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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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DCSD unveils new program for students with disabilities

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Starting in August, some students with severe disabilities in the Darlington County School District will have the option to leave school with more than just a certificate of attendance.

Project Search, a nationwide program, will start its first class with five students from across the county.

Lynette Jordan spoke to the board of education about the new program during their May 14 meeting, held at

Mayo High School's conference center.

"The grant that we applied for and were granted helps us with technical assistance, the curriculum, lots of the forms and all of the things that go along with the program," Jordan said. "It is a nine-month program for students with moderate to severe disabilities. It will be housed at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center. The ultimate goal is that we are raising the rigor for our students with disabilities in the moderate and severe classes so that we can get them some competitive employment after they leave high school."

Currently, by law, students with disabilities can stay in the school system until they are 21-years-old. Jordan said that the Project Search program will be available to students during their last year of high school.

"Students will learn employability and marketable skills," Jordan said. "They will have three internships throughout the year at Carolina Pines where they learn a little bit about themselves and they get to learn a skill, depending on the internship they're in, that they will be able to develop and put on their resume. The classwork that they

have before and after their internship will help them with the other skills that they need once they leave us like budgeting, completing an interview, getting to work on time; those things that we might take for granted."

Jordan said that students will spend their entire school day at Carolina Pines requiring them to get their own transportation, similar to when they get a job.

"The classroom will be located at Carolina Pines in Hartsville and taught by a Darlington County School District special education teacher," Jordan said. "We have

already had a skills assessment day where we had students work a set of skills to show what they know and what they don't know. They had to go through an interview piece. We have chosen five students, some from our Hartsville High program and some from our Darlington High program."

Jordan said that Project Search programs across South Carolina have had great success and she believes it will be a great opportunity for DCSD students as well.

DCSD ON 3A



Thirteen Darlington High School students celebrated earning their high school diploma and two year college degree with a meal May 8 at South of Pearl with DHS officials and district administrators. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Darlington High celebrates Early College grads

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One May 8, a group of Darlington High School students gathered at South of Pearl for one last celebration together before graduation. These thirteen students are part of the DHS Early College Program and will have finished high school earning both a high school diploma and their associate degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Debra Wallace, the Early College Honors Program Coordinator, said that the Principal's Luncheon was a special time for the students and the administrators who

attend.

"We like to hold this luncheon to honor them," Wallace said. "They have worked so hard and we have stressed them out so much. It is a nice time to get them all together and share one last meal before they go off. Once graduation hits, they are going to be going in all different directions even though some of them will be going to the same school. It is just one last opportunity for all of us to get together."

Wallace said that included district administration was important because they are the ones who approve and support the Early College Program.

"Our district office, who we

couldn't do this without, doesn't really get a chance to interact with them much," Wallace said. "This gives them a chance to see what they've approved all these years when we've asked them to support us."

South of Pearl Owner Todd Hardee welcomed the students to his establishment and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

"We are mighty proud of you," Hardee said. "We wish you a lot of luck in the future, a lot of luck going forward. I don't remember being able to graduate college and high school at the same time. It took some of us fourteen years just to get out. I can't brag on

ya'll enough. We're mighty proud of you. Education is very important. When you get my age you start realizing it. Now, they are preparing you guys for going out in life correctly. It used to be that a high school education was great and an associate degree was perfect. Then, a B.S. degree would get you where you needed to go. Now it is a masters and a PhD. You guys are on the right track. Congratulations for working your tails off; I know you did."

Outgoing interim superintendent Bill Boyd shared a meal with the students and also sent his congratulations.

EARLY COLLEGE ON 3A

FDTC to raise tuition this fall

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The Florence-Darlington County Commission for Technical Education met May 17 and voted to raise tuition at Florence-Darlington Technical College. Each credit hour at Tech currently costs \$171; effective this fall, that rate will increase to \$179 per credit hour.

Douglas Lange, FDTC Vice President of Business Affairs, told commissioners that the Higher Education Price Index has increased by 3.7 percent this year. In order to keep pace with the index, Lange presented the commission with a few different options to consider.

Lange said that a hike of 3.5 percent would mean a \$6 increase per credit hour; a 4.1 percent hike raises rates by \$7 per credit hour, and a 4.7 percent rise would increase rates by \$8 per credit hour. He noted that Tech's tuition increase last year was about 1 percent below the increases levied within their college cohort.

Making that 4.1 percent increase effective this fall would generate about \$824,000 in additional revenue this school year. Delaying the tuition hike until spring would require an even steeper and more sudden increase of \$9 or \$10 per credit hour.

Lange said this increase "is about paying the higher salaries that we are already paying. This is about paying additional pension costs, and making sure that we have adequate supplies to do the instruction in classrooms... this is reflective of our costs."

Commission member Joseph Griffin asked if Tech was still "heavy, administratively," and Interim FDTC president Ed Bethea replied that two of Tech's highest paid administrators have recently left the college or retired. Bethea said he has cut costs by reducing the school from three to two academic divisions, which removed one Associate Vice President position entirely.

Also, Lange pointed out that raising tuition this late in the year will likely cause problems for students who have already registered for fall classes. Students who registered at a rate of \$171 per credit hour will now owe a balance for the increase.

As discussions closed, the Commission voted to approve an increase of 4.7 percent, raising the rate to \$179 per credit hour as of this fall semester. Lange pointed out that even with this increase, FDTC's tuition cost is still lower than more than half of technical colleges in South Carolina.

TUITION ON 3A

Lamar gets water system update

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At their May 14 regular meeting, Lamar Town Council received an update about ongoing efforts to rehabilitate and restart the town's water system from Colton Cauthen of Hanna Engineering.

Cauthen said the rehab project on the town's Pearl Street water tank is "coming along really well," and noted that the tank interior has been cleaned and coated and is nearly ready for inspection. Once that tank rehab is completed, work will begin on the town's second water tank, located behind the Grooms Building on Cartersville Highway. Cauthen estimated work on the second tank should begin in mid-June, and both tanks should be back online in August.

A meeting guest asked if the tank rehab project will affect water pressure, and Cauthen

replied that there may be a period during the summer (when the Pearl Street tank is back in service and the Grooms Building tank is offline) when water pressure might be slightly reduced.

"You probably won't notice any real substantial differences, depending maybe on which side of town you're on," said Cauthen. "As long as you have one tank at proper elevation, it's going to provide pretty uniform pressure across the town."

Another meeting guest complained about the quality of the town's current water, saying it was "not fit to drink." The town's local well was shut down in February of 2016 after SCD-HEC found traces of radium in the water, and Lamar began purchasing water for all of its municipal customers from Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority. Cauthen said that a number of things could explain the water quality issues, such as the amount of time it takes to travel from DCWSA to Lamar, and how long the water sits in old lines before it emerges from the tap.

LAMAR ON 3A

Phil Noble introduces running mate in Darlington

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On May 11 Democratic gubernatorial candidate Phil Noble stopped in Darlington to introduce his pick for Lieutenant Governor: Gloria Bromell Tinubu.

Tinubu is no stranger to South Carolina politics having run to represent SC Congressional District 7 in 2014, losing to Tom Rice.

"I think what this partnership is about is about two people who have very different backgrounds in one sense, the demographics are different, the family history is different, but we have a united vision of South Carolina," Noble said. "We both love this state passionately. We both care about the future and we are willing to take risks to try to change South Carolina. Gloria personifies that. She was a native daughter, born and raised here in South Carolina in Plantersville. She got a PhD in Applied Economics from Clemson, a real pioneer. She had a career in politics in Georgia but then came back to South Carolina. She ran for Congress and has been involved in making our region and our state better. She is a woman of energy, passion



Phil Noble, right, introduces his running partner Gloria Bromell Tinubu during a speech at the Darlington County courthouse on May 11. Photo by Melissa Rollins

and concern who is committed to a better South Carolina."

Noble said that the current system of politics must be changed.

"I am running for governor because I think we need fundamental change and reform in South Carolina," Noble said. "We've got a wonderful state

but our politics is corrupt, it's dysfunctional and it is keeping us from having what we need in terms of a good education system, good roads, secure pensions. The reason is, there is a group of people in Columbia that are running this state in a system of plantation politics."

Career politicians have made deals that only helped them and their colleagues, Noble said.

"They get together, Democrats and Republicans in the big house, and they cut the deals," Noble said.

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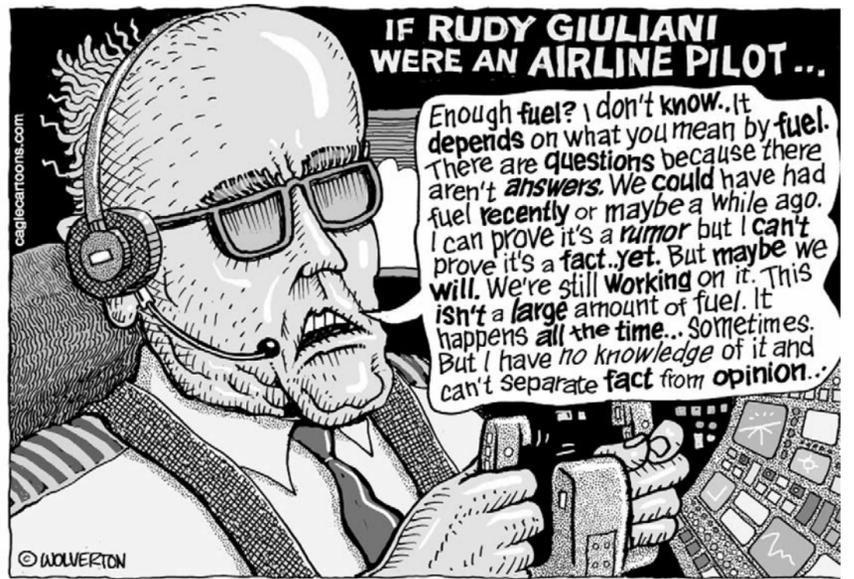
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Charlie

By Bill Shepard

It has been nigh an half century since I sat and talked with the old man. The two of us often sat and shared our thoughts about this and that! It was by some strange coincidence that I came to know the old man, but I've always been glad that I did. It is doubtful that the old man ever had a visitor before, and he didn't want one! He was content to live by himself, just he and the old cat that had come to be a permanent fixture. The little trailer where they both lived was too small for one but they seemed to be well adjusted.

I could fill this paper with stories I learned about Charlie. He could neither read nor write but his years of living had taught him more than a lot of men ever learn. As you will read, we became close friends and I felt very comfortable while in the company of Charlie. I have shared some of those memories in the following poem that was written more than forty years ago, after the old man died.

CHARLIE COWART
.....The way his name was printed on his mailbox drew my attention.

CHARLIE

"How are you doing old man?", I said,
He answered, "I'm so tired (tired) I'm nearly dead."
I remarked, "What you been doing to get that way?"
He replied, "Been in the field all day."

His face was brown from the evening sun,
If the end came today, his work was done,
Hoeing and plowing in the field all day,
This old man made his living that way.

He lived alone in a run-down shack
Just Charlie and his old stray cat
His weather-beaten face, a story told,
Of one who had weathered, the heat and the cold.

He had little learning from the public schools
His guide was the golden rule
Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you,
This would work, he said it was true.

He was always ready with a helping hand,
I had received it many times from this old man
I could call on him by day or night
And he'd respond with all of his might.

"Sit down," he said, and pointed to a chair,
What's on your mind that brings you here? "I don't know,"

I said, 'Just passing by.'
And he knew, I was telling a lie.

He seemed to know when I was troubled in mind.

Like he'd been there, time after time,
If you want to talk, I've got a good ear,
What other reason brings you here?

"Charlie," I said, "You've lived a long time
You've seen America;' reputation rise and decline.
What's the matter with the world today?
He thought a moment then said, "Man made it thata way."

Couldn't be the animals, we put them in a zoo,
No, the blame lies with men like me and you.

It started when Adam disobeyed God's command,
Try to lay the blame somewhere else if you can.

I've lived long and seen lots of things, he said,
Poverty, suffering, Presidents shot dead,
I've loved America, its been good to me
I've always been proud of my liberty.

But somethings gone wrong in our fair land,
And I'm gonna change it, if I can,
But what can an old man like me do,
Now you see, I'm asking you!

I don't know, old man I said,
The answer doesn't lie with me,
and then I read,
Contradiction in his olde sad face,
"Yes, it does, you're part of the human race."

He squared his tired old shoulders then
Said the answer lies within all men
Strive to do good 'ith all your might
Then the world will be alright.

I drove away from his place that day,
A far richer man for have gone that way,
I had not counseled with the intellect,
But with an old man, Charlie, whom I had come to respect.
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Bill Shepard

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By Tom Poland

Ever stood on Holy ground? Read on.

Monday a fellow told me, "If it weren't for work, I don't know what I'd do." I knew what he meant. For most of us life means work.

Last week I was visiting Aunt Vivian when I told her about the things I'd been working on. "Work makes you feel good," she said. Work is a tonic. It does make you feel good.

Work was on my mind as I raked up limbs from pruning Mom's tea olives the other day. It struck me that I was standing on the spot where my working days began. When I was nine, Dad paid me a dime for cutting the grass with an old manual push mower. Paid me right where I stand in the photo. That dime taught me a lesson. You don't get something for nothing.

As I pruned and raked, I formed a mental list of all the jobs I've had. I first worked around the yards and in Dad's saw shop. Then I worked at Goolsby's Groceries and later at Central Supermarket in downtown Lincolnton. I worked a summer at Reed's Poultry Plant, a summer at the Almar Rainwear Factory in Washington, Georgia, a summer as a reporter for the old Agricultural Stabilization

and Conservation agency, and two unforgettable summers for Mr. Francis Fortson at Elijah Clark State Park.

While I was at the University of Georgia I delivered flowers for a florist and worked two years as a waiter, a job that taught me to be nice to servers. (It's a difficult to wait on tables.) Following graduation, I taught one year of public school then returned to UGA for a master's degree and following that work took me into the domain of classrooms and offices. I never liked working inside all that much, so it was a great pleasure to work outdoors as a filmmaker in the 1980s.

I quit a magazine job to be a freelance writer, one of the more reckless things I've done, but I had faith in myself. Granddad Poland told me, "If you can make money for the man, you can make it for yourself." He was right.

Add self-employer to the list. The list goes on ... bus station ticket agent, college teacher, speechwriter, editor, and author/speaker. I wouldn't be who I am had it not been for my kaleidoscopic career. Work paths shape us as surely as a potter's hands shape clay. Schooling educates us, but work plays a major role in forming our core identity. Icing down chickens, packing plastic rainwear, hauling garbage,

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Down South: Work Paths



and serving fries and burgers taught me things about responsibility, discipline, and life itself. It exposed me to a wide range of people, mostly good ones, but I also encountered buffoons, phonies, and self-important blowhards. To this day I feel more at ease around blue-collar folks who don't take themselves too seriously. That old Georgia writer Harry Crews was right. Put a suit, white shirt, and tie

on a man and you can find out real quick how sorry he is.

Thanks to my decidedly different jobs, I learned what I like and what I don't like to do when it comes to my time, the blood of life itself. That's why that spot where I'm standing is sacred ground. That's where I ventured into the world of work.

PATHS ON 3A

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Serious about protecting the taxpayers? A few nuggets of advice

By Richard Eckstrom
S.C. Comptroller

Over the next several weeks, men and women aspiring to elected office will likely be filling up your mailbox and knocking on your door. Many will talk of "protecting the taxpayers," or offer some similar claim in pursuit of your vote.

