbell, Director of Darlington County Elections and Registrations. For more information, contact Davita Malloy 843-339-8967, Barbara Carraway, 843-409-5241, Elaine Reed 843-307-7086

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.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

A meeting of the Florence area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will be held March 13 between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. at 121 E. Cedar Street, Florence. Kelly Luedtke will speak about Deep Brain Stimulation. Meetings are open to people with Parkinson's, caregivers, family, and friends. For more information call 843-673-0854 or email haybrton@gmail.com.

Chamber Connections Breakfast

March 15 Chamber Connections Breakfast at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center 8 - 9 a.m. All Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce members are invited to attend our

Chamber Connections Breakfast

Meet the physicians and tour the newly renovated offices of The Medical Group.

Lunch & Learn

March 15 Lunch & Learn at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center 12 noon - 1 p.m. Education Classroom
Guest speakers: William Martin, III, MD and Brian Sponseller, MD

Come meet our newest family practice physicians and have lunch on us!
Please R.S.V.P.: 843-339-4563

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.

Women's History Event

Please join us as we continue to celebrate Women History Month for an Re-Enactments, Dramatic Reading and Educational Programs. Sunday, March 18, 3pm at The Center Theater 212 N.5th Street, Hartsville, SC The performance is free and open to the public.

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 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Showdown in the Pee Dee

Presented by One More Round Boxing Team, the event will be held on March 24 at A.W. "Man" Stanley Gym, 100 Allen St. Teams from South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia will compete. Doors open at 3 p.m. with the first bout at 4:15. Weigh-ins will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$10 at the door and free for children ages 8 and younger. VIP seats are available for sponsors. For more information, call 843-639-0096

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Rep. Williams announces run for 7th District

FLORENCE--Surrounded by supporters along with his wife Janice, five-term South Carolina State Representative, businessman, and combat veteran Robert Williams announced Monday his bid for congress in South Carolina's 7th Congressional District.

Williams, native of Darlington, is a Democrat who believes that it's time for change in Washington.

"What is happening now in our capital is a complete disgrace. It's time for less bickering and more doing," Williams said.

Williams worked for the Marion/Dillon County Department of Special Needs Board and also owned an adult care center in Darlington. He worked with Correction

Medical Services, Fatherhood and Circle Park. He spent most of his adult life working in human services throughout the Pee Dee area. Robert is now a business development consultant.

While growing up in the Pee Dee, Robert was taught strong family values and the importance of respecting others. He learned the meaning of character, integrity, and public service at an early age. Robert decided to seek public office and was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 2006 and has been re-elected five times from District 62, encompassing parts of Florence and Darlington Counties.

While continuing to serve in the South Carolina Army National Guard, Robert was

called up to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and has served over 20 years in the National Guard.

"I believe in supporting the brave men and women who serve in our military...however it seems as though our incumbent congressman has been absent without leave," said Williams adding, "He seems more concerned with spending time with his Washington big wigs than he does talking with folks in our district. Our hard-working families deserve better."

As congressman, Williams said he will focus on:

- Restoring economic security for the middle class
- Working to bring more good-paying jobs to the district
- Supporting our troops

and veterans

- Ensuring affordable healthcare for everyone
- Making sure our children receive the best education possible.

Williams is planning to wage an aggressive grassroots campaign while holding "listening stops" across the district.

Williams is married to Janice Ham-Williams and has three boys, Jacobie, Rodrick, and Jarell. He is also the grandfather of two boys and one girl. Robert is very active in his community where he serves on numerous boards and advisory committees. He is active in his local church, where he serves on the Administrative Leadership Team.

Psychologist: Understanding anxiety in the flood of mass shooting, gun control news

Michael Staton, College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences

protest or marches on this issue help with anxiety?

The stress on survivors and the families of victims of mass shootings is obvious to anyone who listens to the many firsthand accounts that come to light in the days that follow these incidents.

But as each new mass shooting brings a wave of media attention, the people watching and reading the news reports are affected in some ways, too, according to Heidi Zinzow, an associate professor of psychology at Clemson University.

When a person is exposed to news of mass shootings and controversy over gun control, how can it affect them?

There are a variety of stress reactions depending on the person. People taking in this news can feel a sense of hopelessness, shock, sorrow or anger. Some may look out for danger in their everyday lives and be hyper-vigilant.

For people who have actually witnessed or experienced a traumatic event, a news report might even bring back memories of their past traumatic event that can lead to anxiety or distress. People may struggle to find solutions or understand these problems, and they may experience frustration when there is a lack of satisfactory resolution.

What can people do to relieve this anxiety?

Some children will naturally worry about their own schools or their own safety, and parents should not miss the opportunity to talk and — more importantly — listen to their children. Parents can use their best judgment about what information should be presented to their children, but they should also reassure them that many people are dedicated to keeping them safe, from teachers to law enforcement.

Both parents and children should limit exposure to news and media coverage of violence. Parents should be aware that children may express anxiety in ways beyond verbalizing their feelings. Parents should consider getting help for their children if they notice behavior problems, such as poor school performance, refusing to go to school, sleeping trouble, headaches or stomachaches, or loss of interest in activities. However, many of these problems subside over time and not all people exposed to news of violence will experience distress.

Adults also need to care for themselves when they experience anxiety or distress. This includes seeking support from their friends and community as well as seeking mental health services if their problems begin to interfere with their social lives or work. Effective stress management includes maintaining routines of healthy eating and physical activity, as well as engaging in pleasurable activities.

Can participation in

Protest and advocacy work can help some people with anxiety and distress because it can empower them. Trauma victims and people who have learned about mass violence often want to make meaning of what happened and find ways to exert control over these problems in whatever way is possible. Many of the most effective advocates on issues concerning violence prevention are doing it because they want to prevent it from happening to anyone else.

Just be aware that if you want to help others you have to have enough gas in the tank. I tell my clients sometimes to put your own gas mask on first. You have to have enough self-care in place to have the energy to help others or you could wind up in a more vulnerable position.

People can also latch onto too many causes and become overwhelmed. For these individuals, it may help to focus on one issue at a time.

Who is more at risk for developing this kind of anxiety?

People who have had a stress reaction to a prior traumatic event can be vulnerable. Children are also vulnerable because they don't have a great deal of control of their world and most don't have a broader perspective on the real risks of violence or how to cope with trauma.

Most people who experience a traumatic event don't develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or mental health problems. While some people develop PTSD, depression or substance abuse problems, most people are resilient. It's best to not assume that people are helpless and hopeless.

Researchers have found that a majority of people exposed to traumatic events don't develop significant mental health problems. However, mental health symptoms should not be ignored and people should seek help when they experience significant distress or if these problems begin to interfere with their daily activities.

What causes people to react differently to this kind of news?

It depends on the lens through which they filter the information. A person may react differently based on life experiences, genetic predispositions or current stressors. Some people may believe that events like this will inevitably happen because someone will always find access to lethal weapons if they want them. Others may attribute these events to mental illness, which is often used to deflect issues related to gun violence. While it's important to think about access to weapons for people with a mental illness, it's also important to acknowledge that the majority of people with mental illness aren't violent.

CHURCH NEWS

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Round O Missionary Baptist Church Clothing Giveaway

Round O Missionary Baptist Church Missionary Ministry Clothing Giveaway will be held on March 10th from 8-10 a.m. at the 4-Way Stop Broad Street. Tables will be set up next to the Soup Kitchen Giveaway. First come, first served. For more information, please contact Missionary Ministry at 843-496-9026.

Church Singing

Oates Baptist Church 3569 Oates Highway, Lamar, is proud to welcome Final Call Quartet of Florence SC, on Sunday March 25th 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 you may contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

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.

The Upper Room Holy Ghost Mission

Sunday morning worship is at 11 a.m. Bible study Thursday night is at 7 p.m. at 109 Main St. in Darlington. Come worship under the leadership of Pastor Warren D. Spearman. Call 843-250-0418 for prayer.

Bible Study

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

Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line

Anyone who needs prayer for healing and deliverance is wel-

come 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.

