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

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Swim season starts at Darlington City Pool

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School's out, the sun's up, and it's swimming season again at the Darlington City Pool.

June 19 was opening day for the 2018 summer session. Dozens of local kids enjoyed a dip in the cool water, and many took part in free swimming lessons offered during opening week. The lessons were sponsored by the City of Darlington, Darlington Area Recreation, and the YMCA of the Upper Pee Dee.

"We want children to learn to swim, and this is an oppor-

tunity to provide all kids the chance to take swimming lessons," said swim teacher Lillian Brunson. "I believe with my whole heart that swimming is one of the most wonderful things there is. You need it to stay safe, certainly, but it's also a good social activity and excellent whole-body exercise for all ages."

The three-day swim lesson camp put about 15 volunteers to work helping kids aged 5 to 18 learn swimming techniques, beginning with basics like holding your breath underwater, and gradually moving up to more advanced deep water swim tests.

"The goal is to have as

many kids as possible pass the swim test so they can be deemed water-safe and can swim in the pool wherever they want," said Brunson, noting that kids will be given arm bands each time they visit, color-coded to indicate whether they are swimmers or non-swimmers. Non-swimmers will be limited to the shallow end of the pool and the kiddie pool area.

Brunson stressed that swimming can be learned at any age, and it can be especially beneficial to those who suffer joint pain when attempting impactful exercise. Anyone interested in taking swimming lessons can call her

to learn more at 843-393-7233.

City Pool operations are being conducted this summer by a professional contractor, Poolwerx of Florence. In years past, the Darlington Police Department was responsible for operating the pool but Darlington City Council voted last year to end that relationship. The city is paying Poolwerx approximately \$15,000 to run the pool for the season. The Darlington City Pool will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. through the end of August. Admission is \$2 per day.

FDTC passes \$39 million dollar budget, finds firm financial ground

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After a few rocky months Florence-Darlington Technical College is back on stable ground, said Interim President Edward Bethea during a Commission meeting June 19.

After depleting their cash reserve to a fraction of what is should have been under former president Ben Dillard, FDTC staff is working to build that fund back up.

"I asked Doug (Lange, vice president for business affairs) to budget \$1.5 million into the budget that we're planning on not touching at all," Bethea said. "It is to build up that cash; that days on hand. If we had a major thing maybe we could use some of it but I asked him to build up the cash on hand; we don't want to get into that (money). I also have a little over \$200,000 in contingency money and that would be the money I would use if I had to react quickly. I am trying to keep \$1.5 million at the end of the year."

Commissioner Hood Temple applauded Bethea and Lange's efforts to return Tech to a state of good financial practices.

"I truly believe that for a school with a budget the size of this, that type of contingency is absolutely necessary," Temple said. "It is a good practice. Obviously, there should be no incentive to spend it unless you need it. I hope we can build that up as we go so that we can

have that cushion."

As an action item on the meeting agenda, FDTC Commissioners approved a \$39 million dollar budget; that number is down from last year's \$40 million.

"We cut it into the bone," Bethea said. "We didn't buy anything; we quite buying March 8. We are not going to hire anyone this year and any positions that go vacant, unless they are absolutely necessary, we are going to try and hold that line. We may move some people, reassign some people into positions, but that is kind of what I am looking at."

Chairwoman Missy Jay said that she was pleased with the proposed budget.

"I am happy to see a leaner, meaner, healthier operating machine," Jay said.

Commissioner Paul Seward agreed.

"I think the staff has done a great job at looking at our offerings, taking a look at dual-enrollment and making some very practical decisions," Seward said. "(They took) a real look at tuition numbers and where they are going to be, as far as enrollment. I think it is a job well done."

Temple said that the college has not raised tuition in years past when they may have needed to. He said that he is confident that they looked at all their expenses and revenues, made cuts when possible, before making the necessary move to raise it this year.

FDTC ON 3A

FMU Board approves 2 percent tuition increase

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In their final meeting of the calendar year, the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees approved a two percent tuition increase and welcomed a new chairman. Ken Jackson turned his gavel over to Robert Lee, who spoke highly of the work that Jackson has done in his 20 years of service so far on the board.

When presenting the budget and the two percent tuition increase, Trustee Stephen Jones said that an increase in costs outside of the university's control necessitated the increase.

"In the budget resolution, there is a two percent increase in tuition and fees, which will generate approximately \$740,000. This increase is primarily due to the increase in employer fringe

costs that are being felt do to a one percent increase in retirement contributions and a 6.2 percent increase in health insurance costs. This increase will be a \$102 per semester for resident undergraduate students."

Even with the increase, FMU's tuition is still lower than many other institutions in the state. Of the colleges and university's that have raised tuition this year, as of the trustee meeting, FMU is lower than most, including The Citadel's 3.25 percent increase, Coastal Carolina's 3 percent and College of Charleston's 2 percent.

Three resolutions were before the board to approving the naming of several labs and a road on the FMU campus for faculty who made great contributions to the university and its students.

Dr. Tom Roop served in the

Biology Department, teaching physiology his entire career at FMU (1972 until his retirement in 2004) and was integral in developing the biology department and program. He started Ars Medica, the pre-med student organization and was instrumental in starting both pre-medical and pre-dentistry programs. He passed away in 2017. The board approved the naming of the physiology lab as the Tom Roop Physiology Laboratory.

Trustee Karen Leatherman said that Roop was an excellent professor when she was a student at FMU.

"I would like to say, because I was a biology major and I had Dr. Roop, that he is probably one of the finest teachers I ever had," Leatherman said. "When I went on to get my masters in Exercise Physiology, his physiol-



Joe Heyward

ogy class prepared me so much better than any of the other students in that program. He exemplified what a teacher is. He knew you personally, he cared about his students and he made it fun."

President Dr. Fred Carter



Tom Roop

said that Roop helped many FMU students get into medical school.

"As many of you in this room know, Tom Roop got more of our students into medical school than probably the rest of our faculty combined," Carter



David Peterson

said. "Tom had enormous reputation with the medical school admission committee throughout the southeast. His recommendation was solid gold with those committees."

FMU ON 3A

EdVenture Hartsville preps for grand opening

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The new EdVenture Children's Museum Hartsville satellite is putting the last few finishing touches in place before their doors open to the public the weekend of June 30.

Located on West Carolina Avenue in downtown Hartsville, the new facility is sure to capture imaginations

inside and catch your attention outside.

"You can't miss it - it's a teal and purple building, so you'll be able to see it from a distance," says Karen Coltrane, president and CEO of EdVenture.

The EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia is famed for promoting an immersive and entertaining approach to learning, offering multiple exhibits, games, and attractions that teach kids about science, reading, and numbers as they play. The Hartsville satellite will continue this tradition, and will include some unique features with local flavor.

"Duke Energy has funded

an exhibit and it's the only one of its kind. We call it the Power Tower. Kids will be able to work at five different stations and generate kinetic power themselves by jumping up and down, or rowing, or bicycling. The power they generate will light up the lights on the tower, and when everybody works together the whole tower will light up," says Coltrane.

The museum will also feature a Town Square area styled after downtown Hartsville with a Market store, a Sonoco art and recycling 'maker space,' and a real ambulance for the hospital amb.

Coltrane adds that there

will be a very special carousel at EdVenture: themed after characters and creatures from the stories of science fiction pioneer Jules Verne, this kid-sized ride is made by a French company which has been crafting custom carousels for over a century.

"The carousel is the only one of its kind in North America," notes Coltrane.

EdVenture will also have a classroom area for presentations and special programs. While many of the exhibits are science-themed, the museum is a full-fledged early childhood learning center, which will focus on developing literacy and learning ability in a multi-disciplinary way.

"The best early childhood programs are multi-disciplinary because everything integrates together educationally when you're young," says Coltrane.

For toddlers and kids who might be a little bit too young to properly enjoy the museum, there will be a 'crawler area' in the front of the building where parents can hang with the tiny tots while still keeping an eye on their older children as they explore and play at the exhibits.

Admission to EdVenture Hartsville will be \$8 per person. For those on WIC, SNAP, and Medicaid, discounted admissions of \$2 are available. Coltrane says the muse-

um encourages families to invest in an annual membership (on sale now for \$89, normally \$129), which would allow you to visit the museum as often as you like.

EdVenture will be available to host birthday parties and celebrations, and the whole facility can be rented out for special occasions.

Coltrane says that once the museum is up and running, EdVenture will establish community involvement and outreach programs to help fulfill its mission of promoting education and learning.

EDVENTURE ON 3A



Game On!

First Baptist Church holds 2018 Vacation Bible School



Registration open for 4-H Wildlife Food Plot Project for youth

Registration is under way for the 2018 4-H Wildlife Food Plot Project, which gives South Carolina youth a unique opportunity to learn about wildlife habitat management.

The 4-H Wildlife Food Plot Project teaches South Carolina youth about wildlife habitat management.

Ashley Burns, assistant director of the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth Development program, said the Wildlife Food Plot Project is a hands-on environmental education program and a competitive, independent-study project for youth ages 5 to 18 opportunities. Participants are provided with

record books and seed for an approximate 1/8-acre plot. County, region and state prizes will be awarded based on plot and record book performance.

“By participating in the Wildlife Food Plot Project, youth will have opportunities to establish, maintain and observe wildlife food plots,” Burns said.

“They will, then, be able to put the knowledge they’ve learned into real-life practice.”

Youth who would like to participate, but do not have available land for them to use, can contact their local county Cooperative Extension Service office where agents may be able to help locate a landowner with

a suitable site.

The deadline to register is Aug. 10 and the cost is \$18 for current 4-H members. There will be an additional \$10 fee for anyone who wants to become a 4-H member during the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, contact the local county Cooperative Extension Service

office.