Of course, "protecting the taxpayers" can mean any number of things, and candidates tend to offer scant details. The discerning voter would be wise to press candidates to elaborate.

For those who are serious about protecting people's wallets, I wish them the best. And I offer a few nuggets of insight – four keys, in my opinion, to serving the taxpayers well:

Have the backbone to say "no." All politicians talk about opposing wasteful spending. Yet if you were to look over any city, county or state budget, you'd easily spot items the average person would consider frivolous. So how do they get there?

The truth is that saying "no" to budget waste sometimes requires backbone. Just

overlapping functions or using technology to increase productivity.

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Tuition

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Additionally, Lange presented the Commission with a list of capital projects that will require attention within the next few years. FDTC has \$6.5 million in federal funding for campus improvements and new construction - including the construction of a 1000 Building, which has since been scrapped - and he said the school needs to reallocate that money to new critical needs projects or risk losing it.

"The walk bridge at the 5000 Building is in dire shape," said Lange, explaining that engineers have cut into the bridge's underside and found salt damage and rust. "We know that we're going to have to replace that bridge or

do something fairly major to that bridge within the next few years."

Lange estimated fixing the walk bridge would cost about \$2 million. Other potential projects would include \$2.1 million in repairs to the central energy plant, and renovations of the 100, 300, and 400 Buildings for about \$1.8 million.

The Commission then entered into an executive session to receive advice on how to proceed with their search for a new FDTC president to replace Dr. Ben Dillard, who retired in March after questions were raised about possible misappropriation of funds at the college. Under Dillard, FDTC was required to pay back over \$1.6 million in US Education Department funds related to Title IV student aid violations.



Joseph Griffin of the Florence-Darlington County Commission for Technical Education speaks during the May 17 meeting. Photo by Samantha Lyles

Noble

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"They decide what is good for them and their cronies and their friends and the rest of us, they just say here is how it is going to be; tough luck if you don't like it. We need wholesale reform in this state and that means having reformers who are not part of the system, who are outsiders, but people who have a history, who have skills, a story, a passion; a love for this state."

Tinubu said that being chosen as candidate for Lt. Governor was an honor.

"I am honored that you selected me to be your running mate from an outstanding field of candidates," Tiubu said. "I'm honored because Phil's campaign reflects his lifelong commitment to standing up for our Democratic ideals and fighting for big change, real reform, right now; not later but right now. Some of those Democratic values that Phil cares about are:

- He believes in equal opportunity for all and privileges for none
- Government of, for and by the people and not of the special interests
- He believes that every working person should have the right to a living wage that they

can take care of themselves and their family

- Phil stands with women like us, the 2.4 million in South Carolina, who will not be silenced, as we demand equal pay for equal work

- Phil knows that our state is in desperate need of sustainable economic development, particularly in our rural areas where our schools, our infrastructure, healthcare, broadband, transportation and access to the basic necessities are woefully inadequate

- Phil has a vision for South Carolina, for a new South Carolina, where a government is reformed from the top down, where we can create an environment where every citizen can have equal opportunities to create the kind of future they want for themselves, their families and their communities.

Unfortunately, that kind of vision for the future is not present in our present-day legislature."

Supporting the Noble/Tinubu ticket in Darlington were Darlington Mayor Gloria Hines, City Councilwomen Elaine Reed and Sheila Baccus, Darlington County Auditor Margaret Rogers and Linda Byrd Spearman, candidate for SC House District 62.

Lamar

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Through Hanna Engineering and Jannie Lathan of Lathan Consulting LLC, Lamar is pursuing a loan/grant package from USDA to finance nearly \$3 million in repairs and updates for its water system. The project addresses several key system needs, including building a new water treatment plant, painting and upgrading those two water towers, sinking a new 250 GPM (gallons per minute) well, and replacing dated and unreliable water meters with new RF (radio frequency) models.

Cauthen estimated that if Lamar's applications with USDA are approved, it could be about 24 months before Lamar's new well and water treatment plant come online. He said the new well will be drilled on town-owned property along the Cartersville Highway near the Grooms Building. The financing period for the USDA loan would be 40 years. The life expectancy of a new well is about 50 years.

In a related matter, Town Council member Angele White-Bradley announced

that Lamar has entered into an open-ended contract with DCWSA to provide leak detection and repair services for the town's water system. White-Bradley said that if anyone in the Lamar area sees a quantity of water standing in the street or notices suspicious and persistent pooling of water, they should call Town Hall immediately.

Howard Nettles, director of Community Outreach, Marketing and Recruiting for Genesis Health Care, gave an update on the remodeling and landscaping upgrades underway at Lamar Family Care on West Main Street. Nettles said the exterior will be covered in cypress board and batten, Barbados shutters will adorn the windows, and the grounds will feature new red maples, palm trees, rose bushes and other flowers. A new interior-lighted sign will be installed within the week, and the carport by the main entrance will be converted to an outdoor sitting area.

Nettles said construction is expected to wrap up in three weeks, and Genesis plans to hold a Business After Hours event to show off the new building and celebrate with the community.

DCSD

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"We chose Project Search because it helps our non-diploma track students with disabilities have that opportunity to learn those work-related skills,"

Jordan said. "These are students who can learn some of those entry-level positions and be successful in those positions. In South Carolina, Project Search programs across the state average around a 95 percent employability rate."

Early College

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"This is a great honor for me to come and celebrate with this group who will be earning their associate degrees along with their high school diplomas," Boyd said. "This is my fiftieth year so to be able to celebrate and go out with this distinguished group is more than an honor."

Darlington County School District Graduation Ceremonies:

- The Darlington County Institute of Technology will hold its Completer Recognition Ceremony at 6 p.m. May 23 inside Darlington Middle School's gymnasium. A ticket is not required for entry.

- The Darlington County Intervention School will hold its graduation ceremony at 10 a.m. on June 6 in the school's cafeteria. A ticket is not

required for entry.

- Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology will hold its ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on June 6 inside the SiMT Building on the campus of Florence-Darlington Technical College. A ticket is required for entry.

- Lamar High School's graduation will be held at 7 p.m. on June 6 at Donald R. Poole Stadium at the school. A ticket is not required for entry unless inclement weather forces the ceremony to be moved inside.

- Darlington High School will hold graduation services at the Florence Center, formerly known as the Florence Civic Center, at 5:30 p.m. on June 7. A ticket is required for entry.

- Hartsville High School's graduation will be held at 7 p.m. on June 7 inside the Hartsville High School Arena at the school. A ticket is required for entry.

Board of Education recognizes excellence during May meeting

At the May 14 Darlington County Board of Education meeting, it was awards night. Listed below are students, teachers and schools who were recognized for outstanding performance.

Seven DCSD students have earned all As for the entirety of their elementary and middle school years. The following students have earned all As for 8 straight years:

- Darlington Middle School
 - Landon Cooke
 - Lauren Lucas
- Hartsville Middle School
 - Matthew Black
 - Courtney Hastey
 - Andrew Martin
 - Stella Tew
 - Grayson Wint

One DCSD student has earned all As for the entire 12 years of her education. Ms. Caroline Surret of Hartsville High School has not earned a single B on her report cards since she began first grade 12 years ago.

Students who accomplish perfect attendance for five, eight or twelve years must be very dedicated and make many sacrifices over the years. The school district has four students who have achieved perfect attendance demonstrating their commitment to high education goals worthy of recognition.

- Five Years Perfect Attendance:
- Latasha Azalya McDaniel - Brunson Dargan Elementary School
 - Landon Thomas Pletcher - Carolina Elementary School
- Eight Years Perfect Attendance:
- Tre'Faison McLeod - Darlington Middle School
- Twelve Years Perfect Attendance:
- Joshua William Poole - Mayo High School, MST

Four students have earned spots on the South Carolina Basketball Coaches' Association's (SCBCA) All-State Teams. LaQuan "Nari" Coe and Simo'ne Durant, both students at Lamar High School, have earned spots on the 1A Girls SCBCA All-State Basketball Team. La'Trae Hannibal of Hartsville High School earned a spot on the 4A Boys SCBCA All-State Team. Saquita Joyner of Hartsville High earned a spot on the 4A Girls SCBCA All-State Team.

Rashard Coleman, a senior at Lamar High School, was chosen to play in the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association (SCACA) North-South All-Star Baseball Game.

Quantavia "Kat" Coe, a senior from Lamar High School, was selected as a member of the SC Coaches Association of Women's Sports (SCCAWS) All-State Softball Team.

Three Darlington County School District softball players have been selected to play on the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports (SCCAWS) North-South All-Star Softball Game.

- Lillie Baumbach, Darlington High
- Taylor Watford, Hartsville High
- Myra McDonald, Hartsville High

Hartsville High School's Pride of Hartsville Winter Guard won the South Carolina Band Directors Association's Scholastic AAA Winter Guard Performance State Championship.

- Members:
- Minya Benjamin
 - Connor Brunson
 - Da'Shawna Brunson
 - Journey Byrd
 - Rashad Gee
 - Emily Haubner
 - Diaz Jones
 - Teagan Lillian
 - Kalaiagh McCullough
 - DaKayla Priest
 - Kenneth Wingate
- Director and Instructor:

- Christopher Grant Bands of Hartsville Directors:
- Cameron Watkins, Hartsville High School
- Marlin Ketter, Hartsville Middle School

The SC Band Directors Association's Outstanding Performance Award is the highest possible award given to a band program in the state of South Carolina. Points are accumulated through participation and ratings earned at marching competitions, All-State and Region bands, concert performance assessments, and Solo and Ensemble Festival.

This year the band programs at Hartsville High School and Hartsville Middle School both earned this prestigious recognition. The Hartsville High School band program is led by Mr. Cameron Watkins and the Hartsville Middle School band program is led by Mr. Marlin Ketter.

Three students from Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology earned first place honors at the state convention of the Future Business Leaders Association (FBLA).

- Christopher Colclough, Gary Altman, and Eric Douglas won first place in the Digital Video Production competition.

Three students from the Darlington County Institute of Technology took top honors at the 2018 SkillsUSA state competition.

- Matthew Privette, a senior at Hartsville High, won first place in the Electrical Construction Wiring competition.

- Joseph Rhodes, a senior at Darlington High School, won first place in the Information Technology Service competition.

- Landon Steen, a senior at Hartsville High School, won first place in the Job Skill

Demonstration A competition.

Thirty-four DCSD high school students earned first place honors at the South Carolina convention of the National Beta Club held in February. The National Beta Club is the largest independent, non-profit educational organization in the nation dedicated to promoting the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondary school students. The first place student winners are:

- South Carolina Beta Club President: Kalyn Phillips, Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology
- Painting: Taylor Moore, Hartsville High School
- Creative Writing: Natalie Hinson, Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology
- Character Skit: Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology
 - Taylor Boggs
 - Erial Cooper
 - A'Mari Joseph
 - Bradly Kempson
 - Briaja Mitchell

- Patrick Williamson Campaign Skit: Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology
 - Kaylee Amerson
 - MyKenna Blankenship
 - A'Yahna Byrd
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 - Taylor McClam
 - Tayler McDaniel
 - Dominique Mills
 - Arkell Mingo
 - Briaja Mitchell
 - Alexandria Moore
 - Madison Moore
 - Savoris Scipio
 - Jy'Keem Taylor
 - Patrick Williamson
 - Tamia Willoughby

Grainger Howle, a member of the Darlington High School golf team, has been selected by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association (SCACA) to play in the 2018 North-South All-Star Golf Match. This event will be played May 18-20, 2018 at Litchfield Country Club on Pawleys Island, SC.

The prestigious Palmetto's Finest awards are presented annually by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA). The schools selected for the awards go through an intensive application process requiring self-evaluation, peer review, and two on-site examinations. The application and visits verify evidence of exceptional student achievement, instructional programs, professional learning communities and school culture. This year Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology was one of only five schools in the state designated as a Palmetto's Finest school. The school is led by principal Arlene Wallace.

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Robert "Bobby" Ross

Funeral services for Mr. Robert E. "Bobby" Ross of Darlington were 11 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2018 in the Washington & Charlotte C. Jordan Memorial Chapel of Jordan Funeral Home.



Interment followed in Darlington Memorial Cemetery directed by Jordan Funeral Home, Inc.

The service was to celebrate the home going of Robert Emory Ross who departed this life on May 11, 2018.

"Uncle Bobby" or "Bobby" as he was affectionately known by those who he loved and grew up with, was an Independent Music Consultant and Community Strategist, a product of the Darlington, South Carolina Public Schools (1955-'69).

Bobby attended South Carolina State University (1969-1972) where he majored in Music Education and excelled in arranging music for the SC State Marching '101' Show Band, the Pep and Jazz Bands. Subsequently he composed original music for funk-rock bands "Malthusian's Theory" and "Sunday Nite Affair" respectively.

In 1979 he became a certified construction electrician after studying at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

In 1982, he assumed the directors' position at the Darlington County Cultural Realism Complex, Inc. While there he assisted hundreds of individuals in arts related talent development.

In 1983 he cofounded Creative Arts Development. He achieved for some of his clients Approved Artist designations with the SC Arts Commission.

In 1987 he became a stringer/reporter with the Pee Dee Newspaper Group, advancing to editor in 1992 when the business transitioned to DBS Communications.

In 1994 The Atlanta Office of the United Negro College Fund contracted Robert to coordinate their Pee Dee campaign where a record \$100,000.00 was raised and the inaugural Pee Dee area UNCF fund-raising Gala was established.

The UNCF Gala remains still the major fund-raiser for the Florence/Pee Dee UNCF drive.

In 1995 he cofounded the Clemson University 4H Statewide Expressive & Performing Arts Workshop.

In 1996, he coordinated the volunteer effort for Conflict and Transcendence: African-American Art in South Carolina at the Florence Museum in collaboration with the Columbia Museum of Art. Bobby also designed an economic development proposal titled Central Park South, Darlington - and presented the proposal to Darlington City government. The proposal was then submitted and won a competitive grant from the South Carolina Design Arts Partnership, a consortium between the South Carolina Arts Commission, the SC Downtown Development Association and Clemson University's Departments of Architecture, Planning and Humanities.

In 2000 Bobby co-founded

the People's Theatre (TPT). TPT's mission was to solicit original plays and writings of African American poets, playwrights, authors and composers from throughout South Carolina, as well as works of writers from other ethnic groups writing in the same or related genre, and to produce staged readings of accepted submissions.

He has been an associate with the Darlington County Section of the National Council of Negro Women and was an active member and past strategist with the Darlington Branch NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). Robert served as Chairperson of the Darlington Branch Political Action Committee.

Bobby was the son of the late George Ross Sr. and Essie Sims Ross.

Those left to cherish Bobby's memories and carry on his legacy: sisters Constance Y. Redd of Poughkeepsie, NY, Georgia L. Ross of Darlington, SC, Meredith L. Ross of Peekskill NY; brothers George E. Ross Jr. of Darlington, SC, James E. Ross of Peekskill NY; nieces Phyllistine A. Oliver of Poughkeepsie, NY, Vestine A. Patrick of Moseley, VA, Samatha Tutu and Denea Sharper both of Florence, SC, Raquel J. Redd of Poughkeepsie NY; nephews Anthony K. Ross of Cortlandt Manor, NY, Dana A. Ross of Fayetteville NC, Timothy K. Ross of Clarksville TN, Gregory A. Redd of Peekskill NY, Randall A. Adams of Jacksonville NC, Gemari Sharper of Florence SC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving friends at the residence of his sister, Ms. Georgia "Tootie" Ross, 130 Reid Street, Darlington.

