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County Council approves pay raise, passed budget

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Darlington County Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 4 in the fifth floor courtroom of the county courthouse. During this meeting, Council voted to give themselves a pay raise, finalized budgets for the next fiscal year, and heard concerns regarding their recent redistribution of

Accommodations Tax monies. Council passed second reading of Ordinance 18-06, which increases compensation for members of Darlington County Council. The original ordinance would have altered the pay scale as follows:

Members currently earning \$7,000 per year would be bumped up to \$7,247; the vice chair currently earning \$7,500 per year would be

bumped up to \$7,764; the chair currently earning \$8,200 per year would be bumped up to \$8,489.

Council member Bobby Kilgo, citing that Darlington County Council has not voted itself a pay raise since 1991, moved to amend the ordinance to increase those rates, and Council approved his amendment. The new compensation rates would pay the chair \$14,000 per year, and

the vice chair and regular members \$13,000 per year. Only Council member David Coker voted against the pay raise and the amendment.

Council approved final reading for the 2018/19 fiscal year budget, which includes a general fund budget of \$22.2 million for operating expenditures. Departmental budgets include \$3.7 million for the W. Glenn Campbell Correctional Center, \$755,107

for the Prison Farm, \$5.58 million for the Sheriff's Office, \$2.79 million for Environmental Services, \$2.3 million for the Fire District, \$1.4 million for the Library Fund, and \$2.3 million for the Darlington County Airport.

Property taxes will be increased by 1.47 mills, per the SC state law millage cap of 2.13 percent.

Also at this meeting, Steve Tinney and Hannah Stanley of

the county's Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee both voiced dismay over Council's decision to amend the committee's funding recommendations and redistribute a significant chunk of this year's \$25,000 A-tax pool. The funding pool comes from a 2-percent tax levied on hotels stays in the county.

COUNTY ON 3A



Members of the Darlington Garden Club display some of the club's awards at the city rose garden. Photo Contributed

Darlington Garden Club cultivates success

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It takes more than a green thumb to achieve the kind of results the Darlington Garden Club has produced over the past year, and all their dedication and hard work has earned the club a number of awards at recent district and state competitions.

At the East Sandhills District Meeting, held March 13 in Sumter, the Darlington Garden Club won several dis-

tinctions, including Overall President's Report (1st Place), Increase in Club Membership (1st Place), Represented at Meetings (1st Place), Best Program (1st Place - Seasonal Floral Design Workshop), Best Project (2nd Place - "Welcome to Darlington" city entranceways), and Backyard Wildlife Habitat (3rd Place).

At the South Carolina Garden Clubs, Inc., State Meeting, held April 26 in Columbia, the Darlington Garden Club won Honorable Mention for the Claudia

Wright Lea Phelps Award (a community engagement award named for the first president of the SC Garden Club). The club also won 2nd Place honors for their annual efforts to decorate and beautify historic buildings during the Christmas season. The "Clean Up Darlington Day" project earned an Honorable Mention in the Civic Achievement category.

"We've done well," says Lou Kirchen, Darlington Garden Club president, noting that she is particularly pleased that

the club continues to have strong rates of participation and actually grew a bit over the past year. "Getting people to commit to a club is not as easy as it used to be... but when I moved back here, I decided I wanted to dig in the dirt, so I joined the Garden Club. What I found was an extraordinary group of women who are hard-working and committed to the well-being and improvement of Darlington."

CLUB ON 3A

Council gives first reading on water rate increase ordinance

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During its June 5 meeting, Darlington City Council passed second reading of its 2018-2019 Fiscal Year budget. They also passed first reading on two ordinances relating to increases in the city's millage rate and the water/sewer rates. The city has not raised millage rates since 2008.

"By law, council has the ability to go back those three years plus this year," City Manager Howard Garland said. "If you multiply all of those CPI increases by our millage, which is 125, ...you get 6.4125 mills. You multiply that by \$17,450 (the value of a City of Darlington mil)."

Council chose to approve the first reading of the ordinance to do an increase of the maximum 6.4125 mills, which raises the millage by \$111,898.

Garland said that when the millage was increased in 2008 it went from 121 to 125.

"Our millage rate has increased," Garland said. "It was worth \$14,000 the last time we took a serious look at that."

The second ordinance to receive first reading put a three percent increase on both water and sewer rates for residents inside the city limits. Both fees go from a flat \$9 to \$9.27. Anyone outside of the city limits is subject to a five percent increase on both fees, going up

to \$23.07 and \$24.96, respectively. The increases will bring in estimated additional revenue of \$58,000.

There will be a public hearing on the budget, including the millage increase, on June 28 at 6 p.m. A special council meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Council passed second reading of an annual ordinance relating to business licenses for people operating in the City of Darlington. The ordinance, 2018-10, reads in part:

"Be It Ordered And Ordained by the City of Darlington in Council assembled this 5th Day of June, 2018

Section 1: That under and by virtue of the authority delegated by the provisions and requirements of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, and amendments thereto, and the statutory laws of South Carolina made and enacted in accordance therewith, and the amendments thereto, and for the purpose of raising revenue to pay the principal and interest on the outstanding bonded and other indebtedness of the City of Darlington, to create and maintain a sinking fund as required by law, and to defray all costs and expenses for corporate and other purposes as may be necessary from the first day of January, 2018 to the first day of January, 2019, there shall be

DARLINGTON ON 3A

New county building ready for Election Night

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Just in time for voting in the June 12 primaries, Darlington County Elections and Registrations is moved into their new building and ready to conduct tabulations and reporting in a roomier and more secure facility.

Costing \$180,000, the 40-foot by 80-foot steel building features a brick facade (for aesthetic blending with downtown's stately older buildings), carpeting and seating in the publicly accessible reporting and returns area, and a window through which visitors can watch elections officials compile voting results as they happen.

"Transparency is a big thing today, so I thought it might be good for the citizens to be able to see us at work," says Hoyt Campbell, director of Darlington County Elections and Registrations.

The front room is a spacious, carpeted area with seating and a flat screen television, which should be set up to display live tabulations before November's general elections. Also, this area will be used for future early and

absentee voting, with machines and attendants ready to help citizens cast their ballots in advance of big elections.

"In the presidential election of 2016, we voted 620 people in our office as absentee voters on the day before the election," says Campbell. "Now in this new bigger thirty-by-forty room, we'll have plenty of space to vote the people who want or need to do so early."

Previously, vote tabulation and storage of voting machines took place on the first floor of the Mazingo Building, located at 300 Russell Street. Campbell says those spaces may eventually house the offices of Darlington County Veterans Affairs, currently located on the third floor of the county courthouse. This move would improve accessibility for those with mobility issues or disabilities.

Campbell says there was another issue with the Mazingo Building space: a partial wall with perhaps a two-foot gap at the top between a conference room and the voting machine storage room presented security concerns. In the new building, the voting machines will be kept in a dedicated and locked storage area with no windows and no partial walls.



VOTING ON 3A

March headed to the Ivy Leagues on full-ride scholarship

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Kyra March said that she always dreamed of attending Spellman College. Even her wardrobe featured several items with the college name and logo. One phone call changed the course of her college career.

"Ever since the eighth grade, I wanted to go to a college in Atlanta, Georgia called Spellman College," March said. "It is an all-women's college and a Historically Black College, as well. I would go visit. I had to long-sleeve shirts and two hats, lanyards; I really thought I was going there."

She found out in December that her dream school had accepted her; she also found out that she would have to pay for almost all of her tuition, room and board.

"I was looking at the financial aid and they didn't give me anything other than \$5,000 in grants; their tuition is like \$52,000," March said. "I didn't meet their scholarship requirements because you had to have a 30 on your ACT and a 1330 on your SAT; I had a 28 and a 1300. I asked if I could get another financial aid packet if I retook the test and the lady said that even if you meet the score requirement you aren't guaranteed a scholarship. That's when I

decided to really look at my other options."

One of those other options was Harvard University, a private Ivy League university in Massachusetts.

"My mom was happy with me going wherever I want; she didn't push me in any specific direction," March said. "I visited six schools and my mom went to every one with me, except one."

Though she applied at Harvard, March said she was still surprised when she got the news she was accepted.

"When I found out about being accepted to Harvard I didn't even know what to do," March said. "I was in Chemistry class when a Cambridge number was calling me. I thought I should probably answer it so I stepped out. The guy on the phone was asking about prom and if I got my dress yet, how was I doing. Then he said that the committee had reviewed my application and they thought I'd be a good fit for Harvard. I was in shock. I had to go pick my mom up and I told her about it and she was screaming. I learned about getting a full-ride a couple of months later. I didn't even know what to do."

Though a full-ride scholarship might be a determining factor for some, March said that she wanted to be absolutely certain she was happy with the school she chose.



Kyra March celebrates her acceptance to Harvard University. Photo Contributed

"At that point, I was choosing between UNC-Chapel Hill and Harvard," March said. "I told my mom I wanted to love Harvard, like the feel of it when

I visited; I didn't just want to make the decision and not know how I felt about it.

MARCH ON 3A



St. John's Class of 1968 holds 50th reunion

St. John's High School Class of 1968 held their 50th Class Reunion at Darlington Country Club on Saturday, May 26th. Special guest was Cora Taylor, longtime SJHS Secretary. A casual gathering was held at Takis Diner on Friday, May 25th, with 34 present.

Sherry Atkinson Hanniford, Imogene Baker McLellan, Carolyn Reddick Andrews, Marcia Anderson Reinhardt, Bobbie Lou Edwards Hinds, Clare Riley Hoole, Wanda Odom Collins, Judy Frank Langley

Second Row: Tammy Thames Norris, Harriet Holmes Perkins, Alice Helms James, Paige Longrie Way,

Rosa Lee Hudson Heiden, Sarah O'Neal Teal, Barbara Truluck Benjamin, Connie Byrd Woodard, Amanda Dargan Zeitlin, Sissy DeWitt Carroll, JoEllyn D'Andrea Coker, Roger Blackmon

Third Row: Larry Dove, Ralph O'Neal, Rodney Langley, Phill Yarborough, Danny Welch, Terry Lambert, Jimmy Peterson, Billy

Harrison, Danny Blackmon, Mike Delisio, Bob Davis

Back Row: Tommy Patrick, Chafee Jones, Dane Smyre, Lem Benjamin, David Brown, Randy Marchelletta, Jimmy Sanderson, Keith Carter, Billy Simmons, Billy Register, Albert Simon

Missing from photo: Terry Brown Martin

Front Row Left to Right:



Pride of Darlington residential award

The yard of Geraldine Moody at 114 Harper Street has been selected the Residential Pride of Darlington Award. Pictured, from left, are Beautification Board member Laura Burns, Kathryn Tarlton, Mrs. Moody, City Manager Howard Garland, Mayor Gloria Hines, Kylee Tarlton, 4, Sandra Moody, and Hannah Tarlton, 7.

The Residential Pride Award generally is selected in April and October of each year, and the Business Pride Award selected in January and June of each year. The Business Award includes the interior of businesses and also other non-residential property. Nominations can be sent to City Planning, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540; called in to 843-398-4000 x 103; or emailed to darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Local Student News

Wofford College confers degrees to 394 graduates

SPARTANBURG, SC-- Wofford College conferred 418 degrees on 394 graduates during the 2018 Commencement exercise on Sunday, May 20. Area students included:

- Constance Emiline Campbell received a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting, minor in economics, cum laude. Campbell is from Hartsville
- Drake Joseph Cassidy received a Bachelor of Science degree in business economics. Cassidy is from Hartsville
- Hannah Rene' Demaurice received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, minor in studio art. Demaurice is from Darlington

- Kaley Rebecca Elmore received bachelor of art degrees in accounting and finance, magna cum laude. Elmore is from Florence
- William McLeod Holland received a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance, minors in accounting and government. Holland is from Florence
- Emily Weston Kannon received Bachelor of Art degrees in government and history, concentration in political theory, magna cum laude. Kannon is from Florence
- Warren Mark Matthews Jr. received Bachelor of Art degrees in French and international affairs. Matthews is from Darlington
- Michael Dupre Pavy Jr. received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Pavy is from Timmonsville

- Turner Lynn Rainwater received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, minor in business, summa cum laude, honor graduate. Rainwater is from Florence
- Linxi Xu received Bachelor of Science degrees in chemistry and computer science, minor in mathematics, emphasis in computational science, cum laude. Xu is from Darlington

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, S.C. It offers 26 major fields of study to a student body of 1,690 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, study abroad participation and successful graduates, Wofford is home to

of the nation's 283 Phi Beta Kappa chapters. The college community enjoys Greek Life as well as 19 NCAA Division I athletics teams.

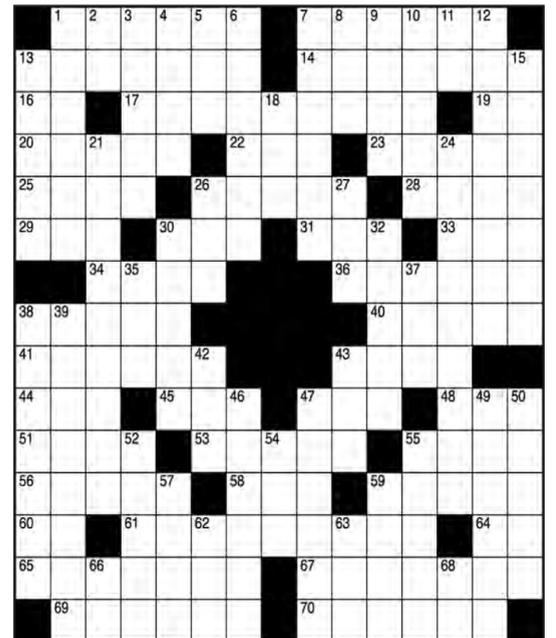
Lyde earns honors from Coker College

Jasmine Lyda, daughter of Mary Lyde, has been named to the President's List at Coker College. Lyde graduated from Darlington High School in 2014. She is majoring in Criminology at Coker.

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.

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22. One point north of due east
23. Sandwich shops
25. American spy
26. Medieval stringed instrument
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
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31. Press against lightly
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38. Native or inhabitant of Asia
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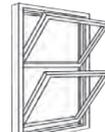
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37. Soda
38. Algonquian language
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42. Father
43. Needed at the ATM
46. Baltimore footballers
47. ___ Tomei, actress
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50. Person (Indonesian)
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55. American communist leader
57. Creatively tell
59. Separatist group
62. Edgar Allan ___ poet
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66. Actinium
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WORD SEARCH

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Clemson Extension's school garden training growing strong

CLEMSON — What began with a seed planted in the Charleston area in 2012 has taken root in 16 counties in South Carolina and sprouted into 147 school gardens across the state ... and counting.

School Gardening for South Carolina Educators is a horticulture-based training program, offered by Clemson Extension, designed to help educators grow successful school gardens. The program is part of a multi-agency, farm-to-school initiative, directed by the College of Charleston, aimed at improving academic and health outcomes among South Carolina children and opening the school nutrition market to local farmers.

"Farm-to-school increases access and availability of healthful, local foods while at the same time stimulating local economies," said Olivia Thompson, associate professor and director of public health initiatives at the College of Charleston.

In 2012, Clemson Extension horticulture agent Amy Dabbs was approached by a graduate of Extension's online Master Gardener Training, former Dorchester School District Two athletic director Bobby Behr, about using a school farm at Ashley Ridge High School, which was the first school in South Carolina to be Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) certified, as a model for similar programs in other district schools.

"He said, 'I have this vision to have a school garden in every school in Dorchester District Two. Do you think you could open up a section of the Master Gardener Training for the teachers?'" Dabbs recalled.

Because Master Gardener Training involves many topics that wouldn't be relevant to a school garden, Dabbs suggested a new, customized training to meet those needs.

Behr soon introduced Dabbs to Thompson, who was already working to develop an initiative in the Lowcountry for training cafeteria staff and farmers to improve access to

fresh foods in schools.

Their collaboration led to the creation of the School Gardening for S.C. Educators program as part of the College of Charleston's Food Systems Change Initiative funded by Boeing, the world's largest aerospace company.