Youth interested in the program can contact taberp@clemson.edu or awillin@clemson.edu. Online registration available at https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/wildlife_food_plot/index.html.

SC Retail Association welcomes SCOTUS sales tax decision

The South Carolina Retail Association (SCRA) issued the following statement from Lindsey Kueffner, executive director, regarding the ruling by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Wayfair v. South Dakota* allowing states to require online retailers to collect sales tax just as South Carolina’s brick and mortar stores are required to do.

“Since the 1992 Quill decision, Main Street retailers have held a competitive disadvantage over their online competitors. These very brick and mortar retailers are the ones who employ 1 in 4

South Carolinians, pay property taxes, lease or own retail space, support their communities through charitable contributions, and help their communities recover after natural disasters.

“South Carolina has been Ground Zero for the online sales tax debate for years and the South Carolina Retail Association and its members have stood firm in our belief

that regardless of where a sale occurs, a sale is a sale and that sales tax should be applied to every sale made to a South Carolina consumer. The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision will allow all retailers to operate on a level playing field.

“In addition, this is also a huge boost to the states. It is estimated that South Carolina loses over

\$250 million in sales tax each year to remote sales where sales tax is owed but not collected. To now be allowed to collect sales tax from online sellers will provide much needed revenue to the state.

“SCRA is pleased that the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized the global economy in which we live by overturning the Quill decision. This decision will reinstate some equity into our economy rather than continuing to reward companies with an unfair advantage as well as give the state much-needed tax revenue that is currently owed, but never collected.”

The News & Press will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!

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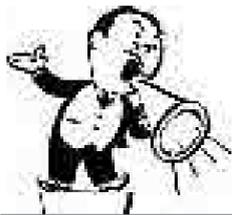
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OP-ED

The Hunt

By Bill Shepard

A person can learn a lot from a good hound dog!

A long time ago, too long some folk would say, some hunters set out to find the truth. Some folk had accused the Russians of interfering with America's business of electing a President and seemed determined to learn if was true or not. The hounds of Washington were called out and the hunt began.

It has been more than a year since the search for the truth began. The hounds seemingly sniffed out the truth in a short time and reported that "yes" the

Russians had interfered, and would most likely do so again. So, what are you doing about it? So far, nothing!

The President is well into his second year in office and is busy trying to change for better the way the country has been operated by other Presidents. He has found a lot of support in his effort to do so. It seems a lot of folk are unhappy with the direction our nation is headed.

The President said that he was gonna "drain the swamp" in Washington! Just what he meant by that phrase, "drain the swamp," I don't know. Having been raised just a good hand throw from a big swamp I do know a few things about swamps. I learned that the more you stir about in one the muddier they become! I learned that the more you go in search of

one of the swamp creatures, the more you stir up those you were not looking for! First thing you know is that there are swamp creatures appearing all over the place! Since the President set out to drain the swamp, the hounds have flushed out of hiding all kinds of swamp creatures! Some, no one knew existed before the hunt began.

My brother was the hunter in our family, and I liked it when he told some things he had learned from his hunting dogs. Like I said at the beginning, a man can learn a lot from a good hound dog. My brother would come home from the mill where he worked and turn his dogs loose and they would head for the swamp with a bark I didn't know which enjoyed the hunt most, my brother or his dogs! My brother worked

the second shift at the mill. At ten o'clock I would already be in bed but I would hear the hounds and the sound of their barking as they were headed towards the swamp. My brother would sit on the back porch and put on his boots before following his dogs to the swamp. The boots were protection from the poisonous snakes that were plentiful in the big swamp. Once the hunt began it could last for the duration of the night. Sometimes it would be daylight before my brother would return home.

My brother often said that the makings of a good hound dog was that once on a trail he would stay there until the hunted was up a tree. His term for that was "treed!" When that happened the hound would sit at the base of the tree and let out a dif-

ferent sound of bark until the hunter arrived and took charge of the hunt. Often, if the dogs had chased a wise old raccoon up a tree there would be a nasty fight ahead. The raccoon would jump from the tree and challenge the dog or dogs that would be ready for the fight. The fight could be fierce and the fight could be bloody. My brother's hounds had the scars to prove they had engaged in a lot of fights. The hides that were hanging on my Dad's old car shed bore the evidence of the winners and losers.

Just how the "hunt" that is going on with the hounds of Washington will end is yet to be seen. Just about every time I turn my TV on, the hounds have flushed out another swamp creature! So the hunt continues! The search for "truth" goes on!

My question is will we recognize the truth if it is found? Since the effort to drain the swamp began there have been so many creatures flushed out of hiding! Meanwhile the hunt goes on! The swamp gets muddier as the drain continues.

Next time,
Bill Shepard

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Down South: Barn Country

By Tom Poland

I love driving through the country and in rural areas I enjoy coming across old barns. Veterans of the Agriculture Wars, many show their scars and age. Now and then I see a barn that has a new lease on life. It's been converted into a home or store, and one had become a modern auditorium. I'm glad to see them continuing to stand.

Many an old barn wastes away until it's gone. The three states I travel most, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina still have plenty of barns. Let's hope it stays that way. I'd hate to see old barns go the way of tenant homes. I read that the director of the North Carolina Division of Historical Resources said, "North Carolina without tobacco barns would be like Holland without windmills." That applies to Georgia and South Carolina too as barns in general go.

Instead of going on as I do, I thought maybe a small photo feature would give you a break. I find barns to be among man's more beautiful structures. Metal barns constitute a trend. As for me, I prefer old barns like the ones you see with this column. Long may they stand.

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OP-ED

Source secrecy in the modern era

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The Justice Department's accessing of reporter Ali Watkins' email and phone records as part of a leak investigation is just one of several recent incidents in which the federal government has obtained the digital and other information about journalists' activities in order to identify confidential sources.

But it also reveals a truth that media lawyers have known for a long time: if there is any third party involved in a communication that has a record that the communication occurred—like a cell phone company, which keeps records of calls and messages sent and received for billing purposes, or an internet access provider that tracks emails and websites—the government can access that information relatively easily, and use it to discover a journalist's contacts and sources.

The legal theory is that since the reporter is willingly sharing this information with a third party—the phone company, or the ISP—there is no reasonable expectation of privacy in this information. Also, such entities are likely to provide this information in response to a subpoena without raising privacy or First Amendment concerns.

The latest case involves the phone and email records of Ali Watkins, who had a meteoric rise in journalism, starting as an intern with the McClatchy Washington Bureau in 2013, and working at The Huffington Post, BuzzFeed and Politico before joining The New York Times in late 2017. She was part of a McClatchy team that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2015.

Her records were obtained by the Justice Department as part of its investigation of long-time Senate Intelligence Committee staffer James A.

Wolfe, who has pleaded not guilty to charges of lying to the FBI about his contacts with various reporters, including Watkins.

The case is complicated by a three-year personal relationship between Wolfe and Watkins. Because of this relationship, the Justice Department did not follow its usual policy of informing a reporter before obtaining the reporter's phone and email records, which gives the journalist an opportunity to challenge the effort in court. Watkins was not informed until after the Justice Department obtained her records. The records of three other reporters to whom Wolfe is suspected of leaking information were not subpoenaed.

The policy of informing reporters of records subpoenas

was adopted by then-Attorney General Eric Holder during the Obama Administration, after several instances where journalists' phone, email and other records were obtained in a variety of leak investigations. In 2013, it was revealed that the Justice Department had obtained call logs for 20 separate Associated Press phone lines. Overall, the Obama Administration brought criminal leak charges against government employees in nine cases, more than all prior administrations combined.

The accessing of Watkins' records has revived calls in Congress for adoption of a federal shield law statute, which would protect journalists from being forced to reveal confidential sources under many circumstances.

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Speaker Lucas salutes Strengthening Families Program graduates in Hartsville

The Strengthening Families Program received a ringing endorsement at a recent graduation from South Carolina House Speaker Jay Lucas.

Speaking at the June ceremony for 11 graduating families at the site administered by Darlington County First Steps, Lucas praised the curriculum and the efforts of the family members for completing the 14-week program, which is designed to help families develop positive discipline practices, stay resilient in tough times, reduce conflict, improve parenting skills, and assist children with social skills, relationships, and school performance.

"I want to commend each and every one of you for your hard work going through this program," Lucas said. "I know it wasn't easy coming every week for as long as you did to learn the things you did, parenting skills, communications, learning to talk to your kids."

Children's Trust implements the Strengthening Families Program with 20 local partners in 24 counties across South Carolina through funding from The Duke Endowment and the S.C. Department of Social Services. All of those sites recently completed the spring cycle with graduation ceremonies for their participating families. Darlington County First Steps housed the weekly sessions at West Hartsville Elementary School, where the graduation also was held.

Tracy Redfean, a long-time psychologist in the school system and now the executive director of the Child and Family Resource Center in Hartsville, served as the SFP site coordinator for Darlington County First Steps. She spoke of the close relationships among individuals, schools and businesses in the Hartsville community that helped get the program launched. She wanted to foster that same spirit among the families in the program.

"Every week they were excited about spending time together," she said.

Redfean said the families appreciated Lucas making an appearance at the event to salute their accomplishment.

"It was meaningful to them that he took the time to stop and talk about how important families are," she added.

Lucas, a Hartsville resident who has served as a member of the House representing District 65 since 1999 and as the speaker since 2014, sat with 11-year-old Kiki and her family at her request at their table before he spoke. Lucas received a first-person account of what the families experienced each week.

The 2.5-hour weekly sessions include a family meal before splitting into parenting classes and child classes with the program's group leaders. Parents and children come together again as a group for a facilitated discussion at the end of the evening. The evidence-based program focuses on families

with children ages 6 to 11.

"Kiki told me a lot of great things about the program," he said.