William James, Jr. Elias

February 24, 1929 - April 3, 2018

William James, a fifty year resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, passed away peacefully at home on April 3, 2018.

Bill (Bump as he was known) was born in Darlington, South Carolina to William E. James, Sr. and Ruby Rikard James and was the eldest of two children.

Growing up in Darlington, Bill was active in the Boy Scouts, the Presbyterian Youth Group, high school sports and student government. His love of golf started early in his youth and he also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Bill graduated in 1946 from St. John's High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army. Upon returning to civilian life, Bill attended North Carolina State University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Textile Science. He was an active member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and also a member of Phi Psi, a textile fraternity.

Upon graduation Bill moved to New York City where he met his future wife, Sula Rossner. They shared a love of interesting foods, entertaining and the importance of family. Bill was an avid gardener, an excep-

tional cook, and a lover of golf. And in his later years, it was his grandchildren that brought him the most joy. He and Sula considered themselves very blessed with their family.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife Sula and survived by his children Elizabeth Duffield (Stan), Anne Roberts (Bump) and Will James (Amanda), seven grandchildren and his sister Nancy Webert of Maryland and three nephews. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 2nd at 11 a.m. at the Grove Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Association.

James Bradley Law

James Bradley Law, 95, of Darlington, SC, passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20 in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery. The family received friends from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.



He was born July 22, 1922 in Darlington, SC, a son of the late William Player Law Sr. and Dorothy Conyers Ervin Law. He was a retired rural mail carrier with the USPS. James served in the 7th Army Air Corps as a B-24 bomber pilot in the 392 bomber squadron from 1944 until his release in February 1946. Lt. Law was stationed in the Marianas and Saipan, from where he flew missions over Haka Jima, ChiChi Jima and Iwo Jima in the Bonins, Kazens, and the Carolines. For his service he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, the Asian Pacific Theatre Ribbon, and the WWII Victory Ribbon.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Frank Haskell; his granddaughters, Joella (Craig) Haskell Gaskins and Lucy (James) Haskell Music; his great-grandchildren, James and Cheves Gaskins, Alexa Weatherford, Timothy and Isabel Music. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Law Martin; nephews, nieces, and great-nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his wife, LaVon Campbell Law; a daughter, Anne and a granddaughter, Mary Bradley Haskell Weatherford. He was also predeceased by his brothers, William Player Law Jr. and wife, Dorothy Foster Law, David Ervin Law St and Elizabeth "Betty" Brown Law and Augustus "Gus" Law and Carolyn Blackwell Law; his sister, Louise Law Wilson and Edward L. Wilson; a nephew, David Ervin Law Jr.

Memorials may be made to the Susan Johnson Scholarship or the Campaign Fund at the Darlington Presbyterian Church, 311 Pearl St. Darlington, SC 29532; or to a charity of your choice.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Brandon Lewis White

Brandon Lewis White, age 37, passed away Thursday, May 17, 2018. Funeral services were held 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at Central Baptist Church, with burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at Belk Funeral Home, and other times at the home of his parents, 310 Dogwood Ave., Darlington.

Born February 9, 1981, Brandon is the son of Angie Lewis Watts and Gene Watts. He worked for Polyquest and also worked as a firefighter for 12 years, and as an EMT. He was a jack-of-all-trades and was jokingly known as "Mr. Fix it all". Brandon was an avid Clemson fan and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his children. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his parents, Angie and Gene Watts are his wife, Melisa Forkasdi White; children, Rainey Lane White, Brianna White, Haley Bryant, Riley Bryant; sisters, Kristi White (Barry) Byrd of Darlington, Missy Watts (Chad) Brown of Manning, and Allison Watts (Jeff) Stanfield of Sumter. He is also survived by his aunts, uncles, and many nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Beth Watts, and his maternal grandparents, Fulton and Lillian Lewis.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes.org; or to Central Baptist Church, 512 Spring St, Darlington, SC 29532.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Charles Dickerson

Darlington, South Carolina Charles Dickerson, 74, of Darlington died on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Kistler Hardee Funeral Home in Darlington with the Reverend Allen Lynch, officiating. The family received friends at the home of his stepdaughter, Pat Lewis Timmons, 417 Lawson Road, Darlington.

Charles was born in Darlington, S.C. He was the son of the late Lee and Margaret Rhodes Dickerson. Charles retired from McCutcheon Construction Company.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Garris Dickerson of Darlington; his son, Charles E. Dickerson, Jr. of Florence; his stepchildren, Patricia "Pat" Lewis Timmons of Darlington, Frank Lewis of Darlington, and Dale Lewis Grimes and husband, Joe of Timmonsville.

Charles was preceded in death by his brothers, William Dickerson, Julian R. Dickerson, Sr., Richard Dickerson, Leon Dickerson, Sr., and Athey Lee Dickerson; and his sister, Margaret Ann Chaplin.

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

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LIVING ON PURPOSE

We are the caretaker of our thoughts

By Dr. William Holland

I read a book years ago by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale called, "The amazing results of positive thinking" and I recommend it as an inspiration and encouragement to your spiritual life. He explains that our mind is filled with all types of thoughts and persuasions but everyone is held accountable to manage them. We have the ability to resist and ignore the negative influences that hinder our life and to also embrace the suggestions that are positive and encouraging. I remember after studying about this principle, I had an interesting dream. I do not always place a lot of credibility in dreams because sometimes I think they are related with late-night pizza binges, but on the other hand, the Bible reveals that some dreams have been used a legitimate way that God can communicate. Anyway, here was my dream.

I found myself on a dusty construction site and as I looked around, I noticed workers with shovels and they were busy digging up small trees and bushes. Some were driving trucks and others were using chainsaws and in the distance, I noticed a bulldozer was pushing over large trees. They were obviously clearing the land but I was not sure for what reason. I approached one of the workers and asked who was in charge but he just kept walking. For some reason, I sensed in the dream that Jesus was overseeing this operation and so I started searching for him. I was expecting any moment to see him in a white tunic, sandals, and hard-hat, but I never did. Finally, I saw a man that was writing on a clipboard and he appeared to be a supervisor. I went over to him and said, "excuse me, sir, can you tell me where to find the project manager?" As he started walking away he turned his head and calmly said, "you are." This is the last thing I remember.

There is an old rhyme that says, "Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are seeds, you can grow flowers or you can grow weeds." This may sound silly, but in relation to our subject, it makes perfect sense to consider that we are the gardener and caretaker of our own mind. We may not

want to admit it, but our spiritual journey was never intended to be a carefree experience but rather to fulfill a destiny of specific meaning and purpose. Since it's been established that what we think is directly associated with how we feel along with what we say and do, we can agree that whatever has taken root and is growing in our mind is having a huge impact on who we are.

As the wind and the birds distribute seeds upon the earth, likewise the voices and experiences of this life are deposited within our soul. Each of us is vulnerable to this natural process, however, in the light of free will; we have been given the authority and responsibility to choose what we think about. There is an interesting scripture found in Romans chapter 12 that refers to our mental accountability, as Paul declares in verse one that we should present our lives as a living and holy sacrifice, which God expects us to do. Verse 2 continues about how this can be accomplished. "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you might prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." The idea here is that we must awaken and realize as Proverbs 23:7 so clearly declares, "As a man thinks in his heart - so is he." When we understand that managing our mind is a crucial priority within our Christian walk, we should be motivated to take more responsibility to develop a stronger mental clarity. But, if we choose to live in a default mode that allows anything to take root in our mind, we are more likely to become overwhelmed with fear, sadness, chaos, and discouragement. Recognizing this spiritual reality and becoming determined to pray and work toward our mental transformation, will help us stay sensitive to His still small voice. We will never become what God has called us to be until the desire to change becomes greater than the desire to remain the same.

Dr. Holland is a Christian minister, author, and community outreach chaplain. Request a free copy of his new CD at: billyhollandministries.com

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CITY OF Darlington South Carolina

The City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24, at Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St., Darlington.

The July 17 meeting date is canceled. Other meeting dates for 2018 are Sept. 18 and Nov. 13.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Look at that face and those marvelously long whiskers! Fabulous, fluffy, fun and friendly, Isaac is a 2-3 year old medium-haired orange tabby. He's just delightful and his coat is soft. He would love a home where he could enjoy toys, love, and a family.



Mason has been described by the staff as a very happy go lucky, handsome guy! Mason is eager to play yet still respectful and gentle and had a wonderful intro. Needless to say, Mason is friendly with other dogs! Mason is one of those dogs who looks like he's always smiling, and you can't help but smile back at him. Mason would enjoy having another dog to play with but he would also be fine as your solo companion. Mason is ready to move in with his new family today and bring his own special brand of sunshine to your home. 35lbs; male; 2-3 yrs old; lab 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. April, June, September, and November at Carolina Pines; May, August, October, and December at 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.

Summer Camps

4-H at New Vision Center

Explore food and fitness, launch paper rockets, build and race balloon cars, and much more. Lunch provided. Who: For all youth ages 5 - 18 June 11-July 27 When: 8a - 1p daily Where: New Vision Center, Bethlehem Rd, Hartsville Cost: Free Contact: Wayne Brown, 843-206-5487, to register.

Fashion Diva Day Camp with Girls University

Home decorating, fashion and modeling, etiquette, food and nutrition! June 18-22 Who: For rising 6th-8th grade girls When: 8a-12p daily Where: Coker College Cost: \$80 Register at Girls University online: <https://girls-university.com/camps/darlington-4h-camp/>

4-H Farm Animal Paint Class

Learn to paint a rooster from a professional artist! June 25 Who: all youth grades 1-5 When: 10a - 12p Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville Cost: \$25 (+ \$10 4-H membership) Register by: June 18 at eventbrite.com

Wildlife Wednesday

Fish, peek into bird nests, learn to measure a tree, and identify plants. Who: For all youth 9 - 13 years old June 27 When: 8:30a - 4:30p Where: Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge Cost: \$20 (includes transportation from Darlington/Hartsville, snack, and supplies). Register by: June 20 at eventbrite.com

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4-H Farm Animal Paint Class

Learn to paint a goat from a professional artist! July 9 Who: all youth grades 1-5 When: 10a - 12p Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville Cost: \$25 (+ \$10 4-H membership) Register by: July 2 at eventbrite.com

Girls University Summer camps at DCIT

Divya Coding and Video Game Design July 16-19, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (7:30 a.m. dropoff) Each camp includes an industry and college tour. The cost is \$60 per girl. The camp is for Grades 6-9.

Girls University Summer camps at DCIT

3D World Design and Engineering Innovation July 23-26, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (7:30 a.m. dropoff) Each camp includes an industry and college tour. The cost is \$60 per girl. The camp is for Grades 6-9.

4-H Farm Animal Paint Class

Learn to paint a pig from a professional artist! July 30 Who: all youth grades 1-5 When: 10a - 12p Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville Cost: \$25 (+ \$10 4-H membership) Register by: July 23 at eventbrite.com

4-H Club Camp at Camp Bob Cooper

July 22-26 Who: For all youth ages 7-14 Where: Camp Bob Cooper Cost: \$270 members; \$280 non-members Swimming, hiking, crafts, skits, group games, and plenty of summer adventure. Register at the Darlington County Extension office.

4-H Farm Animal Paint Class at ArtBug Studio

Learn to paint a cow from a professional artist! August 6 Who: all youth grades 1-5 When: 10a - 12p Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville Cost: \$25 (+ \$10 4-H membership) Register by: July 30 at eventbrite.com

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Darlington Area Recreation Basketball League

For boys and girls ages 7-16 (as of Sept 1.) The deadline to register is May 31. You must bring a birth certificate to register. For more information, call 843-398-4030.

Teen Health Screening

Darlington County First Steps is hosting a free teen health screening May 23 from 4-6 p.m. at the Diva Den

(Building One). A parent or legal guardian must accompany anyone under 16 years of age. There will be free food, drinks and door prizes. Everything is confidential. Darlington County First Steps is located at 437 W. Carolina Ave., Hartsville. For more information, call 843-639-3090.

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

St. John's High Reunion

St. John's High School Class of 1968 will have an informal get-together on Friday, May 25th, beginning at 6 p.m. at Takis Diner. The reunion will take place on Saturday, May 26th, beginning at 6 p.m. at Darlington Country Club. Payment is due by May 10th. If you have questions, please call Jimmy Sanderson at 843-616-4308 or Judy Langley at 843-617-0689.

June 2018

Health Fair

St. John and Wesley Chapel will hold a health fair June 2, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. John United Methodist Church 214 W. Seven Pines, Oates Community. (Please do not eat before you come snacks available) There will be blood pressure checks, BMI calculations, cholesterol checks, diabetes education, HIV checks, face painting for kids. For more information call Patricia Streater at 843-230-4567.

Community Health Fair

Darlington County First Steps is hosting a Community Health Fair in conjunction with CareSouth Carolina at the Darlington Recreation Department (300 Sanders Street) on Friday, June 1st from 10am-2pm. There will be free blood pressure checks, free health screenings, free food, and raffle drawings for door prizes.

Pantry Party

Mayo High School Class of 1966 Pantry Party has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. For further information, please contact Shirley Warren.

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, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting.

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.

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The carpentry class at the Darlington County Institute of Technology gathers for a photo after the conclusion of this year's model home-building contest.



Students in carpentry class recently competed in a model home-building contest, an annual project at the Darlington County Institute of Technology. Montrel West of Darlington High School won this year's event. Pictured are the four students chosen for recognition (from left): Shaikem Freeman-Peterson, West, Hunter Morrison and Michael Taylor.

Darlington High's West wins model home-building contest at Darlington County Institute of Technology

Montrel West, a senior at Darlington High School who attends the Darlington County Institute of Technology (DCIT), took home first place recently in DCIT's highly competitive home-building project.

West and his other Carpentry classmates partici-

pated in the annual challenge, which requires them each to build a model home from scratch. Students are given creative freedom for finishing touches but must follow a foundational rubric for the home.

West's home featured outstanding quality and crafts-

manship, while boasting a front-yard swing and fence for good measure. Also earning recognition in the contest were Shaikem Freeman-Peterson, Hunter Morrison and Michael Taylor.

DCIT Director Robbie Smith said the contest is a culmina-

tion of months of learning and hard work.

"This competition is an effective way to gauge the students' mastery of the skills Mr. Jack Parker is teaching them in Carpentry," Smith said. "They work together building an actual house during the year, but

they know they are accountable individually for constructing the scale model. This is yet another example of the real-world skills our students learn at DCIT."

DCIT's Carpentry class is just one of many hands-on opportunities at the school

that gives students practical work experience. The career and technology school educates hundreds of high school students from all over the Darlington County School District. For more information about DCIT, please call 843-398-4796.

DCSD Gifted and Talented students travel to Savannah



Students from the DCSD Gifted and Talented Program enjoy an eco-cruise in Savannah, Georgia. Photo Contributed

More than 100 fifth-grade students who participate in the Darlington County School District's (DCSD) Gifted and Talented program traveled to Savannah, Georgia, recently for an exciting opportunity to broaden their learning experiences.

The annual Gifted and Talented field study took students on a dolphin "eco-

cruise" as well as a trolley tour of the Historic District in Savannah.

Marisa Johnson, coordinator of arts and innovative programs in DCSD, said the successful trip always proves invaluable for students.