"Boeing invests in the Farm-to-School Initiative because it promotes life-long health and wellness habits while also promoting STEM principles in an outdoor classroom," said Jessica Jackson, Boeing director of global engagement. "The collaboration of multiple partners has led to a successful, scalable model across South Carolina — impacting more students every year."

The funding from Boeing allowed Thompson to hire teachers to write and map curriculum to state standards for the training, which led to the creation of a guidebook for the program entitled, "The Garden STEM," a K-8 curriculum for garden classrooms.

From there, Dabbs worked with Zack Snipes, Extension associate agent in Charleston, to create a companion guide, "Seasonal Planting Guide and Calendar for School Gardens," that provides teachers a schedule for gardens from early fall through the following summer.

For Snipes, whose passion for horticulture began as a child by spending time in the garden with his father and grandfather, the training program serves as an ideal way to plant that same seed with youth around the state.

"This is getting kids involved with agriculture and exposing them to something that is not taught in a lot of schools, especially the non-rural schools," Snipes said. "If we can do nothing but put a garden in and expose them to a little bit about where their food comes from and their career possibilities, you never know what could come out of that."

Snipes says the program employs a template, or "cookie-cutter-type approach," for



educators that virtually ensures their gardens will be successful by simply following the directions.

"The worst thing you can do is have a garden where all you do is go out there and weed, or you have a crop that doesn't produce or you don't have successful results," he said. "This program helps to offer shortcuts for troubleshooting the gardens and a lot of the troubles that teachers have. It makes you successful. I wouldn't say it's guaranteed, but it's pretty close, that you're going to produce a crop."

Since the partnership began, 463 state educators have received training through Extension's five-week online course and follow-up hands-on workshop.

"The demand just keeps coming because teachers are finding out that it's really working, and they're having successes," Dabbs said.

But once the training has taken place for teachers, the next step is bridging the gap between the horticulture and the children who will be exposed to it. That is where

South Carolina 4-H — the youth development arm of Clemson Extension — enters the equation, helping teachers get their students into the garden and use the curriculum in a meaningful way.

"Our piece is to educate children and teachers on how to garden so the gardens are successful and they can see where their food comes from and, hopefully in the end, make better food choices," said Patricia Whitener, Greenville County 4-H agent.

Thanks in large part to 4-H's learn-by-doing approach, it is estimated that 69,000 South Carolina students visit their school garden annually and about two-thirds of school gardens in the program are still in use after the first year.

Another component is working with chefs and school cafeteria workers to make better choices for their menu offerings and educate them on using fresh produce more efficiently in the schools.

"The kids are not only growing squash and broccoli, but they are eating it too — from a local farm, hopefully,"

Whitener said. "A lot of cafeteria workers are just used to opening a bag of fries and dumping them in the fryer. But there are techniques and skills you need to process squash and broccoli if it's fresh, and we want to give them those tools to offer more fresh food in schools."

Whitener said there are many school and community gardening programs across the country. Some focus on curriculum, others on horticultural training and others on funding. Clemson Extension's program puts all those pieces together.

"Nothing content-wise that we have done is new or revolutionary," she said. "What we have done with the program is connect the dots. We've synthesized and created a holistic program from start to finish that almost guarantees sustainable gardens. We've set them up for success."

And that success begins with a solid foundation for teachers by providing turn-key garden kits and timed delivery of transplants and seeds.

"We've come up with a sys-

tem between the 4-H agents and the Master Gardeners, and we just divvy the transplants up and deliver them," Dabbs said. "We now deliver to almost 100 schools across the state four times a year."

Kale and lettuce are delivered to the schools in February. Then in May, sweet potatoes and a package of seeds — squash, green beans, carrots, radish and beets — donated by Botanical Interests seed company for the next school year are delivered to ensure the gardens are sustained throughout the summer when school is not in session.

"There's always something growing, so the kids can see that we have virtually a 365-day-a-year growing season in South Carolina," Dabbs said. "We would not be able to do this without the funding by Boeing and the partnership with the College of Charleston. It's almost magical the way this project has come about and keeps growing."

For more information, contact Amy Dabbs at adabbs@clemson.edu or 843-730-5208.



Chamber honors Leadership Hartsville Class of 2018

The 2018 Leadership Hartsville class graduated in a closed ceremony on May 30 at the Butler Heritage Auditorium. The 9-month leadership development program, made available through the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, has provided participants with growth and networking opportunities since the class kicked off in September of 2017.

The 16 honored during graduation were Kelly Benton, Macon Hunter State Farm;

Mark Chapman, McLeod Health; Rebecca Chastain, Embrace Hospice; Deborah Dowling, Duke Energy; Sheri Gibson, Duke Energy; Stephanie Glanville, Burry Bookstore; Rebecca McDonald, Sonoco; Robin Perdue, Coker College; Jordan Pupa, VIP Magazine; Lori Shaw, SPC Credit Union; Dr. Cathy Thomas, SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics; Beth Tripp, City of Hartsville; Dorene Watson, Carolina Pines

Regional Medical Center; Christina Webb, Coker College; Austin Wheeling-Goodson, Burry Bookstore; and Diane Wise, Wise Design. "This year's class was unique in that it fourteen participants were women. Many of them have already begun new chapters by volunteering on boards and with other organizations to make a difference in the Hartsville community," commented chamber president Quinetta Buterbaugh.

Each year, the class selects a service project to contribute positively to life in Hartsville. Previous class projects have included the Tales on the Town downtown scavenger hunt, the park-style benches downtown, an information kiosk, and a youth mentoring program. The 2018 class chose to make improvements to the exterior of the Hartsville Boys and Girls Club. Employers of the classmates and the business community donated funds to the project.

The 2018 participants enjoyed learning about Hartsville's many business, social, and civic opportunities, as well as about its rich cultural history. Site visits included the Robinson Nuclear Plant, Kalmia Gardens at Coker College, Butler Heritage Center, and many others.

The chamber will begin accepting applications for the 2019 Leadership Hartsville class this coming fall. Employees of all chamber member businesses are welcome to apply. To learn more about the Leadership Hartsville program, contact the chamber at 843-332-6401.

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

DARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Darlington County School District announces May Teacher Feature winners

The Darlington County School District's Teacher Forum announced today the Teacher Feature winners for May. The program recognizes one teacher from each school to honor excellence in education.

Teacher Feature is coordinated by the district's Teacher Forum, which is comprised of each school's Teacher of the Year. The purpose of the Teacher Forum is to foster professional growth and teacher leadership.

The Teacher Feature program is sponsored by Segars Realty. Honorees receive free meals at local restaurants and recognition in their schools.

The May honorees are:

- Diane Purvis, Brockington Elementary Magnet School
- Regina Parker, Brunson-Dargan Elementary School
- Jhemar Sabido, Cain Elementary School
- Kimberly McCoy, Carolina Elementary School
- Janine Dolce, Darlington High School

- Ashton Peterson, Darlington Middle School
- Pamela Smith, Darlington County Institute of Technology
- Sheila Gandy, Hartsville High School
- Tracie Bean, Hartsville Middle School
- Ede Howard, Lamar Elementary School
- Luke Bolton, Lamar High School
- C.J. Pietrzak, Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology
- Laura Privette, North Hartsville Elementary School
- Ashleigh Chaplin, Pate Elementary School
- Whitney Williams, Rosenwald School

- Elementary/Middle School
- Kathy Wilkinson, Southside Early Childhood Center
- Catherine Asger, Spaulding Elementary School
- Susan Tomlinson, Spaulding Middle School
- Kimm Mack, St. John's Elementary School
- Patricia McKinley, Thornwell School for the Arts
- Amanda Torres, Washington Street Elementary School
- Brandy Benjamin, West Hartsville Elementary School

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Eldridge tells Mayo graduates to remember who they are and where they came from

Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology held their graduation ceremony June 6 at the Southeastern Institute for Manufacturing and Technology. Family and friends of the 75 graduates packed the conference room ready to celebrate the past twelve years of accomplishment and the start of their next chapter in life. Kayla Eldridge spoke to her classmates about making each decision in their lives count and remembering that everyone is created to be unique.

"Today is the day that we, Mayo Class of 2018, begin to write the end of this chapter in our lives. Today is the day that we pull our rafts to the shore of independence. Today is the day that we become high school graduates, a feat that to some of us, and maybe some parents, was just a

dream...Great things don't come easy. We see where we want to be in life and we all know we must work for it. If we don't put in our work then our goals will forever be just that, a dream. But that is not what we were prepared to do. We were not prepared to chase our dreams for the rest of our lives. No, we were trained to succeed, to make those dreams our reality.

We have more visions to create. We have more lives to transform. Whether you are going to college, joining the service or staying at home to get yourself together, ya'll, we have to work. If you didn't take anything else from these past four years that we've been in high school...ya'll know 'hard work pays off.'...We want to be the greatest people we can be without losing ourselves along the way. In whatever

you do, make sure you remember who you are and where you come from. Remember why you are doing what you are doing...We need to find and know ourselves, embrace ourselves, love ourselves, and live our life for ourselves; we can't live our lives for other people. Life is too short for that and we work too hard for that...Backs were not broken for this moment for us to live someone else's life. We did not come all this way for us to live in someone else's shadow. That diploma has your name on it, inscribed in fine writing; a name ready to be heard by the world. As you pick up the pen to contemplate what you will be adding to the book of your life, remember that it is your life. Make that name mean something."



March to DHS graduates: 'We are powerful. We can change the world around us for the better.'

More than 200 seniors, their friends and families packed the Florence Center (formerly the Florence Civic Center) June 7 to bid the Darlington High School Class of 2018 farewell. Several Board of Education Scholars addressed their classmates, wishing them well in their future endeavors, reminiscing about the last four years and the memories they made. The Heart of the Falcon Award was given to Kyra March, who also gave the commencement message.

"All of us have our own dreams and goals that we wish to soon accomplish. Even though they are all different and are all unique they all equal that same sense of achievement that Miss Lenard

always mentioned... I want to personally congratulate you all for coming this far. There are many individuals who cannot say that they were granted the opportunity to walk across this stage with their peers...Now that we have reached this goal it is time to start setting new ones. We've kept achievement the main thing for four years and we must continue to do so as we take our next steps in life. One thing that may hold a lot of us back is fear. When I sat at home the other night it dawned on me that my high school career was over and I would not see the same faces every day. It was actually quite overwhelming. A lot of us have come to realize that the real world is now upon us.

However, we must respond to this fear in a positive manner and make a choice...We should never fear what we have the potential to exceed. Each one of you has already accomplished one huge feat, which is graduating high school. Now as we enter the real world we have to each know for ourselves that we are adequate. We are powerful. We can change the world around us for the better. I want you all to use that fear that you may have right now and turn it into a source of inspiration. Never let yourself shrink because of it. This class has done so much over the last four years and has such a bright future."

SPC breaks ground for new branch location

SPC Credit Union broke ground Wednesday, May 30, on a new Florence branch that will open by the end of 2018.

The groundbreaking was held at the site of the new branch, 1312 Celebration Boulevard in Florence, across from Assurant Specialty Property.

On this project, SPC is working with Level 5 of Atlanta, GA as the general contractor, and the architect firm Novus.

"SPC has served the Florence area since 2007 in our current location on McIver Road. The new location and branch will provide a greater opportunity for us to engage the local community and provide better access to existing and future members."

said Linda Weatherford, President/CEO of SPC. "We are excited to be a part of the growth and development of the Florence market and look forward to our continued partnerships with the Florence community."

This "Branch of the Future" will represent the latest advancements in the financial branch model. The branch will have no traditional teller line and will incorporate an open concept layout with off-site video conferencing and hospitality space.

"As technology and consumer needs change, so must our business model," said Weatherford. "Our mission is built upon compassion, connection and community. The goal for the new branch is to

create a welcoming space where everyone can discover products and services that will improve their financial well-being."

Founded in 1941, SPC currently employs 67 individuals across 5 branches, serving anyone who lives, works or attends school in Darlington, Marlboro and Florence Counties. For more information, please visit spccu.org.

SPC Board Members and Leadership Team break ground on new Florence branch. Left to right: Michael Bryan, Cathy Privette, Elaine Hungerpiller, Derek Jenner, Jon Zeigler, Sylvester Wilson, Richard Cook, Brandon Beasley, Travis Walters, Linda Weatherford, Helen Sherrill and Jimmy Shelley. Photo Contributed



Jordan, Jewel win Keep Darlington County Beautiful art contest

Keep Darlington County Beautiful announced recently the two winners of its annual art contest. Maggie Jordan of Hartsville High School earned first place in the event, and Hannah Jewel of Hartsville Middle School earned second place.

Students who choose to participate in the contest must create works of art using Palmetto Pride's colors of blue and green as well as the organization's slogan of "Keep Darlington County clean in 2018." The contest aims to promote the importance of not littering.

This year's contest generated hundreds of entries from 4K through 12th grade.



Maggie Jordan



Hannah Jewel

The organization printed the artwork of Jordan and Jewel on official t-shirts. Both students also received gift cards, hand-delivered by Gary White and Renee Howle from Keep Darlington County Beautiful.

Each year, Palmetto Pride

funds the cost of gloves, vests, trash grabbers and trash bags when Keep Darlington County Beautiful participates in the Great American Cleanup throughout April, May and June. For more information call 843-398-4800.

Darlington Raceway to host '7 Decades of NASCAR' tribute events

As part of its throwback weekend, 'Celebrating 7 Decades of NASCAR,' Darlington Raceway will once again host a Saturday night tribute event, featuring a panel of question and answer sessions with the past, present and future stars of the sport.

The '7 Decades of NASCAR' event will feature the following Q&A sessions*:

New Drivers Behind the Wheel of Iconic Rides

Featuring: Ryan Blaney, William Byron, Chase Elliott, Austin Dillon

Oh Brother!

Featuring: Jeff Burton and Ward Burton, Bobby Allison and Donnie Allison

A View From the Pit Box

Featuring: Ray Evernham, Steve Letarte, Larry McReynolds, Leonard Wood

NASCAR Trailblazer - The Legacy of Wendell Scott

Featuring: Frank Scott, son of Wendell Scott

Photo Finish - The 2003 Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 at Darlington Raceway

Featuring: Ricky Craven and Kurt Busch

NASCAR Cup Series Champions

Featuring: Dale Earnhardt Jr. (son of 7-time NASCAR Cup Champion Dale Earnhardt), Jimmie Johnson and Richard Petty.

"Our Saturday night tribute event honoring the '7 Decades of NASCAR' is definitely one fans won't want to miss," Darlington Raceway President Kerry Sharp said. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see a lineup of current stars, NASCAR Hall of Famers, and legends of our sport that are coming together for one night only to celebrate NASCAR's storied history."

Celebrating 7 Decades of NASCAR tribute event will take place in the fan hospitality tent located outside turn 3 on Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. following the conclusion of the Bojangles' Southern 500 Parade. NBC lead announcer Rick Allen will once again serve as emcee for the event.

Fans have the opportunity to purchase an admission ticket to the event for \$100 each, which includes two beverage coupons, light hors d'oeuvres

and a commemorative gift. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.DarlingtonRaceway.com or calling 866-459-7223, while supplies last. A grandstand ticket or infield admission to Sunday's Bojangles' Southern 500 is required for purchase.

Fans attending the event will need to enter the track through Gate 39B off of Highway 151. Parking will be located in lots just outside the vehicle tunnel.

*Times and talent appearances are subject to change.

Darlington Raceway's award-winning throwback campaign is The Official Throwback Weekend of NASCAR featuring the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500® on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018. The NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018. Deposits can be made by calling 866-459-7223 or visiting DarlingtonRaceway.com.

You can keep up with all of the latest news at DarlingtonRaceway.com, on Facebook and on Twitter.

Darlington Police arrest three on multiple drug charges

On 5/31/2018 at approximately 3:30 am, officers with the Darlington Police Department responded to 102 Faith Lane in the City of Darlington to a report of a domestic disturbance. When officers arrived on the scene they observed marijuana and cocaine. A search warrant was obtained for the residence and other

amounts of powder cocaine, crack cocaine, methylenedioxymethamphetamine (M.D.M.A.) "ecstasy", and cash were located in the residence. This case is still under investigation by the Darlington Police Department. Reginald Andre Dudley age 25, Nikia Lakenya Smith age 24 and Shanitta

Danyel Alford age 24 were arrested and charged with Trafficking in powder, crack cocaine, MDMA, marijuana and possession with intent to distribute. The subjects were also charged with Possession of a firearm during a violent crime. "Drug dealing of any type will not be tolerated within the city of

limits of Darlington. We thank the officers involved in this investigation for their dedication to keeping drugs out of the hands of our young people and other citizens in Darlington", stated Kelvin Washington, Chief of Police for Darlington.