Lucas relayed his own family stories of raising his son Will, who's now 26, with his wife Tracy and the importance of communicating life lessons to him. He also acknowledged the work done by Redfean and Darlington County First Steps executive director Darnell McPherson in bringing the program to the Hartsville community.

Children's Trust also granted funding for a fall SFP cycle with Darlington County First Steps that Redfean will again oversee at West Hartsville Elementary.

"We can't wait," she said.

Redfean invited Gov. Henry McMaster to attend the graduation as well, and although he couldn't make it, he sent a congratulatory letter to the families, who received a framed copy of it. McMaster's letter stated, in part:

"With each generation comes a new set of challenges that can be difficult to define and address. By completing this program, you have gained the knowledge and skills that can help you identify and work through these trials in a responsible way. While it has often been said that children don't come with instructions, and I would hazard a guess that children express the same sentiment about parents, Strengthening Families (Program) helps clear the path to a brighter, happier life for the entire family."

to review the maps and photos as well as time to ask questions. You may also leave written comments on site or leave your phone number along with your specific question.

The City of Darlington Tree Board invites you to a community meeting about the South Main Street Tree Project at 107 Gary St., Darlington. Meetings will be:

- Noon to 1 p.m. July 31
- 6 to 7 p.m. July 31
- Noon to 1 p.m. August 27
- 6 to 7 p.m. August 27

There will be a short introduction of the plans and time

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Despite the lack of such a law, several federal courts recognize such a privilege to some extent, as do courts in all but two states: Hawaii and Wyoming.

But even when these laws apply, they only generally protect reporters from being forced to reveal the identities of sources to whom they have promised confidentiality. They do not stop law enforcement agencies from using other sources of information to determine who the source likely is.

For example, the Obama Administration Justice Department prosecuted Stephen Kim, a State Department expert on North Korea, for leaking information to New York Times reporter James Rosen. Kim was identified as Rosen's source not by

subpoenaing Rosen; instead, the Justice Department obtained Rosen's phone records and email records, and used records of Rosen's and Kim's comings and goings from State Department headquarters as indicated by their security badge swipes, to determine that Kim was Rosen's source. (Kim later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 13 months in prison.)

So what about the old-fashioned way of contacting confidential sources: meeting in person, as in the clandestine meetings in an Arlington, Va., parking garage between Bob Woodward and confidential source "Deep Throat," depicted in All the President's Men? If either had a cell phone and left it on, their movements could be traced. And there are likely to be multiple security cameras on the surrounding streets, and in the garage itself, that could be used to

identify the reporter and the source.

Use of any electronic communication leaves a record that can be accessed. Any physical movements can be tracked by our electronic devices, and ubiquitous surveillance. The bottom line is that it is much harder to ensure source confidentiality in the modern era. And reporters must keep this in mind as they do their work, and the risks that they and their sources are running.

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Omicron Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated participated in the AKA 1908 Playgrounds Project Mobilization Day on June 16. The chapter members "Restored, Refreshed, and Renewed" the playground at the Pathfinders United Building in Cheraw (formerly Robert Smalls Elementary School).

The playground received a facelift as the grass was cut, leaves were raked, and unwanted debris removed. The members along with volunteers (Curtis Vaughn and James Dockery) worked diligently to ensure that the young people who participate in the Youth Development Programs at the Pathfinders United would have a safe and inviting place to play.

The members who participated in the 1908 Playground Project were (left to right): Wanda Joyner, Patricia Bennett, Camalah Bittle, Karen Freeman, Felisa Cannon, Shalah Sweeney, Irene Cassidy, Wanda Harris, and La'Quantia Goodman.

Duke Energy contributes to new EdVenture children's museum in Hartsville

Thanks to the support of contributors such as Duke Energy, EdVenture will soon open doors to its newest satellite location in Hartsville, offering a premiere, year-round, informal learning destination for families in and around Hartsville.

EdVenture Hartsville, powered by The Byerly Foundation, will focus on serving families with children age 8 and under with exhibits and programs that promote literacy, art, math and science. In addition to the 5,000 square foot museum featuring hands-on exhibits, school field studies, birthdays and camps will be offered in the location.

One of the highlights of the new facility will be the Tower of Power, sponsored by Duke Energy. "We were excited to

be among the first to make a substantial commitment to bring this project to Hartsville," said Mindy Taylor, government and community relations manager for Duke Energy. "This exhibit will help foster interest in the technology that powers the lives of our communities, as well as inspire the next generation workforce that will bring new ideas and innovations to our lives."

"We are so grateful that Duke Energy made this one-of-a-kind experience available to our Hartsville visitors," said Karen Coltrane, EdVenture's President and CEO. "The more parents and children work to 'power' the stations, the more of its bulbs will turn on, modeling how a power plant generates energy for a community."

EdVenture Hartsville plans to open to the public on Saturday, June 30. Members are invited to a special preview Friday, June 29.

EdVenture currently operates two locations - Columbia and Myrtle Beach. Celebrating 15 years this November, the Columbia location is the largest children's museum in the Southeast. Last year, that facility was visited by more than 200,000 and it's after school programs in area schools served more than 500 Midlands area students. In March 2017, EdVenture merged with the Children's Museum of South Carolina in Myrtle Beach and plans to open a larger facility, EdVenture Myrtle Beach, in 2019.

FMU

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Another professor with a long tenure at FMU and a legacy of helping create programs on the campus was Dr. David Peterson. He also passed away in 2017, while still a member of the Physics and Astronomy Department. The board approved naming the current Nuclear Physics lab the David M. Peterson Nuclear Physics Laboratory sponsored by Duke Energy.

"I would speak to the unique significance of this laboratory," Carter said. "David was largely responsible for bringing the nuclear aspects of physics to this campus. As many of you know, he was one of the founders of the Health Physics program. He served the last 15 years as the chair of the Physics Department and was the chair who was responsible for developing the engineering program on this campus as well."

Patriot Drive will be renamed for Dr. Joe Heyward

who served at the university for over three decades.

"Dr. Heyward served in almost every capacity on this campus, including interim president between April 1999 and July 1999 when I came on board," Carter said. "Nobody loves this university more than Dr. Heyward."

The board also ratifying two new options of Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner in the Master of Science in Nursing.

EdVenture

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"We're not just bringing a museum, we're bringing everything that EdVenture does in the community. We want to start after school

programs, and we're talking to the schools about that. We do grant-funded programs, too, so you don't get just one thing with EdVenture. We're bringing everything," says Coltrane.

Open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. virtually year round (360

days a year), the EdVenture Children's Museum Hartsville satellite is scheduled to open to the public on the weekend of June 30. They are located at 146 West Carolina Avenue. To learn more, visit them online at www.edventure.org

FDTC

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During his President's Report, Bethea said that the college received a positive report on their accreditation.

"I do have some great news," Bethea said. "I was in Buford at the president's retreat. I got a phone call and it was from SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) and we got an All Clear from them. Dan Avery

spearheaded this. I told him that we were in bad shape and that we had to do something. He put together a team and really worked round the clock for three or four days. I told this group that there may be an issue, that it was shaky, so I was glad to get that call."

Though Bethea has said that he does not intend to keep the president role permanently, he is making plans for FDTC's future.

"For the last several weeks and months, I have been talking to areas of the college

discussing things, bringing them up-to-date and telling them what is going on," Bethea said. "One of the things that I am in the process of doing in developing a ten-point vision for the institution going forward; what we need to work on, where we need to go. I am also starting a strategic planning process that will start as soon as the calendar year turns over. It will include everyone in the college. That's what we used to do and that is what we are going to go back to doing."

A lying tongue hates its victims, and flattering words cause ruin.

Proverbs 26:28

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Jim Brewer
Darlington – James "Jim" William Brewer, age 76, passed away Sunday, June 17, 2018. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date. Belk Funeral Home is assisting the family at this time.



Born February 26, 1942 in De Queen, Arkansas, Jim is the son of the late William Brewer and Dora Roxie Brewer. He worked as a truck driver for Eagle Transport and Pilot Transport. Jim was an avid fisherman and was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He was a member of Temple Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Myrtle Brewer; children, Beth McCormick, Crystal Lloyd, all of Darlington, Amanda (Dan) Chreerne of Houston, Texas, Bethany (Curt) James of Florence, and Cameron Hilton of Darlington. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jonathon Bell, Kasey McCormick, and Taylor Thrombly; great-grandchildren, Jaylen Evans, Miasia McCormick, and Marcus Jones; and a special pet, Dixie. He was preceded in death by all of his siblings.

Memorials may be made to McLeod Hospice Foundation, PO Box 100551 Florence, SC 29502-0551; or to a charity of one's choice.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Dan Broach

Dan G. Broach, 97, passed away on June 18, 2018 in Charlotte, NC. He served 30 years in the US Armed Forces – a combination 10 years active US Army and 20 years in the SC & NC National Guard. His final military assignment prior to his retirement in 1969 was commander of the 3rd Battalion, 113th Artillery, NC National Guard. Colonel Broach was a native of Darlington, SC and graduated from St. John's High School. He later graduated from Carolina Business College & The Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

He retired in 1981 from

Industrial Textile & Supply in Charlotte. Colonel Broach was civic minded and active with the Special Olympics, Jaycees, Optimists, Toastmasters & Boy Scouts.

He was an active member and President & teacher of the Wesley Fellowship for over 50 years at University City United Methodist Church (previously Belmont Park UMC).

He is survived by his loving and patient wife of 75 years, Virginia; daughters Marsha (John) Gaither, Patti (Ernie) Welch, Laurie (Matt) Nowell; grandchildren, Shari Fullagar, Jef (Windy) Fullagar, Francie (Tony) Woodward, Johnny (Beth) Gaither, Mary Beth (Michael) Wilcox, Eric (Becca) Welch, Matthew Nowell; Great-grandchildren: Holly Hix, Kelsi (Bryant) Barber, Jack Fullagar, Wilson Fullagar, Allen Woodward, Cash Gaither, Emma Welch, Winnie Welch & Carter Welch.