"It's one of the best tools that we can use to provide students with exposure to the real world," Johnson said.

"When students step out of the classroom to learn, they get a chance to witness connections between what is happening at school and in everyday life."

Teacher and parent chaperones helped the 110 students make the trip, which also included a guided tour of the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force.

"We had an awesome time, and we will continue to work to provide fresh and engaging learning opportunities for our students," Johnson said.

For more information about the Gifted and Talented program in DCSD, please call the Office of Arts and Innovative Programs at 843-398-2242.

American Lung Association recognizes Women's Lung Health Week

The American Lung Association and its LUNG FORCE initiative turned South Carolina turquoise during National Women's Lung Health Week (May 6-12) in support of those whose lives have been impacted by lung cancer. LUNG FORCE is uniting the nation to raise voices and make lung cancer—the leading cause of cancer deaths among women and men—a public health priority. Landmarks and communities across the nation will be illuminated in turquoise, the signature color of LUNG FORCE.

"Lung cancer has been in the shadows for far too long. When you think of cancers affecting women, most people don't initially think of lung cancer, yet it's the leading cancer killer of both women and men," said American Lung Association Executive Director in South

Carolina, Rebecca Balitsaris. "We're raising awareness about lung cancer through LUNG FORCE and during National Women's Lung Health Week, and are proud to stand with those facing the disease."

In South Carolina an estimated 4,630 women and men will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year alone. Yet according to the Lung Health Barometer, only three percent of women consider lung cancer a top-of-mind health concern. The American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE initiative is seeking to change this.

During National Women's Lung Health Week, the Lung Association is highlighting the experiences of LUNG FORCE Heroes, those whose lives have been impacted by lung cancer, including local Summerville resident Laura Welter.

"It was a series of moments in the loss of my grandfather, my mother-in-law and then my aunt—a mother of four and grandmother of eight—that I knew lung cancer would not define me... they are my true inspiration that voices needed to be heard to raise awareness and funding, said Welter.

Facts about lung cancer:

- Lung cancer accounts for only four percent of all American cancer survivors.
- An estimated 234,030 Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year.
- Risk factors include smoking as well as exposure to radon gas, secondhand smoke and air pollution. Genetic factors can play a role and sometimes the cause of lung cancer is not

known.

•Early detection and treatment of lung cancer translates to higher survival rates, however only 18 percent of lung cancer cases among women are diagnosed early, when the disease is more curable.

•From May 6 - 26, CVS Pharmacy customers can make a donation of \$1, \$3 or more to the register to raise funds for lung cancer awareness, research and education. The in-store fundraising campaign is part of Be The First, a 5-year \$50 million initiative funded through CVS Health and the CVS Health Foundation to help deliver the nation's first tobacco-free generation. Customers can also visit Lung.org/cvs for easy ways to help their communities become tobacco-free and access discounts on quit smoking resources.

Coker's Cleary Earns Spot on Google Cloud Academic All-District First-Team

Coker baseball player Connor Cleary has been named to the Google Cloud Academic All-District First-Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Cleary was selected to the first-team as an infielder for district three, which includes schools from Conference Carolinas, Peach Belt, and the South Atlantic Conference.

The 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District Baseball Team recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the field and in the classroom. First-team Academic All-District honorees advance to the Google Cloud Academic All-America ballot, with first- and second-team Academic All-America honorees to be announced in June.

Cleary, a native of Nicholasville, Ky., played and started in 39 games for the

Navy and Gold this past season. The Coker first baseman led the team in on base percentage (.447) and finished second on Coker's squad in walks, drawing 24. Additionally, Cleary was fourth on the team in runs (25) and batting average (.322). Furthermore, Cleary completed the season with 25 runs, 39 hits, four doubles, one triple, 13 RBI, and three stolen bases.

Perhaps what was even more impressive than his performance on the field was his success in the classroom. Cleary, a criminology major, finished his senior year with an impressive 3.93 cumulative GPA. He is the son of Jody and Johnnie Cleary.

For more information about CoSIDA's Google Cloud Academic All-District and Academic All-America Teams program, visit AcademicAllAmerica.com or the Academic All-America® home page on CoSIDA.com.

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Hartsville Middle and Hartsville High band programs awarded highest state honor

The Hartsville Middle School and Hartsville High School band programs recently received the highest statewide honor available when the S.C. Band Directors Association (SCBDA) awarded both the Outstanding Performance Award.

Kevin E. Horton, awards chairman for the SCBDA, congratulated the two bands on the accomplishment.

“Both Hartsville High School and Hartsville Middle School have earned the points necessary to receive the SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award for the 2017-2018 school year,” Horton wrote in a

letter. “Your outstanding marching, concert and individual student performances are a testament to the high-quality of teaching taking place in the band departments at each of your schools.”

The SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award is the highest possible award given to a

band program in the state of South Carolina. Points accumulate through participation and ratings earned at the state-sponsored events such as high school marching band championships, All-State and All-Region Band, concert performance assessments and the Solo and Ensemble Festival.



Local student honored for exceptional academic success

Drew Jeffords, a 7th-grade student from Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School in Darlington is among the students being honored by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) for their exceptional scores on the ACT or SAT. Jeffords will be recognized at a ceremony at Furman University on May 21.

Duke TIP's 7th Grade Talent Search identifies students across the United States who have scored at or above the 95th percentile on a grade-level standardized test. As part of the program, these academically talented students take above-level college-entrance

exams to learn more about their abilities. Duke TIP then hosts annual recognition ceremonies to honor the seventh graders who scored the highest on these ACT or SAT exams.

“We are extremely proud to recognize our remarkably talented students who have demonstrated key aspects of their academic potential by achieving scores on the ACT or SAT commensurate with half of all college-bound high school seniors,” says Shawna Young, Executive Director of Duke TIP. “As an alum of our 7th Grade Talent Search, I still remember how it felt to be recognized by Duke and TIP in seventh grade,

as well as my excitement and anxiety at taking the SAT at such a young age. As an organization, we cherish the opportunity to celebrate each of our ceremonies honorees for such an outstanding accomplishment.”

Working with host academic institutions, Duke TIP sponsors thirty-six ceremonies in sixteen states throughout April, May, and June. Speakers include university administrators and professors from the host institutions, state and government officials, and accomplished former Duke TIP students. For more information on the 7th Grade Talent Search, please

visit www.tip.duke.edu.

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School is a coeducational, non-discriminatory, college-preparatory day school serving students in grades seven through twelve located in Darlington, South Carolina.

Trinity-Byrnes fosters development of every student's intellect and character through strong academics, a wide variety of athletics and extra-curricular activities. For more information contact April Munn, Director of Admissions and Communications, at 843-395-9124, amunn@trinity-byrnes.org.

Darlington County Board of Education names three new principals

The Darlington County Board of Education named three new principals at their May 14 board meeting. Kathryn White will be the new principal of Carolina Elementary School. Shannon Fraser will be the new principal at Pate Elementary School. Corey Lewis will be the new principal of Hartsville High School.

“I am excited about the future for Carolina Elementary School, Pate Elementary School, Hartsville High School, and our district,” said Dr. Tim Newman, incoming district superintendent. “The new leadership represents the best Darlington County has to offer in helping our students be successful and in connecting with our families and our community.”

Kathryn White, the new principal of Carolina Elementary School, is currently the literacy coach at Cain Elementary School and Pate Elementary School. She was also the literacy coach at Southside Early Childhood Center and West Hartsville Elementary School. During her education career, she has been an assistant administrator of curriculum, a lead teacher, a school testing coordinator, and a fifth-grade teacher. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policies, and a Masters of Education in Language and Literacy. She holds certification as a Read to Succeed Literacy Teacher and Coach, Elementary Education, and Elementary Principal.

Shannon Fraser, Pate Elementary School's new principal, is currently an assistant principal at Hartsville Middle School. During her education career, she served as curriculum

coordinator, testing coordinator, parent relations coordinator, and Title 1 coordinator. She has also been a Master Teacher and has classroom experience teaching both fourth and fifth grades. Fraser graduated from Francis Marion University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a Master's degree in Remediation and a Master's degree plus 30 in Educational Leadership/Administration. She is a First Year Teacher Mentor, a balanced literacy training facilitator, and a former Milliken TAP Foundation National Award Winner for Outstanding Leadership. Fraser holds Elementary and Elementary Principal certifications.

Corey Lewis, the new principal of Hartsville High School, has been one of the school's assistant principals since 2010. During his career, he has been the assistant principal at North Hartsville Elementary School and a classroom teacher at both Hartsville High School and Darlington High School. In addition to his teaching experience, Lewis served as the head varsity baseball coach (2003-2007) as well as an assistant football coach of Hartsville High School. While working at Darlington High, he served as the head baseball coach and assistant football coach as well. Lewis has a Bachelor of Arts in English Education from Benedict College, a Master of Sports Science from the U.S. Sports Academy, and a Master of Education in Education Administration from Grand Canyon University. Lewis holds certifications in English, Secondary Principal and Secondary Supervisor. He is a member of numerous national, state and local organizations.

All three will begin their tenure on July 1, 2018.

Coker's Hellbe named Men's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Coker College men's tennis player, Henrik Hellbe, has been named the 2018 South Atlantic Conference Men's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Hellbe is the first Coker student-athlete to win the SAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year award since 2015.

The South Atlantic Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year award is presented annually to one student-athlete in each of the Conference's championship sports, and is voted on by the SAC's Faculty Athletic Representatives Committee. The winners are selected based on their achievements in academics, athletics, service and leadership.

Hellbe, a Marketing and Economics major with a 3.99 grade point average, is a native of Stockholm, Sweden. During his career at Coker, Hellbe was a two-time IITA Scholar Athlete, a two-time President's List selection and a four-time Dean's List honoree. He also was given the Department of Business Administration's Outstanding Student Award as a senior.

“I am so happy for Henrik

winning the tennis SAC Scholar-Athlete Award,” said Coker head tennis coach, Tom Simpson. “To have others recognize his enthusiasm, leadership, and excellence in his academic, athletic, and school activities is very rewarding. He has left a very positive legacy at Coker College and in the South Atlantic Conference.”

Extremely active off the court in the community and beyond, Hellbe is a member of the Coker College Enactus team where he received the Service Leadership Award for 100-plus hours of service during both his sophomore and junior years. During his senior year he was awarded the Service Leadership Platinum Award for 500-plus hours of service. As part of Enactus, he helped create project #DonateDala which raised \$19,900 over two years in order to help support the people of Myanmar. Thanks to #DonateDala, the Coker Enactus team traveled to Myanmar to build a water system and an aquaponics system providing citizens with fresh water and sustainable food. Hellbe is the son of Lisa and Torbjorn Hellbe

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NFPA urges the public to use caution when grilling this summer

Grilling season is right around the corner and grill gurus everywhere are preparing for many family parties and barbecues. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) encourages grillers to pay attention to safety during the spring and summer months when home fires involving grilling incidents occur most often.

Between 2011 and 2015, fire departments responded to an average of 9,600 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues each year. That number included 4,100 structure fires and 5,500 outside or unclassified fires, according to NFPA. These fires caused an average of 10 civilian deaths, 160 civilian injuries, and \$133 million in direct property damage per year.

July is the peak month for grilling fires followed by May, June and August. According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, 73 percent of consumers grill on the Fourth of July, 60 percent do so on Memorial Day, 58 percent grill on Labor Day, and 45 percent grill on Father's Day.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Surveillance System, grills

caused an average of 4,500 non-thermal contact burns in patients seen at emergency departments between 2012 and 2016. Children under five suffered 1,600 or 35 percent of these burns. This type of injury typically occurred when someone bumped into, touched or fell on the grill, grill part or hot coals.

NFPA reminds everyone that all types of grills pose a risk for fires and burn injuries. Place the grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches, per manufacturer's instructions. According to NFPA's most recent fact sheet, 11 percent of home grill-structure fires began when an outside wall caught fire and in roughly one of every five fires, the grill had not been cleaned.

"As grilling season approaches, it is important that grillers review basic safety tips to ensure they are grilling properly and safely," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA. "Failing to properly clean the grill or having the grill too close to something that could burn are the leading causes of fires. Good practice dictates that home

chefs check for damage before using the grill for the first time each year, and to check the entire grill regularly."

Here are additional grilling fire safety tips:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors
- Children and pets should be at least three feet away from the grill area
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease and fat buildup from the gates and trays below
- Never leave your grill unattended

For additional information and resources including tips for outdoor cooking with portable grills, visit www.nfpa.org/grilling or download NFPA's safety tip sheet on grilling for easy access.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and



advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the

NFPA mission. For more information visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards

can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Let grilled desserts add to outdoor entertaining

Grilling immediately calls to mind smoky meats, vegetables and even seafood. However, many people may not know that grills can be an ideal place to cook dessert.

Outdoor grills are relied on to impart flavor and facilitate outdoor entertaining. Yet, when it comes time to serve dessert, hosts and hostesses often turn to store-bought treats or delicacies that must be cooked in the oven. But

various delicious desserts can be prepared over an open fire.

- Grilled fruit: Slice up melon, pineapples, peaches, mangoes — just about anything you can think of. Cook for a few minutes over low heat. The grill will help release the sugars and create that extra-tasty caramelization. Grilled fruit is a dessert without too many extra calories.
- Grilled s'mores: S'mores

are the quintessential campfire food, and they also can be cooked on the grill. If you don't trust little ones around the hot coals or propane, have them prepare the s'mores and then wrap them in foil. Adults can toss them on the hot grates for a little while, until the foil packets can be unwrapped to unveil melted chocolate and marshmallow goodness.

- Grilled cake: Use a firm

cake, such as pound cake, and slice into thick pieces. Grill for a few minutes to warm, then top with fresh berries and homemade whipped cream for an easy and tasty treat.

• Grilled cobbler: Dutch ovens are one of the great tools of outdoor cooking. Dutch ovens are heavy, cast-iron pots that can be lowered into a campfire. However, Dutch ovens also can be

placed in the belly of a grill. Line with foil and fill the Dutch oven with a favorite cake mix, the corresponding oil amount, fresh berries and even chocolate chips. Let cook for 30 to 40 minutes on low heat until the mixture is bubbly.

• Grilled dessert pizza: Ready-made or homemade pizza dough can be oiled and grilled over medium heat for a

few minutes until grill marks form and the dough starts to puff and harden slightly. Turn over and cover with chocolate-hazelnut spread or some preserves. Grill for another few minutes until the dough is cooked through. Transfer to a cutting board and add sliced bananas.

Grilled menu options can extend to dessert to make outdoor entertaining even easier.

Williamson named to NFCA Division II All-Southeast Region First-Team

LOUISVILLE, Ky.- Coker softball's Maria Williamson earned First-Team All-Region honors on the 2018 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division II Southeast team, as announced on Wednesday, May 9. This year's squad includes 207 student-athletes from 120 schools.

The first baseman is one of 10 South Atlantic Conference players honored on the list and the lone Cobra representative.

The Laurens, S.C. native continues to rack up accolades in her junior season. She was selected onto the SAC Preseason First-Team as a first baseman, named SAC AstroTurf Player of the Week on Feb. 20, earned First-Team All-Conference honors, and was named to the SAC All-Tournament Team.

Playing in all 51 games thus far, Williamson leads the Navy and Gold with 72 hits, 10 home runs, 52 RBI, 28 walks, and a .708 slugging percentage. She has also contributed 30 runs, seven doubles, 329 putouts, and 12 assists while having a .468 batting average and .541 on base percentage.

