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

EDMUND BURKE

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Jacey Stone named SC Paramedic of the Year

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An emergency medical responder for almost 24 years, Jacey Stone was recently honored as the South Carolina Paramedic of the Year by the EMS division of SC DHEC. Stone says she knew from the time she was a little girl that she wanted to follow in her fireman father's footsteps, to be one of the people who rushes to help when others are in need.

"He is my hero," Jacey says of her

dad, retired Darlington Fire Chief Jim Stone. "As a little girl, I used to run behind the fire truck, chasing lights and sirens."

Her path took a different route in the beginning, as Stone started off her medical career as a nurse working in a hospital.

"After a while I realized that being outside and chasing those lights and sirens was more where my heart was," says Jacey.

She joined up with Darlington County Emergency Medical Services

as a part time EMT-Basic in 1994, achieved Paramedic certification in 1999, and became a Paramedic Supervisor in 2007. Though the work proved engaging and exciting, Stone notes that providing first-on-scene care for seriously injured people can be incredibly stressful.

"It's very difficult when someone is badly injured, especially if you know the person," says Stone. "It can be very rewarding as well, being the first person there. A lot of people don't even know who we are. They just know that

they are sick or hurt and need help...paramedics are so highly trained that we can do pretty much any kind of emergency care, but sometimes it's just as simple as holding somebody's hand when they're scared."

In 2007, Stone began working part time as a flight paramedic with LifeNet 2, and that transitioned into a full-time gig in March of 2013 with Air Methods Corporation of Camden.

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Hundreds of athletes from across the Pee Dee Region took part in a Special Olympics Day at Darlington High School on April 11. Turn to page 8A for more photos of the day. PHOTOS BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Hartsville to require annexation for new water and sewer customers

By Samantha Lyles
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At their April 10 regular meeting, Hartsville Council held public hearings and passed final reading of three ordinances:

Ordinance 4329 will require annexation commitments before properties outside of Hartsville city limits can connect to city water and sewer services. According to the ordinance, "the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City that those properties located outside of the City that request and contract for Utility Service ultimately be annexed into the City in order to promote the City's control of growth in its surrounding areas and in order to expand the tax base of the City."

This measure applies to those seeking a new or upgraded water or sewer connection. If the Subject Property is contiguous to city limits at the time such request is made, the owner of such property will be required to submit an annexation petition to the city prior to

the connection to the utility system. If the property is not contiguous at the time such request is made, the owner of the property will be required to execute a Declaration of Annexation Covenant prior to any connection to the utility system.

Ordinance 4327 amends city codes related to off-street parking by adding regulations regarding designating bicycle parking. The ordinance states that retail businesses, wholesale/industry, offices, cultural and education facilities will be required to provide at least 2 spaces for bicycles, possibly more based on their square footage or number of people served.

Ordinance 4328 will authorize additional portions of the former Southern Candy Kitchen at 106 East Carolina Avenue and 154 Mantissa Row (Tax Map# 056-06-02-059) 108 East Carolina Avenue and 152 Mantissa Row (Tax Map #056-06-02-036 & 056-06-02-60) to receive historic property designation.

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Lamar hears of Egg Scramble Success

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Lamar Town Council met Monday, April 9 and received the good news that in spite of rainy weather on Saturday, the annual Egg Scramble Jamboree was a great success.

"We were so afraid Saturday when the rain started on the parade, but people just popped open their umbrellas," said Egg

Scramble Committee chair Jeronell Bradley. "Then we were afraid everyone was just going to go home, but they did not. They stayed and walked the streets until eight that night when the downpour came."

Bradley said several food vendors sold completely out, and most of the people she spoke with told her that they made money, even in the poor weather. She noted that the Friday night

parade is growing each year, and the decision to leave Lamar's signature old-school Christmas lights up through the festival proved very popular. Bradley also thanked the community, the Town of Lamar and the Lamar Police Department for all their help making the Jamboree a success.

"Without all your help, none of this past weekend would have been possible," said Bradley.

Council also heard a presentation from Pamela Prince, Shonette Dargan, and Kioka Reed of the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault.

Dargan said that the Coalition is a non-profit organization, which provides assistance to women and children in seven counties, including sites in both Hartsville and Darlington. She spoke of the two shelters that

take in families fleeing from dangerous situations and help them transition to new jobs and new homes, and the counseling and aid they provide to adults and children who have been victims of violence and abuse.

"In 2016 alone, we delivered direct services across seven counties to 809 victims in the Pee Dee. That's a lot of people, and the reality of it is that not everybody reports (when they have been victims)," said Dargan, adding they took over 2,000 crisis line calls that year.

She also noted that the

Coalition doesn't forget about the offenders, and they try to work with them and show them better ways to deal with their anger and frustrations through the ATV or Alternatives to Violence program.

Dargan reminded Council and meeting guests that April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month, and she presented Mayor Darnell McPherson with a proclamation officially recognizing this observance in the Town of Lamar.

To learn more about their programs, visit them online at www.peedeecoalition.org

Hartsville High softball complex renamed for Griggs

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The softball complex at Hartsville High School has a new name after a request from principal Charlie Burry and members of the Hartsville community. The request was presented in the form of a letter to the Darlington County Board of Education April 9 and was unanimously approved by boardmembers.

The letter said in part: 'Coach Griggs consistently exemplifies, day after day and year after year, the ideals of the education profession. Coach Griggs' skill as a teacher was evidenced in her coaching

career as well. Her tennis and softball teams were consistent winners of region championships and regularly advanced deep into the playoffs...Since one of the early accomplishments in her coaching career was establishing the Hartsville High School softball program at a championship level and included major upgrades of our softball field, we believe it appropriate that the softball complex on the campus of Hartsville High School be named 'Phyllis Griggs Park.'

The letter was signed by Burry, head softball coach Tommy Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Lex West of the West Oil Company (supporters of HHS athletics) and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Saunders of the Sonoco Products Company (also supporters of HHS athletics), among others.

Arrest made in Society Hill break-ins

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Due to a lack of a quorum, Society Hill Town Council could not have an official meeting April 10. Instead, Mayor Tommy Bradshaw and Tammy Gandy, the sole councilperson present, unofficially heard committee reports and a presentation from a representative of the Pee Dee Coalition.

Police Chief David Young shared about preparations for the upcoming Taste of Society Hill. He then talked about an arrest that was made by the town's part-time officer.

"There were a few months there were a few burglaries and thefts and we had developed a suspect at that time," Young said. "It was a young man that was out on parole from Texas that was living in town; he was out on parole from burglaries. At that time, we just didn't have enough evidence and couldn't prove that he was the one that committed these



Sierra Moore with Pee Dee Coalition listens as Society Hill Mayor Tommy Bradshaw reads the proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Society Hill.

PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

crimes." Many of the thefts occurred last year, Young said, but the police department caught a break when a citizen made a report.

"On the last day of February, Lieutenant Gillespie was here," Young said. "We had a citizen come in and tell Lieutenant

water heater."

Young said that this break was just what they needed to make an arrest.

"Well, he caught him in the act and we charged him with Second Degree Burglary and Petite Larceny," Young said. "It was the same individual that (we suspected) last year."

Young said that while it was just a single arrest, it would do a lot to help the small town, which has a low crime rate.

"One arrest might not seem like too much but I consider this a big arrest for Society Hill," Young said. "I believe this individual was responsible for multiple incidents last year and I wanted to recognize Lieutenant Gillespie for making this arrest. He personally made this arrest and he deserves all the credit for it. This individual is in jail and he's having trouble making bond. Hopefully he'll be in jail for a while and maybe when he's released he doesn't return to Society Hill."

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Word of the Week
maladroit : lacking skill, cleverness, or
resourcefulness in handling situations : inept
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Old Dog

By Bill Shepard

My brother was the hunter in our family, and he had a great love for dogs, the hunting kind. I've known him to save his money for months, until he had enough to make an order and then he would write to places where he had seen a dog for sale, and he would send the ten dollars he had saved and a dog would soon be on his way to our house in Darlington.

On arrival the hound would be taken from the crate he had been shipped in, given some food and water and then be off to the woods and pasture near our house. Sometimes I might go along, more out of mere curiosity than anything more. I had never fallen in love with the bark of a dog like my brother had. Often when hunting and he would hear an old hound barking, meaning he had a coon or opossum treed, my brother would say, 'Isn't that a beautiful sound?' I wouldn't answer but I didn't need to; my brother knew I wasn't in love with the sport.

If the dog turned out to be all that my brother had expected, the dog had a new home and a new master. If not, the dog was crated up again and be off, on its way back to where he came from. I saw it happen, just as I've written, more than once. Ten dollars was a lot of money back when this writer was a boy, and a fellow had the right to see that he got his money's worth when he spent it.

My brother owned, at one time or other, several breeds of dog. He had a Walker Hound, Brown and Tan, Redbone Hound and others. I didn't know the difference, except in color, but my brother did. He knew the kind that was best for hunting whatever wild creature he wanted. He had one that specialized in hunting rabbits, another for raccoons, and another for opossums. My brother wasn't much for hunting birds, or he would have had a bird dog! I never understood why one dog would not have been sufficient for all. I knew I didn't need a dog of any kind when I went hunting with my slingshot, shooting cat-birds and sparrows.

I have written before how my brother worked in the big mill when he was a young boy. The evening shift at the mill ended at 10 p.m. and my brother would leave the mill in a trot, headed for home. I would already be in bed. We lived in a small house, near the deep cypress swamp, and I would often hear him when he entered the yard and turned his old hounds loose and they would head for the woods, barking as they went! I never figured out which loved to hunt the most, the dogs or my brother? My brother might come inside long enough to get a cold biscuit from the kitchen, change from shoes to boots, and then be off. There were a lot of moccasins in that swamp and boots made one feel a little safer. It wasn't unusual for the hunter to return sometimes before the crack of day and have a coon or an opossum or two.

One could count the hides (furs) nailed on the side of Dad's car shed, where he kept his old car, and know just how many creatures that my brother had caught. Once a year a buyer would come along and offer to buy the furs. A good coon hide could bring as much as 35 cents and an opossum hide might bring a quarter, if it was a real thick one.

My brother was a hunter for most of his life. As he grew older, he resorted more to rabbit hunting. Until he died, he kept his love for dogs. This is the story behind the poem, 'Ole Hound Dog.'

Ole Hound Dog

Ole houn' dog covered with fleas,
Legs rubbed raw to the knees.
Lying in the shade of a big oak tree,
Just blinkin his eyes now and then at me.

Chase opossums all night, sleep all day,
Too tired and lazy to run and play.
Ribs sticking out, tongue hangin down,
Just a sorry ole red-bone houn.

Bee buzzin round overhead,
Flies stickin to 'm like he wuz dead.
Throw 'm a bone and he don't bat an eye,
Just lyin in the shade lettin the day go by.

Soon as night comes, he'll come alive,
Head for the woods like a streak of light.
Chase them opossums til the break of day,
Tomorrow comes, he'll lie in the shade.
_Bill Shepard

(Harry's old hound dogs that he loved so much were the inspiration for this poem.)

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By Danny Watson

Regrettably too many people wait until tomorrow to try to feel better today. Have you ever heard that an object that is in motion has a tendency to stay in motion while one that is not will remain in one spot? I know, I know that Newton guy might have said that. When January comes people will come out of the woodworks and gyms will fill to bursting with new members trying to recapture that image they had of themselves when they were active. People have a habit of acting like bears sometimes. We hibernate in

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Spring is Here

the winter and when the sun comes out we realize we need to shed that winter coat so we can tolerate summer. People that have been going to the gym and getting active because summer is coming have just about lost their motivation at this point. Being in good shape is a state of mind that we can adopt year around not just in the summer time when well people see more of us so to speak. In the South and in our state especially there are large numbers of people with diabetes, heart disease and other ailments that could be mitigated to a great extent by being active. You don't

have to join a gym, a club or even a team of some sort to stay in shape. It's about doing a little more today than you did yesterday. Take the stairs today instead of using the elevator. Walk to the mailbox versus driving out to it in your car. Take a walk, ride a bike just do something active. Most people don't go to see the doctor yearly but they will have the oil changed in their car every three thousand miles. You don't feel well go to the doctor and find out why. If you want to feel better and live longer get off of the couch and be a part of life. Those series that are on Netflix will

be right where you left them when you get back home. There are so many things in life that people can help you with. The one thing that no one can help you with is your decision to live better and live longer. Any fool can tell you that if you eat badly and never exercise you are shortening your life span. Not only are you shortening your life span you are destroying the quality of life that you could have if you chose to take care of yourself. Spring is here, let this spring be not only the renewal of nature but the renewal of your commitment to live better and live longer.

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Creating the Department of Children's Advocacy

By South Carolina Policy Council

If the goal of a particular piece of legislation is to streamline and improve government services, then creating an entirely new department would probably not be the best way to achieve it.

Yet, that is exactly what S.805 would do. This bill would create the Department of Children's Advocacy, charged with receiving and investigating complaints regarding children under the care of the Departments of Mental Health, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice, Health and Environmental Control, Disabilities and Special Needs, and more.

There are numerous concerns with this bill. First, these services are already provided by the Department

of Administration's Office of Children's Affairs. This office advocates for improved services from other state agencies for children and families, and reviews cases through the Children's Case Resolution System (CCRS). This system designates responsibilities of each public agency for children receiving state care, receives complaints and serves as an arbiter for potential agency dispute. S.805 would eliminate the system already in place and create an entirely new state agency to accomplish the same goal.

In addition, the Department of Children's Advocacy would have the power to conduct independent investigations of state agencies, and their handling of cases and incidents involving children. The depart-

ment would also determine any needed agency policy improvements, and any complaints regarding the new department would be handled by the state inspector general.

However, the state inspector general is already currently responsible for investigating allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, misconduct, violations of law, or wrongdoing of agencies. He may initiate investigations, and recommend changes in policies to the affected agencies. Again this raises the question of duplication. Why create an entirely new agency instead of allowing the inspector general to fulfill his statutory role?

If the current systems are not effective, efficient, or lack the necessary statutory

mission or resources, why not focus on increasing their effectiveness instead of expanding government?

The answer lies in accountability and legislative control. Unlike the Department of Administration Director or the State Inspector General, who are appointed by the governor and currently control (or should control) the services this new agency would perform, the Department of Children's Advocacy would be controlled by lawmakers rather than the state's executive branch.

The Department of Children's Advocacy would be headed by a State Child Advocate selected by the Governor, with advice and consent of the Senate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Alimony Laws need reform

know that 25 states have made changes in their laws regarding alimony. No doubt, it is time for this to happen here as well.

There is resistance from some members of our legislature, but there is also support from some as well. Changes in this law would help bring fairness to this system. This affects the parties involved and children as well. A party paying permanent alimony will not have the money to do things for his or her children that they would like to do.

Please consider joining and supporting South Carolina Alimony Reform. A visit to scalimonyreform.com will give the latest in legislative efforts, links to a petition for reform and also some of the difficult stories of those burdened with this financial imposition.