Sheriff swears-In new deputies

Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis welcomed four new Deputies. George

Kelley, Jimmy Walker, Matt Clark and Dennis Carter were sworn-in by Sheriff Chavis.

Deputy Kelley is a native of Connecticut. He previously served four years in the United States Marine Corps, over a year with the Maine Department of Corrections and a year with the W. Glenn Campbell Detention

Center.

Deputy Walker is a native of Darlington having worked in the private sector for several years as a welder. Deputy Clark is a native of Clio having served as a fireman since 1997, and a reserve officer with the Clio

Police Department for four years.

Deputy Carter is a native of Lamar and has served 20 years in law enforcement.

Deputies investigate Oates Hwy shooting

Deputies are investigating a shooting at a residence that occurred late in the evening June 4 in the 3900 block of Oates Hwy. The residence

and two vehicles were struck. Residents inside received no injuries and were unable to provide a description of a possible suspect.

Sheriff's Department investigating shooting at nightclub

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched the morning of June 5 to Studio 54, a nightclub at the intersection of Timmons Hwy. and W. McIver Rd., for a fight with gunshots heard.

An individual with at least one gunshot wound was transported from the scene by personal vehicle prior to deputies' arrival. The driver of the vehicle stopped at a gas station in Florence County where they were met by EMS and Florence County Sheriff's Deputies.

The Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division and Drug Enforcement Unit are investigating the incident with the assistance of the Florence County

Sheriff's Office. The condition of the individual is unknown.

According to Sheriff Chavis, De'Antre Lamont Cooks, 20, of Darlington, turned himself in to Investigators. Cooks has been charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of possession of a weapon during a violent crime and one count of malicious injury to personal property. Investigators have obtained warrants for Jabrey Deshawn McFarland, 24, of Hartsville, and continued to search for him.

"Based on information received from witnesses and evidence collected we believe these two are responsible for the shooting Tuesday Morning," stated

Sheriff Chavis. "My Investigators are working diligently to locate the second suspect."

Deputies were able to apprehend the second suspect wanted in connection to the early Tuesday morning shooting that occurred at Studio 54, a nightclub on Timmons Hwy.

"Tonight, we received information from the community through Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee about the location of McFarland," stated Sheriff Tony Chavis. "Patrol Deputies were able to locate McFarland and apprehend him following a short foot chase with no one injured."

Jabrey Deshawn McFarland, 24, of Hartsville, has been charged with two counts of

attempted murder, two counts of possession of a weapon during a violent crime and one count of malicious injury to personal property. McFarland is currently being held at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is 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.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER JUNE 4 THROUGH JUNE 11, 2018
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

- Anthony Eddie Bachus, 21, of 719 S 8th St, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Bryne Chad Campbell, 42, of 801 W Old Camden, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Receiving Stolen Goods \$200 - \$999

- Jeronda Sharon Dubose, 24, of 1403 Sheldon Dr, Darlington, Assault/Battery by Mob (Bodily Inj) 3rd Degree
- Jeremiah Deangelo Farmer, 36, of 624 Woodside Lane, Hartsville, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon

- Elizabeth Louise Kelly, 31, of 922 Nandina St, Hartsville, Public Drunk
- Damarius Jamel Lighty, 34, of 204 Pine Street, Lamar, Open Container of Beer/Wine; DUS (License Not Susp DUJ) 2nd

- Myquavius L'Aundrea Stevenson, 21, of 701 Clinton Ave, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Matthew Glen Tyndall, 25, of 1012 W Billy Farrow Hwy, Hartsville, Petit Larceny \$2000 or Less Enhancement 120972

- Fredrick Jermaine Walker, 26, of 719 S 8th St, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Tremel Andre Ervin, 28, of 601 W Broad St, Darlington, Manu Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st

- Johnny Gurley, 54, of 3549 Wilkson Ln, Society Hill, Driving Under Suspension
- James NMN Hawkins, 62, of 813 D St, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Driving Under Suspension; Vehicle Registration/Licensing Violation; Fail to Maintain Proof of Insurance in Vehicle

- Roger Dell Johnson, 63, of 1533 Hidden Creek, Hartsville, DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st
- Ernest Lee Brunson, 64, of 934 Mondora St, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

- Lindsey Butler, 33, of 3837 Loris Drive, Hartsville, Shoplifting Less Than \$50
- Larry Dwayne Flowers, 61, of 113 Flemming St, Darlington, Kidnapping; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

- Charles Monroe Gainey Jr., 61, of 181 Cedar Ridge Rd, Dovesville, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Daryl Scott Gerringer, 62, of 104 N Warley St, Darlington, Crim Sex Conduct W/Minor

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

<11 Yrs Old 1st Degree

- Charles Needham Marshall III, 38, of 1106 Franklin Street, Hartsville, Trespassing
- Reginald Neil O'Connor Jr., 47, of 2688 West Old Camden Rd, Hartsville, Sex Offender Registry Violation 2nd Offense

- Ricky Rabon, 17, of 926 Gibson St, Hartsville, Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000
- Gregory Delon Rogers II, 31, of 2192 White Plains Church Road, Jefferson, Driving Under Suspension

- Codie Oswald Bell, 36, of 416 Broad Street, Darlington, Drugs/Man Dist Etc Cocaine Base 3rd or Sub; <1 Gram of Meth of Cocaine Base 3rd or Sub; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School; Probation Violation
- Leroy NMN Brown, 60, of 406 Pine St, Darlington, Public Drunk

- Marion Wendell Brown Jr., 32, of 338 Westover Dr, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st
- De'Antre Lamont Cooks, 20, of 648 Franway Dr, Darlington, Attempted Murder; Attempted Murder; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Malicious Inj to Personal Prop >\$2000 <\$10000

- Eric Terrae Damon, 23, of 708 Joye Rd, Lamar, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
- James Alvin Dixon, 39, of 411 W College Avenue, Hartsville, Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000

- Danice Jackson, 25, of 709 Malloy Street, Florence, Driving Under the Influence; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10 or Less Hash 1st
- Valandra Jackson, 39, of 2245 Demetrius Dr, Hartsville, Public Drunk

- Junior Lee Johnson, 31, of 1504 McMillian Lane, Florence, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10 or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under Suspension
- Michael A Jones, 27, of 300 Dumont Ave, Brooklyn NY, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Shaday Chainey Martin, 30, of 79 Oxford Walk, Brooklyn NY, Public Disorderly Conduct; Resisting Arrest

- Dimontrious Michael, 22, of 504 CB Mobile Home Park, Lamar, Operating Motor Vehicle w/o License
- Stacie Suggs Odom, 40, of 1024 W Billy Farrow Hwy, Hartsville, Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense; Petty Larceny <\$2000

- Matthew Glen Tyndall, 25, of 1012 W Billy Farrow Hwy, Hartsville, Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense; Petit Larceny \$2000 or Less Enhancement 120972
- Jaquan Tiaja Wright, 20, of 2481 Northcutt Rd, Hartsville, Resisting Arrest; Public Disorderly Conduct

- John Anthony Anderson, 37, of 133 Gardner Drive, Hartsville, Public Drunk; Trespassing
- Deshaun Bernard Byrd, 17, of 409 Sumter Ave, Hartsville, Littering <15 LBS or 27 Cubic Feet 1st/2nd Off

- Raleigh Leroy Dubose Jr., 28, of 1545 York Square, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence; Manu Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Manu Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Manu Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Manu Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st
- Tara Lyn Dubose, 37, of 4360 Wrangler, Sumter, Driving Under the Influence;

- Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st; Poss 15 Dosage Units MDMA/Ecstasy 1st Offense; Poss Sch I B C LSD/Sch II 3rd/Sub; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Amber Ellis, 31, of 2260 Crandview Dr, Darlington, MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Heroin Etc Traffic Drugs >4G <14G 1st Off; MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st

- Dequan Shaheem Griffin, 22, of 528 Mallard Duck Dr, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Manu Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Manu Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon
- Justin Lee Kelly, 35, of 1102 Mainsail Dr, Hartsville, Receiving Stolen Goods \$200 - \$999; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off

- Erin Shoemaker Kent, 38, of 1217 Branchwood Ln, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- Shelton Demond Ketter, 36, of 714 Butler Street, Hartsville, No Charge Data
- Jabrey Deshawn McFarland, 24, of 405 Swift Creek Rd #C-1, Hartsville, Attempted Murder; Attempted Murder; Malicious Inj to Personal Prop >\$2000 <\$10,000; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime

- Heather Kaylin Pratt, 26, of 209 West Old Camden Road, Hartsville, Probation Violation
- Jesse Logan Rhinehardt, 23, of 1213 Ousleydale Road, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10 or Less Hash 1st; Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
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- 27, of 1422 Sunburst Drive, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence
- Cari Renee Shaw, 27, of 112 Stonewall St, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10 Or Less Hash 1st; Open Container of Beer/Wine; Receiving Stolen Goods \$200 - \$999; Forgery Less Than \$10,000; Forgery Less Than \$10,000

- Otis Nathaniel Green II, 18, of 113 Pinapple Gate Dr, Florence, Violation of City Ordinance; Violation of City Ordinance
- Kevin Starr, 42, of 1729 Salaman Rd, Hartsville, Violation of City Ordinance; Malicious Injury to Personal Property <\$2000

- Shannon Rendell Tindle, 40, of 427 Marlboro Ave, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Charles Darius Frazier, 27, of 213 Holly Dr, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

- Kimberly Toni Gardner-Norris, 34, of 501 Coker Ave, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct; Resisting Arrest; Glue Sniffing Aromatic Hydrocarbons Unlawful
- Carlos L Perez, 32, of 222 Carnival St, Charlotte NC, DUI/Less Than 10 But Greater than 16, 3rd Off; Open Container of Beer/Wine

- Derrick Demetrious Swinney, 49, of 1208 Plum Branch Road, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Milton Wade Gainey Jr., 29, of 1033 Howle St, Hartsville, Resisting Arrest; Hindering and Officer

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Hot Rod Power Tour rolls into Darlington

The 24th annual HOT ROD Power Tour rolls through the heartland of hot rod culture. It's more than just a traveling car show—it's the largest hot rod road trip in the world. Classic cars and hot rods travel city to city, over 1,300 miles, enjoying the people and stops along the way. The highly anticipated seven-day, seven-city journey is expected to bring together more than 6,000 vehicles and 100,000-plus spectators, June 9-15, 2018. Those interested in joining the excitement can register now at hotrod.com/events/power-tour.

HOT ROD Power Tour welcomes all makes and models of hot rods, street rods, custom trucks, muscle cars, and performance machines of every vintage and nameplate. For many, HOT ROD Power Tour is the ultimate vacation with friends and family. Those who travel from start to finish are considered the "Long Haulers," a title they proudly boast. The 2018 HOT ROD Power Tour anticipates more than 2,500 long-haul vehicles and over 4,000 "Long Haulers" on tour.

Day 5 of the tour comes to

Darlington Raceway on June 13 from noon to 7 p.m.

The 24th annual HOT ROD Power Tour will feature:

- Thousands of Hot Rods from all over the country and beyond on display
- Largest hot rod road trip in the world
- A colorful midway of mobile display rigs from more than 50 performance manufacturers and aftermarket specialists—view the latest innovations and get expert advice
- Motorsports celebrities
- Entertainment, games, and dozens of giveaways on the main stage

Economic Impact

The HOT ROD Power Tour brings significant impact to the economies of each of its tour stops. Hotels, restaurants, nightclubs, bars, gas stations, museums, local attractions, etc. will benefit as they play host to tour participants who are relaxed and enjoying the lifestyle of the ultimate hot rodding journey. The HOT ROD Power Tour annually attracts participants from around the world who plan for months or even years to make the trip, and they come prepared to make each stop a memorable experience.

J.L. Cain Elementary School May Day winners announced

J. L. Cain Elementary School held their annual May Day on Friday, May 4, 2018. Theme: "Reaching for the Stars" May Day Winners were: Miss Haylei Dixon was crowned "May Queen" 2018, she is the daughter of Ms. Tasheka Sawyer and Mr. Rashaun Chapman. Master Nathan Smith was crowned "May King" 2018 he is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jarrott Smith. Miss Hannah Tarlton was crowned "Little Miss" 2018, she is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tab Tarlton. Master Dreden Bethea was crowned "Little Master" 2018, he is the son of Ms. Denean Jessup. Miss Tanner Blackwell was crowned "Wee Miss" 2018, she is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Reed Blackwell. Master Christian English was crowned "Wee Master" 2018, he is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jason English.

Runner Up Queen Contestants were: Ke'Ari Keels, Kailyn Washington and Kayleigh Brown. Runner Up King Contestants were: Trevor Nealey, Alston Singletary and Landry Rogers.

May Queen Contestants were: Mariah Thomas, Jada Isaac, Carrie Maine, Kylee Shearon, Angelia Gainey, Nygeria Hickman, Ju'Kyerria Hudson, Chassidy Scott, Erin Douglas, Tianna James, Laughlin Warren, Laney



Left to right: Katelyn Washington, Landry Rogers, Alston Singletary, Dreden Bethea, Hannah Tarlton, Nathan Smith, Haylei Dixon, Tanner Blackwell, Christian, English, Kayleigh Brown, Jamiera Alford and Trevor Nealey. 2nd row: Mistress and Master of Ceremony: Madison Streater and Silvan Cook

Blackwell, Allajia Davis, Mar'khaya Berry, A'moni James, Wisdom Easterling, Jameria Alford, Akaylen Holmes, Markel'ya Berry, Bran'Daisha Thomas, Kasey Lopez Dela Cruz, Kaymeryn Mills and Chrislyn Hunter. May Day King Contestants were: Jonathan Carter, Colbee Smith, Zaylor Hatcher, Ayken Weaver, Johan Cox, Triston Kelley, James Warren, Lowell Tincher, and Aneudy Lopez Dela Cruz.

Entertainment was performed by each grade level. Miss

Madson Streater and Master Silvan Cook were the Mistresses & Master of Ceremony. Program Participants: Dy'Nira James, Lilly Davis, Megan McClain, TiMir Pearson, Ford Sturgill, Dajjiona Whitten, Javion Burgess, Levi Lewis, Treyvon James and Dailiyona Whitten.

May Day Committee Members: Barbara Franklin-Chairperson, Joyce Wingate, Diane Hancock, Bobbie Bynum, Keisha Lloyd, Carletta Anderson, Sarah Gandy and Dena Dowlings.



Master Nathan Smith & Miss Haylei Dixon - May Day King & Queen 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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SUMMONS AND SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT C/A#: 2017-CP-16-0879

Brenda F. Hickson, Plaintiff, vs. Lisa M. Herring, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscriber at 814 West Evans Street, Florence, South Carolina, 29501 within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and in case of the failure to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT On March 20, 2017, the parties were traveling in the same direction on a private drive near Lamar Highway. When the Plaintiff slowed before entering Lamar Highway, she was struck in the rear by the Defendant.