The 2018 NFCA Division II All-American teams will be announced on Wednesday, May 23 at the NCAA Division II National Championship Banquet in Salem, V.A.

Screen on the Green returns for 2018 season

Screen on the Green will launch May 26 with a showing of Top Gun in Burry Park, 131 Cargill Way.

Top Gun is the story of students at the United States Navy's elite fighter weapons school. As they compete to be best in the class, one daring young pilot learns a few things from a civilian instructor that are not taught in the classroom. The film is rated PG for thematic intensity and mild sexuality and peril.

The showing begins at dusk, 8:52 p.m. or later. Moviegoers are welcome to bring chairs and blankets. In the event of rain, the showing will relocate to the Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center at Byerly Park, found at 701 W Washington St in Hartsville.

"Community events, such as Screen on the Green, pro-

vide opportunities for Hartsville families and friends to come together and enjoy the amenities and perks of our city," says Danny Johnson, Jr., Vice President of North Industrial Machine, "Our company is proud to be involved and located in a city that strives to be progressive and community-centered."

Following the kickoff event, Screen on the Green will continue the rest of the summer with the following schedule:

- June 9 – Moana
- June 23 – Hidden Figures
- July 14 – Despicable Me 3
- July 28 – Jumanji (2017)
- August 11 – Guardians of the Galaxy

For more information about the Screen on the Green summertime movie series, call 843-917-0602.

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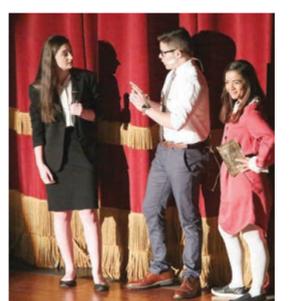
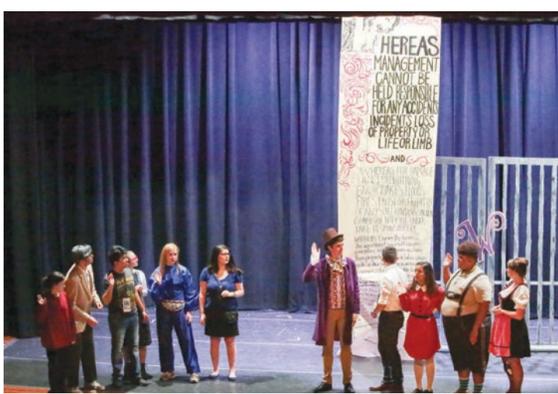
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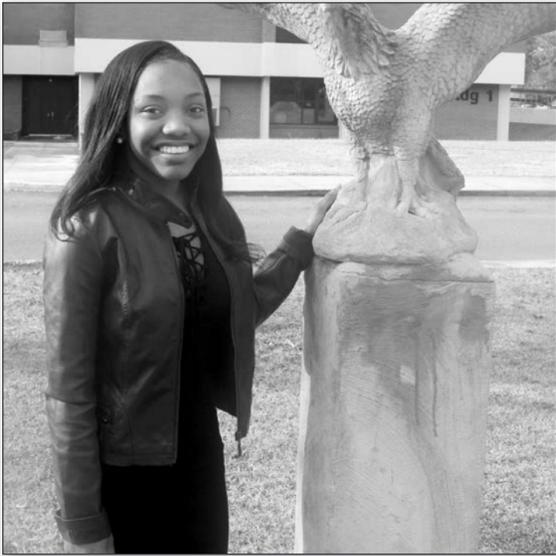
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Darlington High School Early College Graduate Spotlights



Kyra March

Kyra Imani March is one of 13 Darlington High School Early College Honors Program students who will graduate with her Associate of Arts degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College.

When DHS shared its Associate of Arts Degree program with qualified Early College Honors Program students, Kyra decided to rise to the challenge and take advantage of this opportunity. While only a high school freshman, Kyra committed to spend the next three years devoted to college courses each semester in addition to her other high school classes. Her hard work has paid off. Miss March participated in Florence-Darlington Technical College's Spring commencement ceremony on May 10th and will now receive both Her college degree and high school diploma during Darlington High School's graduation ceremony on June 7th.

Kyra is a straight-A student in both high school and college. During her time at DHS, Kyra has participated in and held leadership positions in the National Honor Society where she served as the club's secretary,

the Key Club where she served as its editor, the Student Government Association where she chaired the Spirit Committee, the History Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes where she held the position of Secretary, and the Beta Club where she served as its President. She has been a member of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad and actively participated in Singing with Living Out Loud Youth Ministry, her church's Praise and Worship Team, and her church's Youth Choir.

Kyra plans to attend Harvard University with a full scholarship in the fall. While at Harvard, she she will begin pursuing her goal of becoming an African American Studies professor. When asked about the DHS Early College Honors Program, she stated, "...the program helps students learn the true meaning of perseverance, determination, responsibility, time management, professionalism, and so much more." Without a doubt Kyra has exhibited each of these qualities and will continue to excel. Congratulations Kyra Imani March!



Aryana Inman

Aryana Inman is one of 13 Darlington High School Early College Honors Program students who will graduate with her Associate of Arts degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College.

When DHS shared its Associate of Arts Degree program with qualified Early College Honors Program students, Aryana decided to rise to the challenge and take advantage of this opportunity. While only a high school freshman, Aryana committed to spend the next three years, including one summer, devoted to college courses each semester in addition to her other high school classes. Her hard work has paid off. Miss Inman participated in Florence-Darlington Technical College's Spring commencement ceremony on May 10th and will now receive both her college degree and high school diploma during Darlington High School's graduation ceremony on June 7th.

Aryana is a dedicated student at DHS where she has participated in many community service activities both on campus and in the community; she has also served as President of the Darlington Anchor Club. When she is not working on school work or working her part-time job, Aryana enjoys hanging out with her friends and shopping.

Aryana plans to attend Wingate University in the fall. When asked her thoughts about the Early College Honors program at DHS, she stated, "I think it is a great opportunity for students to save money on college." With the effort she has shown thus far, there is no doubt that Aryana is off to a great start. Congratulations Aryana Inman!



Kendrell Parker

Kendrell Jamal Parker is one of 13 Darlington High School Early College Honors Program students who will graduate with his Associate of Arts degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College.

When DHS shared its Associate of Arts Degree program with qualified Early College Honors Program students, Kendrell decided to rise to the challenge and take advantage of this opportunity. While only a high school freshman, Kendrell committed to spend the next three years, including one summer, devoted to college courses each semester in addition to his other high school classes. His hard work has certainly paid off. Kendrell participated in Florence-Darlington Technical College's Spring commencement ceremony on May 10th and will now receive both his college degree and high school diploma during Darlington High School's graduation ceremony on June 7th.

Kendrell is a dedicated student at DHS where he served in the Beta Club as club President, the National Honor Society, Students in Action, and as a founding member and then President of the Falcon Young Men. When not in school, Kendrell enjoys singing, dancing, and playing video games. He has also performed in the Florence Little Theater's production of Beauty and The Beast, performed in the Phoenix Phame Show Choir, and maintained a part-time job. Kendrell plans to attend the University South Carolina Columbia to major in elementary education and administration. When asked about the DHS Early College Honors Program, Kendrell stated, "I think it's the best program offered in the area. The chance to get an associate's degree while in high school attracted me and was well worth it." With the commitment and dedication he has shown thus far, there is no doubt that Kendrell will be a great success. Congratulations Kendrell Jamal Parker!

From student to alumni: More than 1,100 CCU students graduate

Approximately 1,183 students were eligible to walk in Coastal Carolina University's graduation exercises, held on campus at the HTC Student Recreation Center and Convocation Center in three separate ceremonies May 4-5.

Head football coach Joe Moglia was the commencement speaker, and 12 students were recognized with the President's Award for earning a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

Moglia, also chairman of the board at TD Ameritrade, has been the head football coach of the Chanticleers since 2012.

In his first five seasons at CCU, he led his team to the national playoffs five times and was conference champion four times. He has also received multiple Coach of the Year honors, including the Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year. He is the recipient of the Vince Lombardi Award and has been inducted into the Lombardi Hall of Fame.

Moglia has received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Sharp Trophy for Leadership. He has been honored by the National Italian American Foundation, the Columbus Citizens Foundation, the South Carolina Football Hall of Fame, and the American Institute for Stuttering. He has also been inducted into six Halls of Fame and is the recipient of three honorary doctorates.

Among those students who graduated:

•Amanda Bethea from Florence, earning a Master of

Education in instructional technology.

•Ashlei Brown from Florence, earning a Bachelor of Science in recreation and sport management.

•Avery Cooper from Florence, earning a Bachelor of Arts in political science.

•Miranda Davis from Hartsville, earning a Bachelor of Science in marine science.

•Conner Elms from Florence, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education in early childhood education.

•Alexander Ferguson from Hartsville, earning a Bachelor of Arts in music.

•Seth Gaaney from Hartsville, earning a Bachelor of Science in information technology.

•Dontrell Hicks from Florence, earning a Bachelor of Science in exercise and sport science.

•Ethan Pait from Hartsville, earning a Bachelor of Arts in intelligence & national security studies.

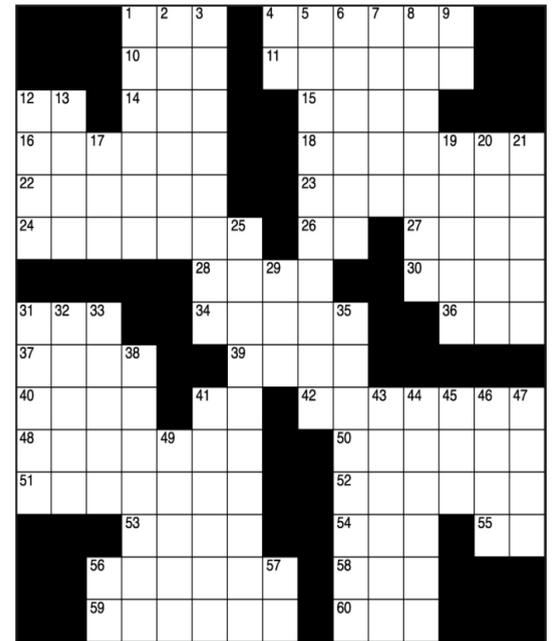
•Dylan Purvis from Darlington, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in resort tourism management.

•Markyta Sirett from Florence, earning a Bachelor of Arts in communication.

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24. Ancient city
26. Trauma center
27. CNN anchor Burnett
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30. Lebowitz's nickname "The _"
31. Printing speed measurement
34. Waterbirds
36. WWI airship
37. Sudden attack
39. Advice
40. Sacs where fungi develop
41. Where instinctive impulses are manifest
42. Schoolhouse

48. Brain parts
50. Borne by or suspended in a liquid
51. Of the desert
52. Starbuck's size
53. Ancient Roman garment
54. In a way, set aflame
55. Samarium
56. Heavenly bodies
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59. Exchanged
60. Int'l organization

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1. Regain
2. A colorless odorless gas used as fuel
3. Delicacies
4. Spanish be
5. Miami Heat great
6. More slick
7. Turn away
8. Made a second thrust
9. Where injured ballplayers end up
12. As quickly as can be done
13. Military disguise
17. _ and Dad
19. Mythological
20. Slides without control
21. Principle or belief
25. Unusually large
29. Naturally occurring solid material
31. Backsides
32. Large orange-brown butterfly
33. Old Testament prophet
35. Women's apartments in a Muslim palace
38. One who waters down
41. Made a visual representation of
43. Continent
44. Flat pieces of rock
45. Very long period of time
46. Radioactivity units
47. Fields of study
49. Distinctive, pleasant smell
56. The Constitution State (abbr.)
57. South Dakota

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Local Student News

Brevard College announces Honor Roll for Spring 2018

BREVARD, N.C. - Brevard College is pleased to announce its Honor Roll for the spring semester of the 2017-2018 academic year. Matthew Lynch, of Hartsville, made the Honor Roll. Students who qualify for the Honor Roll must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and have a GPA of 3.0 to 3.49. Brevard College was founded in 1853 and is the longest ongoing private academic institution in Brevard, North Carolina. The College remains intentionally small and offers a range of distinctive baccalaureate degree programs on its beautiful residential campus. Curriculum combines small-classroom instruction with creative internships and immersion

experiences, provides a strong core in the liberal arts and offers great strength in fine arts as well as in interdisciplinary programs that educate for leadership and service and draw on the natural resources of the College's mountain setting. Brevard College is committed to an experiential liberal arts education that encourages personal growth and inspires artistic, intellectual, and social action. To learn more, visit brevard.edu.

Cadets graduate from The Citadel

Approximately 500 members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets accepted diplomas during The Citadel's commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 5 in McAlister Field House.

The following local students were among the gradu-

ating class:

- Ryan Hance of Hartsville received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Shykasheali Phillips of Hartsville received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Freeman graduates from The Citadel Graduate College

Logan Freeman of Darlington graduated from The Citadel during The Citadel Graduate College's commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 5. Freeman received a Master of Arts in Psychology.

The Citadel Graduate College Class of 2018 includes 281 graduate, 114 evening undergraduate and 59 veteran students.

Spartanburg Methodist College Spring 2018 Dean's List

Dr. Anita K. Bowles, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Spartanburg Methodist College, is pleased to announce the students included on the Dean's List for grades earned during the spring 2018 academic semester. Dean's List students have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

- Justin Matthew Prozzi of Hartsville
- Grant Brewer Thompson of Hartsville

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 approxi-

mately 800 student body and offers six associate degrees as well as paths to bachelor's degrees. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church and established in 1911, students experience the transformative powers of academic excellence, intellectual exploration, social awareness and character development. SMC is the college of choice for local, regional, national and international students who desire the advantages of a church-related education in a supportive community where they can thrive.

Shepard Graduates from York College of Pennsylvania

YORK, PA -- Patrick Shepard of Hartsville graduated from York College of Pennsylvania on May 12.

Shepard earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Management.

A private college located in southcentral Pennsylvania, York College offers more than 50 baccalaureate majors in professional programs, the sciences and humanities to its 4,600 undergraduate students. The College also offers master's programs in business, education and nursing, and a doctorate in nursing practice. York College students enjoy a high-quality education that emphasizes practical application and a community invested in their success. The College provides a personal plan to help students focus their passions and attain their goals so they are prepared for a lifetime of meaningful careers - ready to meet the challenges of their profession and feeling confident and proud of their achievements.



Keelan T. Burns, 16, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society for his academic achievement at Heritage High School as well as his community service, dedication and character. Keelan was awarded Best Actor for his role in 'Second Samuel - play by Pamela Parker' in the state of VA High School League semi-finals Theater Competition in Alabama in March. Keelan appeared in Les Mis and also played the role of John Proctor in The Crucible. He is the son of Heather and Tracy Burns. Grandparents are Gertrude and Eddie Burns, Priscilla Monteiro and Antone Ramos.

Francis Marion names "Heart of the Pee Dee" scholars

Francis Marion University has named five South Carolina students as Heart of the Pee Dee Scholars for the coming academic year. The recipients will pay no tuition during their FMU career as long as they maintain at least 3.0 grade-point average.

The Heart of the Pee Dee Scholarship is a long-standing program at FMU and a significant part of the University's commitment to providing a superlative education to students from the Pee Dee.