The State Capitol Report

Submitted By Rep. Robert O. Williams
SC House District #62

The House of Representatives took up three bills that draw upon the work of the special House Opioid Abuse Prevention Study Committee that was appointed by the Speaker of the House to examine the growing misuse of prescription painkillers and recommend legislative actions to counter the epidemic of ruinous addiction and fatal overdoses. The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.4492, a bill that provides new dosage limitations on prescriptions for Schedule II Controlled Substances, including opioid painkillers. The legislation revises the thirty-one day supply limitation imposed upon prescriptions for controlled substances classified in Schedule II to provide that this supply must not exceed one hundred twenty tablets or capsules or four hundred eighty milliliters of an opiate containing liquid.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.3819, a bill establishing new requirements that must be met before prescribing opioid analgesics to minors. The legislation provides that, before the first prescription for an opioid analgesic may be issued to someone under eighteen years of age who is not emancipated, the prescriber must satisfy a set of requirements that include: assessing whether the minor has suffered from a mental health or substance abuse disorder and if prescription drugs have been taken for treatment; discussing with the minor and their parent or guardian such matters as the risks of addiction and overdose associated with opioid analgesics and the dangers of drug interactions with benzodiazepines, alcohol, or other central nervous system

depressants; and, obtaining written consent from the prescription from the minor's parent, guardian, or other adult authorized to consent to the minor's medical treatment. The legislation includes requirements for the written consent, the name and quantity of the opioid analgesic being prescribed, the number of any authorized refills, and certain other information to be recorded on a "Start Talking!" consent form developed by the State Board of Medical Examiners. Exceptions are provided that apply in such circumstances as medical emergencies.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.3820, a bill requiring opioid abuse education in public secondary schools. This bill requires, as a part of the public school Comprehensive Health Education Program, certain instruction in prescription opioid abuse prevention in grades nine through twelve beginning with the 2017-2018 School Year. This instruction must include an emphasis on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs, such as heroin.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.4810, a joint resolution creating a temporary school metal detector study committee to examine whether it is in the public interest to require the installation and use of metal detectors at public schools in the state. In making its study, the committee must consider the costs and benefits of the metal detectors to the residents of this state, potential sources of funding, and the feasibility of having each school install metal detectors.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.4705, a bill enhancing requirements for mandatory

reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect. The legislation expands the category of those who are required to report suspected child abuse and neglect by adding firefighters, camp counselors, scout leaders, school or college administrators, coaches, and clerical or non-clerical religious counselors who are licensed counselors or holds themselves out as counselors or regularly counsel others. The legislation specifies that mandatory reporters must make their reports of suspected child abuse and neglect to law enforcement agencies and cannot satisfy their legal duties simply by making reports to their supervisors. The duty to report is not superseded by an internal investigation within an institution, school, facility, or agency.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.3329, a bill providing enhancements to human trafficking penalties that draws upon the work of the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children. The legislation includes revised criminal definitions, more stringent penalties that apply when a victim is under the age of eighteen, and provisions for human trafficking specialized service providers and Human Trafficking Acute Crisis Care and Resource Centers.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.4434, a bill making provisions for comprehensive Dyslexia screening and intervention in public school. This bill requires the state Department of Education to establish and provide training and support for a statewide multi-tiered support system (MTSS) framework with three tiers of interventions.

The House amended,

approved, and sent the Senate H.4078, the "Military Priority Registration Act." The legislation makes provisions for the state's public institutions of higher learning to give enrollment priority to military related students, including active duty members of the uniformed services, reservists, members of the South Carolina National Guard, and honorably discharged veterans.

The House approved and sent the Senate H.4676, a bill to provide that those included on the list of responsible adults who can sign applications for the issuance of a beginner's permit, a conditional driver's license, and a special restricted driver's license can fulfill various requirements for accompanying young drivers which currently require the presence of a parent or legal guardian. The legislation also provides that someone on the list of responsible adults is authorized to sign the consent form at the Department of Motor Vehicles to register the applicant with the federal Selective Service System upon attaining eighteen years of age.

The House approved and sent the Senate H.4682, a bill revising options for satisfying the "Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act." The legislation eliminates the options of filing a bond and filing of a certificate of deposit of money or securities as methods of establishing proof of financial responsibility. Drivers have been obtaining automobile insurance that satisfies "Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act" requirements and have not been using the other methods for establishing proof of financial responsibility.

If you have a comment or opinion please feel free to call the legislative office 803-734-3142, or my home 843-395-9408.

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Three schools in South Carolina will be gifted a \$100,000 Don't Quit! Fitness Center

Governor Henry McMaster is pleased to be joined by South Carolina Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman to announce that fitness icon Jake Steinfeld, Chairman of the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils (NFGFC), has kicked off 2018 by selecting the State of South Carolina for its 2018 DON'T QUIT! fitness campaign. The NFGFC will deliver a state-of-the-art DON'T QUIT! Fitness Center to three schools for demonstrating leadership in getting and keeping their students fit. The nomination process opens today and will run through Friday, April 6, 2018. Anyone can nominate a school by visiting www.natgovfit.org.

"Childhood obesity is a serious problem that can follow a child into adulthood. I've

declared war on this preventable disease and I'm inspired to see elected leaders like Governor McMaster immediately jump on board to join the battle and welcome us into his state. Every state leader that I've met with recognizes that obesity is neither a Democrat nor Republican issue, it's a kids issue and all have vowed to do everything possible to help," said Jake Steinfeld. "So far we've delivered DON'T QUIT! Fitness Centers in 24 states and Washington, DC and the response from students, teachers and communities has been unbelievable. Kids are excited about working out and being physically active and, as a result, their academic performance and self-esteem has skyrocketed. Now, South Carolina schools have an opportunity to make a change that will have a lasting

impact on kids well into their future."

"Teaching young people healthy habits at a young age has proven to be one of the most effective ways to encourage health and productivity later in life," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "The work that Jake and his team are doing around the country is something that South Carolina is proud to be a part of and a cause everyone can support. Our young people are the most important asset in our state and country, and we must do everything we can to support them and provide them with every opportunity for success."

"The health of South Carolina's students has a strong impact on their success in the classroom and throughout their lives," said South Carolina Superintendent of Education

Molly Spearman. "I applaud Governor McMaster for recognizing the importance of ensuring our students are healthy and ready to learn and partnering with the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils to bring this exciting opportunity to South Carolina schools."

The National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils program will make its way into all 50 states in the coming years. Each fitness center is financed through public/private partnerships with companies like The Coca-Cola Company, Anthem Foundation, Wheels Up and Nike, and does not rely on taxpayer dollars or state funding. TuffStuff Fitness International provides all of the fitness equipment, which is manufactured right here in the United States. The Foundation's goal is to build a nation of the fittest, healthiest

kids in the world.

"I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact fitness centers have had on students and their communities. When you provide schools with the tools and inspiration, you'll be amazed by the changes that take place," continued Steinfeld. "Our children are our most precious resource and by providing them with a strong foundation in health and fitness, we can feel confident that they'll excel beyond their wildest dreams."

Physical activity and exercise are shown to help prevent and treat more than 40 chronic diseases, enhance individual health and quality of life, and reduce healthcare costs. In schools, studies show that physical activity improves academic achievement, increases confidence and self-esteem, reduces

discipline problems, cuts absenteeism, and fosters better interpersonal relationships.

For more information about the NFGFC or to download a nomination form, visit www.natgovfit.org.

About The National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils

The National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils (NFGFC) seeks to encourage and reward innovation in the field of youth fitness by awarding fitness centers to schools that use new and unique methods to promote student physical activity and wellness. The NFGFC envisions a fitness center in every school in the U.S., helping to build a nation that—through innovation and a "DON'T QUIT!" attitude—boasts the fittest kids in the world.



Congratulations Hartsville High School athletes Jordan Lynch and Ethan Welsh on claiming the title of Lower State Champions in Wrestling. Congratulation Jake James on placing 2nd. All three will represent HHS at the State Championship matches in Anderson, SC

GSSM celebrates 16 National Merit Finalists

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) is pleased to announce that 16 members of the class of 2018 were recently named National Merit Finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These academically motivated students are now eligible for continued competition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

GSSM's National Merit Finalists are:

- James Byrne, child of Diana and Dr. Tom Byrne of Barnwell
- Kendall Cole, child of Christine and Joseph Cole of Chapin
- Hunter Cox, child of Michelle and James Cox of Lake View
- Nick Deas, child of Lisa and Reggie Deas of Hilton Head Island
- Scott Driggers, child of Karen and Martin S. Driggers, Jr. of Lamar
- Rondel Garguilo, child of Takisha Dunham and Ronald Garguilo of

Effingham

- Rasikh Hamid, child of Nausheen and Hadi Hamid of Beaufort

- Anna K. Hewitt, child of Karen S. and Kent E. Hewitt of Aiken

- Eesha Maisuria, child of Himaxi and Mukesh Maisuria of Lexington

- Shirley Mathur, child of Anuradha Verma and Sharad Mathur of Tega Cay

- Jacob Steele Palchak, child of Dori S. and Alan J. Palchak of Hilton Head Island

- Christopher R. Poston, child of Dr. Jenny N. and Robert A. Poston of Rock Hill

- Brennan Ravan, child of Sarah and J. Scott Ravan of Columbia

- Melissa Nicole Shugart, child of Shelley H. and Todd S. Shugart of Carlisle

- Ishrat Singh, child of Baljinder Kaur and Jagjit Singh of Irmo

- Jaden Tennis, child of Glenda and Paul Tennis of Fort Mill

"We are proud of all our

National Merit Finalists this year, as they continue to represent the high quality and achievement of the best STEM students in the state of South Carolina," said Dr. Hector Flores, GSSM president.