"Divorce is not a crime. Alimony should not be a life sentence"

Gary White
Hartsville

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A-Tax Committee makes funding recommendations

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The Darlington County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on Thursday, April 12 to decide how to divvy up a shrinking pool of money designated for local tourism-related festivals and events. This year, the committee received 19 requests for funding, totaling \$110,784, while the funding pool has shrunk to just \$25,000.

During the past few years, Accommodations Tax revenue has declined from approximately \$82,000 to \$65,000 to \$55,000. The county appropriates from \$49,000 to \$60,000 to tourism-related programs. Also, three years ago, for the first time, the county began allocating the first \$25,000 in

accommodations tax funds plus 5 percent of the balance to the General Fund, as authorized by state law.

Requests this year were as follows:

- Black Creek Arts Council: \$3,000
- Black Creek Arts Council / Yoga & Healing Arts Fest: \$5,000
- Butler Heritage Foundation: \$4,000
- City of Darlington / Williamson Park 5K Run: \$2,500
- Darlington Chamber of Commerce / Freedom Fest: \$15,000
- Darlington Downtown Revitalization / Taste of Darlington: \$2,500
- E&E Benefit Concert / American Cancer Society: \$10,000
- E&E Benefit Concert / Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: \$5,000

- EdVenture, Inc. / EdVenture Hartsville Satellite: \$5,000
- Florence CVB / Racefest on the Square: \$3,000
- Hartsville Community Center Bldg. Comm / Center Theater: \$12,704
- Hartsville Community Dev Foundation / Ag+Art Tour: \$1,000
- Lamar Egg Scramble: \$3,000
- New Vision Community Dev / Annual Community Rice Fest: \$8,580
- Pilot Club / Sweet Potato Festival: \$4,000
- SC Junior Golf Foundation / Players Championship: \$7,500
- Society Hill Catfish Festival: \$3,000
- Southeastern Bluegrass Assoc.: \$10,000

- YMCA of Upper Pee Dee / Hartsville YMCA: \$6,000

After consideration, the Committee made the following recommendations:

- Black Creek Arts Council and Black Creek Arts Council/Yoga & Healing Arts Fest: \$2,500
- Butler Heritage Foundation: \$2,500
- E&E Benefit Concert/ American Cancer Society and E&E Benefit Concert/Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: \$3,000
- Hartsville Community Center Bldg. Comm/Center Theater: \$8,500
- Hartsville Community Dev Foundation/Ag+Art Tour: \$500
- SC Junior Golf Foundation/Players Championship: \$7,500

- Southeastern Bluegrass Association: \$1,500
- YMCA of Upper Pee Dee/Hartsville YMCA: \$300

Also worth noting, the Committee recommends allocating funds for four annual festivals from Darlington County's Hospitality Tax revenue:

- Lamar Egg Scramble \$ 3,000
- New Vision Community Dev/Rice Festival \$ 3,000
- Pilot Club/Sweet Potato Festival \$ 3,000
- Society Hill Catfish Festival \$ 3,000

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee's recommendations will be passed along to Darlington County Council for review and final approval.



Genesis Healthcare recently made a donation to Darlington High School to serve as a scoreboard sponsor again for the next two years.

Darlington Mayor endorses Phil Noble for governor

Mayor Gloria Hines of Darlington is endorsing Phil Noble for Governor in this year's South Carolina gubernatorial race.

Hines, who was the first female and first African American Mayor of Darlington, said that Noble is the right person at this important point in South Carolina's history, to be its next governor.

"Phil Noble was born in Greenville, SC but was raised in Alabama - and he's a Democrat. You have to be a special kind of person to have grown up in those times and have the heart that he does. I believe in what he's trying to do with race relations and gender equality. Many people are afraid to address the subjects but they must be addressed. Phil exemplifies bold leadership in his willingness to do

what's right even when it's hard or not fashionable. That's why I'm endorsing Phil Noble. He is exactly what we need as our next Governor of South Carolina," Hines stated.

Noble said he is honored to receive Mayor Gloria Hines' endorsement.

"Mayor Hines exemplifies everything that my father fought for during the civil rights movement. Based on that upbringing, I've committed my life to fighting for equal rights and equal opportunity for everyone," Noble said.

So far, Noble has been endorsed by Alabama Congressman Doug Jones, Anderson Mayor Terrence Roberts, former State Senator McKinley Washington, Jr. of Sumter, and the United Steel Worker's Local 7898 Union President James Sanderson.

Stone

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"Early on in my career, I just knew that I wanted to fly in that helicopter. I thought it would be so cool, but I never thought that I could do it. I was persistent and kept my education up - studied hard and worked hard - and was able to get there," Stone says.

Working with LifeNet of South Carolina Air Methods as a critical care flight paramedic and evaluator, a typical day for Stone might include flying practically anywhere in the state to provide transport and care for trauma patients, heart attack and stroke patients, and facility transports from hospital to hospital.

Stone says that while

she is honored to receive recognition as SC Paramedic of the Year, the appeal of the job remains the same as it was in the beginning - getting the chance to provide expert medical care, along with aid and comfort, to people in need.

"I've dealt with everything from delivering babies to actually being there when people die. You get to deal with every emotion, from being really happy at seeing a new life come into the world, to being compassionate to those who are leaving this world," says Stone. "To be a good paramedic or EMT, I think you need to be well-rounded, to have the education and training, but you also have to be compassionate and do your best as a good person."

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Sierra Moore, the Pee Dee Coalition Victim's Advocate for the City of Darlington, spoke about what the organization does.

"April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse

Prevention Month," Moore said. "Our goal is to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate communities about how to prevent it."

Mayor Bradshaw signed a proclamation, recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Town of Society Hill.

Hartsville

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The Southern Candy Kitchen will join the Hartsville Museum, the Hartsville Rail Passenger Station, the Hart Cottage, Lawton Park and Pavilion, Coker Experimental

Farms, and the Belk Building in the city's historic district.

First reading of Ordinance 4330 was approved, which would lease a portion of property at 410 Bell Avenue from Thomas E. Goodson Sr. and Thomas E. Goodson Jr. so the city can install cameras ("for the monitoring of illicit activi-

ty," according to the ordinance) at a one-time cost of \$1.00.

Also on the agenda, Council approved a resolution selecting Columbia engineering firm Talbert, Bright, & Ellington Inc. to carry out the five-year capital improvement plan for the Hartsville Regional Airport.

Council also approved by

resolution an agreement with the Hartsville Public Development Corporation to provide (for the sum of \$1) maintenance and upkeep services for the 34 properties HPDC purchased from the city, which are involved in future plans to develop the Fourth Street Corridor / Canalside project.

Griggs

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Griggs has served at HHS in varying capacities for 38 years and will be retiring at the end of the current school year. Burry said during the meeting that he hoped the board would support what the Hartsville community wants to do.

"Phyllis Griggs has had a truly remarkable career," Burry said. "I think, and a group of Hartsville citizens believe, that it is entirely appropriate to recognize and honor her in a permanent manner."

Griggs has filed to run for Darlington County Seat 6, cur-

rently held by Mozella "Pennie" Nicholson, who did not file for reelection. Three Democratic candidates filed for this seat: Albert Davis III, Gerald Mack, and Lunella Williams. Griggs was the sole Republican candidate to file for this seat.

In other business, boardmembers approved the sale of two pieces of district-owned properties.

Boardchair Jamie Morphis reminded his fellow boardmembers what each sale was for.

"We have been discussing this for a while so this is more of a formality," Morphis said. "We have two properties, one of which is on North Main (Street), Hwy 52. This is for the DOT road-widen-

ing project, which doesn't really affect anything from what they've recommended to take; we've negotiated and discussed it with them. The second, of course, is the BA Gary Complex with the City of Darlington."

Also during the meeting, several students were recognized for academic and athletic achievements.

HHS student Archie Torain was recognized for winning the statewide National Association of Teachers of Singing competition.

Spaulding Middle School student Jonathan Jordan, Jr. was recognized for winning first place in the South Carolina Junior Beta Club competition for

woodworking.

Steven Turner, a student at Darlington High School, recently brought home a win in the 140-lb weight class during the SC School League's State Strength Meet.

Ethan Walsh, a HHS wrestler, was selected for the 4A/3A South Team for the 2018 Best Western North-South Wrestling Competition.

Lastly, two DCSD students were chosen by the South Carolina Coaches' Association for the North-South All-Star Basketball Games. HHS' Kyrion Gray will be a member of the men's team, while Hope Richardson of DHS will be a member of the women's team.

Advocacy

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However, the governor must select the State Child Advocate from nominations by a legislatively controlled committee (the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children), which would also control whether or not the governor could dismiss the State Child Advocate. Six of the nine voting members of this committee are lawmakers appointed by the House speaker and Senate president pro tem.

This is even more problematic given that this bill would not simply shift existing power to a new department: the new department would have access, at any and all "reasonable" times (a term which is not defined), to any facility, residence, or program that is operated, funded, or even licensed by a state agency. The department would have unrestricted

access to all electronic information systems records, reports, materials, and employees, and could also administer oaths, examine witnesses, and issue subpoenas.

This blanket access - without the due process protection of obtaining a warrant first - is highly troubling. Under this bill, any licensed childcare provider - even one who's operating out of private residence - would be subject to warrantless search and seizure of records at any time. Records relating to the care of vulnerable children are private for a reason. This blanket power is a violation of due process, and would give enormous power to a largely unaccountable, legislatively controlled department.

Lawmakers claim that the new department would be able to operate from reallocated agency funds, and that S.805 may even result in a cost savings. However, the addition of a new department resulting in savings is unlikely

given South Carolina's consistent pattern of budget growth. This year's House budget, for example, would increase each agency's funding an average of 9.69 percent, or \$12,504,053. There is little reason to believe the Department of Children's Advocacy would not follow this trend, especially considering that the department would be charged with the new job of planning activities to educate the public about available resources, while allowing the department head to appoint deputies at will and fix their salaries.

Mechanisms are already in place to accomplish the purported goals of the Department of Children's Advocacy. If existing oversight and management is not doing an adequate job of protecting children in South Carolina, a better use of time and resources would be to address those deficiencies rather than create a new department that will cost more and be less accountable.

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James "Jimmy" Tucker, Jr.
James "Jimmy" Hewitt Tucker, Jr., age 64, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on Friday, April 13, 2018. A Memorial service took place at 3 p.m. on Monday in Welsh Neck Baptist Church. The family received friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 15th at Belk Funeral Home in Darlington.



Born in Darlington County on June 24, 1953 he is the son of the Mary Agnes Blackman Tucker and the late James Hewitt Tucker, Sr. Jimmy retired from Mace Mechanical as a pipe fitter. He was an avid NASCAR fan; and enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially if fishing with his grandchildren at his pond or the Tennessee River with his Alabama friends. Mr. Tucker will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, son and brother. He was a member of Welsh Neck Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother of Society Hill, he is survived by his wife, Roxana Tubbs Tucker, his daughter Jenifer (Ryan Ross) Tucker of Wilmington, his step-children; Nicole (Lance Key) Sexton of Richfield, NC, Jennifer (David) Hernandez of Houston, TX, Marla (Garrett) Alderman of Martinsville, VA, grandchildren: Jackson Hamilton, Jett Hamilton, Ashlyn Sexton, Gracelyn Smith, Madison Lopez, Hayden Alderman, Maddox Alderman and Gage Alderman; 5 great grandchildren, siblings, Ellen T. (Walter) Berry of Darlington, Mary Lee T. (Ken) Stegen of New River, AZ, Charles Tucker of Society Hill, Henry F. (Jinny) Tucker of Wallace and Sally F. Rosser of Society Hill, an many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. Also surviving is a special cousin Gary Poston and special friends, Rodney and Tina Hurst and Clifford Hall.

He was preceded in death his father and a great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to Agape Hospice, 115 North Fifth Street

Hartsville, SC 29550 or Levine Cancer Institute (<http://www.givecarolinas.org/get-involved/donate/>)

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

R. D. Chandler
Robert Don "R.D." Chandler III, age 60, passed away Friday, April 13, 2018 at the McLeod Hospice House. Funeral services were held 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Mt. Elon Baptist Church in the Lydia Community with burial following in the church cemetery. The family received friends 6-8 p.m. Sunday April 15 at Belk Funeral Home Lamar Chapel.



R.D. was born in Florence County, son of the late Robert Don Chandler, II and Joyce Truett Chandler. He was employed by Wellman, Inc. for thirty years. He was a lifetime resident of Lamar, member of Lamar Station 14 Fire Department and Lamar Rescue Squad. He was an avid Silver Fox fan and loved motorcycles, the beach, trucks and dogs. R.D. was a member of Mt. Elon Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his mother of Lamar are his children, Jodi Chandler (Bubba) Cutchin of Bennettsville and Justin (Raven) Chandler of Lamar; his granddaughter, Ashlyn Cutchin "Scooterbug"; sister, Teresa C. (Timmy) Windham of Lamar and a host of brother and sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

R.D. was preceded in death by his father; grandparents: Lucille Windham Chandler and Robert D. Chandler and his wife, Elaine Howell Chandler.

Memorials are suggested to Lamar Rescue Squad,

Donnie Stephens, Post Office Box 114, Lamar, South Carolina 29069.

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

Sandra Anderson
A memorial service for Sandra Lloyd Anderson was held Tuesday, April 10th at 2 p.m. at Love Life Ministries in Darlington. A visitation followed from 3 until 4 p.m.

Born in Darlington on April 23, 1956, she is the daughter of the late William C. Lloyd and the late Virginia Atkinson Walters Lloyd. Sandra enjoyed growing flowers and plants and listening to gospel music.

She is survived by her daughter, Felicia Lloyd, grandchildren: Jody (Caity) Lloyd, Jordan (Jessica) Odom, Christian (Caira) Odom, Sean Odom, Phoenix (Karissa) Odom and Karli Atkinson; siblings, Shirley Clark, Doris Walters, Carolyn

Hill, Betty Burr, Hayward (Patricia) Lloyd, Jimmy (Helen) Lloyd, Billy (Debra) Lloyd and special friends, Teresa Moody, Mary Davis and April Harrington.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dana Anderson, and siblings, M.D. Walters, Buster Lloyd, Lavern Walters, Bobby Lloyd and Janie Mae Anderson.

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

George Wilshire Revell
George Wilshire Revell, 62, passed away on March 14, 2018 at McLeod Hospice House.

George was born September 15, 1955, in Florida to G.W. and Helen Revell. On July 6, 1963, George, his father, and his step-mother (Betty) were involved in a truck accident. That accident claimed the life of G.W., and George came to live in Florence with his father's family. George attended Florence schools and graduated from Southside High School in 1974. He began his working career at Winn-Dixie as a stocker and bagger. He later became employed by Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus as an animal handler. He worked with the circus for over 20 years. After coming to live in Florence, George lived in the home of his aunt and uncle, Julia and the late Richard Joyner.

George is preceded in death by his parents and step-mother; paternal grandparents, Bryce and Katherine Revell; uncle, Marion Revell; aunts, Katherine R. Wilson and Eleanor R. Harrell; and cousin, Kathi W. Hinds.