Deserving recipients are selected each year by area guidance counselors who attend become a part of the program by attending the annual fall guidance counselor breakfast



Samuel George

hosted by FMU. The students are individuals who counselors believe might not attend college without the Heart of the



Sabrina Stanley

Pee Dee assistance.

This year's recipients were Samuel Georgia of Latta, Briana Wheeler of Lake View,



Briana Wheeler

Sabrina Stanley of Hartsville, Fantasia Toney of Hartsville and MyKenna Blankenship of Darlington.

Notice of unauthorized access to or acquisition of Chili's Grill & Bar guest data

On May 11, 2018, we learned that some of our Guests' payment card information was compromised at certain Chili's restaurants as the result of a data incident. Currently, we believe the data incident was limited to between March - April 2018; however, we continue to assess the scope of the incident.

We are working diligently to address this issue and immediately activated our response plan upon learning of this incident. We are working with third-party forensic experts to determine the details of what happened.

What Information Was Involved?

The investigation into this incident is ongoing; however, based on the details currently uncovered, we believe that malware was used to gather payment card information including credit or debit card numbers and cardholder names, and potentially expiration dates and CVV codes from its payment-related systems for in-restaurant purchases at certain Chili's restaurants. Chili's does not collect social security numbers, full date of birth, or federal or state identification

numbers from Guests. Therefore, this personal information was not compromised.

What Are We Doing?

We are working with third-party forensic experts to conduct an extensive investigation to confirm the nature and scope of this incident. Law enforcement has been notified of this incident and we will continue to fully cooperate.

We are working with ID Experts® to provide Guests who may have been impacted by the incident with MyIDCare™, a free fraud resolution and credit monitoring service, which will help you resolve issues if your information is compromised. MyIDCare services include:

- 12 months of credit monitoring
- \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy
- Exclusive educational materials
- Fully managed identity theft recovery services

We encourage you to contact ID Experts with any questions and to enroll in free MyIDCare services by calling (888)710-8606 or going to <https://ide.myidcare.com/ChilisDataIncident>. MyIDCare experts are available Monday

through Friday from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is August 15, 2018. MyIDCare representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

For More Information.

If you have questions or concerns please visit brinker.mediaroom.com/ChilisDataIncident. We also have set up a dedicated call center and ID Experts website for Guests to obtain information about the incident and to enroll in credit monitoring services. The number for the call center, is (888)710-8606, and the address for the website is <https://ide.myidcare.com/ChilisDataIncident>. We are working hard to make sure these resources have the most up to date information. You also may find contact information for us at <http://brinker.com/contact/default.html>.

What You Can Do?

If you used your payment card at a Chili's restaurant between March - April, 2018, it does not mean you were affected by this incident. However, out of an abundance

of caution, in addition to taking advantage of the fraud resolution and credit monitoring services described above, we recommend that you remain vigilant and consider taking one or more of the following steps to avoid identity theft, obtain additional information, and protect your personal information.

1. Contact the nationwide credit-reporting agencies as soon as possible to:

Fraud Alert. Add a fraud alert statement to your credit file at all three national credit-reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. This statement alerts creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report as well as requests that they contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. Once the fraud alert is added to your credit report, all creditors should contact you prior to establishing any account in your name. You only need to contact one of the three agencies; your request will be shared with the other two agencies. To place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit file, log into the Equifax Member Center and click on the fraud alert tab, visit www.fraudalerts.equifax.com or call the auto fraud line at 1-877-478-7625, and follow the simple prompts.

Security Freeze. Place a "security freeze" on your credit account. This means that your credit account cannot be shared with potential creditors. A security freeze can help prevent new account identity theft. If you would like to request a security freeze be placed on your account, you must write by certified or overnight mail to each of the three credit reporting agencies, or through the electronic or Internet method made available by the credit reporting agencies. Credit reporting agencies charge a \$5 fee to place or remove a security freeze, unless you provide proof that you are a victim of identity theft, in which case there is no fee. Free Credit Report. Receive a free copy of your credit report by going to annualcreditreport.com.

Watch Bills, Statements and Mailing Lists. If you aren't already doing so, please pay close attention to all bills and credit-card charges you receive for items you did not contract for or purchase. Review all of your bank account statements frequently for checks, purchases or deductions not made by you.

2. Contact the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") either by visiting ftc.gov, www.consumer.gov/idtheft, or by calling (877) 438-4338. If you suspect or know that you are the victim of identity theft, you can report this to the Fraud Department of the FTC, who will collect all information and make it available to law-enforcement agencies. You may also obtain information about fraud alerts and security freezes from the consumer reporting agencies, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. Contact information for the FTC is:

Federal Trade Commission
Consumer Response Center
600 Pennsylvania Avenue
NW Washington, DC 20580

3. If you believe you are a victim of identity theft you should immediately report same to law enforcement and/or your state attorney general. Find the Attorney General's contact information at <http://www.naag.org/naag/atorneys-general/whos-my-ag.php>.

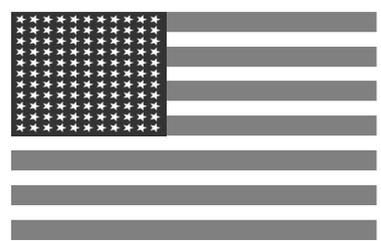
Sheriff's Department issues scam alert

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies have received reports of a scam involving fake rental house advertisements placed on-line.

Advertisements for rental houses have been located on the website HousesForRent.ws that were not placed there by the property owner or manager. Unsuspecting individuals have contacted the poster of the fake advertisements through the website. The poster of the advertisement will instruct the victim to go to a local retail store to place a deposit and the first month's rent on a pre-paid card. The person will then get the pre-paid card information from the victim.

Please be vigilant when attempting to rent a house, especially if someone renting a house does not wish to meet or show you the residence.

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We hope you have a happy and safe holiday weekend!

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The State Capital Report

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

The House of Representatives concurred in Senate amendments to H.3826 and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation draws upon the work of the special House Opioid Abuse Prevention Study Committee that was appointed by the Speaker of the House to examine the growing misuse of prescription painkillers and recommend legislative actions to counter the epidemic of ruinous addiction and fatal overdoses. The legislation requires a written prescription for any Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substance to be written on a tamper-resistant prescription pad that meets the counterfeit-resistant standards required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for prescriptions. Prescription orders transmitted by facsimile, orally, or electronically are exempt from the tamper-resistant prescription pad requirement. The tamper-resistant prescription pad requirements do not apply to refill prescriptions of an original written prescription that was issued before the effective date of this act. A pharmacy may fill a prescription written on a non-tamper-resistant pad on an emergency basis as long as the pharmacy receives a verbal, facsimile, electronic, or compliant written prescription from the prescriber within seventy two hours after the date on which the prescription was filled.

The House concurred in Senate amendments to H.4705, a bill enhancing requirements for mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect, and enrolled the legislation for ratification. The legislation expands the category of those who are required to report suspected child abuse and neglect by adding clerical or nonclerical religious counselor who charges for services. The legislation specifies that mandatory reporters must make their reports of suspected child abuse and neglect to law enforcement agencies and cannot satisfy their legal duties simply by making reports to their supervisors. The duty to report is not superseded by an internal investigation within an institution, school, facility, or agency.

The House approved to S.27, a bill making provisions for the appointment of the state superintendent of educa-

tion by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and enrolled the legislation for ratification. Under the provisions of the legislation, the State Superintendent of Education is no longer to be elected through a statewide vote and is, instead, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to serve at the Governor's pleasure. Qualifications are established for the office of State Superintendent relating to educational attainment and professional experience. Compensation for the position is to be set by the Agency Head Salary Commission. A procedure is established for filling a vacancy in this office.

The House amended Senate amendments to H.4950, the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Appropriation Bill to return the proposed state government budget, for the most part, to the version approved by the House earlier this year, with notable exceptions.

\$15 million is provided from the Education Lottery for School Safety Facility and Infrastructure Safety Upgrades.

In order to assist state and local agencies and departments that are experiencing difficulties in hiring needed personnel, earnings limitations are eliminated in the South Carolina Retirement System and the Police Officers Retirement System for the fiscal year as a means of encouraging retirees in these systems to return to work as school resource officers, classroom teachers, correctional officers, and other crucial positions. Those who retired on or before December 31, 2017, are eligible.

\$8 million in excess debt service funding is provided to the Department of Corrections for critical security upgrades in the state's prisons including the installation of window frames and glazing and new door locks for inmate cells.

\$54 million in excess debt service funding is provided to the State Law Enforcement Division for the construction of a new Forensic Laboratory Building.

The legislation revises provisions for solar power and other distributed energy resources and net-metering provisions for the electrical power they generate which were approved by the General

Assembly in Act 236 of 2014 to promote the establishment of a reliable, efficient, and diversified portfolio of distributed energy resources for the state. The legislation increases the cap on placed on solar power generation and other distributed energy resources, currently set at 2%, to 4% of the previous five year average of the electrical utility's South Carolina retail peak demand. The legislation discontinues existing arrangements where all of an electrical utility's customers are subsidizing solar power programs, regardless of whether they are participating in the programs, by providing that nonparticipants in net energy metering programs are not required to subsidize the costs of customer generators. A "Renewable Energy Development Joint Study Committee" is created to make recommendations to lawmakers to support the development of renewable energy resources and production facilities to generate electricity.

The Public Service Commission is directed to require public utilities to implement any reasonably achievable cost savings that may be achieved from such resources as renewable power generation.

The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to prepare and submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) such waivers and state plan amendments that are necessary to ensure that no family planning funds may be expended to subsidize abortion clinics and none of the funds appropriated may be paid or granted to an organization that owns or is owned by an abortion clinic. Funds must be held until a decision is made as to whether to grant the waiver. If the waiver is not granted, then all funds must be submitted back to CMS.

The legislation includes provisions enhancing South Carolina's laws prohibiting sanctuary cities that disallow the adoption of ordinances and policies by municipalities and other local governments to prohibit, restrict, or interfere with the enforcement of immigration laws. The legislation authorizes the Attorney General, in addition to a resident of a political subdivision, to bring a civil action in the circuit court against a political subdivision that adopts ordinances or policies to restrict law enforcement officers, local officials, or local government employees from enforce-

ing immigration provisions, limit communications with federal or state officials regarding someone's immigration status, or establish work authorization provisions that conflict with federal or state law. If a court finds that a political subdivision has violated provisions that prohibit interference with the enforcement of immigration laws, the political subdivision is not allowed to receive Local Government Fund appropriations.

\$350 thousand is provided from the Education Lottery for a Military Connected Children Program to ease the transition into public schools for students of military families assigned to bases in South Carolina.

A definition of anti-Semitism derived from the U.S. State Department is provided for South Carolina's public colleges and universities to use when reviewing, investigating, or deciding whether there has been a violation of a college or university policy prohibiting discriminatory practices on the basis of religion.

\$5 million in excess debt service funding is provided to the State Ports Authority for Jasper Ocean Terminal Port Permitting.

A conference committee has been appointed to address the differences between the House and Senate on H.4950, the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Appropriation Bill.

The House approved and sent the Senate H.5341, a bill confirming South Carolina's income tax provisions to federal income tax provisions and making accommodations for the federal tax changes that were enacted by Congress in December 2017 so that these changes at the federal level will not result in increased tax collection at the state level. The legislation continues the practice of conforming state tax provisions to federal provisions to simplify tax preparation, but retains, at the state level, an array of deductions that were eliminated in the federal tax changes of 2017 so that South Carolina taxpayers may still take advantage of these deductions for state income tax purposes.

The House approved S.891, legislation dealing with information that must be made available to parents of newborns, and enrolled the bill for

ratification. Currently, state law requires every hospital to make a video approved by the Department of Health and Environmental Control on the dangers associated with shaking infants and young children available to the parents of each newborn baby delivered in the hospital. The bill requires the educational video to include information on safe sleeping practices and the causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Syndrome, as well.

The House approved and enrolled for ratification S.888, a bill authorizing local public school policies that allow TEACHERS TO RECEIVE PAY FOR UNUSED ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE. The legislation authorizes a local school district board of trustees or, in the case of a charter school, the governing body of a charter school, to adopt a policy that allows classroom teachers and certain other public school faculty members to receive payment at the end of each fiscal year for unused annual leave and sick leave time in excess of ninety days at the rate established for substitute teacher pay or another approved amount. These optional local policies apply only to sick leave and annual leave in excess of ninety days that is accrued after July 1, 2018.

The House approved and enrolled for ratification S.28, a bill addressing the criteria for public schools to award ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR RELEASED TIME CLASSES IN RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. Addressing situations where a student is transferring to a public high school from a private high school, the legislation provides that the criteria for awarding the maximum of two elective credits is satisfied if a school district leaves the evaluation and assessment function for an off campus released time class to an accredited private school, and accepts the off campus released time transfer of credit without individually assessing the quality or subject matter of the class, trusting the private school accreditation process to ensure adequate academic standards.

The House approved to S.812, a bill making revisions to raffles conducted by nonprofit organizations for charitable purposes, and enrolled the legislation for ratification. The legislation modifies nonprofit, charitable organization raffle rules to increase the

maximum value of noncash prizes from \$500 to \$950, and maximum ticket price from \$100 to \$300. The legislation also provides that a volunteer who assists a house in operating bingo games is not an agent, promoter, or representative of the house and may participate in a bingo game at the house in which he volunteers except on days he has volunteered.

The House concurred in Senate amendments to H.4673 and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation revises the revocation of certain beneficiary designations of divorce, annulment, or an order terminating marital property rights under employee benefit plans administered by the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority.

A conference committee has been appointed to address the differences of the House and Senate on H.4434, a bill making provisions for comprehensive Dyslexia screening and intervention in public schools.

The House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.4727, legislation restructuring and reauthorizing the South Carolina Conservation Bank on a permanent basis.

The House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.4117, a bill affording drug courts access to prescription monitoring program information.

The House amended and approved S.1043, a bill revising tax incentives available for the revitalization of abandoned buildings and textile mill sites.

The House amended and gave second reading approval to S.962, a bill providing criteria for licensure as an addiction counselor.

The House amended Senate amendments to H.3895, a bill updating and clarifying the duties of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, and returned the legislation to the Senate.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H.3751, a bill establishing provisions for the licensure and regulation of genetic counselors.

If you have a comment or opinion concerning the matters discussed in this report, or if I may be of assistance to you at any time, please feel free to call your legislative office in Columbia 803-734-3142, or my home 843-395-9408.

FBI Construction sets up scholarship fund, makes first four awards

FBI Construction, headquartered in Florence initiated a scholarship fund at Eastern Carolina Community Foundation to encourage people to seek a career in the construction industry late in 2017 to make inaugural awards in the spring of 2018. Applications were accepted from high schools, colleges and technical school applicants in all seven counties of the Pee Dee that the Community Foundation serves, plus Horry and Georgetown.

Four students were chosen to receive a \$1,000 award. They are: Wendy Bueno of Mullins, Morgan Dale Grant of Andrews, Charles Alexander Godwin III of Florence, and Maxwell Wheeler of Darlington. All of the recipients will be attending Florence Darlington Technical College next year with the exception of Ms. Grant who will attend

Clemson.

The students and their families attended a reception at FBI Construction on May 17 to receive their awards and tour the business to get a better idea of what their future career entails.

Since 1982, people in the Carolinas and beyond have put their trust in FBI Construction as they continuously provide a full range of construction services to municipal, retail, industrial, educational, medical and faith-based institutions. Their desire to fund scholarships stems not only from a strong belief in education but also from a commitment to improve the quality of life where they do business. They know that their proven track record of successful projects is the result of the right people from management to office support staff and field employees. Providing scholar-

ship assistance to students will continue to improve that talent pool which maintains FBI's commitment to excellence.