The funeral service was held 11 a.m., Thursday, June 21 at University City United Methodist Church in Charlotte. Interment followed the service at 4 p.m. in Grove Hill Cemetery in Darlington, SC. The family received friends one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved making people smile. Above all else he served his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the family he loved.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to University City UMC Building Fund, Charlotte, NC.

Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral and Cremation Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wilsonfuneralservices.com.

Randy Goude

Darlington – Thomas Randolph "Randy" Goude Jr., age 55, passed away Sunday, June 17, 2018. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Thursday, June 21 in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Florence Memorial Gardens. The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral



home. Born March 4, 1963, Randy is the son of Thomas Randolph Goude, Sr., and Betty Greer Goude of Kingstree. He was manager of Pee Dee Winn Nelson Plumbing Supply, and was a member of Southside Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, Pricilla Powell Goude; his son, Joe Marshall (Helen) Venters of Effingham; two grandchildren, Heather Rains and Stormie Rains; one great-grandchild, Daisy Wedgeworth; his sister, Marie (Doug) Filyaw of Hebron, and his best friend, Glenn Scott.

Memorials may be made to Southside Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 5, Darlington, SC 29540.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Cotton James

Darlington – Herbert L. "Cotton" James, age 80, passed away Monday, June 18, 2018. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Friday, June 22 in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Indian Branch Cemetery. The family received friends from 2-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family will be at the home of Ed and Sylvia James, 432 Sylvia Ln. Darlington, SC 29532.

Born in the community of Indian Branch in Darlington County on January 18, 1938, He is the youngest son of the late Edward L. James and Bessie Flowers James. Cotton, as he was known by all who knew him, worked as a city policeman and also worked for Clanton's Auto Auction. He was also a very good baseball player in his youth. He was a loving dad with a kind and gentle spirit, and a friend to many.

Surviving are his daughter, Brigitte James Wagner and her husband Dave Wagner; his son, Robert James; grandchildren, Hope Wagner Pierson and her husband Seth Pearson, Faith Wagner, Robbie James, Jordan James, Daniel James; brother, Edward L. James Jr. and his wife Sylvia James; Nephew, Ricky James and his wife Cheree M. James and family; niece, Debbie James Suggs and her husband Glenn Suggs and family; great-nephew, Spence Dudley, Amber Bone, Dr. Ryan James and his wife Kelsey James, Mark James and his wife Jessica James, Josh Suggs and

his wife Becky Suggs, and Tyler Suggs; his great-great-niece, Perielle Suggs; the mother of his children, Peggy James of Winter Haven; and special friends, Deborah and Steve Martin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, infant Mildred James, and Melba James Dudley; nephews, Terry Dudley and Jimmy Dudley; and his brother-in-law, N.G. Dudley.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com

Martha "Marti" Dunn

Lamar -- Martha "Marti" Ann Marsh Dunn, age 72, died Thursday, June 21, 2018. A memorial service was held at Lamar United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born on March 21, 1946 in Hemingway, SC, she is the daughter of the late Hildebrand and Martha Graham Marsh. She retired from the Pee Dee Regional Council of Government as an accountant. Marti was a talented artist; she loved Christmas time and painting Christmas cards. Mrs. Dunn also enjoyed interior decorating, travelling and spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, Grady Dunn of Lamar, her son, Brandy (Carrie) Haselden of Hemingway, two step-children, Shannon Dunn of Florence and Leslie Dunn (Tony) Moore of Florence, her grandchildren: Hunter and Haley Haselden and Parker and Noah Moore, a great grandson, Trystan Haselden, five brothers: Hildebrand (Mary) Marsh, Jr. of Unionville, TN, Beverly Marsh, Richie Marsh and friend, Billie, Kenneth Marsh, Joseph (Deborah) Marsh, all of Hemingway, and a brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Richard (Julie) Dunn of Sanford, NC and Kay (Gary) Lopossay of Bear Creek, NC, many cousins, nieces, and nephews, and her two canine companions.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to Lamar United Methodist Church, PO Box 555, Lamar, SC 29069; or as a breast cancer survivor, to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund (www5.Komen.org).

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Living on Purpose: A closer look at the Great Commission

By Dr. William Holland

I love to write (and talk) and all who know me will agree that I am not a man of few words. As a windy minister, it only seems logical that I would be involved in the world of communication. For the last few years I've been writing "Living on Purpose" and it's truly been a pleasure. I just want to say that I sincerely appreciate all of you that take the time to read the column and the many thoughtful and encouraging emails that I receive each week. I've been writing sermons, articles and music for a long time which eventually branched into a weekly blog. From there it evolved into being accepted as a regular weekly columnist with my local newspaper two and half years ago and has now expanded larger than I could have ever imagined. Just like shooting basketball or playing the piano, God's grace works together with our faith and diligence. However, I also realize that sitting in front of the computer everyday can only take me so far which is why I must listen and daily depend on Him to somehow use me to relay what He wants to say. It's amazing how the Lord can use our gifts and talents for His glory even if it's something like the gift of gab!

After serving in several churches over the years, I'm now trying to step out of my comfort zone and become more focused on those who live outside the walls of the church. When we venture away from the safety and security of our familiar routine, we discover the attitude of the world is not as sympathetic toward our cause for Christ. For example, we can give a praise report at church and receive enthusiasm and excitement from those who are like-minded, but in a crowd of non-believers, we will notice some eye rolling and a few disrespectful yawns. Why? Because a non-Christian could care less about anything associated with God. Jesus explains in John 15:18-19, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love his own: but you are not of the world because I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." The idea here is when ever someone becomes a Christian, their spirit is trans-

formed into a new person and this changes their spiritual identity and citizenship. As we remember the old saying, "Birds of a feather flock together" it's clear that when we become born-again we become a different bird indeed. Thus, we understand why there has always been a natural spiritual resistance from the world toward God and His followers.

For those of you who want to know more about our ministry and some of the projects we are involved in, the easiest way is to go to our website, billyhollandministries.com and pull up a comfortable chair. There are pictures, original music, and over 500 articles to download for free. I'm very excited about meeting Christian pastors and leaders that are contacting us from around the world through the site. Most are from very poor countries and we have felt the Lord leading us to purchase Bibles from bookstores in their communities and having these ministers pick them up and distribute them. Some send us pictures but we are careful not to post them because if they are recognized their lives would be in danger. To see their spiritual hunger and thirst for God is truly refreshing, yet we wonder why many churches here in this country appear to be spiritually asleep. Have our blessings and pleasures distracted us and caused our love and compassion to wax cold? Yes, we might not be called to go to Kenya, Poland, or Japan, but we can at least pray and financially support those who are. First Corinthians chapter 3 describes that some will plant the seed and others will water it, but only Jesus can make it grow and in Matthew chapter 28 and Mark chapter 16, Jesus instructs His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel along with baptizing and teaching all nations about God. However, as the nickname for evangelizing the globe is called the "Great Commission" our highest priority as a serious follower of Jesus Christ is actually more about personally demonstrating God's love than just telling everyone else how to live.

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

Gospel in the Park

The Gospel in the Park summer concert series continues July 8 in Pride Park, 630 S. 6th Street. The theme is Bringing Unity into our Community. Devotional service will be rendered by Pastor J.D. Blue and the Second Baptist Church Family. Live Gospel Entertainment by Men N Christ, The Gospel Holyheir, The Gospel King. Bring your Bibles, lawn chairs and an open heart. For more information call 843-409-5241.

VBS 2018

VBS at Darlington Presbyterian Church
Faith Expedition VBS will be held at Darlington Presbyterian Church July 16-19 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The camp is for rising 5k - 5th graders. Registration forms available at the church office. Darlington Presbyterian Church is located at 311 Pearl St, Darlington. For more information, call 843-393-4851

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 chil-

dren 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.

Prayer Service

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

The Upper Room Holy Ghost Mission

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

Bible Study

Bible study at Mt. Zion Tabernacle Believers Church 426 W. Broad St. Darlington, on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Bible study led by Rev.Larry Scipio. Contact Deacon Z.Frierson at

843-992-3158 or church 843-992-8125. Come join us.

Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line

Anyone who needs prayer for healing and deliverance is 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



Thank you all

To everyone who has supported The Scott Family following the deaths of the late Devon "Dee Dee" Renee Scott and the late Joseph Scott, we would like to express our sincere gratitude.

We are truly appreciative to our extended families, neighbors, and friends that supported us during their illnesses and passing in so many different ways.

Thank you to the medical staff, doctors, nurses who attended and treated Devon Scott and Joseph Scott with dignity and given them wonderful care and friendship. To the many others who helped with their homegoing services, including Bishop Wesley Belin and the Christ Temple Holiness Church, we thank you for making their services truly memorable and comforting.

As it will be impossible to thank all of those concerned individually, please accept this press acknowledgement as a token of our heartfelt appreciation.

With Sincere Appreciation and Love,
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PETS OF THE WEEK



Ready to charm the socks off you! Meet Patrick! This delightfully handsome fellow is dressed for success with his white tux, socks and sleek black coat. A friendly, calm fellow, Patrick has never met a stranger. Stop by today and ask for Patrick, your new perfect pet companion! 2-3 yrs old; male; DSH tuxedo



Phillip is definitely a guy who's ready to go and do and explore, he would be in his element on car outings taking him to new, exciting trails to explore and sights to see. A good natured guy who doesn't stop smiling, he is most content to hang close to his person, rolling on his side for a belly rub. Phillip had us all grinning from ear to ear and we're sure he'll have the same effect on you. 54lbs; 1-2 yrs old; bull mix; male

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

Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

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
 Hartsville: "The Stitchers"

group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays and 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5 pm.