He is survived by his aunt, Julia R. Joyner; cousins, Marion Joyner, Kenneth Joyner, Steve Wilson (Sherry), Elaine Poston and Faye Munn (Mickey).

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 3 p.m. in Pisgah United Methodist Church, directed by Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home of Darlington.

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

Harry Nathaniel Lambert
Harry Nathaniel Lambert, 74, of Darlington died on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home. The family received friends following the service at the cemetery and other times at the home.

Harry was born in Darlington, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Harry Lee Lambert and Addie Flowers Lambert. Harry was the owner of Lambert's Body Shop and worked for Clanton's Auto Sales and later Manheim Auto Sales.

Surviving are his wife, Anne D. Lambert of Darlington; his children, Parrish Lambert and wife, Beth of Darlington, Brad Galloway and wife, Julie of Florence, and Renee Milligan and husband, Baker; his grandchildren, Kris and wife, Ashley, Dantzler, Skyley, Savannah, Zayne, and Skylar; and his great granddaughter, Kali Rae Lambert.

Harry was preceded in death by his brothers, Richard Lambert, and Toby Lambert; and his sister, Barbara Ann Hunt.

Memorials may be made to charity of one's choice.

Sign the online register at www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com.

Ernestine Ard Humphries
Ernestine Ard Humphries, 67, of Darlington died on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 in the Chapel of Kistler Hardee Funeral Home. Burial followed in Darlington Memory Gardens. The family received friends 1 hour prior to the service at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Ernestine was born in Florence, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Ernest and Grethel Ard. Ernestine retired from Dixie Cup in Darlington and worked many years at Young's Pecan in Florence. She loved her family and will be missed dearly.

Surviving are her children, Chris Humphries (Brooke) of Darlington, and Marty Humphries of Darlington; her grandchildren, Ashley Lynn, William M. "Willie", Payton Nichole, and Paisley; and her sisters, Betty Jeffords of Florence, Grethel Mae Andrews (David) of Columbia, Elizabeth Ann Mahaffey of Columbia, and Shirley Poole of Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Ernestine was preceded in death by her parents listed above and by her husband, William M. "Billy" Humphries, Jr.

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

George McLaughlin. Dinner will be served after the service.

Women of G.R.A.C.E. Event

Central Baptist Church, 512 Spring Street
Darlington, will hold their 2nd Annual Women of G.R.A.C.E. Event
(Godly Reaching Abiding Celebrating Encouraging) May 4-5.

Join us for a weekend of renewal as we learn what it means to exude the sweet Fragrance of Christ and demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit to others as we strive to live for Him. The event Friday begins at 7 p.m. Saturday will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are required for Saturday's lunch and are \$10. The guest speaker will be Gwen Hollingsworth, a graduate of Jacksonville State University with a BS degree in Early Childhood Education. She has been a pastor's wife for over 30 years. For more information, please call 843-393-8581 or email cbcdarlington@bellsouth.net.

CHURCH NEWS

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

Walking in the Overflow Conference

The Walking in the Overflow Women's Conference V sponsored the Woman's Pee Dee District Department of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Association will be held on Friday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at Jerusalem Baptist Church, 327 South Sixth Street in Hartsville. Keynote speaker is Dr. Sherry Highbaugh, Pastor of Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church of Hartsville, SC. Admission is \$20.00 and youth ages 18 and under free.

Health Fair

Round O Baptist Church, 1900 Society Hill Rd, Darlington, will hold a free health fair April 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Health screenings will be performed. The event will also feature informa-

tion about in-home care and life insurance.

Annual Trinity Church Service

You are cordially invited to the Annual Homecoming Service at

Trinity Church, 171 Burn St., Society Hill. The service will take place Sunday, April 22 at 4 p.m. The Rev. Hunter Jordan will officiate. The Rev. Jason Hamshaw will preach and Dr. William Carswell will provide music at the service of Evening Prayer. Following the service there will be a reception on the grounds and a tour of the graveyard.

Women's Day

Palmetto Missionary Baptist Church, 1104 Piano Road, Florence, will have their Women's Day Service, April 22. The speaker is Rev. Phyllis H. Law of Siloam Baptist Church. The theme is 'Godly Women Providing Love Through Leadership, Obedience, Victory and Enlightenment.' Church School begins at 10 a.m. and

the Woman's Day Service begins at 11 a.m.

Fashion Celebration

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 3208 N. Governor Williams Highway, will hold their annual Hat and Fashion Celebration April 22 at 4 p.m. For more information, call Barbara Davis at 843-393-5559 or Ola Harris at 843-773-8392.

Singing

Oates Baptist Church, 3569 Oates Highway, Lamar, will welcome The Hodge Family from Ruby on Saturday April 28th at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great night of songs and worship. Admission is free, and open to everyone. If you have any questions you may contact Pastor Gerald McAlister at 843-307-6203.

Friends and Family Day

Darlington Church of God of Prophecy, 920 W. Smith Avenue, welcomes everyone to their Friends and Family Day, April 29. The service will begin at 10 a.m. and the speaker will be Bishop

LIVING ON PURPOSE
Being reunited with our parents forever

By Dr. William Holland

I went for a quiet walk the other day, to relax and sort my thoughts like the stacks of messages and notes on my desk. While gazing at the clear sky and breathing in the cool air, it dawned on me that it's been almost two years since my dad passed away. Honestly, it seems like yesterday. I realize that many people grew up without a father and I'm very sympathetic about that. Thank God, there are great step-dads and step-moms that have stepped into difficult situations and have been a much-needed tower of strength and stability in the life of a child. Then I realized that everyone who manages to enjoy a normal life expectancy will eventually outlive their parents. This means that most of us will be required to go through the heartbreak of saying goodbye to those who were always the center of our universe. Whether you have already walked through this valley or if this event has not yet happened, we will most likely be left to continue in our winter years without our mom and dad.

When my wife Cheryl and I were married, our parents were in their early forties and everyone seemed so young and filled with dreams and expectations. I guess this is why we were in shock when her dad passed away four years later from cancer at the age of 48. She remembers as a tom-boy crawling under cars and watching him work on them. She did not have a clue what he was doing but just enjoyed spending quality time alone with him. Working on an old car was probably aggravating to him, but to her, it was exciting as she was like a nurse trying to figure out what type of wrench to hand him next or more than likely what size hammer he needed. Soon after we married, we rented a little house in town and on Saturday mornings after I left for work, her dad would stop by with donuts and they would have some coffee and talk. Through the years I've listened to her mention about how much she misses him and what a large part of her security and safety disappeared. Now I understand.

It seems so strange when I think that my dad is no longer here. I remember the first few months, sometimes in the evenings, I would pick up the phone to call him. When I would come to my senses, I not only realized he's not there, but he's never coming back. These are the moments we begin to understand how fragile life is and how we take our blessings for granted. As we grow older, we begin to seriously comprehend we only have one father and one mother. Though many other dads and moms are listed in the obituary every day, our pain is unique because they are our parents and we are more closely connected to them than anyone else in the world.

It's only natural after they are gone to feel alone and to miss hearing their voice and listening to their thoughts and opinions about everything. You will begin to notice that you have some of your parent's traits and quirks but that's OK because it makes you feel closer to them and appreciate them more than ever. You will always be filled with their memories and they will continue to mean more to you as time marches on. Even the simple things like remembering your dad mowing the yard and watching his favorite team or your mom putting the food on the table and giving you a big hug becomes like one of the greatest movies you will ever see. There is a poem by Diana Der-Hovanessian called, "Shifting the sun" and she expresses so beautifully about losing a parent. Here is one of the lines, "When your father dies, you lose your umbrella against bad weather, he takes your childhood with him and your sun shifts forever." I cannot communicate as eloquently as she, but just as we will follow in the natural cycle of life and death, we are also filled with hope and joy to know this life is not the end of our journey. For those who are born-again in Christ, our salvation includes the exciting and encouraging promise that one day we will be reunited with our parents forever.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Elizabeth is a beautiful year old tabby with white cat with long whiskers. She is gentle, loving, and plays well with others. Look at those gorgeous green eyes!



Is it play time yet? Oh, please say it is! Nothing makes me happier than to mix and mingle and play with other dogs and yes, humans! You should see how nicely I greet humans and when I am out and about on a leash, I earn high marks for my good behavior and mastering of the "leash." I'm the perfect blend of playful and loving, great with other dogs and polite and social with people. There's not much about me that could be improved upon, so please ask for me Carter! 49lbs; 2-3 yrs old; bull mix

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

Centennial Farmers Market

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

Darlington Elks Lodge

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

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

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

Darlington County First Steps

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

DC Disabilities and Special Needs Board

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

Darlington Branch NAACP

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

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.

April 2018

Health Fair

Round O Baptist Church, 1900 Society Hill Rd, Darlington, will hold a free health fair April 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Health screenings will be performed. The event will also feature information about in-home care and life insurance.

Darlington County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission

The Darlington County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission will meet April 16, 6 p.m., at 300 Sanders Street in Darlington.

Darlington County Airport Commission

April 19, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Segars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

Mardi Gras Costume Ball

Alpha Beta Beta Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will hold a Mardi Gras Costume Ball April 20, 8 – 12 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 836 Timmonsville Hwy in Darlington. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by calling 843-307-555.

Ball for a Cause

This annual charity event will take place April 21 from 2-6 p.m. at Darlington High School and feature performances by DHS Drumline and Skillz Dance Group. There will be a dunk contest as well as tournaments for men and women. Tickets are \$3 for kids. Adults are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. Proceeds go to the Hello Again Foundation. For information, call Jazz Green at 843-453-6073.

Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

Taste of Society Hill

The Taste will be Saturday, April 28 starting at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the

Society Hill Train Depot (near Palmetto Furniture) on Main Street in Society Hill. Tickets are \$20 on the website (<http://longbluff.com/taste.htm>) and \$25 at the door. Dress is business casual. For more information, call committee chair Melissa Burch at 813-323-1445.

May 2018

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Relay for Life

Darlington County Relay for Life will take place May 5 from noon until 10 p.m. at Byerly Park. For more information call Holly Froese at 843-309-5483 or Chinel Boateng at 843-245-8538.

Historic Landmarks Commission

A meeting of the City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission will be held in City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Monday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on May 7 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting May 8 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 May 8. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. May 14 at Mayo High School's Conference Center.

Lamar Town Council

Lamar Town Council will meet at 5 p.m. May 14 at town hall.

Planning Commission

Meeting, 9 a.m. May 15, at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

DCEDP Board Meeting

The Darlington County Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors will meet May 16 at the SIMT building, Executive Board Room, Suite 271 at 8 a.m.

Darlington County Airport Commission

May 17, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

Tree Board

The City of Darlington Tree Board meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 21 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St.

Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

June 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on June 4 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington. 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 843-398-4100.

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting June 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. June 11 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Lamar Town Council

Lamar Town Council will meet at 5 p.m. June 11 at town hall.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting June 12 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 June 12. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

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DCIT students celebrate Technical Education month

In February, Career and Technical Education Month is celebrated nationally. During this month, the Darlington County Institute of Technology held a variety of events, which included providing community service, participating in competitions, and inviting others to learn about careers. The first and largest of those events was the semi-annual Interactive Career Fair.

On Friday, February 9, tenth graders from Darlington and Lamar high schools got a taste of the future at the Darlington County Institute of Technology (DCIT) Interactive Career Fair. Among the individuals sharing their expertise with students were post-secondary instructors, a machinist, military personnel, a public infor-

mation specialist, an agriculture agent, and various health care professionals. These volunteers described their jobs, education and skills needed to obtain those jobs as well as the career outlook.

The individual presenters were clustered into groups: agri-science, engineering, medical science, arts and media communications, business and education, government and human services. Organizers tried to match students with presenters related to their primary interests. The semi-annual fair is part of the Personal Pathways to Success Program, a statewide initiative to expose students to career opportunities and prepare them for life after high school. Students also toured the school and received information about the courses



available there. The Darlington County Institute of Technology serves students from Darlington, Hartsville, Lamar, and Mayo High schools.

Student organizations were also busy this month.

Members of DECA, the Marketing student organization took their online test for the state competitive events and prepared for the role-play portion of their competition. HOSA, the student organization for Health Science stu-



den held a blood drive. Health science students also prepared for state competition and began clinical rotations at various health facilities throughout Darlington County. In conjunction with Girls' University and several other agencies, the Darlington

County Institute of Technology hosted Introduce a Girl to Engineering sessions on February 22. Welding students competed in the American Welding Society (AWS) competition on February 23.

FDTC reaches adult students with grants, Tech Connect

Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) continues to make higher education more accessible to adult education students in the Pee Dee region through grants and Tech Connect Day. Recently, FDTC received an \$184,785 grant through the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program.

The award is part of a larger effort to make relevant education and credentials more accessible for more people. The grant will pay for installing distance learning technology in the Darlington County Adult Education and Intervention School, Lake City Adult Education and Alternative Center, Marion County Adult Education and Timmonsville Adult Education. Students will use the technology to earn college credit as they work toward their GED or high school diploma.

"Students will be virtually immersed in college classes at FDTC, and the grant will provide them with a pathway to technical education and credentials for regional jobs,"

said Jennifer Mabry, Director of Institutional Grants for FDTC. "This model of dual credit is potentially life-changing as students earn their high school credential/equivalency and enroll in a college program, they will have access to internships and apprenticeships."

The grant builds upon other efforts already underway at FDTC. In 2016, FDTC received its first RUS grant for \$228,017, which installed distance-learning technology in nine rural high schools within the college's service area. The current grant does not duplicate any of the activities of the 2016 RUS grant, but rather leverages it to multiply its impacts, said Mabry.

Another way that FDTC is reaching out to adult education students is through Tech Connect Day, an event that is hosted by FDTC's Admissions and Student Life departments. FDTC's third Tech Connect Day was Wednesday, March 21. Students and teachers, from all three of FDTC's county service areas, participated in Tech Connect Day. The day-long event enhances the partnership between the college

and adult education centers in Florence, Darlington and Marion counties. The Tech Connect program provides the students enrolled in GED and high school diploma programs with additional support as FDTC seeks to increase both, successful graduates of the adult education centers and new enrollees to the college.

"The event is not only well planned and attended, but it is also very rewarding," said Ivy Ingram, Director of Admissions, Recruitment and Community Outreach at FDTC. "Many of the participants in Tech Connect realized they could earn a college credential. It is truly amazing to see the excitement in their eyes and the hope in their hearts once they are aware that we care. FDTC continues to make a difference in the lives of the people in our local communities."

The day began with a welcome before all 74 guests were split into groups to tour the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology (SiMT) and FDTC's main campus. At the end of the event, participants had the opportunity to enroll at FDTC.

Natural gas plant in South Carolina now benefiting Duke Energy customers

GREENVILLE - Duke Energy's new 750-megawatt combined-cycle natural gas plant at the W.S. Lee Station in Anderson County, S.C., began serving customers on April 5, 2018. The energy generated from this unit helps power the lives of customers in South Carolina and North Carolina.