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Florence, South Carolina GARY I. FINKLEA Attorney for Plaintiff Finklea Law Firm 814 West Evans Street Florence, SC 29503 (843) 317-4900 (843) 317-4910 (fax) gfinklea@finklealaw.com (47c3 leave in thru 6-20-18)

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NOTICE OF SALE

C/A No: 2017-CP-16-00625 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC vs. Angela C. Moore aka Angela T. Cosom, I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on July 2, 2018 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being about one mile North of the City of Hartsville, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. Five (5), Block C of the Sherwood Forest Subdivision, according to plat thereof dated May 9, 1964, made by W. R. Banks, RLS, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 39 at Page 93, reference which plat is craved is forming a part of these presents; said lot being in the general shape of the trapezium and fronting on Robinhood Rd., and having the following metes and bounds:

NORTH: By Lot No. 4, Block C, for a distance of 201 feet, more or less; EAST: By Robinhood Rd., for a distance of 100 feet, more or less; SOUTH: By Lot No. 6, Block C, for a distance of 211 feet, more or less; and WEST: By the waters of Kilgo Mill Pond, for a distance of 100 feet, more or less. Together with all and singular, those lands lying within the extension of the Northern and Southern boundaries of said lot extending on the West to the run Kilgo Mill Pond. THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto Angela T. Cosom by virtue of a Deed from Drucilla Clemenger dated June 24, 2002 and recorded June 27, 2002 in Book D359 at Page 159 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina. 115 Robinhood Road Hartsville, SC 29550 TMS# 055-03-01-038 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 750/1000 (4.750%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice

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SPECIAL REFEREE'S SALE

CASE NO. 2017-CP-16-00625 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE HERETOFORE GRANTED IN THE case of United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture against Jamie Reynolds, I, the Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on Monday, July 2, 2018, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., at the Darlington County Courthouse, Darlington, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, lying, being and situate North of Darlington, in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being known and designated as Lot No. 3 as shown on a map of the Williams Estates Subdivision by Ervin Engineering Co., dated October 20, 1980 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 93 at page 19 and being generally bounded and described as follows, to wit: on the South by Beth Drive on which it fronts and measures 114.66 feet; on the West by Lot No. 4 on which it measures 198.27 feet; on the North by property n/f McCown Land on which it measures 165.03 feet; and on the East by Lot No. 2 on which it measures 179.81 feet, all as shown on plat prepared for Jamie Reynolds by Lind, Hicks, & Assoc. Surveyors, Inc., dated August 2, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 198 at page 630. This being the same property conveyed to Jamie Reynolds by Deed of A. Leslie McLellan a/k/a Alton Leslie McLellan dated August 30, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1034 at Page 9847. Property Address: 104 Beth Drive, Darlington, SC 29540 TMS # 144-03-01-003 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the

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Chamber to host free lunch and learn for veterans

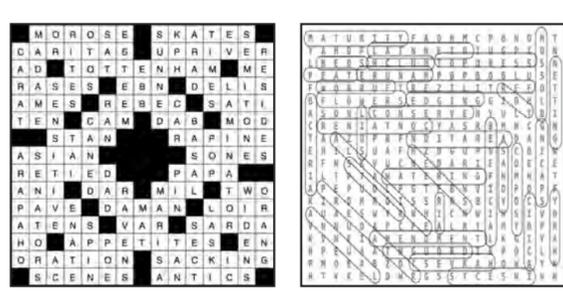
Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free Veteran Employment and Entrepreneurship Lunch and Learn for veterans on Friday, June 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Chamber's boardroom. The event will feature a presentation by two agencies who have programs specifically for veterans.

Bernard Moses, Veteran Representative, with the SC Department of Employment and Workforce will explain S.C. Works' programs geared to helping veterans find employment. Frank Anderson, Lender Relations Specialist, with the S.C. Small Business Administration will discuss veteran-owned business opportunities.

While the event is free to attend and open to the public, space is limited so registration is necessary. To register, interested veterans should contact the Chamber at 843-332-6401 or register online at www.hartsvillechamber.org.

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

Answers from 10A



Women in Philanthropy annual grant cycle now open

Applications for Women in Philanthropy's 10th annual grant cycle are now available. The deadline to apply will be July 2 at 5 pm. Applications can be downloaded from www.easterncarolinac.org

Grants from Women in Philanthropy are awarded to non-profit 501(c) 3 groups in the Pee Dee region with operating budgets under \$750,000, which support the needs of the underprivi-

leged in the community. Funds are given to programs that address an existing or emerging community need including health, nutrition and/or assistance to victims of violence, neglect or poverty.

Women in Philanthropy is a giving circle founded in 2009 that provides an opportunity for a group of caring and focused women to collectively learn about

philanthropic issues and address needs in the following Pee Dee counties: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg.

Membership is open to any woman who is interested in improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Pee Dee. Each member makes a financial contribution to the giving circle and votes to decide which organi-

zations are selected to receive grants.

Women in Philanthropy has awarded \$400,000 in its previous nine grant cycles and this year has set an ambitious goal to distribute \$100,000 so that it can claim the distinction of giving away one-half million dollars in the first ten years of its existence. For more information, call 843-667-1131.

2018 Screen on the Green season continues with Hidden Figures

Screen on the Green, the City of Hartsville's free series of summertime movies, will present Hidden Figures, sponsored by The Children's Group P.C., on June 23. The screening will take place in Burry Park, 131 Cargill Way.

Hidden Figures is the story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. The film is rated PG for thematic elements and some language.

The showing begins at dusk, 9:06 p.m. or later. Viewers are welcome to bring chairs and blankets if desired. In the event of rain, the showing will relocate to the Coach T.B. Thomas Sports Center at Byerly Park, located at 701 W Washington St in Hartsville.

Following this event,

Screen on the Green will continue throughout the rest of the summer with the following schedule:

- July 14 - Despicable Me 3 sponsored by Darlington Raceway

- July 28 - Jumanji (2017) sponsored by Darlington County Sheriff's Department and Darlington County Fire Department

- August 11 - Guardians of the Galaxy sponsored by Hartsville Police Department and Fire Department (Heroes Night Out special showing)

For more information about the Screen on the Green summertime movie series, call 843-917-0602. Follow Visit Hartsville, SC on Facebook to stay up to date on all events.



Mary Alice King, Board Chair with Verniell Hannibal, House Manager at DCDSNB

Hannibal named South Carolina's Direct Support Professional of the Year

The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) has named Verniell Hannibal South Carolina's Direct Support Professional of the Year. ANCOR is a national, non-profit trade association representing more than 1,400 private community providers of services to people with disabilities, and work to shape policy,

share solutions, and strengthen communities.

The Darlington County DSN Board is very proud of Verniell's level of commitment and standard of excellence that she provides to the people we support. Verniell has been an employee of DCDSNB for over 16 years. Mary Alice T. King, Board Chair presented Verniell with the award on May 29.

Scott on the Veterans Health Care Bill becoming law

U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) sent below statement after the President signed the VA Mission Act into law:

"After sacrificing so much throughout their military

careers, our veterans should have access to high quality care." Scott said. "The current VA healthcare program still has unacceptable wait times and falls short of providing the care

our veterans have both earned and deserve. The VA Mission Act is designed to fix current inefficiencies that will cut wait times, streamline services, and provide better care. It also

expands a much needed caregiver program. I was proud to vote for this important legislation last month and am incredibly grateful to see it become law today."



Scipio breaks school record for scholarship offers

By Melissa Rollins
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Throughout high school when Savoris Scipio thought about applying to college he always had one specific school in mind: the University of South Carolina-Columbia. Little did he know that he would exit high school having been accepted to more than five dozen colleges and universities.

Scipio was a member of the Mayo High School Class of 2018. He said that a running competition among the school's students led him to a record number of acceptance letters and scholarship offers.

"We have a competition to see who can get the most money and we wanted to beat last year," Scipio said. "I wanted to put my mark on beating the other class. The total was all of the money that I was eligible for at the schools I applied to. I was surprised because I didn't think it would be that big: \$4 million. I didn't think it would be anywhere near that."

Scipio said that he had a strategy when filling out applications.

"I mostly looked at schools that needed a fee waiver and I used my ACT fee waiver," he said. "Some didn't need fee waivers and I also applied for them, just to bring up my total. For some schools I was accepted but you had to go deeper into the application process to get to the scholarships."

Having been offered more than \$4 million in scholarships, Scipio carried a large part of his class's \$16.5 million total.

Even with 67 other choices, his dream school ended up being the perfect one for him.

"The University of South Carolina was the school that I've wanted to go to since ninth or tenth grade so I was more adamant about going there than anywhere else; I had my

scope set on that," Scipio said. "I knew that they had a bunch of stuff in the arts and I wanted to do graphic design so I started looking at that. They also have a great music program and I want to minor in music. Either one I decide on, I'll be in a great program."

Scipio said that his family was excited for all the opportunities he was offered and was happy that he will be venturing out on his own in Columbia.

"My family was very excited for me," Scipio said. "They didn't know the exact total (scholarships or schools) so when that came out they were very surprised. My mom is okay with me venturing out as long as I know that if I need anything I can always come to her. She feels, and I feel too, that college teaches you to be on your own. It is a learning process and if I need anything mom is there, dad is there, grandma and grandpa are there to back you up. It isn't a hard thing, it is just getting used to it and adapting to the culture of college. My sister went to Francis Marion so if I need anything she is always there."

While intending to major in graphic design, he is wide open to any career options that come his way.

"I would like to do anything and everything with graphic design; I love everything with Photoshop, Adobe Suites, Illustrator."

Scipio said that his advice for incoming freshman would be to find out who they are rather than being who others want them to be.

"It is going to be hard but they'll find what they want to do and who exactly they are," Scipio said. "They don't have to base their opinions off of other people. The more they go through high school, they'll find out who they are, what they want to do and how they are going to carry that on in other people's lives."

Car club holds annual car show



The Darlington Cruisers Car Club will present their annual Cruise-In at Joe's Grill this Saturday. The car show at Joe's Grill has been a Darlington Tradition since 1992.

Registration is 8 a.m. until noon. Trophies will be awarded at 1 p.m. First, second and third place trophies will be given in nine classes; dash plaques given to first 100

entries. Registration is \$10 per car. T-shirts will be for sale featuring last year's winning car, a classic 1948 Ford Coupe owned by Mark Mangum. The Darlington Cruisers thank each

sponsor that has made this event a success for over a quarter of a century. Joe's Grill is located at 306 Russell Street in Darlington.

Clemson's 'Making It Grow' gardening show wins four Tellys

SUMTER - The Emmy Award-winning "Making It Grow" gardening show has more Telly Awards to add to its slate of accolades.

Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service's Amanda McNulty, Sean Flynn and the rest of the crew of "Making It Grow" received four prestigious Telly Awards this year, bringing the total Telly Awards for the show to 19 since 2000.

The live, interactive "Making It Grow" show is produced by South Carolina ETV and Clemson University. McNulty said winning these awards is an honor for the show's crew.

"Our most important mission is to help people use environmentally sustainable methods and still be successful in growing plants," McNulty said. "To do that we emphasize identifying the problem before taking action — is it an insect or a disease? — and choosing the correct method of controlling it."

"By encouraging our viewers to make careful choices in selecting plants, in placing them properly in their landscape or garden and using thoughtful cultural practices, we help them reduce plant stress, which results in healthier plants more resistant to pests," she said. "We are honored and excited our team was chosen by peers in the industry to receive these awards."

Flynn, who has produced the show since 1999, agreed.

"One aspect that I am really thrilled about is that we won in four different categories," Flynn said. "That speaks to the wide variety of topics we highlight and to the overall quality in covering different subject matter. This is great recognition for the entire team."

The "Making It Grow" team this year won a silver award in

the General-How-To/DIY for Television category for the show How to Make Pine Cone Zinnias. This show demonstrated how to use pine cones to create zinnias for a number of decorations. In the show, Rebecca Turk, director of education and events at Moore Farms Botanical Garden, shows McNulty how fun and simple it is. Turk also shares tips she has learned and different ways these tips can be used. Other crew members who made the show a success were Flynn, Mark Adams and Craig Ness.

"Making It Grow" brought home a bronze award in the General-Education for Television category for The Pawpaw Patch show. In this show, McNulty travels to Clemson's Musser Fruit Research Center, where she talks with Greg Reighard, a professor of plant and environmental sciences, about how pawpaws are an excellent food source. Pawpaws exceed apples, peaches and grapes in most vitamins, minerals, amino acids and food energy value. The intense tropical flavor and aroma may also be useful for developing processed food products such as blended fruit drinks, baby food, ice creams and others. In addition to McNulty and Flynn, other crew members involved in shooting this show were Tommy Burgess and Steve Yountz.

The team received another bronze award, in the General-Cultural for Television category, for The Jamestown Foundation



show. In this show, which was developed after a suggestion by Alma Harris, executive director of the State Extension Advancement Council, McNulty travels to Jamestown in the Mars Bluff Community of Florence and talks with Terry James about The Jamestown Foundation. The Jamestown settlement was founded in 1870 by Ervin James, a former slave. Ervin wanted to leave his family with land ownership rather than a legacy of slavery and sharecropping. Five years after the Civil War, during the Reconstruction Era, Ervin bought more than 200 acres of land near the Pee Dee River. From 1870 to present day, the land is still owned by the descendants of Ervin James. Joining McNulty for this show were crew members Burgess, Flynn and Ness.

The third bronze award for

the group's show The James Beard Dinner won in the General-Documentary: Individual for Television category. In the show, McNulty visits City Roots Farm in Columbia, where local chefs and dishes are featured at the James Beard Foundation Dinner. McNulty talks with managing partners Vanessa Driscoll Bialobreski and Kristian Niemi as they prepare for the event. John Nelson, chief curator of the A.C. Moore Herbarium at the University of South Carolina and a regular guest on "Making It Grow," also is featured in this segment. In addition to McNulty, other crew members involved with this show were Burgess, Flynn and Ness.

"Making It Grow" airs at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on SCETV and on taped-delay at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3:30 p.m. Saturdays on the South Carolina Channel.



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Down South: Chinaberry's Rise & Fall

By Tom Poland

A lovely shade tree, I played beneath its canopy; rolled its berries in my palm. It stood seven yards beyond an old hand-dug well. I sucked nectar from delicate tubes in yellow-green tangles of fragrant honeysuckle just beyond the tree. Little did I know Mom and Dad considered that perfumed vine a pest. They tried and tried to get rid of it. Nothing worked until Granddad Poland brought in goats. They chewed it right to the ground and into oblivion.

Circa 1956, unlike today's digital-dependent kids, I lived in a green world of trees, vines, and grass, and of all the trees in my boyhood, that shade tree, an old chinaberry, looms large, and now, lo and behold, I hear it's a pest. My chinaberry's an invasive? A nuisance?

"Oh shut your mouth, Little China Girl." Say it ain't so.

Well, it's so. Like a bank robber in the Old West, it's wanted. Bugwood Blog of the University of Georgia's Center for Invasive Species requests we report chinaberries' location. Times sure do change; once upon a time Southerners rolled out the welcome mat for chinaberries. I mentioned this to a Southern woman, Dreamcatcher, and days later she sent me a message.

"Every old Southern homeplace boasted at least one chinaberry tree. But like most old Southern cultures it has been erased from our history. Why? The answer is surprising.

We are mandated by our government to not only be tolerant of but to embrace cultures and ideas that differ from ours. Yet our government dictates that plant species that are not native to our area are inherently evil and must be eradicated. Life in the backwoods was tough to say the least.

Everything had a purpose. The chinaberry tree, aka poor mans shade tree, aka umbrella tree, was very important to a working farm. It provided shade around the homesite. The leaves were used in the dog pen to prevent fleas. The pulp in the berry was used to make a healing salve for sores on cattle. Berries were fed to hogs to prevent worms. The ladies of the house would string the berry seed to make jewelry. You, my sweet chinaberry tree, worked hard for us in the backwoods but now you must die. Such is progress."

Dreamcatcher continues, offering a warning: "Look out honeybees. You were imported from Europe. The Native Americans called you 'White man flies.' The natives said white men made everything work, even the flies. Who knows, you may be next to be considered evil. You just never know what the powers to be decide."

She makes a point. Man, the hypocrite, sets himself apart from nature. We have standards

for other living things but they don't apply to us. But what about that nettlesome chinaberry? How did it get here? From southeastern China it came to and through the ports of Charleston and Savannah where it commenced to spread across the South. Our legendary, some would say notorious, summers, made it a hero. Long before air conditioning was on the drawing board, people valued chinaberries for their shade. Even so, that didn't keep writers like William Faulkner from associating chinaberries with plain old poor folks like the hardworking widow, Mrs. Littlejohn.

"From Mrs. Littlejohn's kitchen the smell of frying ham came. A noisy cloud of sparrows swept across the lot and into a chinaberry tree beside the house, and in the high soft vague blue swallows stooped and swirled in erratic indecision, their cries like strings plucked at random."—The Hamlet.