When donors turn their passion for helping mankind into scholarship funding which is professionally administered by ECCF, the entire Pee Dee region benefits. Scholarship funds are endowed for perpetuity, which means they will remain available to support students far into the future and ECCF's administration of the scholarships funds is carried out on a nondiscriminatory basis after careful review of eligible applications. Scholarship awards are paid directly to the educational institution where the successful candidate is enrolled.

For more information on how Eastern Carolina Community Foundation can help with scholarship management, please call 843-667-1131.



HHS hosts ASVAB training session for career specialists

Hartsville High School Career Specialist Sara Orlowski hosted a training session April 23 focused on interpreting scores for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test.

Career specialists from around the Pee Dee and from the Santee region traveled to Hartsville to learn from Orlowski, who also serves as the president of the S.C.

Career Development Professionals Division of the S.C. Association for Career and Technical Education.

The instruction in Hartsville served as follow-up training to an intensive workshop in March, hosted by armed services representatives from Fort Jackson in Columbia. During that session, Dr. Khadeejah Timzee and Shantelle James with U.S. Military Entrance Processing

Command at Fort Jackson provided guidance for understanding the ASVAB and its Career Exploration Program.

"These workshops, in collaboration with Regional Career Specialist across the state, will continue to ensure Army educational resources are understood, shared and support the efforts of schools in their preparation of students towards career success," James said.



Darlington County Sheriff's Department investigating shooting

At 6:25 p.m. Sunday evening, local hospital personnel notified Darlington County Sheriff's deputies of a gunshot victim who arrived by personal vehicle.

Based on information from the victim, Deputies believe the shooting occurred near the intersection of North Center Road and Centerville Road. The victim sustained a

non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

If you have any information you are asked to contact Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators at 843-398-

4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or visit www.p3tips.com. You do not have to reveal your identity to leave information.

New addition to Comanche artificial reef

CHARLESTON— After months of unforgiving weather, recent calms seas finally allowed the addition of a new structure to an artificial reef 30 miles off the coast of Charleston.

"The seas were so calm you hardly realized you were on a boat," said South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) artificial reef coordinator Robert Martore, who watched in early May as the Gen. Oglethorpe, a decommissioned tugboat, was towed out and sunk in 105 feet of water.

The Oglethorpe joined numerous other structures already at Comanche Reef — a retired Coast Guard cutter for which the reef was named, a large tugboat, a steel-hulled shrimp trawler, and 50 subway

cars — all intended to provide fish habitat on a sandy stretch of seafloor.

Artificial reefs play a similar role in the ocean as coral reefs, which cannot grow in the temperate waters off the coast of South Carolina. These human-built structures are typically placed on areas of seafloor with little natural relief, improving habitat and spawning grounds for a diverse array of fish and marine life — and in turn attracting recreational divers and anglers.

The SCDNR has been constructing artificial reefs to improve offshore fish populations and fishing opportunities for over forty years, sinking everything from bridge spans to military vehicles to subway cars. The environmental benefits of artificial reefs are

twofold, as they recycle materials that would otherwise be destined for landfills in addition to expanding critical habitat for offshore fish. Structures intended for artificial reefs undergo a long and rigorous cleaning process to ensure they're safe to sink.

"A tug of this size really makes a great reef structure," Martore said. "The complexity of the vessel provides habitat for a wide variety of species — everything from small baitfish that will school above it to larger snapper and grouper that will eventually take up residence here. This will be a great destination for anglers and divers."

The 106-foot Gen. Oglethorpe marks the first of three deepwater new artificial reef structures funded in part

by the Coastal Conservation Association of South Carolina (CCA SC) to improve habitat for snapper and grouper species.

"It is an exciting time in marine conservation," said Scott Whitaker, executive director of CCA SC. "The collaborative effort of this partnership has been highly successful for nearly a decade and the scope and breadth of the project list continues to expand, enhancing both South Carolina's envied coastal & marine resources and the recreational angling community's access to abundant, sustainable fisheries. CCA SC is committed to our motto of habitat today equals fish tomorrow, and we look forward to many more of these projects."

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER MAY 14 THROUGH MAY 21, 2018
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

Editor's note: The booking report represents a list of persons arrested given to the media from the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center under the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

All people are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Please be advised there are many people with similar names.

If listed here erroneously, please contact the detention center, which will send us any corrections. If a person is found not guilty in a court of law, that person may have that printed here as well by providing court documents to us to that effect.

- Preson Isaac Hickman, 32, of 106 Hoole Street, Darlington, Public Drunk
- Phyllis King, 50, of 1500 14th Street, Driving Under Suspension; Public Drunk
- Alex Jamal Patterson, 20, of 857 Johnson Street, Darlington, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss 15 Dosage Units MDMA/Ecstasy 1st Offense
- Roderick Douglas Smith, 45, of 1407 Swift Creek Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Rakim Swinton, 19, of 591 Davis St, Lamar, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Franklin Bobby Wesley, 70, of 1500 14th Street, Hartsville, Giving False Information
- Rasheda D Bailey, 26, of 433 Tarte St, Hartsville, Resisting Arrest; Public Disorderly Conduct
- Wilson Colclough, 59, of 427 Bell Ave, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Shannon Denise Griggs, 43, of 512 North Main Street, Patrick, Driving Under the Influence
- Timothy NMN Hicks, 50, of 708 Bay Branch Rd, Lamar, Driving Under the Influence; Operate Vehicle w/o Registration and License
- Charisma Peterson, 21, of 150 Sunshine Court, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Preston Lee Watford, 17, of 1429 Manchester Dr, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Robert Allen Winstead, 42, of 174 N Lakewood Dr,

- Florence, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under the Influence; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- James Earl Berry, 46, of 1511 Gladys Cr, Florence, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Harvey Bristow, 53, of 1725 Rutherford Rd, Florence, Driving Under the Influence; Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Christopher Brice Tyquan Brown, 22, of 609 W Broad Street Apt 2, Darlington, Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Poss 15 Dosage Units MDMA/Ecstasy 3rd Or Sub; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Christopher Michael Frasca, 26, of 1847 Rocking Chair Ln, Darlington, Safekeeping
- Averonna Jaloyana Taniya Green, 17, of 3111 Jenkins Dr, Darlington, Carrying Weapons on School Property
- Luke Perry Johnson, 18, of 234 Stingray Lane, Hartsville, Resisting Arrest; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10 or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st
- Travis Shantell McPhail, 33, of 329 Pocket St, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension
- Courtney Silmon Ross, 23, of 6340 Overlook Dr, Bessemer AL, Violation of City Ordinance
- Kristen R Sansbury, 23, of 402 Commanche Street,

- Hartsville, Manuft Possess Other Sub in Sch I II III WITD 1st
- Lillian Denise Brown, 32, of 206 Magnolia St, Darlington, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree
- William David Calcutt, 38, of 805B Cherokee Rd, Florence, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st
- Lawrence Edward Camper, 52, of 802 8th St, Hartsville, Trespassing
- Marshall Alexander Coe, 53, of 1021 Martin Luther King D, Hartsville, Non Support
- Brandon L Cole, 25, of 798 W1 Johnson Rd, Hartsville, Burglary First Degree; Petty Larceny <\$2000
- William Harrel Euten II, 24, of 2342 Bullard Ford Rd, Hartsville, Petty Larceny <\$2000; Burglary First Degree
- Travis Shane Gray, 23, of 1103 Milton St, Hartsville, Petty Larceny <\$2000; Burglary First Degree
- Matthew Roy Jones, 34, of 1383 Gaither Rd, Readville TN, Violation of City Ordinance
- Lamond Kirby, 59, of 1211 Old Ruby Road, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Donte McClary, 25, of 1315 Chandler Circle, Florence, Breach of Trust w/Fraud Intent >\$2000 <\$10,000
- Herbert Germaine Singletary, 38, of 3425 Raspberry Ln, Darlington, Speeding >10 but <15 MPH Over the Speed Limit; Driving Under Suspension; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10 or Less Hash 2nd/Sub; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st
- Matthew Allen Bissett, 25, of 1120 Plowden Mill Rd, Sumter, Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157)
- Brad Durant Caulder, 36, of 405 Racetrack Rd, Darlington, Petit Larceny \$2000 or Less Enhancement 120972
- William Fate Filyaw, 37, of 4601 1/2 Bannockburn Road, Florence, Shoplifting <\$2000; Entering Premises After Warning
- Lisa Marie Fowler, 39, of 6376 E Old Marion Hwy, Florence, Shoplifting <\$2000; Entering Premises After Warning
- James Brandon Hall, 34, of 927 Clear Dr, Hartsville,

- Open Container of Beer/Wine; Driving Under Suspension; Violation ABC Law
- Jeffery Thomas Tallman, 49, of 4783 Ousleydale Hwy, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension
- James Junior Wallace, 51, of 1203 Pilgrim Dr, Darlington, Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157); Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st
- Kiara Chicara Williams, 25, of 605 N Dargan St, Florence, Driving Under the Influence; Child Endangerment Vehicle (Minor); Open Container of Beer/Wine
- Crystal Lynn Windham, 37, of 1132 E Lynches River Rd, Lamar, Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Driving Under Suspension; Breach of Trust w/Fraud Intent <\$2000
- Kyree Christian Brown, 24, of 2321 W Old Camden, Hartsville, Felon in Possession of Ammunition; Trespassing
- William Chad Brown, 42, of 1420 West Carolina, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Tyler Braden Campbell, 25, of 3019 Crestview Dr, Darlington, Trespassing
- Eric Colby Jackson Sr, 33, of 760 Branhams Airport Rd, Darlington, Trespassing
- Gabhriel Francis Ramsey, 38, of 5903 Arbor Rd, Hanahan, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only); Fail to Appear
- Julie Ann Shedelbower, 42, of 1321 Gregg Ave, Florence, Driving Under the Influence
- Michael Goodson Sumner, 29, of 1609 Bryant St, Darlington, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Patrick Keith Boykin, 28, of 2641 N Governor Williams Hwy, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence
- Ricky Tramone Brown, 26, of 648 Grooms Dr, Lamar, No Charge Data
- Shaquille Markees Burton, 25, of 1124 Old Ruby Rd, Hartsville, Habitual Traffic Offender; DUS License Not Susp for DUI 3rd or Sub; Hit and Run Accident with Property Damage

- Carey Lynn Capps, 30, of 2123 NewMarkette Rd, Hartsville, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Chris NMN Foxe, 56, of 2404 E Lydia Hwy, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Karen Teresa Hanna, 45, of 1556 Quietude Rd, Timmonsville, Driving Under the Influence; Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Unlawful Store/Transport Alcoholic Liquors 1st
- Christian Hoover, 26, of 232 Amazing Road, Darlington, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- James Brandon Jolly, 28, of 2305 N Billy Farrow Hwy, Hartsville, Safekeeping; Poss Sched I B C LSD/Sched II 1st; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Travis Kennedy, 24, Homeless, Darlington, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Shelton Demond Ketter, 36, of 714 Butler Street, Hartsville, Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st
- Tyler Dominique McDonald, 24, of 221 Ridge Road, Darlington, Safekeeping
- Mitchell Ray Rivers, 60, of 422 Creekview Dr, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person
- Antwon Lamont Scott, 30, of 1205 North 5th Street, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School
- Matthew Daniel Timms, 32, of 776 Highpoint Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Sara Kathryn Tyner, 24, of 108 S Ford St, McBee, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Moniquashia Oskeyeya Woods, 19, of 201 South Fourteenth Street Apt F-6, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Holly Renee Clark, 41, of 425 Weaver St, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning; Burglary First Degree; Burglary First Degree
- Devin Broen Dargan, 24, of 705 W Broad St, Darlington,

- Driving Under the Influence; Violation of Beginner Permit; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st
- James Carroll Easterling, 61, of 1106 N Major Road, Belton, Driving Under the Influence; Driving Under Suspension
- Justin Kelly Gadson II, 26, of 2212 N Governor Williams, Darlington, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; RSG Value \$2000 or Less
- James Luther Galloway, 65, of 991 Ghost Valley Rd, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Entering Premises After Warning; Resisting Arrest
- William Elijah George, 58, of 157 Dovesville Hwy, Darlington, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under Suspension
- Javard Cleondus Hodges, 47, of 523 Chestnut St, Darlington, Public Drunk
- George Knorphe, 52, of 134 River Road, Lamar, Non Support
- Barbara Renee Nivens, 38, of 140 Begley Stump Road, Chesterfield, Driving Under the Influence; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Child Endangerment Vehicle (Minor)
- Jordan Lee Teel, 21, of 425 Weaver Street, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning; Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense
- Anthony Lenair Washington, 38, of 3945 Lake Swamp Rd, Timmonsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Hannah Grainger Burkett, 32, of 1416 Wylie Street, Camden, Shoplifting Less Than \$50
- Zerobie Edward Jamal Byrd, 30, of 207 14th Street Apt C3, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Personal Property
- Sherry Hicks Dye, 51, of 1656 Paolet Dr, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Personal Property; Entering Premises After Warning
- Robert Wayne King, 1310 Griggs Cir, Hartsville, Trespassing
- Charlie NMN Mack, 64, of 1664 Syracuse Community Road, Darlington, Open Container of Beer/Wine; Seatbelt Violation; Driving Under the Influence

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James Smith picks up two endorsements in run for governor

On Thursday, May 17th, SC Equality PAC, South Carolina's largest LGBTQ rights organization, announced their endorsement of Representative James Smith in the upcoming Democratic Gubernatorial Primary. Representative Smith has a long history of championing the rights of LGBTQ South Carolinians and fighting against discriminatory anti-LGBTQ bills in the State House.

In 2006, Representative Smith was one of the few members of the House who courageously voted against amending the South Carolina Constitution to define marriage as only between a man and a woman.

"All the progress we have made on LGBTQ equality — and all the progress we have yet to make — is at stake in November," said SC Equality Executive Director Jeff Ayers. "While others fight to take us backwards, James Smith is fighting to advance equality across our state. We are proud to endorse James Smith for Governor and believe that he is the champion we can count on in November and every day he serves as Governor for all of South Carolina," he added.

Smith and running mate Mandy Powers Norrell also picked up an endorsement

from Representative Russell Ott.

"It's a special day today to welcome our next Governor of South Carolina to Calhoun County, and I am happy to give my endorsement to two people who are truly going to help our state reach its best potential and all that it can be," Ott said. "I can attest to the fact that they are the best of what South Carolina has to offer. James is a fighter — he fights for the people that I care about, and he and Mandy are exactly what we need to move this state forward."

"I am so thrilled to be here today with my friend and colleague Representative Russell Ott," Smith said. "It has been a pleasure serving beside him and working together as we have moved this state forward."

Representative Smith continued, "Representative Ott has been a leader fighting for his constituents, fighting for our state. He has lead charge in this to lower utility rates, improve our infrastructure and create economic development. I look forward to hitting the campaign trail with together as we work to get Democrats elected up and down the ballot."

Spaulding Elementary School students win grand prize in National Reading Challenge

Epic! , a leading digital media brand for kids, challenged classrooms across the country to read a total of seven million books for Epic!'s Spring Into Reading Challenge from April 30th to May 4th. Classrooms read a total of 7,399,783 books in the five-day challenge, surpassing the goal.