Construction of the \$700 million plant started in March 2015.

Customers rely on energy today more than ever, and that demand will continue to increase during the next 15 years. Building highly efficient natural gas plants is part of Duke Energy's balanced approach to modernizing the fleet, maintaining a diverse fuel portfolio, managing costs and providing reliable and increasingly clean energy to power the lives of customers now and in the future.

"Investing in a smarter, more efficient energy future through projects like the new W.S. Lee plant is more than just good business - it's an investment in our state that helps attract jobs and industry and make our economy and communities stronger," said Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, Duke Energy state president for South Carolina. "This project represents a long-term commitment to South Carolina - a \$700 million investment in the station, environment and surrounding communities."

Environmental benefits
Combined-cycle natural gas units generate energy more efficiently and release significantly lower emissions than coal-fired units. For example, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and other emissions are expected to drop by 87 percent overall in comparison to the station's previous coal-fired operation.

Duke Energy closed two coal-fired units at the W.S. Lee Station in 2014 and con-

verted a third coal unit to natural gas in 2015.

The company now operates any plants in South Carolina that use coal as fuel.

Economic benefits
The W.S. Lee project has benefited more than 150 companies locally, in South Carolina, across the U.S. and around the world.

During the height of construction, the project created more than 600 temporary construction jobs and provided about \$12 million in work to local subcontractors.

In all, crews poured about 23,000 cubic yards of concrete - enough to fill eight Olympic-size swimming pools - placed 436 miles of cable and wire and installed 29 miles of underground pipe and conduit.

Community commitment
Since 1951, Duke Energy's W.S. Lee Station has helped power the economic growth in Anderson County and the surrounding communities of Belton, Williamston, Pelzer and West Pelzer.

That local commitment to the region continues through community involvement by the site's 45 employees, who take pride in giving back to the towns and neighborhoods where they live.

Since 2016, the company and its employees have contributed \$425,724 to local communities near the station through Duke Energy Foundation grants and event sponsorships. Duke Energy employees have also volunteered 1,705 hours serving local nonprofit organizations.

The new combined-cycle unit is also expected to generate about \$4.4 million in tax revenue in 2019 for Anderson County.

Other details

In addition to the new combined-cycle natural gas plant, the W.S. Lee Station has a 180-megawatt natural gas boiler and two dual-fuel

42-megawatt simple-cycle units.

The North Carolina Electric Membership Corp. owns 100 megawatts of the unit's energy capacity.

Fluor Corp., another company with deep roots in the Upstate, was the combined-cycle natural gas plant's engineering, procurement and construction contractor.

The unit receives natural gas through a new dedicated pipeline that branches off the transcontinental mainline. Crews installed the new 1-mile pipeline and associated metering and compression equipment on existing Duke Energy Carolinas and Piedmont Natural Gas rights of way.

Duke Energy Carolinas owns nuclear, coal-fired, natural gas, renewables and hydroelectric generation. That diverse fuel mix provides approximately 19,700 megawatts of owned electric capacity to about 2.5 million customers in a 24,000-square-mile service area of North Carolina and South Carolina.

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Duke Energy is one of the largest energy holding companies in the United States. Its Electric Utilities and Infrastructure business unit serves approximately 7.5 million customers located in six states in the Southeast and Midwest. The company's Gas Utilities and Infrastructure business unit distributes natural gas to approximately 1.6 million customers in the Carolinas, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. Its Commercial Renewables business unit operates a growing renewable energy portfolio across the United States.

Duke Energy is a Fortune 125 company traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DUK. More information about the company is available at duke-energy.com.

McLeod Darlington nurses receive 2018 Palmetto Gold Award

McLeod Health is honored to announce that Renee Barry and Peggy Manning, Registered Nurses with McLeod Health Darlington were selected to receive the 2018 Palmetto Gold Award. Barry and Manning were part of the fifteen McLeod Health Nurses to receive the award for 2018.

Barry is a Patient Care Supervisor on the Med/Surg Swing Bed Unit at McLeod Health Darlington and has served in this role for three years. During this time, she has gained the respect of her team, promoting excellent patient care. Barry is a Certified Med-Surg Nurse and a role model employee. She is also Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certified, a McLeod Merit Award recipient and was named McLeod Health Darlington Nurse of the Year in 2015. Barry is in pursuit of her Bachelors in Science of Nursing.

"Renee Barry exemplifies our organizations core values in her work every day," said Lisa Page, Chief Nursing Officer, McLeod Health Darlington. "She consistently provides excellent patient care and is a valuable, committed leader on the nursing unit. Her desire and will to do the 'the right thing' by her patients means consistent dialogue with physicians and education of the staff. Her peers state she is knowledgeable, approachable, and always ready for the challenge."

Manning currently serves as the night shift Patient Care Supervisor on the Med/Surg, Swing Bed Unit at McLeod



Health Darlington and is a dependable, caring advocate for nursing. The unit was noted to be in the top 10 percent in the nation for discharge transitions, communication with nurses, and responsiveness to call light. Manning's leadership is reflective of those results; her visits daily to each patient ensures they are aware of who she is, her availability and resourcefulness.

Manning is certified in ACLS and recognizes patients who are headed for crisis before it occurs. She involves the team to ensure the patients consistently receive the best care. Through her leadership, Manning is instrumental in the retention of the staff, as nursing turnover is minimal.

Currently, in pursuit of her Masters in Nursing, Manning also is involved with her community through outreach services and church activities. She serves on the Usher Board, Pastor's Aide Committee, and educates the congregation on health topics at every opportunity.

"Peggy Manning is a nurse who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty," said Page. "She has a heart for caring and serves her patients, family and the community. In addition, she was more than willing to assist with feeding our patients and staff during our severe weather challenges in 2016 and 2017, even though she worked 12-hour shifts the previous night. She is a wonderful, dedicated asset to our team."

New Red Cross survey shows many Americans underprepared for home fires

According to a new survey by the American Red Cross, many people overestimate their ability to react to a home fire and miss critical steps to keep their loved ones safe.

Forty percent of people believe they are more likely to win the lottery or get struck by lightning than experience a home fire. Yet, home fires are the most common disaster in this country - the majority of the nearly 64,000 disasters the Red Cross responds to every year across the country.

Throughout South Carolina this year, more than 2,500 people have been impacted by a home fire.

"Home fires happen without warning and are responsible for killing seven people every day," said Nanci Conley, executive director of the Red Cross of Eastern SC chapter. "Through our nationwide Home Fire Campaign, we are

working hard to teach people about home fire safety and install free smoke alarms. Last year, we installed more than 3,400 smoke alarms in the Eastern chapter and will keep going to reach as many people as possible."

Mistaken Beliefs about Home Fires

According to the survey:

- More than three-fourths (80 percent) of people surveyed believe everyone in their household knows what to do when a smoke alarm goes off. But less than half have a home fire escape plan in place. And only half of the families that do have a plan have actually practiced it.

- Home fire experts say that people have as little as two minutes to escape a burning home. However, the survey showed nearly 60 percent of people mistakenly believe they have much more time

than is realistic.

- Even though many admit to actions that could contribute to a home fire, only one out of four (27 percent) people think that they are likely to experience a home fire in their lifetime.

- About 40 percent of people have forgotten to turn off a stove or oven, even though cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries

- More than one-third (34 percent) of people have used a stove, kerosene lantern or space heater to warm their home. The fact is that heating equipment is involved in one of every five home fire deaths.

- Some progress is being made. More people are replacing batteries (a 9 percent increase vs. 2015) and testing to make sure their smoke alarms are working (an 11 percent increase vs. 2015).

Fifth inning nightmare dooms Darlington against Lakewood

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Sometimes all it takes is one inning to change the course of a game. For the Darlington Falcons this past Friday night not only did one inning change the course of the game, it changed the course of the season.

Leading 4-2, the Falcons defense imploded in the top of the fifth inning, giving up four runs, and was never able to regroup, losing 7-4 to the Lakewood Gators, thus eliminating the Falcons from any chance of finishing second in the region and earning that home playoff game.

After pulling off an unexpected 3-0 win over the Gators in Sumter earlier in the week, Darlington had begun to position itself to finish second in the region. Instead, the Falcons will now finish either third or fourth, forcing them to start the playoffs on the road.

"I'm disappointed in the loss, but when it is all said and done it's just another game and we got another big week next week and then we move into the playoffs," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said after the game.

Through four innings it looked to be a promising night for the Falcons. Then came the fifth inning and it was as if the wheels came off.

Lakewood started the inning off with back-to-back singles and from there it went down-

hill. Following the two singles, the Falcons committed three errors, including one where three players were surrounding the ball and threw a wild pitch that helped result in the four runs the Gators scored in the inning.

"You can't give good baseball teams extra outs," Gearhart said. "I think that is the difference in the game is they took advantage of some mistakes we made on defense. We gave them some extra outs. They're a good baseball team."

Prior to that inning, Darlington's defense had been particularly strong, having committed just two errors, one in the first and one in the fourth and the results showed with the Falcons leading 4-2 going into the fifth.

Despite Lakewood jumping out to an early 2-0 lead through one and half innings, the Falcons put together a superb bottom half of the second inning, pushing four runs across the board.

It all started when center fielder Mike Dixon hit a perfectly placed single inside the infield and Keyshawn Taylor smashed a double to left-center field.

With runners on second and third and just one out, Darlington looked like it was ready to bust the fluid gates open, but when Malike Cooper followed up those two hits with a strikeout all of a sudden it didn't look like anything was going to materialize.



First baseman Gage Weatherford tags a Lakewood player returning to the bag. PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON

But even with two outs, the Falcons found a little magic as the next three batters all connected for some type of RBI base hit. Gage Weatherford hit a two-RBI single, Jake Jones followed with a RBI double and Quay Gandy capped it off with RBI single of his own.

That second inning, however, was the only offense the Falcons had against the Gators. For the other six innings Lakewood kept the Darlington hitters at bay.

Lakewood scored its seventh and final run of the game in the sixth inning.

Darlington is now 12-8 on the year, 3-3 in region play.

Weekly Recap

In the final non-conference game of the year, the Falcons went on the road and beat the Wilson Tigers 7-4 this past Wednesday.

Matthew DeMaurice takes his turn at the plate, hoping to turn the game in favor of the Falcons but unfortunately the game ended 7-4 for the Lakewood Gators. PHOTO BY DRAKE HORTON



Turn 3 Theater returns to Darlington Raceway

Darlington Raceway is bringing back its family-fun Turn 3 Theater.

This year's free movie will take place on Friday, May 4 in the track's hospitality village outside of turn 3, and feature Disney/Pixars Cars 3.

Movie fans will need to enter the facility at the Gate 39A tunnel entrance off of Highway 151, where they will be directed to the parking area just west of the hospitality village. The gates will open at 6 p.m. with the movie starting at dusk.

"We decided to bring back the popular Turn 3 Theater for a one-time showing of Cars 3," Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp said. "We encourage all families to attend this free event at our historic track. We appreciate Raceway Ford Chevrolet for partnering with us again to make these movie nights available for our community."

Turn 3 Theater will offer kids activities, beanbag toss games, and a variety of other family fun events. Pace car rides for a \$10 per person donation and concessions will be available with all proceeds benefiting Darlington Shares, a donor advised fund of the NASCAR Foundation.

"We are proud of our partnership with Darlington Raceway and are excited to bring back a free movie night to the track on May 4 for the local community," John Isgett, President of Raceway Ford Chevrolet said.

Guests may bring food, however, concessions will also be available with all proceeds benefiting Darlington Shares. Free popcorn will be distributed to families before the feature presentation (one tub per family). Lawn chairs, blankets and coolers are permitted (no glass bottles).

Tech Stingers sweep region rival Louisburg

The Florence-Darlington Technical College Stingers won all four games (4-2, 3-1, 3-2 and 4-3) on Saturday and Sunday, sweeping Region 10 rival, Louisburg at Sparrow Stadium.

Mullins' Weston Rogers won the game on the mound in the 4-2 victory over Louisburg during the first game on Saturday. He pitched for seven innings, striking out five batters and only allowing four hits. Dax Roper led the way at the plate for the Tech Stingers as he was 2-for-2 with three RBI.

Mark Leonard was the winning pitcher in the second game of the doubleheader on Saturday. Leonard pitched for six innings, as he struck out five batters and allowed three hits. Dillon's Josh Price earned the save. Rafi Vazquez was 2-for-4 with a RBI. Roper was 2-for-2 with a run.

In the opening game on Sunday, the Tech Stingers

won 3-2. Evan Odum won on the mound. Odum pitched for six innings, and he struck out five batters and allowed six hits. Once again, it was Price earning the save. Vazquez was 2-for-3 with a two-run homerun. Summerville's Gabe Austin added a solo homerun.

In the final game of the weekend, Sumter's Tradd James earned the 4-3 win over Louisburg in relief. Price earned his third save of the series. Tanner Mann had a two RBI double. Conway's Reid Hardwick was 2-for-3 with a RBI.

The Tech Stingers are now 35-11 overall and 15-3 in Region 10.

On April 18, the Stingers will travel to Bolivia, North Carolina to play Brunswick at 3 p.m. On April 21-22, the Stingers will travel to Allendale to play Region rival, USC Salkehatchie at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. both days.

Lady Stingers beat Surry, win final regular season home games of 2018

The Florence-Darlington Technical College Lady Stingers swept Surry Community College 8-0 and 5-3 on Saturday to win their final home games of the regular season at Old Cormell Field.

In the 8-0 win, Marissa Tyndall pitched a no hitter in five innings. She struck out

three batters and walked two.

Erin Bailey was 2-for-3 with a homerun and a single. Tyndall was 2-for-3 with three RBI and one double.

Bailey knocked out a walk off homerun to give the Lady Stingers the 5-3 victory over Surry in the second game of the doubleheader. Tori Alexander was on base when

Bailey hit the ball over the fence. Bailey was 3-for-4 at the plate with 3 RBI.

Once again, it was Tyndall earning the win on the mound. Tyndall pitched a full game. She struck out a batter and allowed six hits and three runs.

Kristina Lee was 3-for-4 with a triple, a double, one

RBI and a sacrifice bunt. Shelby Cox was 2-for-4.

The Lady Stingers are now 33-6 overall and 24-1 in Region 10.

On April 20, the Lady Stingers will travel to play Pitt Community College in the final games of the regular season. The games will be played at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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Special Olympics Day at Darlington High School

Hundreds of athletes and their buddies converged on Darlington High School Wednesday, April 11 for the Area 1 Special Olympics. Events included shot put, a softball and tennis ball throw as well as several races. Some athletes and their supports sported special shirts just for the event or wore their school colors to show their pride.

As the host school, Darlington students helped light the torch signaling the start of the games and sang the National Anthem. Darlington JROTC presented the colors.

There were smiles, high fives and cheers all around as the athletes enjoyed the events and a chance to show off their skills.

Over four hundred athletes were signed up to attend, the most the Area 1 event has ever had.