Well, poor folks needed shade, too.

As for being eradicated, chinaberries are still out there. A tough tree it is. Drought tolerant, pest and disease resistant, and fast growing, it's hung in there. Resisting man's edicts, now, that's a different matter. No longer is it "exotic;" it's invasive. Like some smeared politician, it lost its support. Well, all that's fine and dandy but what really turned public opinion against the chinaberry was the flick of a switch. Air conditioning. People laud loyalty as an admirable quality but let a new way come along and they'll throw an old practice into the ditch. "Video killed the radio star," and air conditioning killed the chinaberry. Why sit beneath a tree when newfangled machines filled with Freon chill the air. Farewell chinaberry. You gave us homemade necklaces and never needed fossil fuels.

Today, when I stand in Mom's backyard I still see that tree. It stood where a cyclone fence edges a cascading water feature; koi once idled time away where honeysuckle once tangled up our yard. "Once" is the key word. Lot of changes since 1956. Got city water now. The old hand-dug well is capped off. I used to stare over its edge and watch water trickle in from the east as ripples reflected the sky.

Circa 1961 a windstorm gust blew out the chinaberry's top; split it asunder. Men cut it down. The dog-gone fragrant honeysuckle was no more, goat-gone. Today, a deck stands where a beautiful shrub with lavender-purple trumpet-like blooms grew. Gone. Just to its side that big chinaberry ruled the sky. Long gone but its ghostly memories tell me something. Chances are my childhood home was once the site of an old homeplace. Maybe that's why my parents chose to build there in the first place. Good shade.

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By Bill Shepard

The car I was driving was headed in the direction of the school where I was employed as a teacher. The time was out of a time long past. Sitting by my side was my wife, also a teacher at the same school, sitting in the back seat of the car were our three children, all headed to the same school. We felt fortunate that we were able to all be at the same school each day. When the day ended, we would travel back home together. We felt that we were a blessed family in that we were together for so much of that time.

We never engaged in the social activities of the school. I never gave thought that the children might like to take part in any of those activities. I was a busy church pastor and that meant that we were in church every Sunday morning and night and then on Wednesday nights. Often, there were folk in my church that were in need of a visit from their pastor, due to sickness or other problems. At this particular time of which I write, my church was a good 30-mile-drive from my home. Much time was spent driving to and from my church. On each occasion, the entire family was along. We were indeed a busy family on the move. I was considered to be a good teacher and pastor, and on my way to a successful career in both fields of labor. I never gave thought to the ambitions and desires of the other members of my household. Of course, I never heard any complaints from them!

Early one spring morning, we were on our way to school; our usual day had begun. The two small boys that lived near us and often visited had made

a visit on the day before. It seemed that the boys and their dad had been on a fishing trip the day before. They were sharing their experience with my boys. As we drove along our way, I overheard a conversation that has caused me regrets many times since. The younger of my two sons was speaking, "I wish Daddy would take us fishing sometime." The older of the two spoke, "Don't ask Daddy to take us fishing, he doesn't have time, he's too busy."

My heart ached inside me; the words too busy and doesn't have time cut deeply inside me and played over and over in my mind. I saw my selfish self. I had neglected my own children while following my own ambitions on the road to success! That one line, "Daddy doesn't have time" had found their target.

When school ended that day, I went straight to town. I purchased a cane fishing pole for each member of my family and the supplies needed. In the following weeks, we became a fishing family at least one afternoon a week. When summer came and school was out, we visited a nearby lake for a time of fishing and togetherness. Beautiful memories were made and now the children are grown and have families of their own, but I hold the memories that warm my heart when they appear.

What about you, Dad? You that are reading this. Are you spending enough time with your children? It has been said that the American fathers spend an average of 12 minutes a day with their children! Reason? Too busy. Could that be the reason that so many children are reported as going astray? If you are too busy, don't wait until you hear those

words from one of your own. Hear them now! If you are too busy for time with your children, you are too busy! Happy Father's Day! Bill

My Dad

I get to thinking a lot of times,
About back when I was a lad,
Of the place I lived with my brothers and sisters,
And about my Mom and my Dad.

I think of the place where I grew up,
The small house by the railroad track,
Of the boys and girls who'd come to our home,
It seemed there was never a lack

My dad had a pig and sometimes a cow,
And chickens we always had,

My oldest brother had a dog and I had a cat,
And that's about all we had!
My dad worked hard in the cotton mill,
And he never had much time for fun,

But I was always glad when the whistle would blow
And I would know my dad's work was done.

He'd come home, all tired from his work,
And his clothes would be wringing wet,
And I'd climb on his knee and hug his neck,
You see, I was my daddy's pet.

He worked hard, my dad, for the things he got,
But patience was a virtue he had,
And he took life's bangs with an even stride,
And smile with the good

and bad.

He never had much of this world's goods,
Never acquired much wealth or fame,
But throughout the village where he lived,
People respected his name.

He was true to his word, as people should be,
He was honest as the days were long,
He owed no man, although he was poor,
And he faced life's troubles with a song.

He left to his children no silver nor gold,
For wealth seemed to pass him by,
But he left far more in the example he set,
The life he lived before our eyes.

My dad's not here, he's long been gone,
But his memory still lingers near,
And I cherish the moments we shared on this earth,
And seldom a day I don't wish he was here.

He's gone the way that all men must go,
But his life was very well spent,
And I pray each day as I go on my way,
That in Heaven someday we shall meet.

---Bill

Mr. Shepard is a native of Darlington, S.C., and has been sharing his tales of growing up in Darlington for decades, and we are delighted to share them each week. His mailing address for cards and letters is: Bill Shepard 324 Sunny Lane, Piedmont, S.C. 29673.

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Dad Doesn't Have Time

OPED LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library Branch Manager was a positive leader with exciting ideas

Recently I dropped by the library to give the branch manager, Mrs. Gwen Robinson, an update on the health of one of the members of the band I'm in. We're scheduled to play at the library and talk about the history of Bluegrass music.

After asking could I speak to her, I was told that she was no longer with the library. What? Why? That surprising news made no sense to me; it still doesn't. Still don't have an answer. I've known Gwen Robinson since 2006. We met when she worked at the Society Hill Library, and I've always found her to be a really nice

person, dedicated to her work, and a valuable asset to the Darlington County Library system.

After she became the Darlington branch manager, many positive and exciting changes happened. The library now has more educational and fun things going on - and not just for the kids, but for adults too!

So to just quit, to walk away from a job that she loved and was really good at without giving anyone a logical reason, doesn't sound like something Gwen would do.

As a member of Friends of the Library, let me encourage the other members, and patrons that know Mrs. Robinson, to speak up and let it be known that we would like to see her back at her job doing what she does better than anyone else.

Francis Parnell
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County

Continued from 1A

At County Council's May 7 meeting, vice chair Le Flowers proposed that all funding be stripped from the Hartsville Center Theater (\$8,500), that \$1,500 be added to funding for the Butler Heritage Foundation (bringing their funding to \$4,000), and the remaining \$7,000 be split between the Lamar Egg Scramble Jamboree, the Darlington Pilot Club Sweet Potato Festival, and the Society Hill Catfish Festival, giving each an additional \$2,333. Each of those community festivals already receives \$3,000 from county Hospitality Tax revenues.

Council members Lewis Brown and David Coker both voted against the amendment, with the balance of Council voting in favor and Chairman Bobby Hudson abstaining. Brown noted that

Accommodations Tax rules state that the funds are meant to fund tourism activities which bring in overnight guests from over fifty miles away, and applicants are meant to provide the committee with data verifying that their event meets this qualification.

Tinney argued that committee members carefully studied the state guidelines for A-Tax disbursements, heard presentations from applicants, and received hotel-booking data, which informed their decision-making.

"I realize that as Council members, you have not attended these meetings, but you can imagine there are individuals, groups, and organizations that while promoting very worthwhile events for their community – and their community only – do not meet the state's requirements as to awarding limited funds for tourism," said Tinney. "Events that

promote Darlington County tourism, with guests staying overnight in our hotels and inns, should be the only recipients."

Attorney Gene Warr also addressed Council and asked that they consider lowering fees for building permits. Warr claimed that Darlington County's permitting fees are now the highest in the state and are so prohibitive that they may actually be deterring new housing starts.

"When (a prospective home builder) is told that their building permit fee for a nice home is going to be \$3,500 to \$4,000 versus building it in Florence County where it's \$900 to \$1,000, it's a factor in their decision," Warr said.

Darlington County Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 2 at 6 p.m. Unless otherwise stated, the meeting should take place in the Courthouse Annex located at 1625 Harry Byrd Hwy in Darlington.

Club

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Though the Darlington Garden Club is small, with about 20 members at present, their rates of involvement and participation are fairly high. Recently, 14 members participated in Celebrate National

Garden Week. Ten members distributed plants and flowers to businesses around the Public Square (including Tenampa, Wells Fargo, Jeweler's Bench, Bella Domani, Dedicated Community Bank, Carolina Bank, Merle Norman, Jewel's, the Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce, and Fahrenheit 225. Also, special National Garden Week Flags

were placed by the benches around the Public Square and on the grounds of the Darlington County Courthouse.

The Darlington Garden Club is always looking for new members, so if you'd like to find out more about upcoming projects or learn how to join in, please call Lou Kirchen at 843-610-0959.

Darlington

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and hereby are, levied and imposed charges and/or taxes as hereinafter provided. That every person, firm, company or corporation engaged in any business, trade or profession (except teachers and ministers of the Gospel), hereinafter mentioned, shall obtain, during the month of January, 2018 a license therefore before entering upon such calling, business, profession or occupation as hereinafter provided."

Speaking outside of his capacity as city manager, Garland addressed council and the community regarding the passing of Bobby Ross.

"We had a passing of a Darlingtonia recently; his name was Bobby Ross,"

Garland said. "He was a friend to many. If you didn't know him, he loved Darlington and wanted what was best for Darlington. For over 20 years he has espoused something called the Darlington Central Park South, which would be a walking, hiking and biking trail that would encompass the entire city of Darlington. Since Mr. Ross has passed now I just don't want folks to forget his dream of bringing our town together through a walking, hiking and biking trail. I would hope that mayor and council, whether it's this mayor and council or a future mayor and council, would name part, or all, of that trail for Mr. Ross."

During the meeting, Mayor Gloria Hines presented Howard Nettles from Genesis Health Care with a key to the city for all of his

work helping to beautify the city.

Mayor Hines also recognized June 3-9 as National Garden Week in Darlington, signing a proclamation that reads in part:

"Whereas, gardeners help nurture Darlington's natural beauty and resources by planting seeds and caring for plants..."

Whereas, gardens help promote a healthy lifestyle and reduce stress while serving as a tangible reminder of the rewards of hard work..

I, Gloria C. Hines...proclaim June 3-9, 2018 as Garden Week throughout the City of Darlington and encourage all citizens to recognize our gardeners for their contributions that positively impact our communities and the quality of life for our residents."



Darlington Mayor Gloria Hines and Howard Nettles. Photo by Melissa Rollins

Voting

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This back room area offers set-up and work stations where Campbell and his staff can prepare and service voting machines. Pick up and drop off of machines is now more convenient, since the new building has a driveway that leads right to the side entrance – a feature that will surely be appreciated by hard-working poll volunteers who have to lug 181 heavy plastic-cased voting computers to 32 precincts all over the county.

Those computers, put into service in 2005, are nearing the end of their usable years. Campbell says that in the 2020 elections, a new federal law will require each vote to leave a printed paper trail and provide receipts for voters, and this means new voting machines will be needed. Hopefully, says



Director Hoyt Campbell and staffers of Darlington County Elections and Registrations have moved into their new building at 135 Cashua Street

Campbell, the bulk of the upgrade cost will be paid by the federal and state government. This was the case in 2005, where those two entities shared the cost and passed no expense along to Darlington County.

The Darlington County Office of Elections and Registrations is located at 131 Cashua Street in Darlington, and the new building is right next door at 135 Cashua Street. For more information, call 843-398-4900.

Summer activities in Darlington

Darlington City Swim

115 Gary Street
Pool hours to be announced

arts and crafts

Free station-to-station introduction to swim lessons for children ages 5-18. Lessons will take place June 18-21 from 10:30 -11:20 a.m. June 22 will be a rain make-up day. Lessons will be at the BP Gandy Pool, 115 Gary Street in Darlington. Participants must pre-register with the Darlington Recreation Department. Lessons are free and an adult must accompany children under 12. For more information call 843-398-4700.

Back to School Bash
August 7 at 10 a.m. at Welch Stadium

Tuesday and Thursday 1-4:30 p.m.
Basketball free play for ages 13 and under At Harmon Baldwin Gymnasium
Friday 1-3 p.m.
Movie Day

Fall Softball Registration will be held Aug. 1-31
Registration for regular season football and cheerleading is June 18-Aug. 2

Summer Camps

First Baptist Basketball Camp

(ages 7-14)
July 9-12 Free (Register by noon July 5 to receive a t-shirt)

DHS Basketball Camp

(ages 9-12)
July 16-19
9-11 a.m.
\$25 Register by July 13

Dance Camp

Ages 3-10
June 6-29

Baseball Clinic at Blue Street

Ages 9-11
June 25-27
9-11 a.m.
\$35 Register by June 22

Camp SAM (football)

July 16-19
6-8 p.m.
\$30 Register by July 9 for t-shirt

AWS Gymnasium

100 Magnolia Street

Mondays—Reading and Writing 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays—Kickball or Soccer 10-11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays-- Reading and Writing or Arts and Craft 10-11:30 a.m.

Thursdays — Educational/Inspirational Speaker 10-11:30 a.m.

Fridays—Movie day at Rec. Dept 1-3 p.m. (Kids will need to sign a permission slip two days prior to movie day to ride the bus from AWS to the Rec. Dept.) Call 843-398-4030 for more information.

Summer Trips

June 15 Piratesville Water Park \$15

June 31 Fishing at Lake Darpo Free

July 12 Adventure Museum \$15

Aug. 3 Tour of the Darlington Fire Dept. Free

For kids ages 8-14

All trips will depart from Darlington Recreation at 10 a.m. Kids must bring lunch money and have a signed waiver.

Harmon Baldwin Center

Summer Free Play Hours

Monday-Wednesday 1-4:30
Organized free play (dodgeball, volleyball, board games,

Swimming at the Darlington Gandy Pool

March

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But I loved it. I met so many different people and it was just great."

She plans to double major in African-American Studies and Women's Studies with a minor in Political Science.

"A few years ago I went to the museum for civil rights in Atlanta with my church during the summer," March said. "It really surprised me because there were so many things I didn't know about African-American history, like

the accomplishments of women, because we're not really taught that in depth in school. We learn about the Civil Rights Movement but we don't really learn about anything else. I really found out a lot of different things about people of color and their different accomplishments and even about equal rights for different types of people like Native Americans. That really sparked my passion for history and African-American history and women's history. I decided to double-major and have a minor because there are a lot of things that I'm interested in, in the liberal arts field."

She plans to be become a college professor.

"I was going to focus on African-American studies but some professors dabble in a few different types of course; I'd like to do that," March said.

Her high school activities included National Honor Society, Beta Club, Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Living Out Loud Youth Ministry. The total amount of scholarship money offered to March from all the universities and colleges she was accepted to was \$1,187,512.

CITY OF DARLINGTON PUBLIC NOTICE



Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that Darlington City Council will hold a public hearing on the Municipal budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers of City Hall
400 Pearl Street

Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue 2018-2019	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$8,894,649	\$9,115,846	+2.48%	125 mills
Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures 2018-2019	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Estimated Millage for 2018-2019
\$8,410,733	\$9,115,846	+8.38%	131.4125

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Bobby and Wanda Marlowe

DARLINGTON- A memorial service for Bobby and Wanda Marlowe was held on Sunday, June 10th at 2 p.m. in Community Free Will Baptist Church, 108 W Clarke Rd Florence.