Pee Dee SCORE

Pee Dee SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) offers Free confidential counseling to America's small businesses, serving Darlington, Florence and surrounding areas. Existing and start-up businesses can schedule an appointment by calling the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce at 843-332-6401.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting of big book and traditions studies weekly at 8 p.m. Monday nights at Trinity UMC on Pearl Street. Use Orange Street entrance. Info: 843-395-6897. AA meets at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street: 12 noon and 6 p.m. Monday/Wednesday; 12 noon and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; and 8pm Sunday.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon is a fellowship of adult relatives and friends of alcoholics for mutual support. Visitors are welcome. Childcare is not available. Al-Anon meetings:

Thursdays at 8p.m. at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street. Info: 843-992-2981.

Monthly Events

Hartsville Pilot Club

Fourth Monday each month at 6 p.m. at their clubhouse across from the Lawton Park Tennis Courts

Hartsville Toastmasters

2nd and 4th Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Black Creek Arts Center

Water and Soil Conservation Board

The Darlington Soil & Water Conservation District Board will meet at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month in the Clemson Extension Kitchen

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

Darlington County First Steps

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

DC Disabilities and Special Needs Board

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

Darlington Branch NAACP

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

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 Farm Animal Paint Class

Learn to paint a goat from a professional artist!

Who: all youth grades 1-5
 When: 10a – 12p, July 9
 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!

Who: all youth grades 1-5
 When: 10a – 12p, July 30
 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

Who: For all youth ages 7-14
 When: July 22-26
 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!

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

June 2018

Darlington County Department Board of Social Services

The monthly meeting of the Darlington County Department Board of Social Services will be held June 27 at 9 a.m. in the conference room at the Hartsville DSS, 130 East Camden Avenue in Hartsville.

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.

Free farmer seminar

A Black farmers settlement seminar (2 hours long) will take place June 30 at 2 p.m. The seminar will be held at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 212 Chestnut Street in Darlington.

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. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. To make a presentation contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or jbishop@darcountyc.com.

72nd Rhodes family reunion

Sunday July 8 at Swift Creek Baptist Church. Covered dish at 1 p.m. Short meeting after meal.

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.

Parkinson's Support Group

A meeting of the Florence area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will be held July 10, 5:30 pm to 6:30 p.m. at 121 E. Cedar Street, Florence. Our speaker will be Yvette Gleason, Agape Hospice, "Senior Benefits and How to Get Them." Meetings are open to people with Parkinson's, caregivers, family,

and friends. For more information call 843-673-0854 or haybrton@gmail.com.

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. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Bringing Downtown Alive Concert

July 14, 7 to 10 p.m. at Liberty Lane. Concert by Dustin James and Hank Edwards. For more information email info@buildupdarlington, visit www.buildupdarlington.org or call 843-398-4000 extension 103.

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.

Planning Commission

Meeting, 9 a.m. July 17, at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

DCEDP Board Meeting

The Darlington County Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors will meet July 18 at the SIMT building, Executive Board Room, Suite 271 at 8 a.m.

Tree Board

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

August 2018

Historic Landmarks Commission

A meeting of the City of Darlington Historic Landmarks Commission will be held in City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, August 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

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This year seniors from Darlington High School, Hartsville High School, Lamar High School and Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology have earned more than \$32.5 million dollars in scholarships to colleges and universities across the nation, \$3.6 million more than last year! Since 2007, our seniors have earned \$211 million in scholarships!

Congratulations, Seniors!

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Chynna Addison
Kamryn Aldrich
Kierra Alford
Allen Alford
Michael Allen
Latrivia Anderson
Shamarr Anderson
Alison Anfinson
Skylar Atkinson
Laci Back
Neal Barfield
Chloe Bateman
Lillie Baumbach
Jasmine Baumgardner
Christopher Beasley
Jordan Beasley
Landon Beasley
Carlie Bell
Adeonna Benbow
Darion Benjamin
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Andrew Bish
Mary Bishop-Tucker
Haylie Blackwell
MyKenna Blankenship
Taylor Boggs
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JaQuez Brockington-Blakeney
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Shania Brown
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David Cribb
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Austin Davis
Kaneisha Davis
DaShawn Davis
Tylek Deberry
Matthew DeMaurice
Cameron Dennett
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Ethan Dilley
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Unique Echevarria
Cheyanne Edwards
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Kayla Eldridge
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Logan Evans
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Shamona Fludd
Kayla Ford
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Loriene Howle
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Samuel Kinney
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Kristen Lane
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Anna Odom
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Francesca Parisi
Kendrell Parker
Tamira Partridge
Jala Patterson
Jayla Patterson
Malcolm Pearson
Kylee Pearson
Nadiya Pemberton-Bacote
Tajuana Peoples
Tatyana Peoples
Guillermina Perez
Tyler Perkins
Tatianna Perry
Destiny Phillips
Nazareth Phillips
Dayana Pineda-Torres
Joshua Poole
Keshari Pooler
Darreuan Price
Matthew Privette
William Quick
Arionna Rawls
Alyssa Ray
Christian Reason
Owen Reed
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Jerome Richardson
Caleb Riley
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Braden Robinson
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Amani Rodgers
Adriana Rodriguez-Almanza
Samuel Rogers
Elizabeth Ropp
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Savoris Scipio
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Tellis Simon
Malorie Singletary
Dusten Skinner
Nolan Slatton
Hunter Smallwood
Xavier Smith
Tyler Smith
Miranda Smith
Elizabeth Smith
Katherine Snipes
Megan South
Landon Steen
Nicaise Stevenson
Elizabeth Stroud
Ryan Sturgill
Caroline Surret
Maliyah Taylor
Victoria Taylor
Keshawn Taylor
Kathryn Taylor
Tyonna Tedder
Tyvonna Thames
N'Shanti Thomas
Elianna Thompson
Brently Tiller
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Fantasia Toney
Archie Torain
Marco Trejo
Bailey Tripp
Ashton Truett
Gianna'Lyn Truncellito
Kayla Turner
Sadie Turner
Samuel Turner
Rebecca Tyner
Makayla Tyner
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Elijah Vaughn
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Joshua Ward
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What You Need to Know About Field Hockey

Coker College is gearing up for the return of field hockey in the fall of 2018. The Cobras, a member of the South Atlantic Conference, will compete in field hockey for the first time since the school last sponsored the sport back in 1977. The sport of field hockey has grown throughout the country and has continued to increase in popularity in the southeast region of the United States. Here's a quick tutorial on the sport of field hockey.

What is Field Hockey?

Simply put, field hockey is a game where teams come together on a field and use hockey sticks to drive a ball into a net in order to score points. The winner is determined by whoever has the most points at the end of the game.

The Basics

College field hockey is a fall sport and typically lasts from mid-to-late August to late October. Postseason play begins in November. At the collegiate level, field hockey games are separated into two halves, each lasting 35 minutes with a seven-minute half time in between.

Each team consists of 11 players, one goalkeeper and 10 outfield players. The outfield positions include defenders, midfielders and attackers. The amount of which positions are on the field vary based on the style a team adopts and who has the ball.

Each goal scored in field hockey posts a single point for the team. There are different types of goals, however. A field goal is a traditional goal scored within the shooting circle. A penalty corner goal is one that



is scored after play is stopped and repositioned in response to a foul by a defender within the shooting circle. A penalty stroke goal is one that is scored after a more serious foul where a player is able to shoot one-on-one with the goalie. Additionally, there's a shootout goal, which happens in overtime, before strokes. The player starts at the 23-meter line and has eight seconds to score on the goalkeeper.

Field and Equipment

Field hockey is played on a grass or turf field that stretches 100 yards long and 60 yards wide. Three lines run across the width to signify to players certain sections of the field. At each end, a four-yard wide goal rests with a 16-yard line around it, showing players where they are allowed to shoot within. This is called the shooting circle or the "D" for the defensive team. Goals scored outside of this section are not considered goals, and the ball is given to the other team from there.

Field hockey uses a hard ball with a weight between 5.5 to 5.75 ounces. Some hockey balls have small dimples on the surface. Usually the difference depends on the field surface that the game is being played

on. Dimple balls are used on AstroTurf (carpet style), while the regular/smooth balls are used on field turf/grass/indoor surfaces. However, all have a non-elastic plastic shell around them.

Outfield position players wear shin guards and have the option to wear goggles. Similar to an ice hockey goalie, field hockey goalkeepers wear helmets, large shin and arm pads, and are equipped with a goalie stick.

Coker Field Hockey Info

The Coker College field hockey team will open up their season at home on Sept. 5 when they host conference opponent, Newberry College at 4 p.m. on the Coker Athletic Field.

To stay up to date on Coker field hockey news, visit www.cokercobras.com and follow our social media accounts on Facebook (Coker College Cobras), Twitter (@Coker_Cobras), and Instagram (@cokercobras). Additionally, be sure to follow the Coker field hockey social media accounts on Twitter (@CokerCollegeFH) and Instagram (@cokerfieldhockey).

What to make of Darlington's surprising junior varsity success

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

Darlington – Over the last couple of weeks, due to various reasons I have not been able to cover any of Darlington's junior legion baseball games.

During that time span Darlington has went 3-1, splitting with Hartsville and sweeping Chesterfield while both games against Cheraw were postponed for a later date.

So for the purpose of this article I want to break away from all journalistic principles and write a piece that has both opinion and fact.

We will start off with the facts of how this season is going and we will end it with the opinions of how I feel about what it all means in the long run for the future of Darlington's high school baseball program as a whole.

I want to start off with a real simple question. Have you noticed Darlington's junior legion baseball team?

If you have, then kudos to you. I am sure that this early part of summer has been quite an enjoyment. But if you have not, let me catch you up on what has been happening.