Lunch & Learn
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‘Just go for it and be 100 percent in. Don’t give up.’

EDITOR'S NOTE: The News and Press will be running several stories in a series on women who work in male-dominated industries. Sometimes called non-traditional workers, these women found jobs and careers that they love and didn't let gender stereotypes keep them from pursuing their passions.

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A NEW TRADITION

To say that Meghan Davis lives a full life is an understatement. The 23-year-old is a full-time Emergency Department nurse at McLeod Hospital. In her spare time, she is a volunteer firefighter with the City of Darlington and Darlington County Station 3, where she is a lieutenant. If that weren't enough, she is also a member of the Darlington Rescue Squad and a part-time EMT for Darlington County. She is also currently going through paramedic school.

Davis said that a friend introduced her to firefighting but it was initially the medical care side that interested her.

"I remember when I first joined I said that I didn't want to do anything fire related, I just wanted to do medical," Davis said. "Some people said I should just take the first class and if I didn't like it, I could quit. Well, I fell in love with it and within the first two years I took pretty much every class that you could think of; I am up to Fire Officer now. I got my basics and then I went on to my Fire Instructor and my Fire Officer. I fell in love with it and it spread like wildfire, literally; you couldn't stop me from running into a house now."

Caring for people in high intensity situations comes natural for Davis, on and off the clock.

"When I started as a nurse, I was on the oncology floor and that was great because you got to know your patients and you got to care for them and their families in, probably, the worst times of their lives," Davis said. "Going to the ER, its kind of the same thing but it is more fast paced. You have to care for the patient right then, right there and then later you have to care for the family if it doesn't go as planned."

While still in nursing school, Davis said she had to make a decision about what career path she wanted to follow.

"I battled between professions because I realized that I love the fire side of firefighting so much," Davis said. "I was already in school for nursing so I finished school. I told myself that I'd do nursing and maybe eventually I could find a part-time firefighting job or I can do it volunteer and still get the same feeling out of it. Ultimately, it is all the same thing: helping others and doing what we can for the community."



Davis started with the county in 2013, before joining the city's volunteer roster in 2014. According to Davis, she is the first female to last that long with the city and also the first to win the Drake Beckham Award, recognizing a volunteer who goes above and beyond.

"There are some guys in the department that say 'Oh, yeah, she's one of us' and there are some who say they'd take me over other guys," Davis said. "Most of them are there with you and they'll push you and help you. It is known that females aren't as strong as males; that's just common sense. There are things they do that we can't do. But we are smaller so sometimes there are things we can do that they can't. We benefit each other. If we have to go into an attic, there are times that I'm smaller and I can fit in there easier than someone else."

Being the only female in the department, or one of two as is the case in the city's department now, there are some people who think she has to prove that she's capable of doing the job.

"I have more support than I have flack, for sure," Davis said. "But there are some who think that I need to prove myself but I just take that as a challenge and it ends up working out."

As the youngest of three --she has two older brothers-- there has been a lot of worry over the years.

"My parents will support me in anything but they were real surprised when I said I wanted to do it," Davis said. "They worry about me a lot. I have multiple pagers and radios so when I'd go to a call there was always one at the house. When I was living with them, there were times when mom or dad would stay up to make sure that I was on the way home or stay up until I got home. It was a surprise to them but now they are okay with it. It has gotten to where now I can take mom on calls."

Davis said that her advice for any women wanting to go into firefighting is just to do it, no matter what other people may say or think.

"If there was a young girl interested in it, I would just tell her to just go for it and be all in," Davis said. "Of course, there are going to be speed bumps, there are going



to be run-ins with people that don't support females in it, but just keep going. I had that and I took it as a challenge and I am here today a lieutenant. Don't give up and don't be discouraged."

‘I think girls can do anything they want to.’

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THE NEXT GENERATION

With seven older brothers, Kierra McCall is no stranger to being outnumbered. Currently, the 15-year-old senior is one of just two females in the City of Darlington Firefighter Explorer Program.

She has been in the explorer program just over a year, after a friend introduced her to the program and got her involved.

"My leadership skills have really developed since I've been in the explorer program," McCall said. "I've also learned a lot about team work and it's just a lot of fun."

One of her favorite parts of the program has been the summer competition.

"We get to do hose rolling, first aid and gear donning," McCall said.

McCall said that it has also been interesting to go on calls with the firefighters to observe what they do every day.

Though she enjoys the shuffle of the firehouse, she has plans to become a pediatric heart surgeon.

My dad suffered from heart problems," McCall said. "And I love working with kids so it is the perfect combination."

As a female in a male-dominated field like firefighting,



McCall said that she is pushed to work harder.

"As a girl, I have to give more than the boys," she said. "I can't just be good; I feel like I have to shine."

Though many of the teams that the Darlington explorers compete against don't have a single female team member, McCall is fortunate enough to be one of two. She said that

her teammate provides backing for her.

"My teammate supports me and I support her," McCall said. "It is different than with the boys, there is actually less competition between us."

As a homeschooled student, McCall said that her mother is very supportive of her taking part in the explorer program. She said that her

family may have been a little worried initially but they've seen how much she enjoys it and all of the skills that she has learned.

"I think girls can do anything they want to," McCall said.

For anyone, male or female, interested in learning more about firefighting, McCall said that she would

definitely recommend checking out the explorer program. She said that it is a good way to know if firefighting is something that you want to do as an adult.

"It is not difficult to sign up," she said. "And it is better to not jump headfirst into a career that you don't really like. This way you can see what it is all about first."

Longtime Hartsville High Principal Dr. Charlie Burry announces retirement

Dr. Charlie Burry, longtime principal of Hartsville High School, has announced his retirement at the end of the school year. Burry's retirement brings to a close a 45-year career in public education. He spent the last 40 years at Hartsville High School as a teacher, coach, school counselor, and was the principal for the past 14 years.

Hartsville High School has experienced great progress during Burry's tenure as principal. Academic and fine arts programs have improved, new facilities have been built and old ones renovated, and the Red Fox athletic program has been highly successful. The school became an International Baccalaureate Programme school as well as a member of Hartsville's award-winning PULSE initiative.

"When I became principal 14 years ago, we said that Hartsville High School was going to become a great school, and the plan was called a 'Red Fox Renaissance,'" Burry said. "Through the commitment, loyalty, and hard work of many people, that plan has come to fruition. Our International Baccalaureate Programme offers educational opportuni-

ties at world-class standards. Our fine arts programs - band, chorus, orchestra, and visual arts - are recognized as some of the best in the state. Facilities-wise, the crown jewel is the Hartsville High School Arena; however, our entire campus has been made safer and more attractive. Kelletown Stadium has also been restored to a physical state that matches its great tradition and history. I believe that the Red Fox Renaissance is alive and well in our community."

Burry continued, "For the past 40 years I have been blessed to work with many fine people, outstanding educators, and wonderful students, as well as some of the best friends of my life. I will greatly miss those relationships greatly, as that is the foundation upon which we have built our school culture. Those opportunities and relationships are deeply appreciated, and it is my belief that the Red Fox Renaissance will continue to build a legacy of hope and possibility for everyone at Hartsville High School. We are and will always be . . . Red Foxes!"

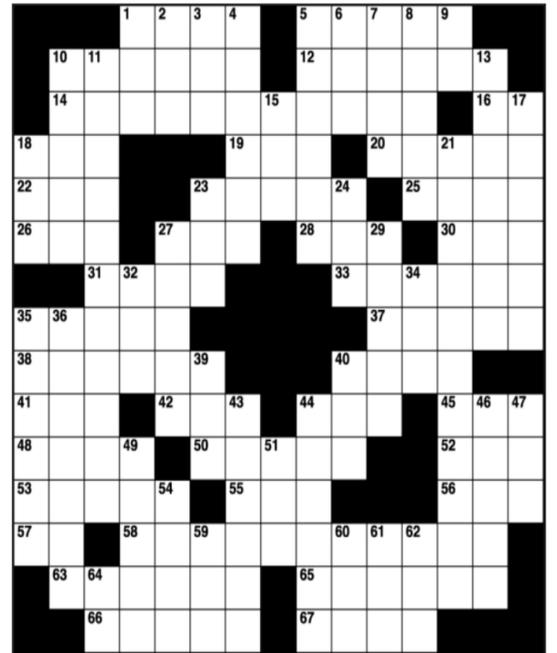
Dr. Bill Boyd, interim superintendent, praised Dr. Burry,



saying, "Dr. Burry has been a valued member of the DCSD family and a respected leader in Hartsville. He is a passionate educator, dedicated to his students, teachers, and community. Though we will miss

his leadership, we know Dr. Burry will continue to impact the lives of those around him." The district will begin the search for a new principal for Hartsville High School within the next few weeks.

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- Shade
- Sir Samuel __, Brit. statesman
- Della __, singer
- Existing in fact
- Tennis matches have at least two
- Reunifying Chinese dynasty
- Not just "play"
- Angry
- Photomultiplier tube

CLUES DOWN

- Kilogram force (abbr.)
- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Score
- A way to modify
- Respect
- Midwife
- Region near the Dead Sea
- __ Gerais: gold-rich state of Brazil
- Equally
- Monetary units
- The mentioning of things one by one
- Traveling entertainers

- Small island
- A way to sing
- __-bo: form of exercise
- "The Bard"
- The best player
- Male parent
- Harm the reputation of
- Allow for the tare of
- Grand __: wine classification
- Soak
- Bother
- Ophthalmologist
- Preceded
- __ Francisco, California
- Touch gently
- Lithuanian given name
- Matched
- Stomach
- Mother of all gods in Scots' Celtic mythology
- Partner to cheese
- Fit of irritation
- Visit
- Suffragist Wells
- Swearing to the truth of a statement
- Old Red Sandstone
- Sacred Hindu syllable

Masons clean up Society Hill



The Pee Dee Masonic Lodge F. and A.M. recently cleaned up Society Hill Road from Rosenwald Road to the town limits. The group cleans up the area four times a year. Members are W.M.C Brown, P.M.J. McPhaill, C.C. Delaine, T. McCall. Photo Contributed

Local Student News

Justin Matthew Prozzi inducted into national scholastic honor society

SPARTANBURG--Spartanburg Methodist College student Justin Matthew Prozzi of Hartsville was recently inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the national scholastic honor society for students at two-year colleges.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa must have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher with a minimum of 16 academic hours. They must also be of good moral character and possess recognized good qualities of citizenship.

About Spartanburg

Methodist College

Located in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Spartanburg Methodist College is a private liberal arts college open to students of all religious and non-religious backgrounds. The college serves an approximately 800 student body and offers six associate degrees as well as paths to bachelor's degrees.

Paris Miller inducted into international business honor society chapter at CCU

CONWAY--Paris Miller, an accounting major from Darlington was among the

more than 45 Coastal Carolina University students inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society, on April 4.

Beta Gamma Sigma encourages and honors academic achievement in the study of business, and cultivates and celebrates leadership and professional excellence. In order for a business program to have a BGS chapter, it must be accredited by AACSB International, and undergraduates must be within the top 10 percent of their business program in order to be inducted into the society.

Coastal's E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration is accredited by

AACSB International and offers six undergraduate majors: accounting; economics; finance; management; marketing; and hospitality, resort and tourism management.

Coastal Carolina University is a dynamic, public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, just minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Coastal Carolina University offers baccalaureate degrees in 74 major fields of study. Among CCU's 21 graduate-level programs are 18 master's degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the Ph.D. in marine science: coastal and marine systems science.

Mullins breaks 800-meter record

Striding through the wind and rain, the Coker College men's track and field team used split squads and pushed through at the Gamecock Invitational in Columbia, and at the Johnson C. Smith Invitational in Charlotte, N.C. Friday and Saturday, April 6-7.

Brandon Mullins set a new Coker program record in the 800-meter with a time of 1:53.44 and a fourth place finish. Jacob Chebii ran a top-10 race in the 5000-meter finishing seventh in 16:08.98, the third-best time at Coker.

Derrian Moreau picked up the fourth-fastest time for the

program in the 110-meter hurdles, crossing the line in 15.58 seconds. Meanwhile, Kace Faulkner competed at the Johnson C. Smith Invitational and competed in the hammer throw and javelin events. Faulkner threw for a distance of 123', good for a fifth place finish and

second-best all-time at Coker. In the Javelin, Faulkner placed 11th with a throw of 120', third all-time for Coker men's track and field records. Faulkner also participated in the discus event, posting a ninth place finish with a throw of 116', second-best all-time at Coker.

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Whip up waffles the whole family can enjoy

While the dinner table might be where families catch up and share stories of their day, breaking bread at breakfast time can be just as enjoyable. That's especially true when families take the time to create homemade breakfasts, such as the following recipe for "Orange Whole-Wheat Waffles with Yogurt and Fresh Berries" from Susie Cushner's "Sunday Brunch" (Chronicle Books).

Orange Whole-Wheat Waffles with Yogurt and Fresh Berries

Makes about 6 5- to 6-inch waffles
Serves 4 to 6

Orange Whole-Wheat Waffles
2 1/4 cups white whole-wheat flour
3 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups whole milk
1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
2 eggs, separated
5 teaspoons packed, grated orange zest
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled

Yogurt topping
1 cup Greek-style yogurt (see note)
4 teaspoons honey
1 teaspoon grated orange zest, packed
Fresh raspberries, strawberries or blueberries, for garnish

1. For the Orange Whole-Wheat Waffles: Preheat a waffle iron (and, if you plan to hold the waffles until serving time, preheat the oven to 200 F).

2. In a large serving bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. In another bowl, whisk together the milk, orange juice, egg yolks, and orange zest. In a third bowl, beat the egg whites until firm, but not stiff.

3. Make a well in the dry ingredients and pour in the milk mixture, blending gently only until the ingredients are combined. Add the butter in a slow stream, continuing to blend until the butter is incorporated. Gently fold in the egg whites.

4. For the yogurt topping: In a small serving bowl, whisk together the yogurt, honey and orange zest.

5. Pour 1/2 cup of the batter (or more, depending on the



size of your waffle iron) onto the waffle iron and, using a metal spatula or table knife, spread the batter to within 1/2 inch of the edge. Close the cover and cook approximately 3 minutes, or until crisp and golden brown. (If your waffles aren't crisp, even after a "ready" signal has sounded, continue to cook them, watching carefully, until crisp and golden. If not serving immedi-

ately, place the waffles in a single layer on a baking sheet in the preheated oven while you finish with the remaining batter.)

6. Serve the waffles topped with a generous dollop of the yogurt mixture and garnish with some berries.

Note: Nonfat, as well as reduced- to whole-fat varieties of Greek yogurt work in this recipe.

March Legislative Update

Senator Kevin L. Johnson
District 36 - Clarendon, Darlington,
Florence, and Sumter Counties

Bills that Received Third Reading in the SC Senate--March 2018

S. 11 expands the S.C. Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program to include flood damage.

S. 302 provides that marching band instruction must be considered the equivalent of physical education instruction.

S. 337 provides that a credit union may provide certain services to nonmembers, provides the procedure to admit new community groups to a credit union, establishes board meeting requirements, and allows for investments in charitable donation accounts.