Bobby was born July 25, 1953 and died on June 1, 2018. He was son of the late Lavern and Doris Marlowe. Bobby was in the automobile sales business and enjoyed working on classic cars and trucks. Wanda was born November 11, 1956 and died on May 24, 2018. She was the daughter of the late Curtis and Lucy Poston Bailey. She was a loving mother and devoted housewife, who also helped her husband at the car lot. They are survived by their children, Bobbie J. Brown, Reginald A. Brown, Michelle A. West and Kenny West, and grandchildren: Johnathan Wayne Privette, Doris Marie Privette, Kenneth

Craig West, Bobby Alexander West, Christopher Logan West, four great-grandchildren and many other extended family members.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com

Peter Windham

LAMAR - Ted "Peter" Windham, age 68, passed away Monday, June 4, 2018. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Friday, June 8 at Christian Pathway Church. Burial followed in Lamar Memorial Cemetery. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Belk Funeral Home in Lamar.

Born April 4, 1950, Peter is the son of the late Clarence C. Windham and Mattie Marie Watford Windham. He was a lifelong farmer and worked on his family farm. Peter enjoyed gardening, attending his grandchildren's ballgames, riding in his truck, and visiting his

favorite places to go for breakfast and dinner. He attended Christian Pathway Church in Lamar.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Kathy Atkinson Windham; his son, Rodney Ted (Danielle) Windham; his daughter, Jennifer (David) Windham Cribb, all of Lamar; grandchildren, Braxton (Heather) Windham, Brittany Windham, Megan Cribb, David Cribb, Emily Cribb, L.J. Mack, Laylah Mack, Amia Windham, and Amani Windham; great-grandchildren, Blayden Windham and Sadie Bell; brothers, Willie James (Mahala) Windham, John B. Windham, Shot (Linda) Windham, and Carl (Cindy) Windham; sisters, Ruby (Ray) Bailey, Clarice (Benny) Clifton, Mary Alice (Leon) Shoemake, and Mattie (Ray) Poston.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Clarence "Bud" Windham, Harold Windham, Ned Windham; his sisters, Edith Atkinson and Clara Virginia Atkinson.

Memorials may be made to Christian Pathway Church, PO Box 757 Lamar, SC 29069.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Donald Thompson, Senior

Donald L. Thomspson, Sr., age 84, departed this life on Friday, June 8, 2018, to be with the Lord and his late wife, Joyce Gandy Thompson. He will be greatly missed by family and friends, as they meant so much to him.

Donald was born April 8, 1934 in Rock Hill, SC son of the late Johnny Lynn Thompson and Esther Louise Lowery Thompson. He retired from Wellman Industries after being a Training Instructor for many years. He was a member of Temple Free Will Baptist Church.

He leaves behind two daughters, Linda F. Thompson and Patricia Weatherby, a son, Donald Jr. and his wife Becky, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in the chapel of Belk Funeral Home at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of SC, 401 N 5th St, Hartsville, SC 29550.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com

LIVING ON PURPOSE
Wisdom and knowledge are two different things

By Dr. William Holland

When it comes to having spiritual wisdom, it's not how much we know but how much we understand. It's one thing to have bags of information seeds stacked up in the barn of our mind, but more importantly, how many seeds have been planted and nurtured to take root within our heart? The devil and all of his helpers have worlds of spiritual knowledge but they do not allow it to penetrate their conscience and change who they are. Likewise, humans can also learn and accumulate information and then select what they believe because each person has been given the gift of free will. So, when it comes to spiritual knowledge, just because we read about how to live a victorious Christian life does not mean we will automatically be converted into a victorious overcomer. We must absorb His Word through our brain and into our spirit all the while learning how to surrender our will and discipline our flesh. Whew! These powder-puff sermons about strolling through life enjoying the overflowing storehouses of blessings are deceiving, to say the least. In reality, the true Christian life is not easy. In fact, the more serious we become the more difficult it will be. If we are genuinely born again, our spirit is connected with God's Spirit and we have a wonderful opportunity to channel His energy into our being. If we can prevent our old corrupt nature from talking us out of it, we can be saved from ourselves but it's going to take a burning passion and a total commitment. Being a follower of Jesus means we are accepting a golden opportunity to transform the way we think, which will literally change who we are.

Persistence and stubbornness can be good if we can incorporate them into following Christ. Yes, being stubborn for God can be considered as faith, however, being stubborn against God is an attitude of rebellion. He appreciates and blesses us for being persistent but when He tells us no and we still keep pushing forward, we have fallen into disobedience and rebellion. There have been times in my life when I did not know whether to stop believing or to keep proceeding. Have you ever felt that way? I've had doors slammed in my face and my share of disappointment, but I kept knocking even to the point of trying to force them open with a bulldozer. To say the least, this is not always the right way to proceed. Maybe God never intended for them to open and our demolition attitude just makes a huge mess including the misery and discouragement from resentment and confusion. To understand if the dark-side is working against us or if the Lord is directing us we need discernment, which comes from seeking God's still small voice with all of our heart.

It's also important to make sure we know our direction. Pray and research thoroughly before you move. If you are standing in a crossroad and not sure where to go, do something positive while you are waiting for His confirmation. If you've been praying for a long time and have not heard anything, I once heard someone say, "while waiting for a door to open, praise Him in the hallway." If you are really serious, you can declare a personal fast in order to become more spiritually sensitive. There is no need to broadcast this on social media or tell everyone you see. By the way, fasting is not always just about food but can be the denial of other activities along with dedicating quiet time alone with Him. When you discover all of the basic fundamentals and requirements that are associated with your goals, you may realize you are simply not ready to proceed with your goals at this time or maybe not at all. Yes, God can move mountains but He does not put the cart before the horse or force you to cooperate. He can influence others, give you favor, and present opportunities but most of the time, it's our diligence and perseverance that helps us to be in the position to press forward. He is preparing a path for you behind the scenes that can utilize your strengths and will be a perfect fit for you. However, our obedience and patience are critical factors as we follow His plans and not our own.

Dr. Holland is a Christian minister, author, and community outreach, chaplain. Read more at billyhollandministries.com

Furman University holds 2018 graduation exercises

GREENVILLE -- Furman University awarded 623 undergraduate and master's degrees and presented its top academic honors during graduation exercises Saturday, May 5 in Paladin Stadium. Nicole H. Hyman, daughter of W. Carole Holloway and Mal J. Hyman of Hartsville was among the graduates. The Scholarship Cup, given to the outstanding scholars of the senior class, was awarded to Nikita Girish Deshpande, a neuroscience major from Simpsonville, and

Carol Ann Lewis, a mathematics major from Greer. The Donaldson-Watkins and the Bradshaw-Feaster Medals for General Excellence are awarded each year by the faculty to outstanding senior graduates. Deshpande received the Donaldson-Watkins Medal, while the Bradshaw-Feaster Medal was awarded to Noah Carroll Zimmerman, a philosophy and politics and international affairs major from Camden. The university also presented the Alester

G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman awards for meritorious teaching and advising. The teaching awards went to William A. Ranson, professor of earth and environmental sciences, and Lynne P. Shackelford, professor of English. The advising awards were presented to Erin R. Hahn, associate professor of psychology, and Derek J. Parsons, professor of music. The Meritorious Award for Diversity and Inclusion was presented to Allyson Brown, director of diversity and transfer

recruitment, and Scott Salzman, associate librarian. Frances Ligler, a 1972 Furman graduate and the Lampe Distinguished Professor in the UNC/NC State Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering, served as commencement speaker. She was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree. The student speaker was graduate Lexie Harvey, a politics and international affairs major from Brentwood, Tennessee.

CHURCH NEWS

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Church Softball Tournament

The Lamar Ministerial Alliance invites churches to come hit a home run for Jesus. Saturday June 16 starting at noon. This church softball tournament will be held at the Lamar Recreational Field next to Spauling Middle School. It will be a day of fellowship, fun and free food. For more information call Pastor C.E. Carraway 843-230-3467 or Pastor SV Thompson 843-861-0690. Bring your lawn chairs and get ready to play Softball or just watch.

Fatherhood Day

June 16th from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Downtown Darlington on the Square.

Fathers bring your sons. We are asking all men of all ages to come and celebrate Father's Day. There will be men's clothes drives and an all men's public Bible study. We will give away 100 Bibles and have refreshments will be served. For more information please call 843-251-3083

First Presbyterian Hartsville VBS

Our Vacation Bible School will be June 18-22 with the theme "Clean Water for All God's Children," a curriculum developed by Living Waters for the World. Our focus for the week is to enable children to understand the importance of clean water for health and to show them ways to share in the mission of taking clean water to all the children of the world. First Presbyterian Church is located at 213 West Home Ave. For more information, call 843-332-3622

Baptist Association Health Committee Meeting

Woman's Pee Dee District Department of the Pee Dee Baptist Association Health Committee will meet June 18 at 5:30 p.m. Florence County Library's Stukes Meeting Room. Health Care Workers, Professionals and Educators are encouraged to attend this meeting to represent your church on the District Health Committee.

VBS 2018

St. Luke United Methodist Church in Hartsville will hold their Vacation Bible School June 18-22. The theme is Rolling River Rampage. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, call 843-332-6571.

First Baptist Church VBS

First Baptist Church, 216 S. Main Street in Darlington, will hold their Vacation Bible School June 18-21 with the theme Game On. For more information, call 843-393-2874.

Kelleytown Baptist Church VBS

Kelleytown Baptist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School June 18-21 with the theme Game On. The church is located at 2609 Kelleytown Rd in Hartsville. For more information, call 843-332-8092

Central Baptist VBS

Game On! Vacation Bible School will be held July 29-August 1 from 6-8:30 p.m. nightly. The program is for children ages 3K - 5th grade. As kids get ready for the big game, they will learn that the goal is not competing in their own strength because God has already equipped them with everything they need! Registration will be held July 29

at 5:45 p.m. Central Baptist Church is located at 512 Spring Street, Darlington. For more information call 843-393-8581 or email: cbcdarlington@bell-south.net.

Prayer Service

St. James will hold a Noon Day Prayer Service every Wednesday. Please join us or give your prayer requests to Judy Alexander.

Bible Study

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

Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line

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

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

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

Lawson Grove Baptist Church

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

Black Creek Baptist Church

Black Creek Baptist Church, located 139 Mont Clare Road, Dovesville, announces their hours: Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11a.m. Worship Services and 6 p.m. Evening Worship. Wednesday: 6:30 Adult Bible Study; Youth Bible Study, Children (Children In Action) 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Covenant Baptist Church

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

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries

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

The Lord Cares

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



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.

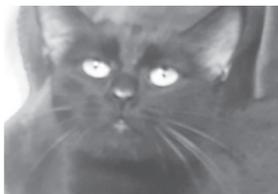
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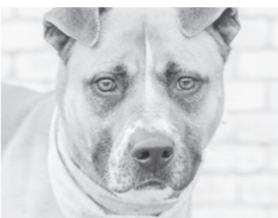
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PETS OF THE WEEK



Odetta is a beautiful, "sleek velvet" who is classically always in style with her black solid jacket! This sweet, playful, young lady loves being picked up and held for short periods of time and then it's time to head off and go and do. Odetta plays with other cats and co-exists with dogs. 1 yr old; DSM; female



Pablo is slam dunk, sweet and fabulous. This larger framed fellow is big but oh, don't tell him. He thinks any lap is the perfect lap for him to recline in. An excellent choice to share his new life with other dogs, Pablo has a lot of curb appeal with his super size grin, softly freckled white socks and the ever sashaying and broad reaching tail. Never pushy or overbearing, this big guy is really a gentle giant all dressed up in a handsome Shepard suit! 58lbs; 1-2yrs; shep mix; male

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

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

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.

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

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

Diva 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

June 2018

Society Hill Town Council Meeting

The Society Hill Town Council will hold their monthly meeting June 13. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Darlington City Swim

Free station-to-station introduction to swim lessons for children ages 5-18. Lessons will take place June 18-21 from 10:30 -11:20 a.m. June 22 will be a rain make-up day. Lessons will be at the BP Gandy Pool, 115 Gary Street in Darlington. Participants must pre-register with the Darlington Recreation Department. Lessons are free and an adult must accompany children under 12. For more information call 843-398-4700. This program is limited to the first 50 people to sign up.

Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington.
 For information, call 843-

398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

Darlington County Airport Commission

June 21, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

Local Work Group

The annual Darlington county local work group meeting will be held 9 a.m. June 26 at 300 Russell street, Darlington room 207 (upstairs kitchen). Meetings are open to the public. For more info call 843-393-0483.

Freedom Fest

This family-friendly event is back at Darlington Raceway June 30 for the annual Independence Day celebration. The event, presented by the City of Darlington, is FREE and will include food and beverage vendors, merchandise vendors, kids carnival, live music, and FIREWORKS-- all at the track Too Tough To Tame. The event will start at 5 PM; fireworks will begin around 9:30 PM.

July 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on July 2 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway. 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 July 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. July 9 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Lamar Town Council

Lamar Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 9 at town hall.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting July 10 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, found on the first floor of City Hall, 100 E. Carolina Ave.

Society Hill Town Council Meeting

The Society Hill Town Council will hold their monthly meeting July 10. at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 280 South Main. Street.

Darlington County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission

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

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Class of 2018 graduates from SC Governor's School for Science & Mathematics

One hundred twenty students graduated from the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at the DeLoach Center in Hartsville. Pamela Lawrence, a leading Wall Street investment manager and entrepreneur, delivered the commencement address. Lawrence advised the graduates not to be afraid of taking risks or of failure, saying, "Winners are people who never quit, not people who never fail."

The 120 students who comprise the GSSM Class of 2018 hail from 34 different South Carolina counties and 76 high schools. Graduates will attend a variety of public and private colleges and universities across the country, including Agnes Scott College, Brown University, Davidson College, MIT, Princeton, Reed College, Rice University, University of Alabama-Huntsville, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Notre Dame, US Naval Academy, University of Virginia, Washington and Lee University, Wellesley College,

and Yale University.

Nearly 70 percent of the graduates will remain in state to pursue undergraduate degrees, enrolling in the following SC institutions: Anderson University, Clemson University, College of Charleston, Furman University, Presbyterian College, University of South Carolina, and Wofford College.

In total, the Class of 2018 received \$14.6 million in scholarship offers.

"Our wonderful students continue to do wonderful things, and we are proud of the hope and bright future they represent for our State," says Dr. Hector Flores, GSSM President.

For nearly 30 years, GSSM has been a top-ranked residential high school, specializing in the advanced study of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). GSSM also offers an emphasis on economics and a solid core of humanities courses. A statewide, public, residential high school for juniors and seniors located in Hartsville, SC, GSSM offers over 50



STEM courses annually, including neuroscience, advanced genetics, calculus-based physics, differential equations and robotics.

About GSSM

Founded in 1988 as a model for advanced STEM education in South Carolina, GSSM is a nationally recognized school serving about four hundred of the state's

most accomplished scholars in the 10th through 12th grades through its residential and virtual programs. The school offers uniquely advanced courses in science, mathemat-

ics, and engineering at its campus in Hartsville and virtually to partner school districts across the state. Learn more by visiting www.scgssm.org.

Hellbe earns South Atlantic Conference Presidents Award

Coker College men's tennis player, Henrik Hellbe, has earned the South Atlantic Conference Presidents Award, the league announced. Hellbe is the first Coker student-athlete to earn the award since the Cobras joined the conference back in 2012.

The highest individual honor presented annually by the South Atlantic Conference, the Presidents Award is voted on by the league's Faculty Athletic Representatives and to be eligible, student-athletes must exemplify excellence in athletics, academics, and community service. Furthermore, to be nominated for this prestigious award, the individual must have been honored as the Scholar-Athlete of the Year during the year.

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 ITA 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 extremely excited for Henrik winning the SAC Presidents 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. As the first Coker student-athlete to win this award, he has left a very positive legacy at Coker College and in the South Atlantic Conference."

On the tennis court, Hellbe earned All-SAC First Team honors for his doubles play with partner Mark Watt. The duo recorded an overall record of 12-9 at No. 1 doubles, which included an impressive 7-2 mark in conference play during the 2018 season.

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 also helped create mycampusmarket.org, helping social entrepreneurs digitize their business. He was nominated as the Executive Leader of the Year for Enactus United States.

Burry Bookstore to host third annual Moveable Feast

Burry Bookstore is pleased to present its third annual A Moveable Feast. This will be a great evening of literature celebration. There will be a great line-up of authors who write in a diverse array of genres covering everything from historic fiction to murder mysteries and even poetry. There is truly something for all lovers of literature to enjoy.