All 16 finalists will now compete for approximately 7,500 scholarships worth more than \$33 million that will be offered later this spring.

The National Merit Competition begins with students taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT). Semifinalists across the nation are then named based on the highest-scoring entrants in each state. A student becomes a finalist based on academic record, high school principal endorsement, and an SAT score confirming their qualifying test score.

Over half of the National Merit Finalists will be awarded a scholarship. Scholarship awards will be announced beginning in March 2018 and concluding in June. For more information, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

Darlington High School names Anthony Heilbronn varsity boys' basketball coach

Darlington High School has announced that Anthony Heilbronn, a social studies teacher at the school, will serve as the new varsity boys' head basketball coach.

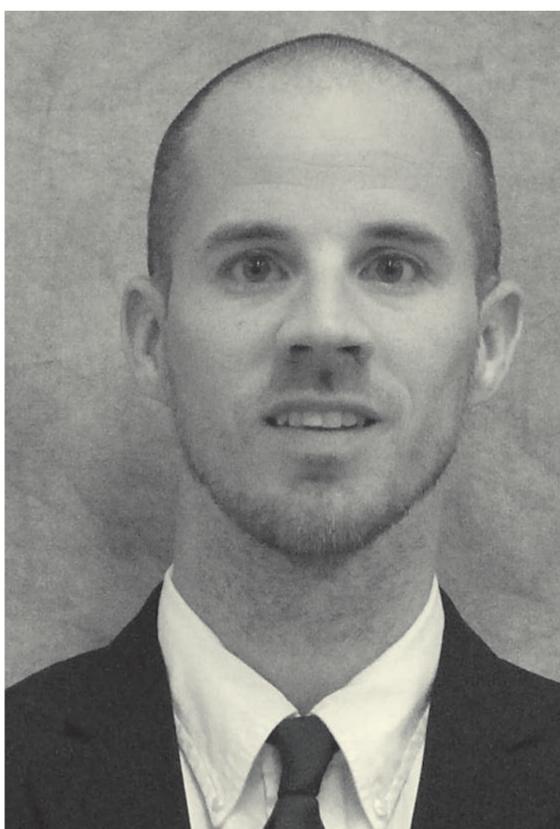
Heilbronn served as an assistant coach with the team for seven years, and he takes over after the retirement of longtime head coach Ken Howle.

Darlington High Principal Cortney Gehrke praised Heilbronn's ability to coach and mentor student-athletes.

"Coach Heilbronn's proven commitment to our students, whether that be in the classroom, as athletes or in life, speaks to the outstanding character with which he will serve our basketball program," Gehrke said. "We look forward to the team's success under his leadership."

Heilbronn is originally from Flushing, Michigan, and he graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in Social Studies. He later earned a Master of Science in Education in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University.

"I'm truly at a loss for words right now as this opportunity is a dream come true," Heilbronn said. "I've dreamed about this moment since I was younger, and thanks to Mrs. Gehrke and Coach Phil Jones, I'll get to experience that. I'm excited to get to work and very thankful that I get the oppor-



tunity to do what I love for a living."

During his seven years with the boys' basketball program at Darlington High, Heilbronn spent six as the lead assistant coach. He previously served as

head track and field coach at Hartsville High School for three years, and he is currently in his fourth year as an assistant coach for the track and field program at Darlington High.

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Darlington Raceway is celebrating “7 Decades of NASCAR” for 2018 Southern 500

Darlington Raceway is celebrating “7 Decades of NASCAR” for its Bojangles’ Southern 500 Throwback Weekend on Sept. 1-2. As part of the celebration, the track Too Tough To Tame is highlighting specific moments in the sport’s history, beginning with the 1950’s.

With the exception of Martinsville Speedway, which opened its doors to NASCAR-sanctioned events in 1948, the 1950’s was a time of rapid growth for the sport.

Many of the industry’s most popular racing facilities were built in that decade and still host NASCAR events that are considered the pillars of the sport today, including Darlington Raceway (opened in 1950 and hosts the Bojangles’ Southern 500), Charlotte Motor Speedway (built in 1959 and hosts the Coca-Cola 600) and Daytona International Speedway (opened in 1959 and hosts the Daytona 500).

Many people were credited with helping get the sport off the ground in that decade, none more so than NASCAR founder Bill France Sr.

But it was also other visionaries such as Darlington Raceway founder Harold Brasington, who built NASCAR facilities that have stood the test of time. In fact, following the construction of Darlington Raceway, Brasington went on to build Rockingham Speedway (then North Carolina Motor Speedway) in 1965 as well as several other tracks in the South.

He was also Curtis Turner’s original partner when Charlotte Motor Speedway was conceived in 1960, before selling his interest to Bruton Smith prior to construction beginning. Brasington was also responsible for the construction of Darlington Dragway and Rockingham Dragway.

“My grandfather loved racing and wanted to do what he could to make the sport more prevalent in the Carolinas, which he accomplished with the building of Darlington,

Rockingham and the conception of Charlotte,” said Brasington’s grandson, Harold III. “He was truly a visionary and pioneer in the early years of NASCAR and was recognized with the NASCAR Hall of Fame’s Landmark Award in 2016 for those efforts.”

Kerry Tharp, Darlington Raceway Track President, says it was Harold Brasington’s lofty thinking that helped spur the growth of NASCAR in the 1950s.

“Harold Brasington had the boldness and creativity that ushered in the superspeedway era for NASCAR,” said Tharp. “His development of Darlington Raceway will forever be remembered as a milestone in our sport.”

Notable historic drivers and events in the 1950’s include:

- Lee Petty competed in 373 events over the 10-year period, winning 47 of them, including the inaugural Daytona 500. Petty won a series-best three championships in the decade while also scoring the most top-10s and top-five finishes in the era—292 and 203.

- Herb Thomas was a 48-time winner in NASCAR’s top series, scoring all his wins between 1950 and 1956, including the Bojangles’ Southern 500 in 1951, 1954 and 1955.

- A 2014 NASCAR Hall of Fame Inductee, Tim Flock posted all 39 of his career victories during the ‘50s. His career win percentage was 22.5 percent, which is the highest among all drivers with at least 100 starts in the series. Flock earned 122 top-10s during the 1950s, and only 22 of those were not top-five finishes. Flock won the series championship in both 1952 and 1955.

- The first Daytona 500 was held at Daytona International Speedway in 1959. Lee Petty and Johnny Beauchamp battled to a side-by-side finish. Although Beauchamp was declared the unofficial winner, Petty was awarded the official victory by NASCAR three days later after reviewing photographs and newsreel footage.



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The Throwing Shoulder – A Softball Perspective

By Kinsey Dunst, MS, SCAT, LAT

It is commonly thought that since the softball windmill pitch is underhand, it is a “more natural” movement for the shoulder than the overhead motion of a baseball pitch, and thus, is not as hard and stressful on the shoulder and presents less of a risk for overuse injury. But is this actually true?

It is common practice to have softball pitchers pitch in multiple games in the same day, pitch on back-to-back days, and pitch complete games. Softball pitchers also do not commonly suffer the highly publicized and more commonly known arm injuries that are prevalent in young baseball pitchers, such as UCL tears of the elbow, which is more commonly known as “Tommy John” injury, and epicondylitis, which is commonly known as “litter leaguer’s elbow”. So, at first glance, it would seem that softball pitching is “safer” than baseball pitching.

In reality, however, the risk isn’t any less, it is just different. Softball pitchers are not as likely to suffer elbow injuries, though overuse shoulder injuries are still a concern. Research has shown that softball pitchers are just as prone to injury as baseball pitchers. Common injuries seen in softball pitchers include biceps tendinopathy, upper extremity stress fractures, rotator cuff muscle tendinopathy, impingement, and ulnar nerve inflammation.

Many of these overuse injuries result in anterior shoulder pain, though this is not the only sign to watch for. Other signs of possible overuse injury include, achy pain that is worse at night, painful clicking, pop-

ping, and/or pinching in the shoulder during motion, loss of shoulder joint range of motion, and fatigue and/or pain that does not resolve following a week, or more, of rest.

Unlike baseball, there are very few regulations regarding pitch counts and required rest between outings and what is available is not very specific. Little League Softball limits pitchers under the age of 12 to throwing 12 innings in a single day and requires a day of rest between pitching outings once the pitcher has pitched 7 innings in a day. Though, once over the age of 12, there are no regulations.