S. 345 allows certain nursing professionals to perform certain functions.

S. 506 allows for a one time, thirty-day emergency refill of medication by a pharmacist during a state of emergency.

S. 541 provides that a child victim of sex trafficking or severe forms of trafficking in persons is also a victim of child abuse or neglect.

S. 709 requires fire and safety inspections at all public school facilities annually.

S. 755 requires sheriffs to maintain at least one onsite, public drop off box for the disposal of controlled substances.

S. 802 defines terms relating to offenses of breach of trust with fraudulent intent and obtaining signature or property by false pretenses.

S. 805 creates the Department of Children's Advocacy and provides for its composition, duties, responsibilities, and other provisions.

S. 810 provides that counties or municipalities may enact ordinances requiring the payment of fees or taxes related to pawn transactions or purchases and establishes other related provisions, including requirements and prohibitions pertaining to pawnbrokers.

S. 815 establishes prohibited acts for pharmacy benefit managers and requires a pharmacy benefit manager to reimburse a provider within seven business days of payment by a payor.

S. 834, relating to the surrender of a driver's license by a person convicted of certain crimes, amends the definition for a crime of violence.

S. 854 provides that a member of a SC retirement system may file for disability retirement if he was employed in the system not more than one year before the date of filing for disability.

S. 872 provides that a person who has been sentenced to death may elect to suffer the penalty by lethal injection, if it is available at the time of election, and provides that the penalty must be administered by electrocution if the person waives the right of election or if lethal injection is unavailable or held to be unconstitutional by an appellate court of competent jurisdiction.

S. 877 provides that the registration required for appraisal management companies must include a surety bond in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars.

S. 889 provides that a county ordinance must specify whether the purpose of the proceeds of a capital project sales tax would include economic development projects, including, but not limited to, infrastructure, land purchases, and site development projects.

S. 891 provides that the information on newborns made available to parents must include safe sleep practices and the causes of sudden unexpected infant death syndrome.

S. 918 defines "targeted controlled substance," requires the use of electronic prescriptions when prescribing narcotic drugs, establishes certain prescribing limitations, requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control to conduct audits of the prescription monitoring program, and establishes reporting requirements.

S. 928 provides that a special purpose district that has acquired a work of art by gift, bequest, purchase, or by other means may transfer ownership of the object to a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of displaying works of art.

S. 932 provides that an entity undertaking a transportation improvement project shall bear the costs related to relocating water and sewer lines and provides the requirements for utilities to be eligible for relocation payments.

S. 949 provides that probation officers, court personnel, county and municipal personnel, public officials, and private volunteers who participate in community service programs in which a probationer is completing community service are not liable for civil damages unless an injury or damages result from the gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of such person.

S. 959 provides that a first offense for illegal graffiti vandalism may be tried in magistrates or municipal court.

S. 962 provides criteria for licensure as an addiction counselor.

S. 1027 provides that unemployment filing provisions do not apply to employers in this State with fewer than fifty employees.

S. 1033 provides that torturing a child is a criminal offense, establishes penalties, allows the Department of Social Services to forego reasonable efforts to reunify a family in the case of torture of a child, adds torture as grounds for termination of parental rights, and adds death of a child by torture as an action constituting homicide by child abuse.

S. 1041 defines and prohibits unfair practices targeting vulnerable adults by obtaining money, property, or personally identifying information through deception, intimidation, undue influence, or false, misleading, or deceptive acts and provides a right of action, recovery amounts, and penalties.

S. 1060 approves regulations of the State Board of Education relating to the Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance.

S. 1073 approves regulations of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation relating to nurse licensure compact.

S. 1074 approves regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control relating to minimum standards for licensing hospitals and institutional general infirmaries.

S. 1083 provides for a program for the issuance of temporary license plates for newly acquired vehicles.

S. 1111, relating to federal fishing regulations, provides a specific size and possession limit for cobia.

S. 1116 changes the name of the Greenville Health System to Greenville Health Authority, provides for the fulfillment of Greenville Health Authority's purpose through the operation of facilities and delivery of services by agreement with nonprofit entities, and ratifies the actions of the Greenville Health System in entering into the amended Master Affiliation Agreement and the Lease and Contribution Agreement.

S. 1124 provides that a county may hold a sheriff's election every four years during the general election in non presidential election years.

H*3442 adds circumstances under which a nonresident may adopt a child and provides for the right to file a petition for adoption without regard to whom has custody

of the child.

H*3513 provides retired educator teaching certificates to enable retired educators to maintain eligible certification for the purpose of substitute teaching.

H* 3591, relating to the First Steps to School Readiness comprehensive long range initiative, provides requirements related to the program's benchmarks, objectives, plans, oversight, and reporting.

H*3701, relating to foster care, establishes provisions related to interim placement of a child with relatives, specifically the department's responsibility to disclose information about foster care licensure and the kinship foster program.

H. 4654 requires an applicant for an insurance producer's license to provide a complete set of fingerprints with his application and to provide exceptions to this requirement.

H*4729 prohibits the Department of Revenue from issuing more than three retail dealer licenses to one licensee, provides that a licensee may be issued additional licenses under certain circumstances, prohibits a licensee from having an interest in a retail liquor store other than the stores covered by his retail dealer's license, and allows a licensed wholesaler to deliver new alcoholic liquor to a person licensed to sell alcoholic liquors for on premises consumption under certain circumstances.

H*3926 establishes and revises certain standards for good compounding practices for compounding pharmacies.

H*4858 designates the twenty first day of October of each year as "Dr. Ronald McNair Day" in South Carolina.

H*4869 removes certain notarization requirements from employment termination and payment processes, optional forms of allowance, certain payments on death of a member or beneficiary, certain lump sum payments to be paid in the event of death, and the supplemental allowance program.

H*4977 establishes procedures for the appointment of the Lieutenant Governor if he resigns or is removed from office and establishes the procedure by which the Governor and Lieutenant Governor will be elected jointly and other related provisions, including campaign contribution limits and filing deadlines.

For more information on these bills or any other bills, you may visit our website at www.scstatehouse.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 18/19 BUDGETS ORDINANCE NO. 18-04 COUNTY OF DARLINGTON (Governing Entity) DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, May 7, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse Annex/EMS Building
1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC
843-398-4100 www.darcountycos.com

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$55,525
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$55,525
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$25,000
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$25,000
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	-54.975%
FY 17/18 Millage, Accommodation Tax Budget	None
FY 18/19 Millage, Accommodation Tax Budget	None
AIRPORT FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$482,335
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$482,335
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$482,335
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$482,335
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	0.000%
FY 17/18 Millage, Airport Budget	None
FY 18/19 Millage, Airport Budget	None
EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$3,866,456
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$3,866,456
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$3,866,456
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$3,866,456
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	0.000%
FY 17/18 Millage, Emergency Services Fund	None
FY 18/19 Millage, Emergency Services Fund	None
FY 17/18 Emergency Services Vehicle Fee	\$15.00
FY 18/19 Emergency Services Vehicle Fee	\$15.00
FY 17/18 Emergency Services Fee	\$20.00
FY 18/19 Emergency Services Fee	\$20.00
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$829,160
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$829,160
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$829,160
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$829,160
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	0.000%
FY 17/18 Millage, Emergency Telephone Fund	None
FY 18/19 Millage, Emergency Telephone Fund	None
FY 17/18 Monthly 911 Subscriber Fee	\$1.00
FY 18/19 Monthly 911 Subscriber Fee	\$1.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$3,278,070
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$3,278,070
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$3,347,893
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$3,347,893
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	2.130%
FY 17/18 Millage, Environmental Services Fund	2.5846 MILLS
Area excluding the Cities of Darlington & Hartsville Cities of Darlington & Hartsville	
FY 18/19 Millage, Environmental Services Fund	2.6396 MILLS
Area excluding the Cities of Darlington & Hartsville Cities of Darlington & Hartsville	
FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated)	\$483,439
FY 18/19 Millage, in Dollars (Projected)	\$493,737
FY 17/18 (Current) Recycling/Solid Waste Service Charge Revenues (Estimated)	\$2,790,950
FY 18/19 (Projected) Recycling/Solid Waste Service Charge Revenues (Projected)	\$2,790,950
FY 17/18 Solid Waste Fee (Estimated)	\$60
FY 18/19 Solid Waste Fee (Projected)	\$60
FIRE DISTRICT FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$1,975,233
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$1,975,233
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$2,017,305
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$2,017,305
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	2.130%
FY 17/18 Millage, Fire District Fund	13.8892 MILLS
FY 18/19 Millage, Fire District Fund	14.1851 MILLS
FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated)	\$1,600,341
FY 18/19 Millage, in Dollars (Projected)	\$1,634,432
GENERAL FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$21,354,833
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$21,354,833
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$21,809,691
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$21,809,691
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	2.130%
FY 17/18 Millage, County General Fund	68.7710 MILLS
FY 18/19 Millage, County General Fund	70.2359 MILLS
FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated)	\$12,863,553
FY 18/19 Millage, in Dollars (Projected)	\$13,137,547
HARTSVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$475,000
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$475,000
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$485,118
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$485,118
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	2.130%
FY 15/16 Millage, Hartsville Fire Protection District	13.8892 MILLS
FY 17/18 Millage, Hartsville Fire Protection District	14.1851 MILLS
FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated)	\$475,000
FY 18/19 Millage, in Dollars (Projected)	\$485,118
HOSPITALITY TAX FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$225,000
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$225,000
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$225,000
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$225,000
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	0.000%
FY 17/18 Millage, Hospitality Tax Budget	None
FY 18/19 Millage, Hospitality Tax Budget	None
LIBRARY FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$1,382,092
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$1,382,092
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$1,411,531
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$1,411,531
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	2.130%
FY 17/18 Millage, Library Fund	6.1473 MILLS
FY 18/19 Millage, Library Fund	6.2782 MILLS
FY 17/18 Millage, in Dollars (Estimated)	\$1,149,845
FY 18/19 Millage, in Dollars (Projected)	\$1,174,337
ROAD MAINTENANCE FUND	
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Revenues (Estimated)	\$1,675,000
FY 17/18 (Current) Budget Expenses (Estimated)	\$1,675,000
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Revenues	\$1,675,000
FY 18/19 (Projected) Budget Expenses	\$1,675,000
FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 Budget Total Percent Change	0.000%
FY 17/18 Millage, Road Maintenance Budget	None
FY 18/19 Millage, Road Maintenance Budget	None

This notice is given in lieu of the requirement of
1976 S.C. Code of Laws, Section 4-9-130.

Dr. Willie "Bill" Boyd announces retirement from DCSD after 50 years

Dr. Willie "Bill" Boyd Sr., currently the interim superintendent for the Darlington County School District, has announced he will retire at the end of the academic year. Boyd served the school district with the highest distinction for 50 years in numerous capacities across the education spectrum.

"It truly takes an exceptional individual to devote 50 years of his life to educating our young people," said Jamie Morphis, chairman of the Darlington County Board of Education. "Dr. Boyd is a well-respected leader, educator, bridge builder and advocate, and I expect those aspects will continue long into his retirement. We thank him for his time, energy and dedication to our families, employees, students and community. His wisdom, humor and guidance will be greatly missed by all of us, but if ever anyone deserves a rest, it is Dr. Boyd. We wish him the best of luck."

Boyd began his career in the district as a teacher at Mayo High School in 1968 shortly after his return from the Vietnam War, where he served as a combat infantryman. He eventually became assistant principal there before taking over as principal of Rosenwald High School. In 1982, he returned to Mayo as principal. Upon the encouragement of his mentor, Dr.

I.A. Greene, Boyd later joined the district's administrative team as transportation director. He went on to become assistant to the superintendent, assistant superintendent for administration and associate superintendent for pupil personnel. He assumed his closing role of interim superintendent of the district in August.

"I have been blessed to work with many talented and dedicated people over my 50-year tenure," Boyd said. "I have truly enjoyed serving the children of Darlington County. If I had to do it all over again, I would fill out my application today. I'd like to thank our board members, administrators and employees for giving so much of themselves to our students. I'd especially like to thank my beautiful wife, Patricia, for her unwavering support and love over these many years."

Earlier this year, the Darlington County Board of Education hired Dr. Tim Newman to be the district's new superintendent.

"It has been a great experience to work with Dr. Boyd through this transition period," Newman said. "There is no substitute for 50 years of knowledge and experience in this district, and I have learned a great deal already. We will miss Dr. Boyd, but we wish him the best of luck in



his retirement."

In 2005, Boyd was named the South Carolina Transportation Director of the Year. In 2012, the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce named him the Citizen of the Year. Three years later, the S.C. Association of School Administrators bestowed upon him its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Boyd serves on the Florence-Darlington Technical College Board of Directors, as well as the McLeod Health Board of Trustees and the First Church of God Board of Trustees. Boyd is married to Patricia White Boyd, and they have four children.

Don't adopt a 'lost' fawn

By Charles Ruth, SCDNR Big Game Program Coordinator

If a deer fawn is found alone in the woods, leave it there. Its mother has not abandoned it; she is probably nearby. Removing a fawn from the forest is also illegal because the animal is being taken outside the legal season for taking deer, which is the hunting season.

Many people who come upon a solitary spotted fawn in the woods or along a roadway mistakenly assume the animal has been deserted by its mother and want to take the apparently helpless creature home to care for it. Young fawns like this have not been abandoned and are still in the care of a doe.

The apparently "helpless" deer fawns born during April, May and June in South Carolina will begin daily movements with their mothers in about three or four weeks. Human handling and disturbance of fawns can cause a doe to shy away or even desert her offspring. Also, a bleating response by the fawn can summon nearby predators.

It's part of nature's plan

for a doe deer to leave her fawn or fawns alone for their first few weeks of life. The reason for this unusual maternal action is that the fawn at this age is better protected away from the doe. The presence of the doe nearby would attract predators because the doe lacks the protective coloration of the fawn, and the older and larger doe has a much stronger odor.

A fawn that appears abandoned is merely awaiting a visit from its mother. A doe, after brief periods of feeding and grooming her fawn, will spend much of her day feeding and resting somewhat removed from her young. The fawn ordinarily stays bedded down as if sleeping, but will occasionally move short distances to new bedding sites.

Each spring and summer, SCDNR gets many calls from people who have discovered these "lost" deer. Young fawns are without a doubt cute and cuddly, but if taken into captivity they grow into semi-tame adult deer that can become quite dangerous.

McCall Family Reunion to be held

The McCall Family Reunion will be held Thursday, June 28 through Sunday, July 1, 2018 starting at the Florence Hilton Gardens Inn with main activities at the Florence Civic Center and ending at the Mt. Rona Baptist Church.

All descendants of Willie and Henrietta McCall, who raised their family in the Society Hill area during the mid-1800s, are encouraged to participate.

For more details, email mccallfr2018@gmail.com or contact B. B. Lowe or Marie McCall McPhail.