Quietly, Darlington is an impressive 8-2 and is in strong contention to win its region. Against its regional opponents it has swept Marlboro County and Chesterfield, split with West Florence and Hartsville and has McBee and Cheraw left to

take on.

With this success has also come some dramatic moments for Darlington, with two of the biggest ones coming from Chase Weatherford. The first came in the opening game of the season when Weatherford hit a walk-off grand slam to win the game and the second was when he threw a no-hitter against Hartsville.

That's not too bad to have two moments like that in just 10 ball games, but this type of production and these types of moments have not stopped there.

At least twice this year Darlington has scored at least 10 runs in an inning and in one of those innings Quez Mullins had six RBIs on two bases loaded clearing doubles. Yes, I said that right: six RBIs in one inning. That is pretty close to video game material.

But what does all of this success mean? Are we seeing Darlington's baseball program take a big step in the right direction or is this just some type of false hope that will bring us back to reality when high school baseball starts next season?

Those are big questions and the answers are hard to come up with. First and foremost I truly believe winning is contagious and the more you win the more confidence you are going to have as a team and that is something that Darlington is enjoying right now.

Unfortunately that confidence can be a false hope, nothing more than a mirage created by the extenuating circumstances.

These circumstances can vary from different things like the amount of varsity players on team compared to the other teams all the way to the strength of the region.

An example is Darlington currently has four varsity players playing on its team compared to Hartsville, whose team is comprised of nothing but junior varsity players. As for the other teams I am not sure what their rosters are comprised of.

This factor could play a serious role in how strong the region actually is. Obviously, if Darlington is playing a bunch a junior varsity teams with a handful of varsity players they are going to have an advantage.

But my outlook on this is more with a glass half full approach. The fact of the matter is Darlington is winning and whether it is against lower competition or not it is going out and doing its job, getting better each night and that is what all summer baseball is all about.

This means nothing, but better things for Darlington baseball in the future if you ask me.

Plus, the great Bill Parcells once said, "you are as good as your record is". Well I think most people would agree that an 8-2 record is pretty good.

Darlington High School Quarter 4 Honor Roll List

Alford, Kierra Tionne AB	Dials, Akira Nikendra AB	Henry, Areyana Nicole All A	Mack, Gervonnea Azeonya AB	Poole, Jordyn Carroll AB	Taylor, Maliyah Laquasia AB
Anderson, Jacob Cole AB	Douds, Raven Kelli AB	Hickmon, Quanmesha Nykeya AB	Madison, Zykell Maurice AB	Price, D'Nia Christine AB	Tiller, Brently Logan All A
Anderson, Jazalyn Blake AB	Dubose, Erionna Wy'Torius AB	Hodges, Ashia Ja'Kayla Vanessa AB	March, Kyra Imani All A	Price, Dekaria Precious AB	Timmons, Montrell Tyreis AB
Anderson, Savannah Elizabeth AB	DuBose, Madison Marche AB	Hoover, Matthew Adam AB	Martin, Caroline Marleah All A	Pulter, Lisa Christine All A	Truett, Ashton Mikaela AB
Andrews, Da'Mon Anthony AB	Dukes, Destinee Shabrayah AB	Hopkins, Anthony Neil AB	Mason, Samuel AB	Purefoy, Cinque Aston AB	Tucker, William AB
Andrews, Madelynn Cole AB	Durant, Joshiya Kiara AB	Howle, Kendall Chandler AB	Matteson, Taylor Ann AB	Reed, La'Diamond AB	Turner, Kayla Melissa AB
AraKaki, Bruno Henrique AB	Edwards, Carson Morelle AB	Howle, Prentis Grainger All A	Mayfield, Michelle Elizabeth All A	Reed, La'Diamond AB	Turner, Richard Deleon AB
Back, Jayla Eden AB	Edwards, Cheyanne Lee AB	Hudson, Katherine Marissa AB	McAllister, D'onQuay Urmond All A	Robinson, Za'Layia Chanitta All A	Turner, Steven Charles AB
Back, Laci Lynn AB	Ekdahl, Jordyn Lee AB	Hyman, Jayla Shree AB	McCall, Larry Jecolby All A	Ross, Caleb Jevon AB	Tyner, Rebecca Breeann AB
Bacote, Kalayja Nykeria AB	Emery, Heather Colby AB	Jackson, James Ny'Gel All A	McDowell, Gladys Sha'Diamond AB	Rush, Aneilya Keiana AB	Ward, Joshua Max All A
Bailey-Richardson, Nysir Ty'Lik AB	Evans, Kadasia Brianna AB	Jackson, Kaitlynn Rayann All A	McFadden, Breanna Monique All A	Rush, Janyiah Arian AB	Ward, Laine Wilson All A
Bateman, Chloe Rose AB	Evans, Tiffany Michelle AB	Jackson, Shaniya Tierra AB	McKenzie, Destin J'Sean AB	Russell, Ke-Ce-Lonta Daymorris Zackery AB	Washington, Jasmine Millette AB
Baxley, Robert Thomas AB	Fath, Selina AB	James, Johnny David AB	McKenzie, Jaimesha Alise All A	Rutherford, Tillman Jyree Rhayne AB	Watford, Ella Tindall All A
Benjamin, K'Asia Monek AB	Feliciano, Faith Carmen AB	James, Tristen Savannah AB	McLennan, Claire Angalee AB	Samuel, Frederick Dominick AB	Watford, Matthew Jace All A
Bennett, Tamy Marionna AB	Finnell, Johnathan David AB	Jernigan, Deborah Rose All A	McLeroy, Quinton Alexander AB	Samuels, Labreshia Moná All A	Weatherford, Mackenzie Brooke AB
Berry, Tanner Grace AB	Floyd, Caroline Alexis AB	Jett, Abreanna Tylika AB	McNeil, JáKirá Mikayla AB	Sandifer, Zachary Robert AB	Weatherford, Ryanne June AB
Berry, Tyler Benjamin AB	Foster, Dravion Dewayne AB	Joe, Dana Makayla All A	Miles, Savannah LeeAnn AB	Santana, Shania Au'Daydra AB	Weaver, Emmie Regan AB
Bess, Mya Nicole All A	Foster, Jernay Nasiriyah All A	Joe, Nathaniel AB	Miller, McKayla Leigh All A	Scott, Brianna Lacharah AB	Wenteler, Christina Haley All A
Blackmon, Jordan Michelle AB	Frazier, Aaliyah Samoné AB	Johnson, Monica Faith AB	Mills, ShaKira Brionna AB	Scott, Kenynon Vakeim Deaujae AB	Wenteler, Emily Grace All A
Britt, Gary Benjamin AB	Fulwood, Nubian River AB	Jones, Daisha Monik AB	Montgomery, Trezure Teena AB	Sellers, Ayreonna Iashja AB	West, Montrel Carnell AB
Britt, Kimberlee Madisyn AB	Gattison, La'Shanti Avionna AB	Jones, Jacob Joel All A	Moody, Kinsley Madison AB	Sheppard, Abrianna Darinae' AB	Wharton, Nikeya Sharde' AB
Brown, Brayden Lee AB	Gee, Alyssa Ariel Celia AB	Jones, Joshua Malik AB	Morales-Diaz, Mikayla Estrella AB	Shoemake, Jacob Dylan AB	Wiatrowski, Jacob David AB
Brown, Quanteisha Monique AB	Gibson, Sakeidra Lachel AB	Jones, Ka'Naya Barteisa AB	Morris, Jacob Gene McKendall AB	Skinner, Dusten Ryan AB	Williamson, Avery James AB
Brown, Sharda Elouise AB	Gilbert, Jasmine Keyaria AB	Jordan, Benjamin Mathison All A	Morse, William Zackery AB	Smith, Darian Braxton AB	Williamson, KéZiyah Niketa All A
Brown, Trevion Lavonte AB	Godbold, Margaret Ravenel All A	Jordan, McKenzie Allison AB	Mullins, Kavon Jamal AB	Smith, Madison Amaya Marie AB	Wingate, Ebony Christine All A
Bryant, Devin Thomas AB	Godbold, Stone Rivers All A	Josey, Alphonso Samuel AB	Mumford, Tiera Lashai All A	Smith, Xavier Tirrell AB	Wingate, NiAsia Lanay AB
Bryant, Jonathan Paul All A	Goodman, Khadijah Niqurya-Johnae AB	Joyner, Kr'Shya Tamani AB	Munn, Dylan Bryant AB	Staggers, Jada Mykell AB	Wingate, Yasmene Kristall All A
Byram, Joshua Paul All A	Goodson, Chauncey Ryan AB	Joyner, Nicholas Isaiah AB	Munoz, Maria Felicita AB	Stokes, Andrew George AB	Woodbury, Shanelle Ashaya Maxwell AB
Cannon, Konstance MyAsia AB	Grant, Madison Desiré All A	Kendall, Ceyana Cammaren AB	Norris, Karson Riley AB	Stokes, Danielle Elizabeth AB	Woodie, Katrina Louise All A
Carroway, Knowledge Aubria Aaro AB	Green, Samone Petrice AB	Kennedy, Sugjaria Dorianna AB	Norwood, Ray Egleston AB	Streett, Sean Aaron AB	Yarborough, Carson Grace All A
Carter, Travis Matthew AB	Green, Zakiyra Kendra AB	King, Tanner Brooks AB	O'Neal, Omega Sue AB	Strickland, Adam Legrand AB	Yoon, Seokkyu AB
Ceaser, Montrell Javon AB	Griggs, Karlyn Marianna AB	Kirkland, Jeylen Malik AB	Odom, Arin Rebecca AB		
Coe, Jazmin Dayachia All A	Gurley, Keyonna Tenice All A	Kitt, Yazmyynn BreYanna AB	Odom, Hunter Alexander All A		
Cottingham, Aeryn Paige AB	Gutstein, Zachary Ian AB	Lambert, Xzavier DeAndre AB	Parrilla, Natalia Garcia AB		
Covington, Ashanti Alexis AB	Ham, Elisabeth Tatum AB	Larymore, Deaven Marie AB	Patel, Vishva V AB		
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Davis, Kaneisha Láshae AB	Hanna, Sara Ellen AB	Longmore, Diamond Aaliyah AB	Perry, Navaughn AB		
Davis, Shadirah Aaliyah AB	Harrell, Jalyse Mo'Nae AB	Lopez-Bustos, Aeglae Odette AB	Pierre, Houston Givenchy All A		
Davis, Zayah Nicole AB	Harrison, Nia Imari AB	Louis, Naomi Gabrielle AB	Player, Sidnyah Mauricia All A		
DeMaurice, Matthew William All A	Hatmaker, Austin Tyler Lee AB	Luiz, Kali Marisa AB	Poole, Clinique Lor'real AB		
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Red Cross issues safety tips as hot weather arrives in SC

Even before summer begins, South Carolina was dealing with hot temperatures and high humidity. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), more than 600 people in the United States are killed by extreme heat every year. The Palmetto SC Region of the American Red Cross has steps you can take to help stay safe when the temperatures soar.