Every elementary school class that collectively read at least 50 books on Epic! during the challenge earned an exclusive Epic! Reading Challenge Certificate to display in their classrooms. The top 20 classes with the most books read also won a class ice cream party, plus six-month home subscriptions to Epic! and an exclusive Epic! swag pack.

The Spring into Reading Challenge was Epic!'s most ambitious reading contest to date. During the winter, Epic! hosted the Blizzard of Books Reading Challenge with more

than six million books read in total.

Grand prize winners span the nation and include classrooms in the following schools:

- Spaulding Elementary School, Lamar, SC
- Aurora Elementary School, Aurora, IN
- KIPP Valiant Community Prep, East Palo Alto, CA
- Lucy Mae McDonald Elementary, Ferris, TX
- Arbuckle Elementary School, Arbuckle, CA
- Dieterich Elementary, Dieterich, IL
- Wildomar Elementary, Wildomar, CA
- Guth Elementary School, Perkaskie, PA
- Linden Elementary School, Linden, NJ
- Hudsonville Christian School, Hudsonville, MI
- St. Paul Lutheran School, Stover, MO
- Encinal Elementary,

- Encinal, TX
- Parishville-Hopkinton Central School, Parishville, NY
- Medary Elementary, Brookings, SD
- Sommer Elementary, Austin, TX
- St. John's School, Houston, TX
- Foley Intermediate School, Foley, AL
- Hinckley Elementary School, Hinckley, MN
- Callison Elementary, Round Rock, TX
- Fairview Elementary, Fairfield, CA

Congratulations to the Grand Prize winners and all the amazing Epic! readers!

Founded in 2014 and based in Redwood City, CA, Epic! is a kids digital media brand for kids 12 and under. Epic!'s award-winning subscription service includes unlimited access to 25,000 books and 2,500 videos from leading

publishers such as HarperCollins, Macmillan, National Geographic Kids, Smithsonian Enterprises, and Encyclopaedia Britannica. Kids on Epic! are encouraged to explore their interests and learn in a fun, safe, and engaging environment that includes fiction and non-fiction titles, "read to me" books, learning videos and teacher-created quizzes and reading lists. Epic! is used in 87% of U.S. elementary schools and consistently a top app in the Apple App Store. Epic! was founded by Suren Markosian, founder of several successful technology startups, and Kevin Donahue, former YouTube, Google and Disney executive, with the support of top tier investors and veterans of the children's publishing industry. To learn more about Epic!, visit <http://www.getepic.com> , or follow Epic! on Facebook and Twitter.

Hyman issues statement on school shootings

Mal Hyman, Congressional Candidate for SC District 7, released a statement following the shootings in Santa Fe and Atlanta:

"Gun violence in the last 3 decades has killed more Americans than all of the wars we have fought. This is a clear and present danger to our national security. Inaction from congress is unacceptable cowardice and complicity with the NRA. We need universal background checks now. We must ban semi automatic weapons

and the sale of bump stocks and high capacity magazines which put the police and the public at risk. Let's finally act on the advice of urban police chiefs who have been calling for these changes for decades.

That will not be nearly enough to insure domestic tranquility-- We must also convene a National non-partisan com-

mittee of experts to study violence in America and make policy proposals. There is a crisis in our country and we must be the change that we wish to see. National security is everyone's business. When the White House and Congress have lost their moral compass, we the people must fight for common sense and justice."

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that Shree Zapevari Inc intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at 2192 Ebenezer Rd, Florence, SC 29501. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than 5/24/2018. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

- (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
- (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied;
- (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
- (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
- (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

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

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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: James Philip Griggs Date of Death: 4/4/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600229 Personal Representative: Clovis Diane Griggs Address: 921 Cypress Court, Hartsville, SC 29550

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any security as to the claim. Estate: Thomas Wayne Tolson Date of Death: 3/22/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600228 Personal Representative: Lisa McCarty Seawell Address: 1914 Cashua Ferry Road, Darlington, SC 29532 (43p3 leave in thru 5-23-18)

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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: Winnie B. King Date of Death: 4/27/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600237 Personal Representative: Freddie N. King Address: 1304 Salem Road, Hartsville, SC 29550 (44p3 leave in thru 5-30-18)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that pursuant to a Judgment granted in the case of Dixies Federal Credit Union v. Estate of Addie Griggs Priest, et al., 2017-CP-16-0539, I will sell at public auction at the front of the Darlington County Courthouse in Darlington, South Carolina, on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 12:00 O'CLOCK P.M. to the highest bidder for cash the following described property: (Darlington County Tax Map Number 128-00-01-044) All that certain piece, a parcel or lot of land, together with all improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot B on a plat prepared by T. E. Wilson dated January 10, 1963 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 37 at Page 11, whereon the same is shown to be bounded and measuring as follows: NORTHEAST:By Green Street for a distance of 121 feet; SOUTHEAST:By Lot A for a distance of 310 feet SOUTHWEST:By property of R. L. Galloway, now E. G. Melton, for a distance of 125 feet; and NORTHWEST: B y property of Weinberg or Hyman for a distance of 290 feet. For a more accurate and complete description, reference is hereby made to plat above referred to.

This being the same property conveyed to Leonard Priest and Addie G. Priest by deed of Earlene Mahon Windham dated December 5, 1980 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 817 at Page 620. The undivided interest of Leonard Priest was conveyed to Addie G. Priest by Deed of Distribution from the Estate of Leonard Priest dated July 2, 2008 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1053 at Page 7432. Property Address:2509 Green Street Road Darlington, South Carolina 29532

NOTICE is further given that the successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, at said sale will be required to deposit immediately with the Special Referee an amount equal to five (5%) percent of his bid in cash, and if such deposit is not made, the Special Referee will resell said property on the sales day or some subsequent sales day as may appear advantageous. In case the successful bidder should fail to comply with his bid by payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after acceptance of his bid, his deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold on some subsequent sales day

(44c1 leave in thru 5-16-18)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a Judgment granted in the case of Darlington County Habitat for Humanity vs. LaShanda M. Reddick, 2017-CP-16-0694, I will sell at public auction at the Darlington County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Darlington, South Carolina, on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 12:00 O'CLOCK P.M. to the highest bidder for cash the following described property: (Darlington County Tax Parcel 057-06-04-001) All those certain pieces, parcels or lots of land with the buildings and improvements, thereon, situate, lying and located in the City of Hartsville, County of

Darlington, State of South Carolina, known as Lot One (1), as is more particularly shown on a plat prepared for Habitat for Humanity by Nesbitt Surveying Company Inc., dated November 19, 2009, recorded in Plat Book 206 at Page 241 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina. For a more accurate description of the said lot mentioned above, reference is made to said plat which is incorporated herein and is made a part of this conveyance by reference thereto. This being the same property conveyed unto LaShanda M. Reddick by Darlington County Habitat for Humanity dated June 2, 2011, and recorded June 3, 2011, in Deed Book 1062 at Pages 7723-7726, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. NOTICE is further given that the successful bidder, other than Plaintiff, at said sale will be required to deposit immediately with the Special Referee an amount equal to five (5%) percent of his bid in cash, and if such deposit is not made, the Special Referee will resell said property on the sales day or some subsequent sales day as may appear advantageous. In case the successful bidder should fail to comply with his bid by payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after acceptance of his bid, his deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold on some subsequent sales day with further Order of the Court, at the risk of the purchaser. The purchaser will be required to pay for the deed, documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale through date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.75%. Since a deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding shall be closed upon the date of sale. This property is sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. 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. Haigh Porter, Special Referee _____, 2018

Florence, South Carolina (44c3 leave in thru 5-30-18)

Public Notice

Windham Farms, 1040 East Lynches River Road, Lamar, SC 29069, has applied to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for a Groundwater Withdrawal Permit, under the Reporting Act, for one (1) proposed and two (2) existing agricultural irrigation wells in Darlington County, SC. The two (2) existing wells are located at N 34.14823, W-80.10147 off Highway 401 and N 34.11744, W-80.07614 off E. Lynches River Road. The proposed well is located approximately N 34.1467 and W -80.1316 off E. Lynches River Road. A proposed groundwater withdrawal rate of 54.7 million gallons per year for all three (3) wells was developed based on calculations of current and future agricultural irrigation requirements. Additional information concerning this application may be obtained from Andrea Hughes by calling (803) 898-4318 or e-mail at hughesal@dhcc.sc.gov. SCD-HEC invites and will receive comments on the application until May 10, 2018, at close of business day, 5:00 p.m. EST. Please submit comments to SCDHEC/Bureau of Water, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, Attention: Andrea Hughes. Interested parties wishing to be notified of the final permit decision must make comment on the application and/or make request to receive notice of the final decision and must provide the SCDHEC with a correct name and mailing address. (45p3 leave in thru 5-30-18)

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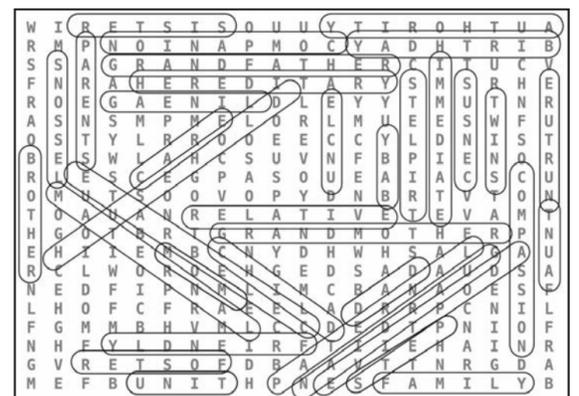
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Palmetto Boys State will be held at Anderson University June 11-17, 2018. These Darlington High School young men will be embarking on an incredible week of learning about our American system of government, developing leadership skills, creating friendships that will last a lifetime and coming away with a deeper sense of patriotism and love of our country. Pictured left to right are Dawson McKnight, Will Johnson, Anthony Hopkins, Quay Gandy and Will Byrd.

Grammy Award-winning country rockers coming to FMU performing arts center

It's time to get down to the nitty gritty at the FMU Performing Arts Center.

It will happen Thursday, Aug. 30 when that great American ensemble, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, comes to town.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band has always been hard to classify but easy to remember. Is it country, rock, blues, bluegrass or something else? To the iconic group's legions of fans, it's never really mattered. They flocked to NGDB's sound and its never-ending string of hits like "Mr. Bojangles," "An American Dream," "Make A Little Magic," and "Fishin' in the Dark;" and almost all the tracks "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," the band's legendary 1972 album.

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band has piled up multiple-platinum and gold records, earned two Grammys, IBMA and CMA awards and more than a dozen nominations over the years.

But, they've never rested on their accomplishments.

NGDB's current lineup of Jeff Hanna, Jimmie Fadden and Bob Carpenter represent the essence of the band's many iterations. Indeed, Hanna and Fadden have been a part of the band since its inception. They continue their



non-stop touring schedule today, rekindling memories in their long-time fan base and energizing new with the sounds that have made them legends.

"For some reason, we as a group have been fortunate enough to record some songs that were meaningful to people," drummer Jimmie Fadden said in a recent interview. "It might have been the soundtrack

of their lives. "I can't tell you the number of times people come up to us after the show and say, 'I watched your show in 1971, met my wife there, got married the next year and we played your music for our kids and they grew up listening to it, and now they're going to have kids.'" Tickets can be purchased at fmupac.org or by calling 843-661-4444.

Darlington Raceway continues ticket offer for South Carolina residents

If you're a resident of South Carolina, Darlington Raceway has a great ticket opportunity for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 event on Sunday, September 2, 2018.

Beginning on Thursday, May 17 through August 3, residents of South Carolina can visit www.DarlingtonRaceway.com/PalmettoOffer to take advantage of special in-state pricing for the Labor Day weekend race at the track Too Tough To Tame.

South Carolina residents can save \$25.00 off the purchase of two (2) adult tickets in select grandstand areas (while supplies last).

"Darlington Raceway is the home track for the great state of South Carolina and we want to make sure our residents have the opportunity for the most competitive ticket offers," track President Kerry Tharp said. "South Carolinians take great pride in Darlington Raceway and we appreciate their longstanding support, devotion and reverence for our race track."

When tickets are printed and mailed beginning in July, all fans that have purchased grandstand seats for the 2018 Bojangles' Southern 500 will notice several different looks to their tickets this season.

As part of the track's "7 Decades of NASCAR" throwback celebration this season, Darlington Raceway created seven different ticket designs to commemorate iconic moments in NASCAR history during each decade.

"With Darlington Raceway celebrating '7 Decades of NASCAR' for this year's throwback theme, we felt it was a great opportunity to showcase our sport by creating seven different ticket designs, highlighting many great moments of each decade," Tharp said. "Fans should start checking their mailboxes in July for their race tickets and see the iconic designs that celebrate the history and heritage of NASCAR."

2018 Bojangles' Southern 500 tickets will feature seven different designs celebrating each decade for the track's "7 Decades of NASCAR" throwback celebration.

Your Palmetto Home Track Offer is available by visiting www.DarlingtonRaceway.com/PalmettoOffer.

As always, Youth 12 & under receive a free general admission ticket, with a paid adult admission, to attend the NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 race on Saturday, September 1. Please go to www.darlingtonraceway.com or call the ticket office to customize your Labor Day race weekend experiences here at The Lady in Black!

Bill to help homeowners move from dangerous zones

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) and U.S. Representatives Mark Sanford (R-S.C.) and Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) introduced legislation that would help more vulnerable homeowners move out of dangerous flood zones. The bipartisan bill calls for a comprehensive review of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) program to reduce flood risk and taxpayer exposure by buying homes from property owners in flood-prone areas.

"As a South Carolinian who grew up on the coast, I know well the devastation floods can bring without warning. Unfortunately, many of our communities have flooded repeatedly over the years, leaving families facing the constant fear of flooding and rebuilding their homes over and over again," said Sen. Scott. "The bipartisan Promoting Flood Risk Mitigation Act will create better ways of helping people stuck in repeatedly flooded areas while putting the NFIP on stronger financial footing so it's around for future generations."

"Massively destructive storms have become more common in recent decades," said Rep. Sanford. "For example, in Charleston, there were fewer than five days of flooding annually in the late 1950s, but in 2016, there were a record 50 days of flooding. Accordingly, flood insurance buyouts are the ultimate form of mitigation. Indeed, every dollar invested in pre-disaster mitigation saves \$8 in avoided future damages. The current process needs improvement, and this bill will help to

streamline the system."

"As severe weather becomes the new reality, homeowners are increasingly caught in a dangerous and costly cycle of flooding and recovery," said Sen. Schatz. "FEMA is working to help homeowners through voluntary buyouts, but that process can take years, and it leaves homeowners and taxpayers at risk. We have a fiscal and a moral obligation to make sure this program works efficiently and helps as many people as possible, and that's what our bill will do."

"Community after community has been devastated by flooding, and too many families continue to be in harm's way," said Rep. Blumenauer. "The federal government must be proactive to reduce flood risk. That means ensuring those families trapped in repeatedly flooded properties have a way out."

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Environmental Information, in 2017 the United States experienced 16 severe weather events that have resulted in losses exceeding \$1 billion. These events include a record number of Category 4 hurricanes that have killed dozens of people. Over the past ten years, the U.S. government has spent more than \$350 billion to help communities recover from severe weather. Research shows that in communities subject to repeated flooding, it is more cost-effective for the federal government to work with local communities to purchase homes from willing owners, rather than rebuilding after each flood.

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