Coker College Band plays Earth Day concert

The Coker College Band will be performing an Earth Day centered concert on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22 beginning at 4 p.m. in the Watson Theater of the Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Performing Arts Center on the college's Hartsville campus.

Celebrate Earth Day with a musical program of nature, Earth, and world peace inspired songs performed by the college's 65-member concert band. The concert will conclude with Michael Jackson's piece, "Heal the World" featuring members of the Mayo High School Concert choir and Phoenix Phame show choir.

The Phoenix Phame show choir of Mayo High School is in its seventh year of existence and has performed at several community events as well as Disney World, Carowinds, and the SC School Board's annual conference. Phoenix Phame performs popular music of today and yesterday, promoting positivity and encouraging high self-esteem. Concert Choir is made up of Mayo's more serious vocalists and includes students that participate in All-State Choir and State Performance Assessment where the group has consistently earned ratings of Excellent and Superior. Phoenix Phame and Concert Choir, directed by Cole Davis, consist of students from all over Darlington County in grades nine through twelve.

The Coker Band, directed by Kelly Jokisch, is composed of a combination of Coker College student and community musicians. Community members include professional area music educators, band directors, choir directors, ministers of music, Coker College faculty members along with local students from Darlington High School, Hartsville High School, McBee High School, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics and Florence District One. Concerts last 45-60 minutes without an intermission. The event is free and open to the public.

Clemson Extension website recognized

COLUMBIA — Clemson University Cooperative Extension's website was named to the 2017 South Carolina State Library's Notable State Documents list.

The award recognizes state and governmental publications of outstanding merit and usefulness to the citizens of South Carolina. The documents are chosen by a panel of librarians and state employees for their designs, writing styles and breadth of information.

"Clemson Extension's mission is to impart unbiased, research-based information to the citizens of South Carolina," said Thomas Dobbins, director of Clemson Extension. "A robust, usable, informative web presence, along with agent-client interactions and the many educational programs we offer, help us fulfill our mission effectively and efficiently. I am proud of our website and the team of communications professionals who design and maintain it."

The Clemson Extension website (www.clemson.edu/extension) features information on Extension programs, county offices and events. The website also contains publications on emergency preparedness, horticulture, food and nutrition, and many other subjects written and edited by Extension agents and other subject matter experts.

"Our goal is to extend the resources of Clemson University beyond campus to the citizens of South Carolina. Our communications web team is dedicated to making sure Clemson Extension's web presence is usable, technologically current and accessible to all South Carolinians," said Jonathan Veit, communications director for Clemson Public Service and Agriculture.

Clemson Extension will launch a redesign of its popular Home and Garden Information Center in April.

Little League snacking scores big

It isn't until you have a child in Little League that you realize what a rite of passage it is for children and parents alike. Make no mistake; you will spend endless hours lobbing baseballs, correcting batting stances, fielding hits (occasionally taking one in the arm or leg), and holding your breath as your child gets into position under a pop-up, praying that it will somehow, miraculously land in their mitt.

Oh, for the love of baseball! The thrill comes when you see your child smile and throw an arm around a teammate, raptly listen to "Coach," and, yes, certainly when your little slugger makes a good play. When it's your turn to provide the team snack, you'll score big with popcorn. Popcorn is easy to make, costs pennies per serving, and you can bring it along in a portable container with reusable or recyclable cups. Your hungry hitters will love digging into this classic ballpark treat and you'll feel good serving wholesome, whole grain popcorn.

Enjoy this ballpark inspired recipes courtesy of the Popcorn Board (www.popcorn.org)

Ballpark Popcorn Crunch

Yield: 3 quarts

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3 quarts unsalted popped popcorn
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Directions

1. Cream together butter and brown sugar till light and fluffy.
2. In a separate bowl, toss popcorn and walnuts.
3. Add creamed mixture to popcorn and nuts. Combine until coated.
4. Spread on a large baking sheet in a single layer.
5. Bake at 350-degree oven for 10 minutes or until crisp



Sonoco Products Company President and CEO Robert C. Tiede to Give Coker College's 110th Commencement Address

Coker College and its board of trustees is pleased to announce Sonoco Products Company's newly elected President and CEO, Robert C. Tiede, will give the college's 110th commencement address on Saturday morning, May 12, 2018.

"Sonoco Products Company and Coker College have a historic connection, a communal connection, and, hopefully, a continuing connection," says Coker College President Dr. Robert Wyatt. "We're honored to have Rob Tiede address the class of 2018, and we're looking forward to hearing his advice for our 200+ graduating seniors."

Tiede, who serves on the Sonoco Board of Directors, has had global leadership, sales and operating responsibility for all of Sonoco's diversified consumer, industrial and protective packaging businesses. Since joining Sonoco in 2004, Tiede has led all of Sonoco's global consumer-related businesses. Most recently, he served as senior vice president, Global Consumer Packaging and Services, responsible for the Company's Corporate Customer pro-

gram as well as its Rigid Plastics, Flexibles and Display and Packaging businesses. During his tenure at Sonoco, the Company's consumer-related businesses have increased sales by approximately 90 percent and operating profits by 120 percent, as the Company's consumer growth strategy developed broader global packaging and services capabilities.

Tiede, who graduated from Red River College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is a chartered accountant/CPA with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants for Manitoba and Canada. He joined Sonoco as president of Sonoco CorrFlex with the 2004 acquisition of CorrFlex Graphics' point-of-purchase merchandising display and supply chain management business. In 2006, Tiede assumed responsibility for Sonoco's global packaging services business, and in 2007 he was named division vice president and general manager of the Company's Flexible Packaging division.

Prior to joining Sonoco, Tiede worked in private equity as president of Bostic Packaging/CorrFlex from 2000

to 2004 and president of Sterling International from 1998 to 2000. He also served as executive vice president of operations for Graphic Packaging International, Inc.'s flexible packaging division from 1994 to 1998.

Tiede is active in industry and community organizations and is the former chairman of the Flexible Packaging Association and the chairman of the Hartsville United Way. A native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Tiede became a U.S. citizen in 2013. He and his wife, Val, reside in Hartsville and have three grown children.

Sonoco is a \$5 billion global provider of consumer packaging, industrial products and packaging supply chain services, producing packaging for many of the world's most recognized brands, in markets such as appliances and electronics, automotive, beverages, confection, construction, converted paperboard, fresh and natural food, frozen and refrigerated food, shaving, home, lawn and garden, medical/pharmaceutical, pet care, powdered beverages, recycling and snacks. Headquartered in Hartsville, S.C.,

Sonoco has more than 300 operations in 33 countries, and serves customers in 85 nations.

Coker College's 110th commencement will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in the Courtyard at Davidson Hall.

Coker College is a student-focused, private liberal arts college located in Hartsville, South Carolina. Coker combines round table, discussion-based learning with hands-on experiences to encourage active participation in and out of the classroom. A supportive, close-knit community prepares Coker students with the confidence and practical life skills they need to reach their personal best, in college and beyond.

Founded in 1908, Coker is a bachelor's and master's degree-granting institution and competes in 21 NCAA Division II sports. Coker is ranked among the "Best Colleges" in the South by U.S. News & World Report as well as The Princeton Review, and by Washington Monthly as a "Best Bang for Your Buck" college in the southeast.



Deputy Mueller, Sheriff Tony Chavis, Deputy Grice.

Sheriff's Deputies Graduate Academy

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies Matthew Mueller and Ryan Grice graduated the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on April 13.

Deputy Mueller was sworn-in by Sheriff Tony Chavis on August 22. He is a native of New York and previously served seven years in the United States Marine Corps.

Deputy Grice was sworn-in by Sheriff Chavis on December 11. He is a native of North Carolina and previously served 10 months as an officer with the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center.

Both Deputies are assigned to the Patrol Division under the command of Lt. Michael Hall.

Former detention center officer charged

Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators have arrested Ashley Kameil Sims, a former Detention Center officer. Sims is charged with misconduct in office. According to Investigators, Sims conspired to commit EBT fraud and acted upon the fraud by using an EBT card belonging to an incarcerated inmate.

Domestic Related Shooting Investigation

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies are currently investigating a domestic related shooting that occurred April 11 at a residence on Knotty Pine Road. An individual was injured and has been transported to a local hospital. Another individual was taken into custody by deputies at the scene. Investigators consulted with the Fourth Circuit Solicitor's Office. At this time, the individual taken into custody will not be charged and has been released.

Burglary under investigation

On April 8, Hykeem Romale Mack, age 23, was served with a Burglary I warrant by the Darlington Police Department. The subject entered a residence during the nighttime hours on Law Street and stole several items. The homeowners were able to provide surveillance footage of the subject to law enforcement. This incident is still under investigation by the Darlington Police Department.

Deputies investigating Lamar homicide

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies continue to investigate a fatal shooting that occurred April 14 at the Cambridge Apartments in the Lamar area. Deputies, with the assistance of the Hartsville Police Department, were able to locate the suspect, Devon Demarco Rembert, 17, of Hartsville.

Rembert has been charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Rembert appeared before a Darlington County Magistrate and was denied bond.

Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee has ruled a death a homicide. Germaine McCoy, 18, was pronounced dead at the scene.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER APRIL 9 THROUGH APRIL 16, 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 that effect.

- Chris Foxe, 55, of 2404 East Lydia Hwy, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Trevante Rashon Johnson, 25, of 329 Littles Dr, Hartsville, Attempted Murder; Armed Robbery Armed with Deadly Weapon; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000; Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)
- Michael NMN Lawson, 27, of Brockington Height Apt 6, Darlington, Petty Larceny <\$2000; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)
- Carrie Dorothy McManus, 61, of 405 Pennington Circle, Hartsville, Use of 911 Number Unlawfully
- Robert Lee Pouncey Jr., 34, of 725 E Carolina Ave Apt 4B, Hartsville, Non Support
- George Anthony Sanchez, 46, of 500 Freedom St, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Driving Under Suspension; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Ashley Kameil Sims, 25, of 724 Pocket Road, Darlington, Misconduct in Office
- Jason Lee Thorpe, 41, of 811 Wagon Rd, Darlington,

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

- Driving Under the Influence; Leaving Scene of Accident Unattended Vehicle; Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License
- Timothy Justin Wilkes, 36, of 229 Newman Swamp, Lamar, Driving Under the Influence
- James Timothy Wright, 72, of 103 Quinby Circle, Quinby, Driving Under the Influence; Driving Under Suspension
- Jenny Lynn Beasley, 29, of 2317 Winburn Dr, Hartsville, Public Drunk
- William David Calcutt, 38, of 805B Cherokee Rd, Florence, Non Support
- Stacey Ann Fleckenstein, 47, of 1631 Ponytrail Dr, Hartsville, Trespassing
- Toby Lornza June, 52, of 415 Howard Street, Hartsville, Trespassing; Public Disorderly Conduct
- Stephen Andrew Lancaster, 39, of 251 Pinedale Dr, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Speeding >15 but

- <25 MPH Over the Speed Limit
- Angie Lynn Little, 32, of 1248 North Hwy 15, Bishopville, Obtain/Sign Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000
- Reginald Neil O'Connor Jr., 47, of 2688 West Old Camden Rd, Hartsville, Trespassing
- Terrell Vernard Sellers, 19, of 521 Clyde Road, Kellytown, Driving Under Suspension; Poss 28G or Less Maril/10G or Less Hash 1st; Poss 15 Dosage Units MDMA/Ecstasy 1st Offense
- Arnie Tyrone Slater, 39, of 1323 Hodges Dr, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Cedric Maurice Washington, 43, of 4589 Running Brook Rd, Darlington, Public Drunk
- Marvin Harris Windham Jr., 62, of 2629 Kellytown Rd, Hartsville, Shoplifting Less Than \$50; Pointing and Presenting Firearms at Person
- Ronnie Dean Barfield, 51, of 1236 Albret Dr, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Use License Plates Other Than Vehicle Issued; Fail to Surrender Drivers Lic When Required
- Sham'e Cree Bishop, 24, of 1362 Green Pines Circle, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Michael Wayne Griggs, 57, of 2414 Congaree Dr, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
- Galvin Jenord Johnson, 35, of 329 Marion Ave, Hartsville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Christopher Trey Lloyd, 33, of 228 Donnerail St, Darlington, Petty Larceny <\$2000
- Benjamin Gray Pitts, 24, of 2552 Wesley Chapel Rd,

- Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Eric Michael Stokes, 33, of 2229 Robinson View Drive, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Obtavious Tyshon Wilson, 27, of 1115 W Lynches River Rd, Lamar, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only); Non Support; Non Support
- Gajuan Quamel Addison, 22, of 314 Hickory Street, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Speeding; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Travis Darvell Black, 29, of 718 West Marion Street Apt B, Florence, Breach of Trust >\$2000 <\$10,000
- Omni Blackmon, 26, of 315 Jamestown Ave, Darlington, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 2nd; Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st
- Luther James Blackwood, 68, of 203 Athol St, Darlington, Fugitive From Justice
- Joshua Mark Boykin, 30, of 1635 Catawba Springs Dr, Hartsville, Petty Larceny; Trespassing; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st; Entering Premises After Warning
- Rickie Daquise Holloman, 22, of 2548 Thousand Oakes Dr, Hartsville, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10 or Less Hash 1st
- David NMN Jackson, 30, of 307 Rosenwald Street, Society Hill, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Curtis Joe Jr., 29, of 625 Jamestown Avenue, Darlington, Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 2nd; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Poss 15 Dosage Units MDMA/Ecstasy 2nd Offense; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st
- Caleb Allanjacoby Marsh, 18, of 633 Jamestown Ave, Darlington, Minor/Purchase or Poss Alcoholic Liquors
- William Princeton McKay,

- 25, of 1812 Jeffords Mill Rd, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Craig Malik Mitchell, 27, of 601 West Washington Street, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Rebecca Ann Rhoad, 30, of 901 S Seventh St, McBee, Petty Larceny; Trespassing; General Session Bench Warrant
- Cari Renee Shaw, 27, of 112 Stonewall St, Hartsville, Driving Comm Veh w/License Sus Non DUI 3rd; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation
- Rolando Wilson, 33, of 6637 Society Hill Road, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Thomas Junior Wilson III, 27, of 3138 Sandy Spring Ln, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Micah Eden Frye, 32, of 1010 Hamlet Hwy, Bennettsville, Forgery Less Than \$10,000
- Preston Issac Hickman, 32, of 106 Hoole Street, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance
- Antoinette NMN Hill, 48, of 1011 Ocoela Street, Myrtle Beach, Shoplifting <\$2000; General Sessions Bench Warrant
- Lionel Dewayne Martin, 44, of 236 Swift Creek Rd Apt B4, Hartsville, Non Support; General Session Bench Warrant; Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st
- George Alexander Smith, 30, of 1117 Myrtle St, Hartsville, Non Support
- Keith Lamark Taylor, 45, of 1206 N Brand St, Florence, Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st
- Christopher Alex Brown, 30, of 2359 Trails End, Lydia, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Resisting Arrest; Pedestrians on Highways; Non Support
- Devon Demarco Rembert, 17, of 1204 Farm Ln, Hartsville, Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Murder;