As a sports medicine professional who works with softball players on a daily basis, I put softball athletes in the general category of throwing athletes and do not approach softball-related injuries and injury prevention any differently than I would for any other athlete that competes in a sport involving repetitive overhead arm motion, such as baseball or tennis. So, while there are no specific recommendations for softball pitchers, there are some general recommendations for all throwing athletes that softball players, coaches, and parents should keep in mind as softball season approaches:

- Emphasize the importance of proper throwing and

pitching mechanics starting at young age

- Work on strengthening of not only the shoulder muscles, but also the core, upper back, legs, and gluteal muscles

- Follow pitch limit recommendations

- Rotate positions on the diamond at a young age
- Don’t pitch through pain and fatigue

- Always do a proper warm-up prior to throwing, consisting of a general body warm-up, stretching, and a gradual increase in throwing distance

- Do not pitch on multiple teams during the same season
- Do not play the same sport year-round

Lastly, let’s not forget about our catchers in both baseball and softball. While they aren’t the ones out there throwing high intensity pitches in high stress situations, they do throw every time a pitcher throws, so they are also at high risk of overuse throwing injury when compared to other positions on the diamond. Anything you would do in an effort to prevent or treat overuse throwing injuries for pitchers, should also be applied to them. Making sure that your young athlete has the best season possible starts with knowing the signs and symptoms of injury and taking the proper precautions to prevent them.



Scott and Booker introduce Sickle Cell Disease Research, Surveillance, Prevention and Treatment Act

Washington – Senators Tim Scott (R-SC) and Cory Booker (D-NJ) have introduced a new initiative in the fight against Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) – the Sickle Cell Disease Research, Surveillance, Prevention and Treatment Act. There is currently no national framework in place to accurately measure the current number of Americans affected by SCD, and this new bipartisan legislation would increase efforts to collect data on the disease and reauthorize the Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program (SDTDP) for four years.

“It is critical that we understand the full breadth of what we’re facing in the fight to cure Sickle Cell Disease,” Senator Scott said. “This legislation marks a significant step forward in our efforts to combat Sickle Cell on all fronts – research, surveillance, prevention and treatment. We owe it to those suffering every day to do everything possible to find a cure. I want to thank Senator Booker for helping introduce this important legislation, and I look forward to gaining even more support from our colleagues in the Senate.”

“Sickle cell disease is a stark example of the disparate health services available to African-Americans compared to their white peers, with devastating effect,” Booker said. “Despite being one of the most common genetic and blood diseases, and the fact that we have known about it for more than 100 years, Americans with sickle cell disease continue to face a variety of barriers when trying to access care. Compare that to other diseases that impact a similar or even smaller number of people, which receive more attention, and at times, more resources to help patients.”

“It’s long past time we start treating sickle cell disease as the serious and debilitating illness it is and allocate the necessary resources to monitor, research, and treat it,” Booker added.

While the CDC estimates that 100,000 Americans suffer from SCD, the exact figure is unknown due to limited efforts to collect data on the disease. This legislation creates the National Sickle Cell Disease Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment program to allow HHS to issue grants to no more than 20 eligible entities (defined as states, state health or public health

departments, and institutions of higher education) for the purposes of:

- Collecting data on the demographics and prevalence of sickle cell disease;
- Conducting public health initiatives with respect to the disease; and
- Identifying and evaluating strategies for SCD prevention and treatment.

The bill also reauthorizes the SDTDP for four years and a total of \$18 million dollars, which includes expanding support services for adolescents making the transition to adult care.

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 activities; provide facilities and services for civic and cultural events; 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@darcosc.net 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@darcosc.net.

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One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish and Oh the Places They Will Go

Students at Carolina Elementary School got the chance to show their literary loyalty last Friday at the annual Book Characters Parade. Kids in grades 1 through 5 marched through the halls dressed as their top faves, and costumes ranged from The Cat in the Hat to Spongebob Squarepants to Little Red Riding Hood, plus several superheroes and the occasional ninja.

"We did our Book Character Parade today and dressed up like our favorite book characters to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday today," said Beth Caulder, Carolina Elementary reading coach. "In years past, we have done just Dr. Seuss characters, but this year we decided to expand it and do any of your favorite characters. We've got lots of Seussical characters, but there's kids who came as Scout from 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and Katniss Everdeen from 'The Hunger Games.'"

Other schools across the district also held character parades and special events in honor of Read Across America Week. Pictured are students from Carolina and St. John's Elementary School. Photos by Samantha Lyles and Melissa Rollins



Trinity-Byrnes students debut original material during Open-Mic night

For a special one night only event, the spotlights shone on students of Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School as they performed original works of poetry, drama, comedy, and music, and offered interpretations of stage and song classics. This

'open mic night' themed evening offered free admission to parents, friends, and the public – although coffee, beverages, and baked goods were on sale to raise funds for the school's performing arts programs.



Chandler Jordan and Azilee Davis performed "Hallelujah"



Isabella Stamato and Cast performed an original one-act play. Photos by Samantha Lyles



Alexis Lee read an original poem entitled "SMS"

Dr. Wittmann-Price receives AAFSC Diversity Award

Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price, the dean of the Francis Marion University School of Health Sciences, received the African-American Faculty & Staff Coalition's Diversity Award at the organization's annual gala recently held on the FMU campus.

The diversity award was just one of many highlights at the event. The AAFSC also recognized 12 recipients of AAFSC-sponsored scholarships at the gala, listened to an inspiring message from keynote speaker Yvonne Davis, and heard about new honors for Davis and long-time university administrator Dr. Joseph E. Heyward.

The 12 scholarships were provided by AAFSC fundraising as well as university support. The AAFSC funds named scholarships for Dr. Joseph E. Heyward, Dr. Leroy "Pete" Peterson, Mrs. Rebecca Lunn, and Dr. Dorothy Harris.

In honoring Wittmann-Price, the AAFSC noted her involvement in helping secure two grants totaling more than \$2 million to assist in creating a more diverse healthcare workforce throughout the Pee Dee.

Wittmann-Price is a native of Palisades Park, N.J. who joined the FMU faculty in 2010 after working as an assistant professor and coordinator for the Educational Track in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at Drexel University. She received her AAS & BSN degree from Felician College

in Lodi, N.J., her MS as a Perinatal CNS from Columbia University and completed her PhD in nursing at Widener University, Chester, Pa. and was awarded the Dean's Award for Excellence.

Yvonne Davis, a former FMU staff member who served the University for 34 years, was the event's keynote speaker. Besides her long service to FMU, Davis is also an advocate for more accessible healthcare in some of the Pee Dee region's more rural areas. She talked about her work in that area and also highlighted FMU's role in the region.

"The brightest light that shines in the Pee Dee is Francis Marion University," Davis said.

FMU President Dr. Fred Carter announced a new scholarship honoring Davis, and in her name. The scholarship will go to a Francis Marion student with a passion for community service.

Carter also announced that university would name two of its most prominent streets after Heyward, who served as provost and in a number of other roles, including, briefly, acting president just before Carter's arrival in 1999.

The AAFSC was founded at FMU in 1995 to stimulate and enhance cultural awareness, and to promote professional development and welfare among faculty, staff and students.

The organization's goals include increasing morale,

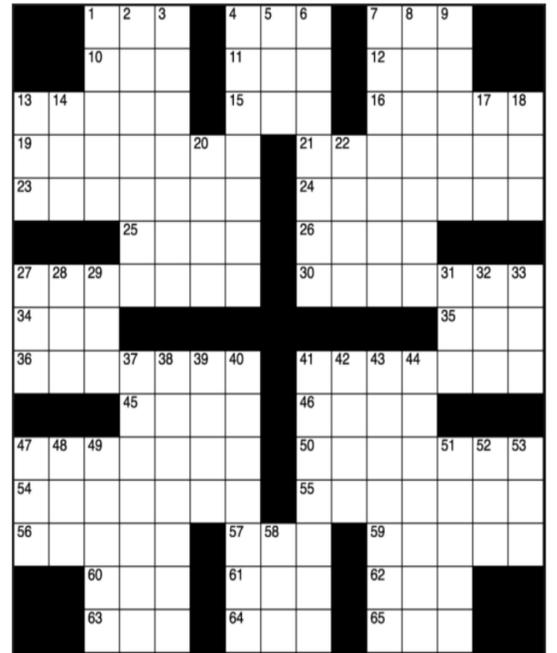


and communication among members; creating an atmosphere of community for FMU African-American faculty, staff and students; serving as a liaison between the administrative personnel of FMU and the African-American faculty and staff; and examining the university's efforts in recruitment

and retention of African-American faculty and staff.