"It's important for everyone to realize that warm weather can be dangerous," said Louise Welch Williams, regional chief executive officer, Palmetto SC Region. "The Red Cross urges everyone to follow the tips below, as hot weather continues in the state for the next several days."

HEAT SAFETY TIPS

Some people are more at risk of developing a heat-related illness, including adults age 65 and older, those with chronic

medical conditions, people who work outside, infants and children and athletes. Here are steps you should take in hot weather:

- Hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- If someone doesn't have air conditioning, they should seek relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day in places like schools, libraries, theaters, malls, etc.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting,

lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.

- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
- Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water.

HEAT STROKE IS LIFE-THREATENING

Signs include hot, red skin, which may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting and high body temperature. Call 9-1-1 immediately if someone shows signs of heat stroke. Move the person to a

cooler place. Quickly cool the person's body by immersing them up to their neck in cold water if possible. Otherwise, douse or spray the person with cold water, or cover the person with cold, wet towels or bags of ice.

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Excessive heat can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If someone is experiencing heat cramps in the legs or abdomen, get them to a cooler place, have them rest, lightly stretch the affected muscle, and replenish their fluids with a half a glass (about 4 ounces) of cool water every 15 minutes.

If someone is exhibiting signs of heat exhaustion (cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, exhaustion), move them to a cooler place, remove or loosen

tight clothing and spray the person with water or apply cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin. Fan the person. If they are conscious, give small amounts of cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Watch for changes in condition. If the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1.

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The Red Cross app "Emergency" can help keep you and your loved ones safe by putting vital information in your hand and settings for more than 35 different severe weather and emergency alerts including heat advisories and excessive heat warnings. The Red Cross First Aid App puts instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies at your fingertips including heat-related emer-

gencies. Download these apps by searching for 'American Red Cross' in your app store or at redcross.org/apps.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches life-saving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization – not a government agency – and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org/SC or @RedCrossSC

Delayed by cold winter, shrimp season finally opens

CHARLESTON – South Carolinians can breathe a sigh of relief: fresh, locally caught shrimp could soon be returning to coastal docks.

As of June 19, commercial shrimp trawling is open in all legal South Carolina waters. The season opening comes about a month later than average, after a cold winter killed off the majority of the overwintering white shrimp that normally make up the spring crop.

"The smaller number of white shrimp we have seen recently have been spawning, some more than once," said Mel Bell, director of SCDNR's Office of Fisheries Management. "Hopefully we will have a good run of brown shrimp to get us into the summer, and an abundant crop of white shrimp this fall."

In January 2018, the Southeast experienced a stretch of abnormally low temperatures. Temperatures dropped below 48 degrees Fahrenheit in Charleston Harbor, an important threshold below which shrimp start to die. For three weeks, water temperatures remained below 48 degrees, killing most of the shrimp spending the winter in South Carolina waters.

SCDNR officials immediately closed state waters to trawling and requested that federal counterparts at NOAA

Fisheries do the same in federal waters (>3 miles offshore) in order to protect the surviving shrimp.

Since then, SCDNR biologists have been closely monitoring the situation with shrimp trawls several times a month – and unsurprisingly, they've been reporting below-average numbers of white shrimp. In addition to the low numbers, the cold water temperatures may have put shrimp development behind schedule.

"Cold January temperatures greatly reduced the spring crop, but our monitoring efforts show that brown shrimp are developing, and the juvenile white shrimp that will make up the fall crop are already beginning to grow in the tidal creeks that serve as their nursery grounds," said SCDNR assistant marine scientist Dr. Michael Kendrick.

South Carolina's commercial shrimp calendar has three peak periods. In the spring, shrimpers typically capitalize on the influx of roe white shrimp, large, early-season shrimp that generally fetch higher prices and generate the most value for fishing effort. These were the shrimp affected by the low temperatures, which were largely absent from our waters this spring. The summer months are defined by a peak in

brown shrimp, which are similar to white shrimp in size and taste. Brown shrimp, fortunately, were not likely impacted by the cold January, although their average size remained a bit smaller than average as of mid-June. In the fall and into winter, shrimpers bring in a second crop of white shrimp – this time the offspring of the spring roe shrimp.

Because the size of the fall crop depends on successful spawning by the spring shrimp, SCDNR officials do not open the spring trawling season until they have evidence that the majority of white shrimp have spawned. Federal waters adjacent to South Carolina waters reopened to shrimp trawling on June 13; state waters followed on June 19.

One bright spot this season is that shrimp are prolific spawners – a single female can produce millions of eggs. A cold winter, therefore, does not doom the success of the fall white shrimp crop. But harvest may be slow until brown shrimp return in larger numbers to coastal waters.

"The industry will need to see what things look like this week and determine if they want to harvest or not," Bell said. "The boats need to be able to land enough product with enough value to make trips profitable."

Sonoco PAW Patrol-themed snack trays for Crunch Pak featured at United Fresh

Snack trays produced by Sonoco for snack giant Crunch Pak® have been recognized as 2018 United Fresh Innovation Award Finalists at the United Fresh tradeshow, which will take place June 25-27 in Chicago.

The PAW Patrol-themed snack trays have proven popular with both children and parents thanks to their healthy, on-the-go convenience and packaging inspired by Nickelodeon's hit animated preschool show. Crunch Pak's new partnership with the number-one entertainment brand for kids, Nickelodeon, required a new package for the healthy snack pack that would stand out on the shelf and tie in well with the promotional branding.

To meet Crunch Pak's speed-to-market needs, Sonoco delivered drawings and prototypes of paw-shaped rigid plastic for testing before an urgent customer deadline. The customized tray was ultimately produced 20 percent faster than usual lead times allow, and the snack packs went from concept to shelf in only four months.

"Sonoco was a great partner in our effort to get the PAW Patrol snack packs on the shelf quickly," said Megan Wade, Marketing and Product Development Manager at Crunch Pak. "They exceeded our requirements for quick turn-



around, worked with us to customize the trays, and met the challenge head-on."

Sonoco partners with many of the world's largest food brands in the consumer packaged goods and food service industries to provide thermoformed trays, bowls, and peelable and resealable lidding solutions that meet unique requirements and high standards. The company provides speed-to-market through a portfolio of existing designs and sizes, as well as the ability for

quick custom development tailored to unique specifications.

The 2018 United Fresh Innovation Awards finalists will be displayed on the trade show floor at United Fresh 2018, where attendees will have the opportunity to cast their votes for their favorite new and innovative products on Tuesday, June 26 and Wednesday, June 27. United Fresh will announce winners at the Innovation Awards Area on the show floor on Wednesday, June 27 at 3:00 pm.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DARLINGTON COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Directors of Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority, the governing body of the Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority, at 9:00 a.m. on the 28th day of June, 2018. The hearing will be held at the office of Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority, which is located at 131 Industrial Way, Darlington, SC. The purpose of the hearing is to allow members of the public to express their views regarding the proposed operating budget for Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority for the fiscal year 2018-2019. All persons who attend the public hearing will be given an opportunity to speak.

As required by Section 6-1-80, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 as amended, the public is advised of the following:

1. The budget of Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority for the current fiscal year called for revenue of \$8,115,925 and expenditures of \$5,932,950.
2. The proposed budget of Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority for fiscal year 2018-2019 calls for revenue of \$8,574,475 and expenditures of \$6,099,370.
3. The proposed revenue for the fiscal year 2018-2019 operating budget of Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority represents an 5.6% increase in revenue from the operating budget for the current fiscal year.
4. No ad valorem property taxes were levied in the current fiscal year to meet the operational needs of the Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority. (June 18, 2018)

Senior Military Colleges push to secure collective national cyber institute

America's Senior Military Colleges (SMC) worked jointly to address the escalating need for highly trained cyber operations and cybersecurity leaders. The colleges, which include The Citadel, the University of North Georgia, Norwich University, Texas A&M, Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Tech worked with their congressional leaders on an amendment authorizing the Secretary of Defense to establish cyber institutes at SMCs. The measure could accelerate the growth of the existing pipeline of disciplined, capable leaders educated by the SMCs for armed forces, Department of Defense and civilian cyber enterprises.

The goal is for the Senior Military Colleges Cyber Institute amendment to be included in the final Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (FY19 NDAA).

Five of the six SMCs, including The Citadel, already offer cyber security minors and are National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security National Centers of Academic Excellence in

Cyber Defense Education.

"Future cyber leaders must be able to empower their teams to foresee and resolve complex, and often threatening, problems," said U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina). "Our Senior Military Colleges are already deeply invested in this type of national security education. They provide the discipline, ethics training and academic rigor the next generation of cyber leaders need. They are ready for this step."