- Burglary - First Degree
- Lee Ernest Squire, 58, of 1217 Turtlecreek Dr, Hartsville, DUI 2nd ; DUS (DUI) 1st Offense
- Heather Lee Adeeb, 36, og 206 Rogers Road, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning
- Jeffery Daniel Booker, 22, of 1233 Swinney Drive, Hartsville, Moped Licensing Provisions Vio 1st Offense
- James Michael Dees Jr., 21, of 751 Memory Ln, Hartsville, Weekender
- Travis Mark Anthony Dickey, 22, of 321 Hill St, Marshville, General Session
- Sydney Nicole Jones, 27, of 1933 Tomahawk Rd, Lamar, Driving Under the Influence
- David William McCaskill, 27, of 103V South 5th Street, McBee, Shoplifting Less Than \$50
- Carrie Dorothy McManus, 61, of 405 Pennington Circle, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Telephone/Unlawful Use of Telephone
- Raymond Vincent Newsome, 34, of 123 Golf Course Rd, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Ashley Lacolla Prince, 32, of 433 Tarte St, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Antonio Demetrious Robinson, 36, of 1514 S Center Rd, Darlington, Non Support; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- John Fitzgerald Steen, 52, of 1231 New Market Rd, Hartsville, Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 3rd or More; Giving False Information; Sex Offender Registry Violation 1st Offense
- James Anthony Walton, 32, of 3614 Flat Creek Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Mozle Blackmon, 41, of 1408 Jasper Ridge Dr, Fort Mill, Driving Under the Influence

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Frances Anderson Kelly Date of Death: 2/20/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600159 Personal Representative: Michael Albert Kelley Address: 404 Gunther Drive, Darlington, SC 29532 Co-Personal Representative: Cedman Joseph Kelley, Jr Address: 104 Williamson Place, Darlington, SC 29532

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT

(181103.00014) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2018-CP-16-00234 Quicken Loans Inc., PLAINTIFF, VS. Herman D. Vaughn, Jr., DEFENDANT(S). YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve copy of your answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2712

Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, P.O. Box 2065, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Special Referee for Darlington County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to represent said minor(s) within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) herein. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on March 13, 2018. SCOTT AND CORLEY, P.A.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) DEFICIENCY WAIVED IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON C/A NO: 2018-CP-16-00043 HSBC Bank USA, NA, as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2007-ASAPI, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, PLAINTIFF,

vs. Creola Bacote and if Creola Bacote be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of Creola Bacote distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of Creola Bacote and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Carolyn Bacote, DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this cause to the Master in Equity for Darlington County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules

of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

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

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina, on January 12, 2018. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02.1, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

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

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

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection. IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. NOTICE TO APPOINT ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(S) IN MILITARY SERVICE TO UNKNOWN OR KNOWN DEFENDANTS THAT MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ALL BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED that Plaintiff's attorney has applied for the appointment of an attorney to represent you. If you fail to apply for the appointment of an attorney to represent you within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you Plaintiff's appointment will be made absolute with no further action from Plaintiff.

(38c3 leave in thru 4-18-18) **NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES** All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Calvin Grady Hill Date of Death: 3/21/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600168 Personal Representative: Linda O Hill Address: 203 Westover Dr, Hartsville, SC 29550 Attorney: Andrew M Privette Address: PO Box 100, Hartsville, SC 29551

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scribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Judy Cranford Date of Death: 6/9/2017 Case No: 2018ES1600135 Personal Representative: Betty Jackson Address: 1205 Bernice Street, Darlington, SC 29532 Attorney: Carl A Saleeby Address: PO Box 400, Hartsville, SC 29551

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Date of Death: 3/11/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600170 Personal Representative: Kenneth Lee Rhames, Jr Address: 1579 Valparaiso Drive, Florence, SC 29501 (39p3 leave in thru 4-25-18) **NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES** All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Gaile L Freeman Date of Death: 2/24/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600167 Personal Representative: Tracy Freeman Horvath Address: 6301 Knotts Landing Road, Florence, SC 29506

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scribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Adrienne H Rogers Date of Death: 3/12/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600162 Personal Representative: Charles Hamilton Rogers, Jr Address: 112 Nez Perce Drive, Darlington, SC 29532

NOTICE OF ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

Foreclosure-Deficiency Judgment Waived (NON-JURY) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON C/A #: 2016CP1600129 CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SUSAN H. DUPREE A/K/A SUSAN MARTENZIE HARRELSON DUPREE, DECEASED; DEDICATED COMMUNITY BANK; HILLSHIRE, INC.; DISCOVER BANK; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AN OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SUSAN H. DUPREE A/K/A SUSAN MARTENZIE HARRELSON DUPREE, DECEASED; DEDICATED COMMUNITY BANK; HILLSHIRE, INC.; DISCOVER BANK; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AN OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Motion for an Order appointing Marissa Jacobson, Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SUSAN H. DUPREE A/K/A SUSAN MARTENZIE HARRELSON DUPREE, DECEASED (including all unknown minors; all unknown persons under other legal disability; all unknown defendants in the military service)

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YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST SUSAN H. DUPREE A/K/A SUSAN MARTENZIE HARRELSON DUPREE, DECEASED (including all unknown minors; all unknown persons under other legal disability; all unknown defendants in the military service), shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or either of them, a Guardian ad Litem to represent them for the purposes of this action, the appointment of said Guardian ad Litem Nisi shall be made absolute.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED COMPLAINT

Foreclosure-Deficiency Judgment Waived (NON-JURY) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT C/A #: 2016CP1600129 CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

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JASON M. TAROKH, ESQ. S. CAROLINA BAR # 72837 THE GEHEREN FIRM, P.C. 4828 Ashford Dunwoody Rd., 2nd Floor Atlanta, GA 30338 678.587.9500 Attorney for Plaintiff

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED COMPLAINT Foreclosure-Deficiency Judgment Waived (NON-JURY) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Amended Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Amended Complaint upon the subscribers, at their office, The Geheren Firm, P.C. 4828 Ashford Dunwoody Road, 2nd Floor, Atlanta, GA 30338, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Amended Complaint in the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for DARLINGTON County on March 9, 2016 and the Amended Complaint was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for DARLINGTON County on November 14, 2016. JASON M. TAROKH, ESQ. S. CAROLINA BAR # 72837 THE GEHEREN FIRM, P.C. 4828 Ashford Dunwoody Rd., 2nd Floor Atlanta, GA 30338 678.587.9500 Attorney for Plaintiff

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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2017-CP-16-0771 Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. Plaintiff, -vs- Nannee Sparks a/k/a Nannee Sparks; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Defendant(s) BY VIRTUE of a judgment heretofore granted in the case of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. Nannee Sparks a/k/a Nannee Sparks; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, I, Martins S. Driggers, as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on May 7, 2018, at 12:30 pm, at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying, being and situate in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 6, as shown on a map of Converse Estates dated December 13, 2002, and to be recorded herewith in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. Reference being had to said map for a more complete and accurate description. This being a portion of the same property conveyed to Nannee Sparks by deed of James E. Atkinson dated 03/31/03 and recorded 04/22/03 in book 1026 at page 9052 in the Darlington County Records. TMS #: 180-00-07-006 (land) 180-00-07-006.001 (mh) Mobile Home: 2000 CLAY VIN: N02011981TNAB SUBJECT TO DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms or conditions on this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Heyward W Gainey, Sr Date of Death: 3/7/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600180 Personal Representative: Betty Watkins Gainey Address: 542 Stanley Circle, Darlington, SC 29532

COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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NEW LISTINGS

118 Woodcreek Road - Country cottage located within walking distance to Darlington Country Club. Home has 2,496 sq ft of living area. 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths. Master suite is downstairs with large bath with double sinks. Kitchen has a breakfast area with bay window. Formal living room and dining room. Den with wood burning fireplace. Screened in porch over looks fenced in back yard. Large workshop. Call today to view this home. **Priced at \$184,900.00**

Lot 56 Kent Avenue - 1 acre lot in Jamestown S/D. Mobile home allowed. County water available. **\$9,000**

RESIDENTIAL

2116 Lide Springs Rd - 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2,818 sq ft, 9 acres, 2 large workshops and a cabin. **\$350,000**
121 Woodcreek Rd - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,000 sq ft - **\$174,900**
616 W. Smith Ave - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,461 sq ft - **\$137,900**
1145 Whites Circle - 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths, 1,138 sq ft - **\$114,900**
1197-G Waxwing Drive, Florence - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,450 sq ft - **\$112,000**
829 Cashua Ferry Rd - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,010 sq ft - **\$94,900**
421 Spring St - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 964 sq ft, - **\$49,900**
2381 Green Street Road - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,937 sq ft - **\$59,900**
443 Phillips Street - 792 sq ft 3 bedrooms and 1 bath - **\$49,900**
425 Jamestown Ave - 1996 21 X 23 mobile home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sits on .46 acres of land - **\$39,900**
133 Grove St - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 874 sq ft - **\$24,900**

LAND AND LOTS

44.30 acres Barfield Rd - Mostly wooded. Great place for hunting or building a cabin **\$124,000**
Bobo Newsome Hwy (Hemlock) 22.91 acres - Wooded land. **\$66,700**
3539 Gully Branch Rd - 2 acre lot with pond and 32 X 32 shop with full kitchen and bathroom. Septic tank and well **\$50,000**
8.20 acres Medford Drive - **\$25,000**
621 Delaware River Rd - .47 acre lot, fenced with septic tank **\$13,500**
Redwood Drive - Nice lot located off of McIver Road .92 acres - **\$10,000.00**
638 Cartersville - 1/2 acre lot with county water and septic tank **\$10,000**
motivated seller make an offer
Lot 19 Jamestown Ave - Mobile home allowed. .46 acres - **\$7,500**
Lot 21 Jamestown Ave - Mobile home allowed. .46 acres - **\$7,500**
8.70 acres Mineral Springs Rd - Runs with creek wetlands. **\$6,000**

COMMERCIAL

2244 Harry Byrd Hwy - Commercial bld. 11,684 sq ft metal building. Sits on 4+ acres of land. 6 ft fence around perimeter of property. Currently used as an office, warehouse, & Restaurant/ lounge. Plenty of office area. 5 restrooms. It would make a great church, restaurant, or banquet hall 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**

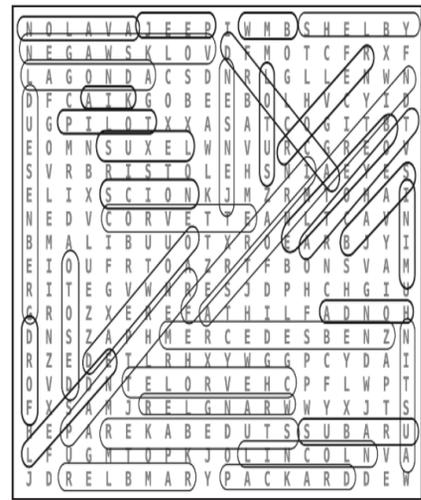
1110 Lamar Hwy - 2,299 sq ft bld currently used as a barber shop. Separate office and workshop with roll up door in rear of bld. New survey done. Includes lot to the left of the building. **\$88,000**

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The Ag and Art Tour seeks artisans

It's time for Ag and Art Artisans recruitment. The June 2018 tour will include 12 South Carolina counties with different counties participating each weekend in June (see schedule below). The tour will run Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m. each weekend. Artisans are encouraged to participate both

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- Participating Counties:
- June 2-3: Chesterfield County, Darlington County, Florence County, Horry County, Kershaw County
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• June 23-24: Newberry County, Spartanburg County, Union County
Interested artisans can visit the artisan recruitment website at www.agandarttour.com/artisans to learn more and apply. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 27, 2018.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Sale
C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00239
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation vs. Bobbie Jessup, I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on May 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land, together with improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being located in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot 5, on a plat of Gilchrist Subdivision, recorded February 5, 2002, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 192 at Page 53. Said property fronts on Gilchrist Road for a distance of 141.66

feet and is bound on the Southwest by said Gilchrist Road; on the Northwest by Lot 4 for a distance of 277.31 feet; on the Northeast by other property for a distance of 51.37 feet and 93.38 feet; and on the Southeast by property of Philip R. Anderson for a distance of 208.11 feet. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is made thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. Be all measurements a little more or less. THIS BEING the same property conveyed to Bobbie Jessup by virtue of a Deed from Mark Estates, LLC dated March 30, 2016 and recorded April 5, 2016 in Deed Book 1078 at page 1453 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County, South Carolina. 404 Gilchrist Road Darlington, SC 29532 TMS# 145-00-03-125

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 25/100 (4.25%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be

obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Special Referee for Darlington County Darlington, South Carolina 29526, 2018 Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700 (40c3 leave in thru 5-2-18)



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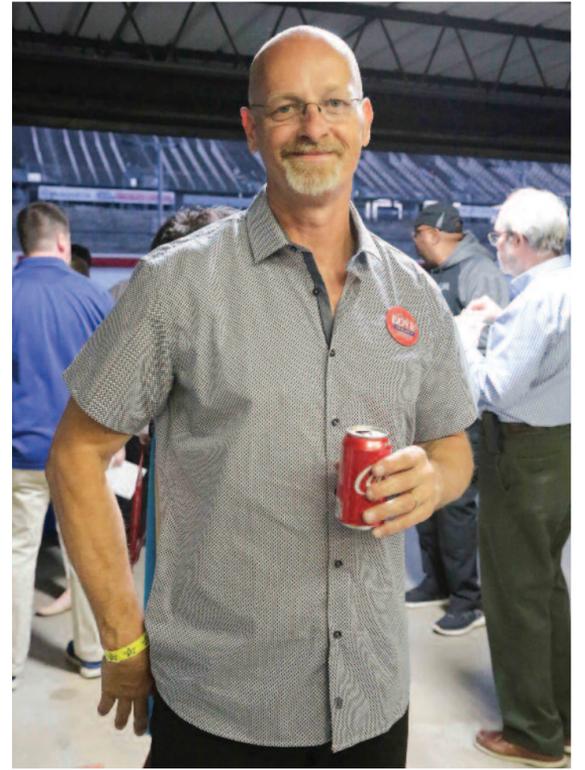
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The Taste of Darlington draws a crowd to the 'Track Too Tough To Tame'

The 2018 Taste of Darlington was held April 12 at the Darlington Raceway. The event featured food and fun, with a chance to mingle with friends, neighbors and family. Tables hosted by local organizations and businesses had yummy dishes featuring everything from fresh from the garden veggies to straight from the piping hot grill meats.

Photos by Samantha Lyles



Do you know Darlington County?



Our last photo was the Arcade Hotel in Hartsville, which now houses SPC Credit Union. The building is located at Fifth Street and College Avenue. We had three correct guesses this week: Grace Chaplin Jones, Bill Segars and Dale Lewis. We've got another picture this week. Do you know where this photo was taken? Please let us know by sending your guesses to: editor@newsandpress.net or call 843-393-3811. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. Good luck!



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