Past winners of the AAFSC Diversity Award included Dr. Rebecca Lawson, Dr. Louis Venters, Ms. Angela Crosland, Dr. Rhonda Brogdon, Ms. Yvonne Davis, Mrs. Crystal Graham, Dr. Will Wattles and Dr. Jason Owens.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Chop or cut
4. Green veggie
7. Bar bill
10. Doctors' group
11. One who buys and sells securities (slang)
12. Be in debt
13. Lively ballroom dance
15. Singer Charles
16. Polish city
19. Former
21. Dismissing from employment
23. Minerals
24. Plotted
25. Consult
26. After a prayer
27. Agents of one's downfall
30. Leaseholders
34. Supervises flying
35. Voodoo god
36. Alfalfa
41. Apply another coat to
45. Witnesses
46. Jai __, sport
47. Ones who proof
50. Recant
54. Small group with shared interests
55. Part of warming headgear

CLUES DOWN

1. Czech monetary unit
2. Able to arouse intense feeling
3. Elk
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Geological time
6. Depths of the ocean
7. Burns to the ground
8. Becomes cognizant of
9. Cause to shade
13. US political party
14. Refers to some of a thing
17. Single

18. Type of beer
20. Ancient Iranian people
22. Grocery chain
27. Gridiron league
28. English river
29. __ and cheese
31. Peyton's younger brother
32. Long time
33. High schoolers' test
37. Respects
38. Organize anew
39. Filippo __, Saint
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Cheese dish
42. Ancient Greek City
43. Patron saint of Ireland
44. Produced by moving aircraft or vehicle
47. Shock treatment
48. __ Jones
49. Things
51. Having wings
52. Panthers' QB Newton
53. Third-party access
58. Satisfaction

WORD SEARCH

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Carolinas' waterways to benefit from Duke Energy grants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Thirteen organizations spanning 42 counties in North Carolina and South Carolina will receive more than \$900,000 in new grants from Duke Energy's Water Resources Fund to support environmental and wildlife programs. The fund is a \$10 million multiyear commitment from Duke Energy to help local organizations continue to protect and improve the environment, including waterways used year-round across the Carolinas and neighboring states.

"Water is a shared natural resource that connects us all," said David Fountain, Duke Energy's North Carolina president. "To keep our waterways healthy, it takes communities coming together with a shared commitment. We're proud to support these 13 organizations that are implementing innovative projects to protect our water resources."

"The museum's goal is to spark curiosity and foster a deep appreciation for the sciences and the natural beauty of western North Carolina," said Anna Priest, executive director of the Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS). "AMOS' French Broad River exhibit will offer a one-of-a-kind interactive learning experience to the public. We thank Duke Energy for its support and are eager to launch this project, allowing visitors to learn about the importance of the French Broad River in the western North Carolina ecosystem."

"Our communities and regional economies are powered by the rivers and waterways that these projects will support," said Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, Duke Energy's South Carolina president. "We are committed to these 13 organizations to ensure future generations enjoy the benefits of our waterways."

"A core goal of Kalmia Gardens is to protect and preserve habitat," said Daniel Hill, assistant director of Kalmia Gardens of Coker College. "With this grant, the Gardens will not only restore a native ecological community, but also help protect Black Creek from urban runoff."

Duke Energy has awarded more than \$7 million in grants to 86 projects in the Carolinas and Virginia since establishing the fund in 2015. Recipients are selected by an independent body that includes five environmental experts and two Duke Energy employees. View an interactive map showcasing all 86 grantees at dukeenergy.com/H2O.

Additional details on the grants follow:

South Carolina
City of Rock Hill (SC) Cotton Mill Stream Restoration – \$100,000 to restore eroded Cotton Mill stream banks to improve water quality and enhance the plant, fish and wildlife habitat.

Ducks Unlimited Inc. (SC) Santee National Wildlife Refuge Bluff Unit – \$75,000 to enhance the publicly accessible 726-acre wetland complex, including the Dingle Pond, at the Santee National Wildlife Refuge Bluff Unit.

Kalmia Gardens (of Coker College) (SC) Stormwater Best Management Practice Benefiting Black Creek – \$77,500 to reduce the pollution load entering Black Creek from a 300-acre urban watershed while restoring site ecologies and implementing a regenerative stormwater conveyance (RSC) system.

Open Space Institute Land Trust (SC) Black River Conservation Corridor: Enhancing Conservation, Habitat Connectivity & Public Access – \$86,000 to protect critical land in the Black River Conservation Corridor and improve public access.

CyberPatriots Team scores coveted invitation to Cyber Defense Competition

Two teams from the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) participated in the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition South Carolina state round on January 21. CyberPatriot is a national youth cyber education program created by the Air Force Association to inspire students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines.

During the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, student teams are given a set of virtual images that represent operating systems and are tasked with finding cybersecurity vulnerabilities and hardening the system while maintaining critical services. The teams from GSSM competed in the Platinum tier of the competition, which is reserved for the top 25 percent of teams nationally. A total of 628 teams across the country competed in the Platinum tier, including 14 from South Carolina. The two teams from GSSM finished in third place and sixth place.

"It's been absolutely amazing watching those who had no prior cyber security knowledge come in and do this good in a competition," said Brianna Fuller. "CyberPatriot is a great learning experience for students to learn all sorts of new things about computers and to expand their horizons in cyber security, as well as learning things about communication and problem solving during the competitions themselves. I'm looking forward to an even better season next year!"

Students on team "netcad":

- Griffin Eslinger, child

of Sandy and David Eslinger of Summerville

- Brianna Fuller, child of Sharon and Joe Fuller of Summerville

- Michael F. Gresko, child of Cindy and Michael Gresko of Greenwood

- Duncan B. Harmon, child of Kerrie and Troyce Harmon of North Augusta

- Brendan McManamon, child of Deborah and James McManamon of Easley

Students on team "NotAVirus.exe":

- Dylan Bruss, child of Jennifer and Andrew Bruss of Easley

- Cecilia Coler, child of Laura Brazel of Lexington

- Nick Deas, child of Lisa and Reggie Deas of Hilton Head Island

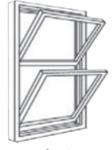
- James Johnson, child of Kimberly and Patrick Johnson of Summerville

- Sam Larson, child of Dr. Janet Davis and Kyle Larson of Trenton

- Collen Mims, child of Michelle Mims of Estill

"In CyberPatriot every point matters, and perfection is near impossible without help," explained Collen Mims. "CyberPatriot taught me that sometimes you have to rely on others, and though you won't always be the best team in the competition, the entire team feels great that we did our absolute best."

Because of GSSM's strong showing in the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, GSSM will field a team of six participants in the Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition, which will take place on April 14 in Charleston. Only eight schools in the state can compete in this invitation-only contest hosted by the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center.



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Santee Basin Diadromous Fish Plan updated

While not for the faint of heart, cold February-March temperatures can bring on some of the hottest fishing around, especially if you are in pursuit of American Shad. South Carolina's Santee River System (aka - The Santee Basin) supports some of the largest populations of migratory fish on the East Coast, including the American Shad. Keeping that fishery alive means keeping the Santee Basin healthy and restoring access to fish spawning areas; and that's what the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) and its partners want to accomplish with the recently updated Santee Basin Diadromous Fish Plan.

Originating in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, the Santee Basin is the second largest watershed on the East Coast, second only to the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and supports important commercial and recreational fisheries. For the migratory fish of the Santee Basin, an imperative part of their life cycle is being able to access both marine and freshwater habitats. For species of fish such as the Atlantic Sturgeon (federally endangered), Shortnose Sturgeon (federally

endangered), American Shad, Hickory Shad, and Blueback Herring, which spend most of their adult lives in marine or estuarine environments, migration to freshwater is necessary for spawning. Other species, such as the American Eel, spend most of their adult lives in freshwater and migrate to marine environments to spawn. While gains have been made in restoring depleted populations of some of these species, restoring the fishery to historic levels means continuing to overcome habitat loss and degradation and impediments to spawning migrations and spawning habitat.

To improve the habitat of migratory fish and restore access to former spawning and maturation sites, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), SCDNR, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), developed the Santee-Cooper Basin Diadromous (migratory) Fish Passage Restoration Plan in 2001. The development of this plan led to a number of significant accomplishments including construction of a fish ladder at the Columbia Diversion Dam to provide passage for American Shad and

Blueback Herring to access about 24 miles of spawning habitat on the Broad River. The plan also established scientifically-based flow criteria for restoration of certain fish species at five hydroelectric projects. Even more important was the establishment of the Santee River Basin Accord that created programs to conduct American Shad fry stocking and monitor spawning migration patterns of American Shad, Shortnose Sturgeon, and American Eel. As a result of the Santee River Basin Accord, more than 26 million American Shad Fry were stocked into the Broad and Wateree Rivers from 2008-2017.