Guests of this event will engage with each author as they move table to table in a play on "speed dating". Guests will also enjoy a delicious three-course meal catered by Hidden Treasures as well as a selection of beer and wine. An added treat this year is that the choice of one book is also included in the ticket price. Tickets are \$50 and are on sale both at Burry Bookstore and at <https://squareup.com/store/burry-bookstore/>.

A Moveable Feast will be held June 22 at Burry Bookstore at 6:30 p.m. and the festivities will continue at The Rooftop Bar at the Mantissa after the event. The authors will also be available for a Meet and Greet at Burry Bookstore on Saturday, June 23rd from 12-2p.m. This is a free event.

Below is a bit of information about each author and their books!

Susan M. Boyer-

Lowcountry Bookshop

Susan was born and raised in Faith, North Carolina. She attended N.C State University, Catawba College, and the College of Charleston. After a career in Computer Programming she decided that it was time to pursue her true passion, writing. She has had great success with her Liz Talbot Mystery Series and her seventh book, *Lowcountry Bookshop*, will be featured at A Moveable Feast. In this novel, set in historic downtown Charleston, Liz Talbot must make sense of a mysterious death and its connection to a small bookshop on King Street. She is a USA Today Best Selling Author and her series received the Agatha award.

Tim Conroy- Theologies of Terrain

Tim Conroy has spent his career working in special education. While he was passionate about writing, life tends to get in the way. After the death of his brother Pat Conroy, an icon of Southern Literature including *South of Broad* and *The Prince of Tides*, he was moved to write and publish *Theologies of Terrain*, a beautiful compilation of poetry. This work was edited and guided along with the help of Ed Madden, the Poet Laureate of Columbia, SC.

Susan Crandall- The

Myth of Perpetual Summer

Susan Crandall is a lifelong book lover but in recent years she has discovered her talent for writing. During her career as a dental hygienist she began to edit her sister's writing and discovered her own passion. Her first book received a RITA Award and two National Reader's Choice Awards. She will be presenting her brand new novel, *The Myth of Perpetual Summer* at A Moveable Feast. This novel is a beautiful work of southern literature that tells the story of one girl's struggle to hold together a dysfunctional family in the 1960's.

Michele Moore- The Cigar Factory

Michele Moore has served as a fellow in the Piedmont College English Department. She was the 2006 finalist for the Bellwether Prize for Literature. She has won awards and grants from the Kentucky Foundation for Women and the Kentucky Arts Council. In her novel, *The Cigar Factory* she creates an empowering story of families and friendships forged through struggle, loss, and redemption set against the backdrop of Charleston at the turn of the century. She captures the culture and the language in a remarkable way that brings her characters to life.

Sheryl Parbhoo- The Unexpected Daughter

Sheryl Parbhoo lives and writes just outside of Atlanta, Georgia. She discovered her passion for writing through blogging. Her blog, *Southern Life Indian Wife* has been an avenue for her to share stories about her family and the blending of her southern background and her husband's Indian background. Overcoming cultural barriers in life, love, and society is her passion and she draws on this in her novel, *The Unexpected Daughter*. In this novel she weaves together a story of love and family through her characters Jenny and Roshan and their intercultural relationship.

Nicole Seitz- The Cage Maker

Nicole Seitz grew up on Hilton Head Island and now resides in Charleston, which she credits with inspiring her southern characters. She attended UNC Chapel Hill and received a B.A. in Communications and Journalism. She will be presenting her book *The Cage Maker* at A Moveable Feast. It is a truly unique style of story telling and she captures the life of her characters through documents and dialect. It is best described as "part love story, and part horror and madness."

City of Hartsville prepares for the 2018 hurricane season

This past weekend marked the start of the 2018 hurricane season. Forecasters estimate that it will produce at least as many storms as an average season would, and possibly more. As with every storm season, preparation is the key to making sure you and your family weather the storm safely. The Hartsville Fire Department reminds you that taking precautionary measures to plan for a weather emergency is necessary to ensure the wellbeing of our community and encourages everyone to take the following steps to ensure your protection this Hurricane Season:

- Sign-up for CodeRed, the City of Hartsville's free emergency notification system (<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF6D035CEB88>)

- Study the South Carolina Hurricane Guide prepared by the SC Emergency Management Division at schemed.org.

- Create an emergency plan and supply kit for your family with information from

Ready.gov.

- Check the National Weather Service website for the latest weather information.

- Contact the Hartsville Fire Department with any questions about emergency preparedness at 843-383-3000.

The City of Hartsville and its agencies are active throughout the year to plan and prepare for weather emergencies, even conducting simulation events to practice various scenarios.

The Hartsville Fire Department serves as the Emergency Operations Center for the City and the Fire Chief serves as the Emergency Operations Manager. Leading up to an expected event, all vehicles will be inspected and made sure they are ready for service. Generators will be checked and made ready for service. The fire station will be prepared to serve as sector site. Food and supplies will be stocked and equipment will be staged in accordance with the City's action plan while personnel will be given duty assignments and

The Hartsville Police Department assists victims and maintains order in severe weather. HPD officers must still handle the same types of calls they receive routinely in addition to working in the hazards of extreme weather, be it snow, ice, sleet, hail, winds, torrential rain, or flooding. Their primary concern in most weather emergencies is the safe travel of people through the city, and they may close roads or divert traffic where needed, especially in flooding situations and where there are downed trees. We ask that in all cases of extreme weather, if you don't have to be outside in it, please stay off of the roads. HPD reminds us that the best defense is preparation.

Chief Burr, the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, said, "Hartsville has a history of great partnerships where the Hartsville Fire Department and other city agencies, along with staff and members of our community who volunteer, come together in the aftermath of storms to share resources, help

clean up our neighborhoods, and take care of one another. The spirit of community and volunteerism is remarkable in Hartsville, and is something we should all be proud of."

The City of Hartsville Fire Department is a progressive and professional organization placing high value on Hartsville residents, business owners, and visitors to the community, and is proud to serve. For more information, visit hartsvillesc.gov/HFD or follow @HartsvilleFD on Facebook.

The Hartsville Police Department is committed to preserving, protecting and enhancing the quality of life in our community. They practice community-based policing and value partnerships with citizens and neighborhood organizations. For more information, visit hartsvillesc.gov/HPD or follow @HartsvillePD on Facebook.

Learn more about the City of Hartsville at hartsvillesc.gov.



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Celebrating “7 Decades of NASCAR” at Darlington Raceway

NASCAR vaults into the 80s with fresh faces, new perspectives

Darlington Raceway is celebrating “7 Decades of NASCAR” for its Bojangles’ Southern 500 Throwback Weekend on Sept. 1-2. As part of the celebration, the track Too Tough To Tame is highlighting specific moments in the sport’s history, continuing today with the 1980s.

After enduring the ups and downs of the 1970s, NASCAR entered the 80s decade with strong momentum and fresh new faces driving the sport to new heights.

The days of the large clunky cars produced by the manufacturers in the 70s were long gone. Smaller cars with just as much horsepower were created, and very exciting racing for fans followed shortly after.

Additionally, sponsorship for the race teams and tracks became a regular occurrence in the 80s as the popularity of the sport reached a higher level. Companies and businesses were starting to lineup for a chance to place their name on a car or at the track in front of thousands of hungry fans waiting to consume or purchase their favorite driver’s and track’s merchandise. The exposure gained from a NASCAR sponsorship grew exponentially throughout the 80s.

“The 1980s were truly a coming-of-age period for NASCAR,” Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp said. “NASCAR was growing by leaps and bounds and competing for fans with the other professional sports such as the NFL, NBA and Major League Baseball. With

sponsorships strong, fans packing the grandstands, and competitive racing, it was a great era for the sport.”

Upcoming stars such as Dale Earnhardt, Bill Elliott, Tim Richmond and Rusty Wallace were making a name for themselves on the track, battling the likes of seasoned veterans such as Cale Yarborough, Bobby Allison and Richard Petty. It was a changing of the guard in the 80s as the veterans continued to make way (not by choice) for the new blood.

However, one veteran in particular wasn’t going let the young up-and-coming drivers spoil his quest to score his 200th career NASCAR Cup Series victory during the 1984 campaign. Petty had won at Dover earlier in the season for win No. 199, but the 200th victory was eluding him in the summer.

Petty entered the Firecracker 400 at Daytona International Speedway as the underdog after having sub-par results through the 1984 season. With U.S. President Ronald Reagan in attendance, Petty beat Yarborough to the line by inches to secure his 200th career win, and in turn, was congratulated and honored by President Reagan in the press box afterward.

The win is still considered one of the most historic in NASCAR history and the last of Petty’s historic career. The 200 career NASCAR Cup wins by Petty is a career record that will likely never be broken.

Notable historic drivers and moments in the 1980s include:

· Dale Earnhardt won his first of seven NASCAR Cup Series championship in 1980. He also won series championships in 1986 and 1987 in the 80s.

· Bobby Allison won his first and only NASCAR Cup Championship in 1983 after enduring six runner-up finishes previous to that year. The NASCAR Hall of Famer won six races in 1983 and 84 overall in his illustrious career.

· In 1984, Terry Labonte won his first NASCAR Cup Series Championship. Despite Darrell Waltrip winning seven races that year, Labonte won the title with a commanding points lead after posting a series-high 17 top-five finishes, to go along with two wins.

· Waltrip would return the favor in 1985, winning the series championship with three victories, while Bill Elliott finished second with 11 wins. Elliott won the Winston Million that year (winning at Daytona, Talladega and Darlington), but Waltrip’s 18 top-five and 21 top-10 finishes that year gave him the title. Waltrip also won the series title in 1981 and 1982. Elliott would go on to win his only championship in 1988.

· 1985 also was the year that The Winston (or now called the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race) was introduced. Technically, the All-Star race started in the 1960s (it competed for three years in



Richard Petty and President Reagan following the Firecracker 400. Credit: ISC Images & Archives/Getty Images

Daytona from 1961-63), however, it was the involvement of Winston that brought back the event, which was relocated to Charlotte Motor Speedway. Waltrip beat Harry Gant for the 1985 All-Star victory, giving him a \$200,000 pay-day for his efforts.

· Tim Richmond was a popular figure in NASCAR after making the jump from the open-wheel racing circuit. The 1986 season proved to be his most successful after winning seven races (including the Bojangles’ Southern 500 at Darlington) for owner Rick Hendrick. He finished third in the point standings that year.

He would never compete in another full-time season as he missed the start of the 1987 campaign due to an illness, which he ultimately succumbed to in 1989.

· NASCAR Hall of Famer Rusty Wallace won his one and only series title in 1989. After finishing second to Elliott during the 1988 season (he lost the title by a mere 24 points), Wallace returned the next year and won a series-high six races with 20 top-10 finishes.

Darlington Raceway’s award-winning throwback campaign is The Official Throwback Weekend of

NASCAR featuring the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles’ Southern 500® on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018. The NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018.

You can keep up with all of the latest news from Darlington Raceway at DarlingtonRaceway.com, Facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway and on Twitter at Twitter.com/TooToughToTame. Fans are encouraged to post their Bojangles’ Southern 500 stories and memories at, #BojanglesSo500 and #SportClips200.

Anchor Club holds end of year celebration

Darlington Anchor Club members marked the end of their year with a celebration on Sunday, May 20. The event included recognition of Anchor graduating seniors, installation of 2018 – 2019 club officers, and presentation of special awards.

Betty Leviner, Spiritual Life Director at The King’s Academy, spoke directly to the seniors about “filling their buckets” with the right choices and characteristics for a meaningful, giving life.

Anchor seniors were given their graduation cords and a small gift. Anchor seniors included Kamryn Aldrich, Laci Back, Jasmine Brown, Courtney Gibson, Aryana Inman, Tyvin Jeffery, Hakia McPhail, Brently Tiller, Olivia Vacanti, R y a n n e Weatherford, Christina Wenteler, Kaitlyn Westbrook, Amanda White,

Carson Yarborough, and Emily Yarborough.

The Anchor Ambassador Award, given for most service hours recorded, went to Kamryn Aldrich. The Anchor of the Year honor, chosen by fellow Anchors, also went to Kamryn Aldrich. The Anchor Spirit Award was presented to Laci Back for her level of dedication to Anchor activities.

Judy Langley, President of the Pilot Club of Darlington, installed the club officers for the coming year: President – Savannah Odom; President

Elect – Carrie Price Flowers; Secretary – Lauren McLennan; Treasurer – Jayla Back/Tanner Berry; Directors – Caroline Floyd (senior), Madison Suggs (junior), Emily Wenteler (sophomore).

The Anchor Club is a community service club open to students in grades 9 – 12. DonaJo Brown served as school liaison for the Club this year and Nancy Lee and Mary Scott served as advisors from the Pilot Club.



Thornwell School for the Arts fourth-grader Zyrianna Cranford and her mother, Courtney O’Neal, recently won the school’s annual Miss and Little Miss Heart of TSA.

Thornwell School for the Arts crowns Miss and Little Miss Heart of TSA

Thornwell School for the Arts (TSA) recently crowned fourth-grader Zyrianna Cranford and her mother, Courtney O’Neal, as the winners of the school’s annual Miss and Little Miss Heart of TSA.

The school hosted the mother-daughter pageant at Hartsville Middle School to raise money for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. All proceeds from admission and advertisements will be

donated, as well as with funds raised from another of the school’s recent Relay for Life fundraiser.

“This pageant was an uplifting, heart-warming event that allowed us to celebrate the beautiful relationship and bond between mother and daughter as well as raise funds for such a great cause,” said Dr. Lilkenya Jenkins, TSA principal.

Performances by the TSA choir, TSA Dance Company,



Daniel Suarez and the track’s new Lady in Black Cydney Gandy pose with some of the new seats that will be installed in the Tyler Grandstands in the near future. Photo Contributed

Darlington Raceway hosts two-day Goodyear tire test

Fans were treated to fast racecars and the smell of rubber tires on June 5-6, as four Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers piloted their cars around Darlington Raceway during a two-day Goodyear Tire Test.

The test sessions were a preview of what’s to come at Darlington Raceway as the Bojangles’ Southern 500 and NASCAR Xfinity Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 events are quickly approaching on Sept. 1-2.

The test session featured drivers Matt Kenseth, Jamie McMurray, Paul Menard and Daniel Suarez.

The test was free and open to the public, giving fans the opportunity to see NASCAR’s stars race around the high banks of the track Too Tough

To Tame.

“It’s been a great two days of testing,” Suarez said. “It’s always good to turn laps at a place like Darlington Raceway, which is a track that’s very difficult to drive on. I love the history of this track and think the throwback weekend they have is great for teams, fans and everyone involved in the sport. I’m excited to get back here on Labor Day weekend in a few short months.”

The test also gave fans the opportunity to view the action from the new bench-style seats that were recently installed in the Colvin Grandstands. The new seats are part of the track’s A Better Darlington facility enhancement project, which is upgrading over 60 percent of

its seating areas throughout the grandstands. Construction is currently underway in the Colvin, Tyler, and Wallace grandstands.

The project also includes improved sightlines in the Tyler Tower grandstands and a Wall of Honor, which will pay tribute to the champions at Darlington Raceway.

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and Saviah Miller, the current Miss Darlington Teen, helped to make the event an exciting evening.

The pageant consisted of a talent, a formalwear and a casual-wear portion, as well as a question and answer portion.

Parent Cachet McCall and second-grader Tia McCall were named first runners-up. Parent Britney Kronz and third-grader Olive Kronz were named second runners-ups.

Duke grant will support FMU engineering expansion

The Duke Energy Foundation recently made a \$50,000 gift to Francis Marion University's new Mechanical Engineering degree program.

The gift is part of the Duke Energy Foundation's ongoing support to communities in South Carolina through its "K to Career" educational and workforce development initiatives. "K to Career" grants focus on support of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) areas of study, childhood reading proficiency, and workforce development.

The grant will go towards the purchase of equipment necessary for FMU to bring the program online.

The Mechanical Engineering program at FMU

is in its development stages. A feasibility study, which endorsed the idea, was completed last year.