To build on the accomplishments of the 2001 plan, NMFS, SCDNR, USFWS, and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) have recently updated the plan. The updated plan will build on the accomplishments of the past by further improving scientifically-based flow criteria at hydroelectric projects, improving water quality throughout the Santee Basin, protecting fish habitat, providing upstream and downstream fish passage, and conducting further popula-

tion enhancement and monitoring projects. Specifically, the updated plan promotes the importance of streamside buffer zones for the improvement of water quality, identifies studies necessary for understanding the life history and movement patterns of Atlantic Sturgeon, Shortnose Sturgeon, and American Shad, and identifies funding sources that can be used to protect land areas along streams within the Basin.

The NMFS, SCDNR, NCWRC and USFWS have been working in partnership with the utilities operating hydroelectric facilities in the Santee Basin, such as Duke Energy, Lockhart Power, Santee Cooper, and SCE&G, as well as other federal, state and local agencies with interests in the migratory fishes of the Santee Basin to accomplish these objectives.

For more information about the plan, see the Santee Basin Diadromous Fish Plan and contact the agencies mentioned above. At SCDNR, contact Diadromous Fisheries Program Coordinator, Bill Post, at 843-953-9821, or Hydropower Projects Coordinator, Bill Marshall, at 803-734-9096.

Stabbing Investigation

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies are currently investigating a stabbing incident that occurred Sunday evening at a residence on Autrey St. in the Darlington area. Two victims have been transported to a local hospital with extensive injuries. Deputies have a suspect in custody.

Investigators uncover Fentanyl and more

Darlington County Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Unit and the Hartsville Police Department served a search warrant at a room at the Hartsville Motel located at 805 N. Fifth St. in Hartsville on February 20.

Investigators uncovered five fentanyl patches, 5 grams of heroin, 2.9 grams of methamphetamine, ten 30 mg oxycodone tablets and \$700 in cash. Investigators arrested four individuals.

Dwayne Coleman, 45, of Darlington, is charged with five counts of distribution of a schedule II controlled substance and two counts of possession with the intent to distribute a schedule II controlled substance. Coleman remains at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center on a \$56,000 bond.

Priscilla Ann Metropol, 40, of Darlington, is charged with one count of distribution of a schedule II controlled substance. Metropol has been released on a \$5,000 bond.

Crystal Renee Dixon, 32, of Hartsville is charged with one count of possession of methamphetamine. Dixon has been released on a \$3,000 bond.

Garret Lamont Campbell, 40, of Hartsville is charged with trafficking heroin, distribution of methamphetamine and possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine. Campbell remains at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center on an \$80,000 bond.

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

Lady Stingers win 14th consecutive game

The Florence-Darlington Technical College Lady Stingers softball team won four games over the weekend in the FP Dreams College Spring Tournament in North Myrtle Beach to increase their winning streak to 14 games in a row.

On Friday, the Lady Stingers defeated Olney Central College 6-2. Marissa Tyndall was the winning pitcher as she only allowed eight hits, two runs and a walk.

Kristina Lee was 2-3 with two runs batted in. Tori Alexander was 2-4 with three runs batted in.

The Lady Stingers beat SUNY-Delhi on Friday afternoon 8-0 in six innings. Alexander was the winning pitcher. She allowed two hits, two

walks and hit one player.

Hanna Gainey was 2-3 at the plate with a run batted in. Riley Boyle was 3-3 with two runs batted in.

The Lady Stingers kept the momentum rolling on Saturday as they defeated Garrett College 28-0 in just five innings. Tyndall pitched one inning and Alexander pitched four innings. Combined, the two pitchers only allowed three hits and two walks.

Brittany Miller was the leading hitter on Saturday as she was 4-4 with three runs batted in. Shelby Cox was 3-4 with three runs batted in and a walk. Malan Wilson was 3-3 with two runs batted in.

The Lady Stingers' final game of

the tournament was held on Saturday afternoon, and they won once again, beating Olney Central College 6-3. Tyndall won on the mound while allowing five hits, one walk, three runs and she hit a batter.

Lee was the leading batter at the plate. She was 2-4 with a run batted in. Boyle had two runs batted in, as she was 1-4.

With the four wins over the weekend, the Lady Stingers improve to 16-4, and they are 6-0 in their region.

The Lady Stingers are off this weekend, but they will return to action on Friday, March 16 as they travel to play Richard Bland in a doubleheader.



Auh'Kieria Smiling runs to catch a ball in the outfield during the FP Dreams College Spring Tournament. PHOTO BY CHARLIE BAILEY PHOTOGRAPHY

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 5, 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.

• Lee Tonya-Maxine Gainey, 39, of 2513 High Hill Road, Darlington, Non Support

• Barry Anthony Jones Jr., 20, of 126 South Breal Rd, Timmonsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Alonzo Dylan Wilson, 38, of 1504 Siesta Dr, Florence, Shoplifting <\$2000; Driving Under Suspension

• Sajarvious Bass, 27, of 3 Plover Ctf, Columbia, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Elijah Stephen Felks, 25, of 1712 Springwood Lake Dr, Columbia, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Amy Lashon Horton, 24, of 405 Swift Creek Road, Hartsville, Petty Larceny

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

<\$2000

• Joseph Laquan Keith, 17, of 118 Rogers Ave, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Wilbur Laverne Lunn, 56, of 1503 Lide Springs Rd, Darlington, Violation of Protective Order

• Latisha Claynetta McDaniel, 38, of 267 Syracuse St Apt #B, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Monique McDowell, 27, of 538 Third Loop Rd, Florence, Breach of Trust w/Fraud Intent <\$2000

• Deon Howard Robinson, 47, of 408 South 11th St, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Bradley Sherman, 28, of 5139 Bluff Road, Florence, Non Support

• Kendrick Strong, 19, of 100 Blassengale Dr Apt G5, Chesterfield, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Brianna Ruth Millie Barrineaus, 31, of 317 Emmury St, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Codie Oswald Bell, 36, of 416 W Broad Street, Darlington, Drugs/Man Dist Etc Cocaine Base 3rd or Sub

• Tyrell Shinett Bess, 43, of 1663 Timmonsville Hwy, Darlington, Contempt Probated Court

• Kenneth Blair Carter, 34, of 332 Rhodes Community Rd, Darlington, Burglary Second Degree; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Johnny Cherry III, 49, of 715 Hudson St, Hartsville, Violation of City Ordinance

• Hykeem Ramel Mack, 23, of 402 Chestnut St, Darlington, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Alexis Diamond Norwood, 17, of 2534 North Matthews Rd, Stranton, Poss 28G or Less

Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Timothy Joseph Cook, 39, of 1711 Highway 17S Unit 184, Driving Under the Influence; Driving Under Suspension; Open Container of Beer/Wine

• Robin Jeannette Dials Boston, 60, of 605 Southside Dr, Hartsville, Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Financial Transaction Card Theft; Financial Transaction Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 mths

• George Hayward Fields, 25, of 3595 Oats Hwy, Lamar, Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person

• Kathryn Nyopal Gainey-Griggs, 44, of 220 Spillway Drive, Darlington, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

• Chris Levon McNeal, 41, of 732 Weaver St, Darlington, Non Support

• Kenneth Lyle Ponds, 56, of 2849 Rochelle Rd, Bethune, Driving Under the Influence

• Mitchell Hayward Walters, 53, of 1904 Indian Branch Road, Darlington, Non Support

• Kuwamea Cooks, 19, of 605 S Leesburg, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Frank NMN George, 70, of 1641 Country Manor Rd, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence

• Donald Christopher Graham, 62, of 3205 Hartsville Hwy, Darlington, Use of 911 Number Unlawfully

• Mitchell Anthony Hinson, 54, of 421 Petrowood Ln, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Diamond Danielle Kelly, 23, of 1527 Peachtree Dr, Darlington, Open Container of Beer/Wine; Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Use License Plates Other Than Vehicle Issued; Traffic/Passing Unlawfully; Obtain Sign/Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000

• Shanard Maqual Lunn, 26, of 105 Trexler Street, Darlington, Safekeeping

• Lee Ernest Mack, 44, of 1806 Tomac Rd, Lamar, Driving Under the Influence

• Robbie Jay Sanderson, 51, of 114 Johnson St, Springlake NC, Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Obtaining Goods by False Pretense <\$75; Driving Under Suspension; Violation of City Ordinance

• Lindsay Taylor Britt, 21, of 912 Lynch Rd, Coward, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Alphonso NMN Bromell, 52, of Marcus Valley Dr, Hartsville, Safekeeping

• Dennis Scott Catoe, 46, of 2087 Middendorf Church Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Ashley L Hicks, 32, of 5201 County Lane, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

• Sylvester NMN Kirkland, 71, of PO Box 768 Lincoln Circle, Lamar, DUI <10 1st Offense; Driving Under Suspension; Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic; Fail to Return Drivers License After Susp; Open Container of Beer/Wine

• Damorrius Taylor Lowery, 24, of 6577 Francis Marion Rd, Effingham, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Manuft Possess Other Sub in Sch I II III WITD 1st

• Micheal Ashley McDougald, 36, of 3140 Lide Spring Rd, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Bruce Edward Spell Jr., 25, of 311 West Hampton St, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Petty Larceny <\$2000

• Natasha Shayanne Williams, 27, of 655 W Washington St, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 1st Degree

• Brandy Lee Brazell, 39, of 1127 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Shawn Allen Campbell, 31, of 1425 Boaler Path Rd, Hartsville, DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 2nd

• Christopher Olando Hannah, 49, of 218 Quinby Circle, Florence, Driving Under the Influence

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

• Andrew Donnie Morrison, 28, of 1144 Snider Ln, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Rosemary Saunders, 32, of 1811 Autumn Lane, Florence, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Robert Adam Truett, 28, of 706 Rio Dr, Darlington, DUI/DUI But Less than .16 1st Offense

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SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO: 2017-CP-16-0871 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON

Abbie Stanton Yarborough f/k/a Abbie Lea Stanton Holt Vs. William Lucas Holt, in his capacity as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kim Holt, Grenada Johnson, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest, or lien upon the real property described in the Complaint herein; any unknown adults being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability or in the military service being a class designated as Richard Roe, TO

THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is here-with served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscriber at his office, 909 West Evans Street, Florence, SC 29501, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY AND/OR TO PERSONS IN MILITARY SERVICE: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Plaintiff. YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53, of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. LJS PENDENS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced in the Court of Darlington County, South Carolina, upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Kim Holt to First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of South Carolina dated the 21st day of April, 1993 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on April 22, 1993 at 9:31 a.m. in Mortgage Book M68 at Page 23 and assigned to Plaintiff by assignment recorded on November 29, 2001 in Book M593 at Page 156, and affecting the property described as follows: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, located, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, and designated as Lot 23 on plat made by Ervin Engineering Company, Inc., dated March 31, 1992, whereon the said lot is shown to be bounded, according to said plat as follows: On the Northeast by property, nor or formerly of Huntley, on which it measures a distance of 225 feet; on the Southeast by Lot 22, according to said plat, on which it measures a distance of 250.09 feet; on the Southwest by National Avenue, on which it fronts and measures a distance of 190 feet; and on the Northwest by Lot 24, according to said plat on which it measures a distance of 242.31 feet. For a more complete description, reference is had to the above referred to plat, a copy of which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 146 at Page 145. This being the same property conveyed to the mortgagor by deed of Kim Holt d/b/a Holt Construction dated June 18, 1992 and recorded June 18, 1992 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Deed Book D-23 at Page 136. TMS#: 186-00-03-066. Property Address: 23 National Avenue, Florence, South Carolina 29501 NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT: YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions in the above entitled action were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on November 10, 2017. Steven G. Mikell, Attorney At Law, SC Bar No. 3968, 909 West Evans Street, Florence, S.C. 29501, (843) 669-6262 Attorney for Plaintiff (32c3 leave in thru 3-7-18)

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SUMMONS AND NOTICES STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO. 2018-CP-16-00069 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, PLAINTIFF, VS. Denise Douglas King, as Co-Personal Representative, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Dennis Graham Douglas a/k/a Dennis G. Douglas, Deceased; and Donald Hampton Douglas, as Co-Personal Representative, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Dennis Graham Douglas a/k/a Dennis G. Douglas, Deceased, assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment instrument dated August 2, 2017 and recorded August 14, 2017 in Book 1082 at Page 8744. The description of the premises is as follows: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of Hartsville, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being shown as sixty-six hundredths (.66) acres, more or less, on a plat made by Lind Surveying Company, Inc., dated August 25, 1978, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 78 at Page 29; said lot being bound now or formerly as follows: NORTH: By lands now or formerly of Marilee Wiesen Willis, as shown on said plat, for a distance of 134.5 feet, more or less; EAST: By lands now or former-

ly of W.C. Wadsworth, as shown on said plat, for a distance of 264.2 feet, more or less; SOUTH: By East Home Avenue, as shown on said plat, for a distance of 87.0 feet, more or less; and, WEST: By lands now or formerly of Charles Brown, as shown on said plat, for a distance of 263.13 feet, more or less. This being the same property conveyed to Dennis G. Douglas by Deed of Pee Dee Construction LLC dated March 11, 2009 and recorded March 18, 2009 in the ROD Office for Book 1056 at Page 868 in the ROD Office for Darlington County. TMS No. 078-00-03-023 Property address: 1332 E Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550 SCOTT AND CORLEY, P.A. By: Ronald C. Scott (rons@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #4996 Reginald P. Corley (reggiec@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #69453 Angelia J. Grant (angij@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #78334 Jessica S. Corley (jessicac@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #80470 Allison E. Heffernan (allisonh@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #68530 Matthew E. Rupert (matthewr@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #100740 William P. Stork (williams@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #100242 Louise M. Johnson (ceasiej@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #16586 Tasha B. Thompson (tashat@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #76415 ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200 Columbia, SC 29204 803-252-3340

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT

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MASTER'S SALE

CASE NO. 2017-CP-16-00334 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Planet Home Lending, LLC against David L. Culley and Martha W. Culley, I, the Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on April 3, 2018 at 12:30 PM, at the Darlington County Courthouse, Darlington, South Carolina, to the highest bidder the following described property: ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL, OR LOT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING, BEING NORTH OF THE CITY

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Answers from 2B

Grid for crossword puzzle answers from 2B. The grid is a 10x10 grid with some cells shaded black. The letters are: H E W P E A T A B A M A R A B O W E G A L O P R A Y R A D O M O N E T I M E S A C K I N G P Y R I T E S S C H E M E D V I D E A M



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2200 Lides Springs Rd—3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 car garage, 1,485 sq ft - **\$249,900**
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102 Spring Heights Cr.—3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 1,700 sq ft - **\$145,000**
616 W. Smith Ave—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,461 sq ft - **\$137,900**
1700 Cashua Ferry Rd—3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,350 sq ft with pond **\$129,900**
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2244 Harry Byrd Hwy - Commercial bld. 11,684 sq ft metal building. Sits on 4+ acres of land. 6 ft fence around perimeter of property. Currently used as an office, warehouse, & Restaurant/ lounge. Plenty of office area. 5 restrooms. Lots of potential uses. Conveniently located 4 miles from Darlington Raceway. Close to Hartsville and I-20. Owner will finance with a \$150,000 down payment. Call today to see this property. **Priced at \$750,000 REDUCED - Motivated seller, bring all offers**

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Refuge prescribed fire season begins

Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge will be starting their annual prescribed burning operations. Prescribed burning, the intentional application of fire to meet land management objectives is essential to maintaining the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem that dominates the refuge. Prescribed burns reduce hazardous fuels that build up in the absence of natural fires. These planned ignitions help prevent loss of property or life from a wildfire, and are also an effective habitat management tool to eliminate woody fuel build-up. All refuge prescribed burning operations are conducted under an approved plan that adheres to stringent requirements for adequate fire-fighting resources, appropriate weather conditions, and South Carolina Smoke Management Guidelines.

The Refuge will burn areas of

varying acreages between February and June. All burn plans meet national standards and are developed by qualified and experienced fire management professionals. These plans are extensively reviewed and must receive final approval from the Refuge Manager prior to ignition. Firefighters from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other cooperators will conduct the burns.

Refuge fire management personnel closely monitor weather and fuel conditions to maximize results and minimize smoke impacts on adjacent communities. Burns will only be conducted during the daytime hours. Highways 1 and 145 may be impacted by smoke for short periods and appropriate signage and/or personnel will be in place for traffic control if needed. Smoke may also be visible from the surrounding areas.

For more information about

the refuge's prescribed fire program, you may contact the Refuge Office at 843-335-8350 or carolinasandhills@fws.gov.

Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1939, contains 46,000 acres of rolling sand hills dominated by the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem. This ecosystem provides for the needs of more than 190 species of birds, 42 species of mammals, 41 species of reptiles, and 25 species of amphibians. More than 800 species of plants have been identified on the refuge, including rare species of pitcher plants, Well's pixie-moss, and the white-wicky. The refuge is open year-round for wildlife-dependent recreation: thousands of visitors participate in fishing, wildlife observation, hunting, nature photography, hiking and environmental education programs and events.