Mechanical Engineering represents an expansion of FMU's recent, highly successful, foray in to engineering. The University launched its Industrial Engineering program in 2014. The first two classes of graduates all either have been employed in their field, or have moved on to graduate studies; the program is growing steadily.

Duke Energy also made significant contributions to the IE program, and to FMU's highly regarded programs in Health Physics.

Dr. Fred Carter, president of Francis Marion, says the latest gift is part of one of the

university's most successful public-private partnerships.

"Duke continues to be one of our strongest industry partners, and we're delighted that they've chosen to support the development of our mechanical engineering program," says Carter. "This type of donation enhances the opportunity for students throughout this region to receive an incomparable education in a dynamic field — at a reasonable cost."

Mindy Taylor, government and community relations manager for Duke Energy, says education is a critical component of ongoing workforce development.

"Education and training are important throughout one's career," says Taylor.



"Workforce development initiatives, including higher education and job readiness pro-

grams, can help create the next generation workforce business and industries need to be successful."

Student News Williamson graduates from the University of the South

SEWANEE, TENN.--Charles Shropshire Williamson of Highlands, North Carolina, was awarded a BA in geology at the University of the South's 2018 commencement ceremonies held in All Saints' Chapel on the Sewanee campus on May 13. Charles Shropshire Williamson is the child of Thomas B. Williamson of Darlington.

The University of the South, familiarly known as Sewanee, is an independent liberal arts college located on 13,000 acres atop Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga. It has been consistently ranked among the top tier of national liberal arts colleges.

Joretta Morris named to Dean's List at Coastal Carolina

CONWAY-- More than 2,000 Coastal Carolina University students were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. Students who make the Dean's List have achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher during the semester. CCU has a student population of 10,600.

Among those named to the Dean's List:

Joretta Morris, a political science major from Darlington.

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Students named to President's List at Coastal Carolina

CONWAY--Nearly 750 students have been named to the President's List at Coastal Carolina University for the Spring 2018 semester. Students named to the President's List achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the semester.

Among those students named to the President's List:

Brianna Franklin, a Public Health major from Florence

Casey Ludwick, a Marine Science major from Hartsville

Paris Miller, an Accounting major from Darlington

Dylan Moore, an Exercise and Sport Science major from Florence

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Coastal Carolina University offers baccalaureate degrees in 74 major fields of study. Among CCU's 21 graduate-level programs are 18 master's degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the Ph.D. in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. The most popular undergraduate majors are marine science, management, exercise and sport science, communication and psychology. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research and international opportunities for students, as well as numerous online programs through Coastal Online.

Darlington rides big second inning to win over West Florence

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington – The game might have lasted all seven innings, but it took Darlington just one inning to defeat the West Florence junior legion baseball team this past Wednesday at home.

"It's a league win and we'll take it," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said.

Going into bottom of the second inning down 5-2, Darlington punished the West Florence pitching staff, which changed pitchers twice in the inning, for 10 runs.

"We took advantage that inning," Gearhart said.

The inning started with Jake Blackmon reaching on an error and from there it was one thing after another that helped Darlington get the 10 runs it scored in the inning.

Following the leadoff error that put Blackmon on, Darlington loaded the bases with no outs and Quez Mullins delivered with a two-RBI single. Chase Weatherford followed that with another two-RBI single.

After Weatherford's single, Darlington loaded the bases again. Karson Norris was hit by a pitch, which drove in the next run of the inning but the bleeding for West Florence did not stop.

Two batters later, Peyton Godwin reached on another West Florence error and two more Darlington runners scored. Right after that Blackmon, who started the inning off was back up to hit and had another productive at-bat, knock-

ing in another run on a groundout.

Two batters later Darlington loaded the bases for the third time in the inning and off of that it scored two more runs, which ended up being the last runs of the game for them.

Thankfully for Darlington that 10-run inning was enough because they did not score any more runs for the rest of game.

West Florence on the other hand kept working, scoring two runs in the fourth and three runs in the fifth to turn what was a seven-run deficit into a just two.

Leading by just two runs, Darlington's Lex Blackmon came on in the sixth inning, shutting West Florence for the final two innings and securing the 12-10 league win.

It was not the prettiest of nights for both pitching staffs and some of it seemed to be a result of a very tight strike zone from the behind the plate umpire. There were a total of 15 walks, with Darlington batters walking eight times and West Florence batters walking seven times.

"It was a tough night to be a pitcher and you had to rely on the sticks to carry you through it," Gearhart said. "Both teams made mistakes, both teams gave free passes, we just ended up picking up a few more than they did."

And while it was not pretty for the pitchers, Darlington's Chase Weatherford was able to weather the storm enough to keep his team in the game.

Weatherford's main contribution, however, seemed to come from the plate as he finished the night with three RBIs.

The win improved Darlington to 5-0 on the year.

RECAP
Darlington played the second of back to back games against West Florence this past Thursday on the road and while the team played well, the result was not as good as the night before.

Despite out hitting West Florence, Darlington fell to West Florence 6-3.

The loss is Darlington's first on the year as its record is now 5-1.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Society Hill
Proposed FY 2018-2019 Town Budget

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, a public notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Society Hill will conduct a public hearing on the Town's proposed budget for the year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 on June 28, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Society Hill Town Hall, 280 S. Main Street, Society Hill, SC. Any citizen of the Town interested in commenting on the proposed budget is invited to attend. A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection at Town Hall during office hours. The current budget and the proposed budget for FY 2018-2019 are as follows:

Revenues	Current FY 17-18	Proposed FY 18-19	% Change
General Fund	300,100	237,020	(21.0)
Expenditures			
General Fund	300,100	237,020	(21.0)
Mills	63	66.23	5.12

For further information, contact Mayor Tommy Bradshaw, Town of Society Hill, 280 S. Main Street, Society Hill, SC 29593 - (843) 378-4681.



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Tolson to Lamar grads: chase your dreams and make them reality

Lamar High School held commencement exercises for the Class of 2018 on Wednesday, June 6. Family members, friends, and loved ones packed the stands at Donald R. Poole Stadium to watch the ceremony, where LHS principal Kathy Gainey and assistant principal Carlos Burgess presented diplomas to the graduating seniors.

"In a few moments, we will be receiving the most valuable piece of paper we have ever received in our lives. It seems like yesterday we were walking down the halls as freshmen and not knowing what to expect. How did time fly by so fast? The past four years have given us memories we will never forget," said graduate Zackery Tolson in his address to classmates.

"As far as life is concerned, we have not made it yet. This is just the beginning. This year, we've had to make some tough decisions that have and will change our lives forever. My advice to you, the Class of 2018, is to choose wisely and don't wait around for good things to happen to you – go out and chase your dreams and make them reality," said Tolson.

Graduate Adeonna Benbow likened her first day at LHS to the day her mother dropped her off for the first time at Spaulding Middle School.

"I was afraid, so I told my mom not to leave me, and when I exited her car, she zoomed off!" said Benbow. "On my first day at Lamar High, it seemed like *deja vu* – I

was afraid because it was a new environment and I had to meet new people."

Benbow recounted the process of making new friends and bonding with teachers who became mentors and helped mold her into a stronger, wiser person. She also noted that Lamar's 2018 class has lost a few members along the way, and she urged the group to strive for success in remembrance of their lost friends.

"Just remember that no matter where we go, we should never forget where we came from. Although we are a small class, we are one big family. We should focus on our dreams and do whatever it takes to achieve them," said Benbow.

HHS principal tells graduates to strive to 'become strong and resilient'

Hartsville High School held a commencement ceremony for the Class of 2018 on June 7 before a capacity crowd in the HHS Arena.

After joining in the singing of the HHS Alma Mater, the audience heard "The Legend of the Cap and Gown," a parable about the history of the robes and mortar boards traditionally worn by graduates. Students Mary Margaret Cottingham, Whitney Kirkley, and Jordyn Alexander read the story, which dates these simple habiliments to ancient Greece, where young scholars wore sackcloth and carried a mortar board to symbolize their duty to become builders of cities, of lives, with a foundation of knowledge.

Graduate Caroline Surret gave a spirited farewell speech focused on the importance of making sound choices in studies, friendships, and the building blocks of their own personal character.

"Arguably, the most important choice we make is which type of person to become. We were told from the beginning that Hartsville High School is not a building, but a group of people. As I've had the privilege of watching so many of you grow up over the last four years to become such wonderful athletes, musicians, students, role models, artists, and so much more, I realize just how true that statement is. Each graduate in front of me today has a unique set of talents and gifts that have been used to create our Hartsville High School – a school distinct from that of



the past or the future," said Surret.

"As we leave this place, wherever we may be headed, I truly believe that the class of 2018 has the potential to do great things, but I choose the word 'potential' for a reason. Great things do not often happen by coincidence; doing great things is a choice. It's a choice that requires conscious effort. It's a choice that requires building a strong support system. And it's a choice

that, most importantly, requires true, unadulterated passion for what you are doing."

Before the presentation of diplomas, HHS principal Dr. Charlie Burry shared a message about the importance of maintaining integrity in the face of difficulties, and striving to become strong and resilient so that the best of one's character is revealed in hard times.

Local teachers share in \$1 Million national donation from SONIC

Sonic Drive-In, a longtime supporter of public school teachers through its Limeades for Learning initiatives, celebrated Teacher Appreciation Month throughout the month of May with the third-annual #ThanksTeach social media campaign to recognize, celebrate and reward teachers.

In addition to sharing inspiring stories of real teachers – and encouraging others to do the same with the hashtag #ThanksTeach – SONIC's \$1 million donation was shared among more than 5 thousand public school teachers across the country, including teachers in the following local cities:

* In the Charlotte community: \$9,000 going to 45 teachers, including one teacher in Cheraw

* In the Myrtle Beach/Florence community: \$10,800 going to 54 teachers, including 13 teachers in Florence

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SONIC said #ThanksTeach to each teacher with a \$200 gift card to DonorsChoose.org, SONIC's non-profit partner for Limeades for Learning that inspires teachers to create innovative learning projects and request the materials or experiences they need most for their classrooms. Teachers can either apply the \$200 SONIC donation to their own projects on DonorsChoose.org, or gift the donation to another deserving teacher.

"At a time when teachers spend an average of \$500 of their own money to supply their classrooms, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Month by supporting more than 5,000 teachers in cities near SONIC Drive-ins. These teachers are our customers, they teach our crew members and they are an integral part of the communi-

ties in which we operate," said Christi Woodworth, vice president of public relations for SONIC. "We've asked everyone to share #ThanksTeach on social media, and in turn SONIC is showing our gratitude with a \$1 million donation to our partner DonorsChoose.org to impact 5,000 classrooms coast to coast."

Everyone can get involved in #ThanksTeach by sharing stories on social media using photos, videos or a written message. Facebook fans can Smile to Say #ThanksTeach via a Facebook augmented reality (AR) camera effect that springs to life when the user smiles into the camera on their mobile phone, creating a video or photo that can be easily shared on the platform. Search the hashtag #ThanksTeach to see real teacher stories shared by SONIC and others during Teacher Appreciation Month.

About DonorsChoose.org
Founded in 2000 by a Bronx history teacher, DonorsChoose.org has raised \$683,614,142 for America's classrooms. Teachers come to DonorsChoose.org to request the materials and experiences they need most for their classrooms, and donors give to the projects that inspire them. To date, 3,110,293 people and partners have funded 1,153,551 projects on the site, reaching 27,834,415 students and making DonorsChoose.org the leading platform for supporting U.S. public schools. DonorsChoose.org is the only crowdfunding platform that vets each request, delivers materials directly to schools, and captures the impact of every funded project with photos, thank yous, and a cost report showing how each dollar was spent. In 2014, DonorsChoose.org made the top 10 of Fast Company's list of the World's Most Innovative Companies, the first time a charity has received such recognition.

Francis Marion University professor hopes to provide new wrinkle for old school Thais

Francis Marion University's campus is about 10,000 miles from Nakhon Sawan Rajabhat University in central Thailand.

That's a long way, but for the past three years, faculty and staff from the two universities have partnered to provide professors with an opportunity to teach and expand their knowledge of how students learn.

This summer they'll be doing it again.

For the past two summers dozens of education professors from Nakhon Sawan Rajabhat University have visited FMU's campus to be taught the finer points of project based learning by FMU professors in the School of Education.

The partnership between the two universities has been forged by Dr. Sompong Kraikit, a semi-retired Florence physician and an advocate for education in Thailand. Kaikit hails from the same province as Nakhon Sawan Rajabhat University.



Dr. Callum Johnston, associate professor of Education at FMU, will be switching hemispheres and traveling to Thailand to teach his NSRU colleagues an intense, two-week course called EDU C561 – Applications of Project Based Learning in Curriculum Instructions on June 15.

The lesson plans Johnston has prepared for his Thai students are similar to those for education students at FMU. The main differences address cultural difference.

Johnston, who spent much of his childhood in foreign countries, says he wants to be

mindful of cultural standards in an effort to ensure possible foibles don't hinder the professors from learning.

"This is really going to be an interesting opportunity for me to see something I've never seen before," Johnston says. "I've been practicing the professors names... Taking into consideration their language, culture and way of going about life, I'm going to have to be on a quick learning curve to work successfully in that environment."

Johnston hopes to provide the Thai professors with pedagogical tools similar to those he gives to his American students -- valuable teaching methods that they can use in their classrooms.

Project-based learning, which is relatively new even in the U.S., conflicts with the traditional method of lecture-test teaching that has been popularized throughout Eastern education. Project-based learning involves a more hands-on approach for stu-

dents to learn by doing.

"They want to explore methods for teaching their students that go beyond just the didactic lecture-test structure that they are used to," Johnston says. "For the past two years, (the Thai professors have traveled to FMU) to learn how to do project-based learning and how to structure their instructions so that their students are doing projects from the work they do, rather than just a simple lecture-test format."

The exchange may seem a bit one-sided - FMU teaches, NSRU faculty learns. But Johnston says the benefits of the partnership and the exposure it provides to Francis Marion should not be dismissed.

"We get our brand out there," Johnston says. "This shows the university's willingness to extend its mission out to not just South Carolina and the United States, but to go out and connect with the world."

Yankees Select FDTC Pitcher Tanner Myatt In 2018 MLB Draft

The New York Yankees selected Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) right-handed pitcher Tanner Myatt in the 11th round of the 2018 MLB Draft.

Myatt, a 6-foot-7-inch, 220-pound 20-year-old is the highest drafted Tech Stinger in FDTC's history. The North Carolina native becomes the 12th FDTC player since 2010 to be drafted by an MLB organization. Myatt was a pitcher on the team that made FDTC's debut appearance in the JUCO World Series during the 2017 season. What set Myatt apart from other pitchers in the junior ranks is his fastball that tops off at 99 mph.

"We were extremely excited to be able to select Tanner in the 11th round," said Damon Oppenheimer, New York

Yankees Vice President of Domestic Amateur Scouting. "He has a big arm and is an extremely uncomfortable at-bat for right-handed batters. We believe he has a high ceiling and look forward to having our player development staff help him reach it."

Myatt is a graduate of Overhills High School, and prior to being selected by the Yankees, he had plans to play for the College of Charleston following his two years at FDTC.

He began playing for FDTC's baseball team in 2017. Throughout the season, he won three games and only lost two. He pitched 26.1 innings, striking out 34 players and only allowing 15 hits and 16 walks. Myatt finished out the 2017 season with a



Tanner Myatt pitches during the 2018 Region X Tournament in Lexington, SC, when the Tech Stingers played USC Sumter.

3.76 ERA.

During the 2018 season, Myatt won three games on the mound and only lost one. He pitched 30 innings, while striking out 39 players. He allowed 20 hits and 20 walks. Myatt's ERA for the year greatly improved to 1.80.

"We are extremely proud and excited for Tanner Myatt to have the opportunity to join the New York Yankees organization," said Preston

McDonald, FDTC Head Baseball Coach. "He has worked very hard to fulfill a lifelong dream of playing professional baseball. He has potential to be a special pitcher for them."

Myatt joins his former teammate, Trent Autry (Arizona Diamondbacks, 2017) in the MiLB. Both players shared the mound throughout the 2017 season at FDTC.