Governor proclaims March Prescribed Fire Awareness Month

Gov. Henry McMaster has proclaimed March 2018 Prescribed Fire Awareness Month in South Carolina.

A coalition of state, federal and non-governmental land management organizations under the umbrella of the South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council requested the proclamation to raise awareness of the essential role that fire plays in both the stewardship of our natural resources and the protection of lives and property.

Prescribed, or controlled, burning is the skilled application of fire under planned weather and fuel conditions to achieve specific forest and land management objectives. Controlled burning is an ancient practice, notably used by Native Americans for crop management, insect and pest control, and hunting habitat improvement, among other purposes.

The practice continues

today under the direction of land managers who understand the appropriate weather conditions, fuel loads and atmospheric conditions for conducting such burns. These carefully applied fires are an important tool to reduce wildfires, enhance wildlife habitat, and keep the nearly 13 million acres of forested land in South Carolina healthy and productive.

While prescribed burning cannot stop all wildfires, it is the best management tool available for preventing larger and more frequent outbreaks.

"Prescribed burning is not only the most effective economical protection against wildfires because it reduces accumulated fuels," said McMaster in his proclamation, "but it is also a key tool in managing and maintaining the ecological integrity of South Carolina's woodlands, grasslands, agricultural areas and

wildlife habitats."

Darryl Jones, SCFC Forest Protection Chief, said about 500,000 acres are prescribed-burned every year in South Carolina — most of them on private land — but at least one million acres should be burned annually.

"There are so many benefits of prescribed burning," said Jones. "Not only does it reduce the severity of wildfires, but it also recycles nutrients, stimulates germination of desirable plants, improves wildlife habitat and protects the aesthetic value of our forestlands."

"Using prescribed fire not only creates healthy functioning ecosystems with plentiful, diverse wildlife populations and healthy, actively growing timber, but benefits our communities by providing economic returns and reducing wildfire risk," said Lynn Lewis-Weis, chair of the South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council.



A quick start and turbulent ending define Darlington's win over Wilson

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

A productive first inning and a shaky seventh inning were the major story lines for Darlington against the Wilson Tigers this past Tuesday, February 27, at home in an early preseason tourney as the Falcons went on to win 5-3.

Darlington plated three runs in the first inning, one in the second and one more in the sixth to help build a 5-1 lead going into the seventh.

"We took advantage of some of their early mistakes," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said after the game. "They gave us some free passes early in the game and we took advantage of those. After that the offense kind of stalled out a little bit. We generated one run in the second then we went three innings where we left a bunch of guys on base. We had to generate one run in the sixth by stealing second, bunting them up and glad we did because it about came back to haunt us."

Anthony Hopkins, the Falcons starting pitcher, completely shut down the Tigers offense except for one run in the second inning.

That changed in a hurry in the seventh inning. Down by four and with Hopkins dealing it looked like Wilson had no hope, but a leadoff single, a botched run down attempt and a walk forced a pitching change due to pitch count and this is when things really became dicey for the Falcons.

"We made some errors early

that cost Hopkins some pitches that he shouldn't have had to throw. It's real important to keep that pitch count down," Gearhart said, referencing to why he had to pull his starter in the seventh inning with a four-run lead.

Coming in to replace Hopkins was Keyshawn Taylor, a returning pitcher from last season and right from the start he was not given any help.

A poorly played ground ball from the first batter he faced resulted in an infield single setting up the Tigers to capitalize with a two-RBI single to follow.

With momentum riding strong on Wilson's side and no outs, plus a runner on third, things were not looking good for the Falcons, but as quickly as the game had turned in the favor of Wilson it quickly swung back in Darlington's favor with the next Tiger batter.

Down two runs and desperately trying to capitalize on the situation that was present, Wilson decided to get creative and call a suicide squeeze to go ahead and get that fourth run across the plate.

For all intents and purposes it was a great call and Darlington was not prepared for it. Unfortunately, however, the hitter for Wilson did not seem too prepared for it either, pulling the bat back on the bunt attempt leaving the base runner hung out to dry as he came sprinting towards home.

Following that detrimental mistake, the Tigers' batter when down swinging and quickly Wilson went from having no outs to two.

But there was still hope. With a runner on second, Wilson's next batter came through with a single and once again the Tigers' head coach went aggressive sending the runner home but a perfect throw from Darlington's left fielder was easily in time, ending the game.

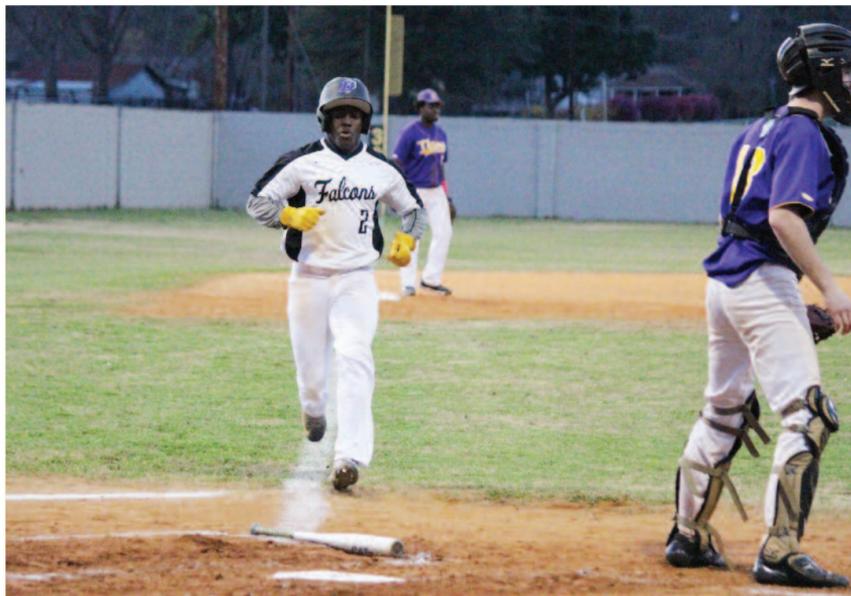
Darlington's three runs in the first inning came off of a RBI sacrifice fly by Quay Gandy and a fielder's choice off of a Chase Weatherford grounder that turned into throwing error by Wilson's shortstop, resulting in two more runs scoring.

Mike Dixon, who was Darlington's leading hitter for the night, had a RBI single to center field in the second inning and the Falcons scored their fifth and final run in the bottom of the sixth inning with a RBI sacrifice fly by Gage Weatherford.

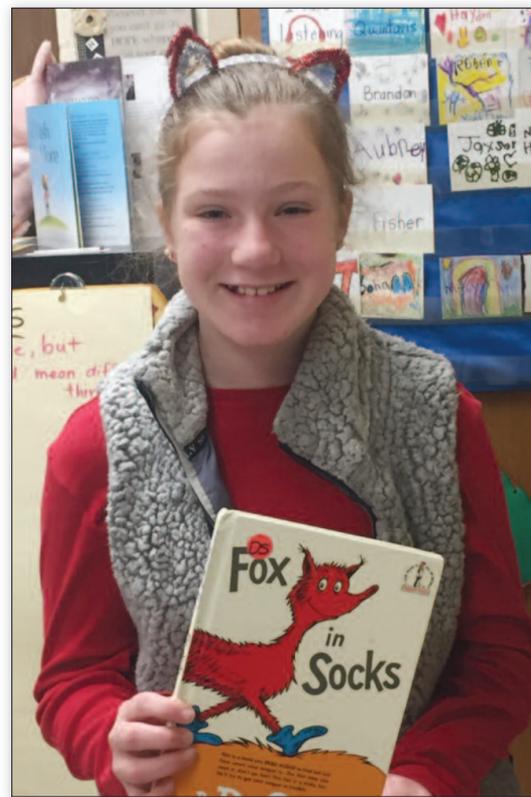
Despite Darlington's five runs, Gearhart thought his team left way too many runners on base, especially runners in scoring position. He attributed this as the main reason why the Falcons were only able to score one more run for the entire game after scoring four in the first two innings.

"We have to learn to finish baseball games and we have to do a better job of driving in runs when we get guys in scoring position," Gearhart said. "We left way too many guys out there tonight."

Wilson's lone run, before its two-run seventh, came in the top of the second inning when the Falcons committed three straight errors leading to the unearned run.



Mike Dixon heads toward home plate as the Wilson High School catcher waits for the ball to tag him out. PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON



North Hartsville Elementary School celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's Birthday last week. Students dressed as their favorite Seuss character and teachers even got in on the fun. Photos Contributed by NHE

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