Graham and U.S. Sen. Tim Scott (R-South Carolina) both agreed to support the Senior Military Colleges Cyber Institute amendment, which was included in the Senate Armed Services Committee FY19 NDAA that is now under consideration on the Senate floor. The University of North Georgia initiated the collaboration, with the amendment sponsored by U.S. Congressman Jody Hice (R-Georgia), and signed by Georgia's full congressional delegation.

"With cyber threats affecting nearly every sector of our society, we need capable and trained professionals in our Department of Defense and

other agencies who are prepared to proactively and effectively counter this dangerous trend," said U.S. Sen. Tim Scott. "We need our nation's cyber training facilities, especially our Senior Military Colleges, to train the next generation of leaders to help secure Americans' information and to further advance our overall national security. I was glad to have worked with my colleague Sen. Graham to advocate for the inclusion of the Senior Military Colleges Cyber Institute Amendment in the Senate version of the FY19 NDAA."

SMCs, must meet specific criteria such as a military structured corps of cadets, physical fitness and military training through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), cadet codes of conduct and military uniform requirements—all in addition to offering bachelor's degrees and above. Together, the SMCs produce about 900 new U.S. military officers annually.

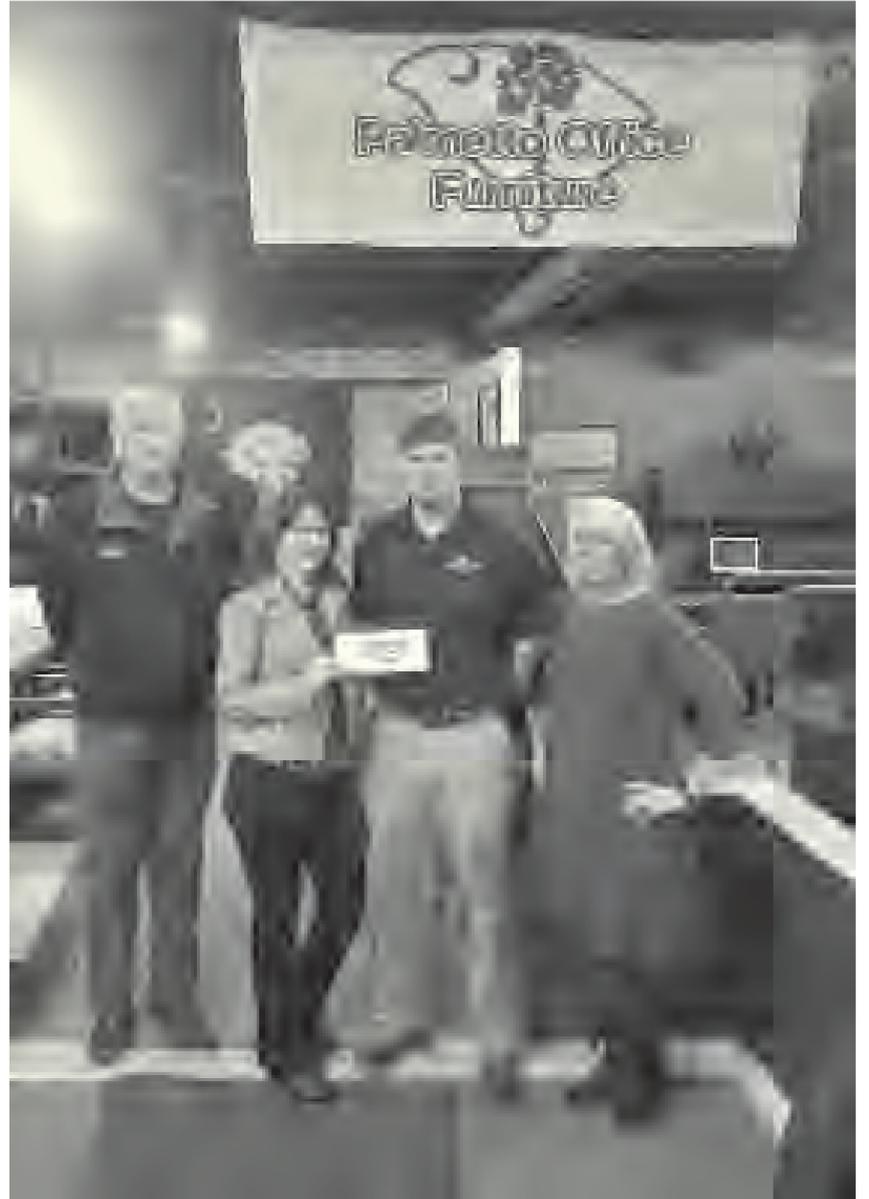
"The real challenge is not just finding people who understand cyber operations and network security, but developing leaders who can

build teams of innovators to help shape the ever-changing cyber landscape," said the president of The Citadel, Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa. "We are thankful for the support our South Carolina Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott are giving to this important national security effort."

Other examples of SMC Cyber Institute advantages:

- Accelerating the expansion of America's cyber workforce for national defense
- Leveraging already robust international partnerships for collaborative cyber defense
- Interdisciplinary, innovative research with all participating cadets residing on SMC campuses
- Annual cyber competition for SMC cadets with ROTC units and all military branches
- Growth for the established cyber security minor programs at The Citadel and four other SMCs

The FY19 NDAA passed in the House on May 24. The Senate will consider it at a later date.



DDRA awards two sign grants, announces additional funds

The Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association (DDRA) awarded two more grants through its Improvement Incentive Program this spring.

"We are excited to see more businesses getting involved in improving their properties," said Lisa Chalian-Rock, executive director of the DDRA. "The concept of the grant program was to encourage all our businesses, new and existing, to update their signage and facades and make Darlington a more welcoming and attractive place for residents, customers, and businesses alike."

In March, the first grant went to Tommy and Frances Ewart and Palmetto Office Furniture on South Main Street. The business has resurfaced the roof of the large historic building, removing rust and covering with clean paint. The upgrade breathes more life into the developing parcel on South Main Street beside RV & Boat Storage LLC, which

used its grant to add signage.

The most recent grant went to Robert Singletary and Singletary's Auto Repair on South Main Street, to freshen the exterior of the business. The new paint tidies the appearance of the shop and continues the refinishing at that corner with Out of This World Screen Printing and Palmetto Express Tax already giving their properties facelifts in the last year.

Singletary thanked the DDRA and other downtown businesses for their revitalization efforts. "We all need to be revitalized," Singletary said. "Downtown Darlington Revitalization is doing a good job. I am going to keep this money. I am giving this \$1,000 to my church (Central Baptist Church) so that they can continue their work and maybe someone can revitalize their life."

The DDRA Board of Directors approved \$5,000 to

be used for improvement grants in 2018 and has \$2,000 left for this calendar year.

"We want this momentum to continue and see more businesses open and more succeed," Rock said. "This grant gives owners a little more incentive to stay in Darlington or to locate in Darlington."

Since the program's inception, the DDRA has awarded \$6,000 in grants for improvements, meaning more than \$12,000 worth of upgrades have been made by local businesses due to our efforts.

To apply, download the application from www.buildupdarlington.org or www.darlingtonSConline.com or get a copy from the DDRA Office or Codes Enforcement Office at City Hall, 400 Pearl St.

Through the DDRA Improvement Incentive Program, the DDRA provides up to 50 percent of the cost of removing or installing an

approved sign up to a maximum of \$1,000 or up to 50 percent of the cost of exterior painting up to a maximum of \$1,000.

The Board of Directors has \$5,000 available for the program in 2018. Applications should be submitted by the 24th day of the month for consideration.

What is encouraged

- Replacement of wall-mounted signage with projecting signage.
- Replacement of several advertising signs at one loca-

tion with a single advertising sign.

- Signs designed by a sign professional.
 - Replacement of worn, weathered, discolored, or outdated signs and awnings.
 - Repainting of exterior buildings which show paint chipping.
 - Replacement or installation of awnings.
- What will not be funded
- Purchase of portable or temporary signs.
 - Signs that do not conform to the City's sign regula-

tions and which have not been approved.

- Signs and painting for businesses without current City of Darlington business licenses.

- Interior painting.
- Interior signage.

The Board will review applications on a monthly basis at its regular meetings until funds allocated for the program are exhausted. Preference will be given to DDRA members and to local, non-chain businesses.

Duke Energy Foundation boosts South Carolina students, teachers and workforce through \$660,000 in grants

Duke Energy has been powering South Carolina for more than a century, and continues to empower the minds of its students and the workforce of the future by investing in innovative education programs and initiatives.

Emphasizing the importance of workforce development, literacy and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), Duke Energy recently awarded more than \$660,000 in grants to 16 programs across the Palmetto State.

The grants are administered through the Duke Energy Foundation, which provides philanthropic support to communities served by Duke Energy, with a focus on "K to Career" educational and workforce development initiatives, the environment and community impact.

"Our 'K to Career' grants go to a diverse group of organizations across our state that are dedicated to training the workforce of the future and giving our young people the skills they will need to lead our state in the years to come," said Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, South Carolina state president for Duke Energy.

Recipients this year include:

- AIM: To support workforce training programs that help equip individuals with the necessary skills to earn a livable wage and develop self-sufficiency.

- Anderson Districts 1 & 2 Career and Technology Center: To support programs designed to educate students

in robotics design, programming and use in industry.

- Clemson University Women in Science/Programs for Educational Enrichment and Retention (PEER): To provide continued support to programs that provide camps for minority engineering majors, and to provide camps, encouragement and support to women pursuing careers in science and math.

- Francis Marion University: To support the expansion of the university's engineering program to include mechanical engineering.

- Duke Energy 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," said Francis Marion University President Fred 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."

- Northeastern Technical College: To help ramp up the college's electrical technician program to help meet the need for electrical technicians in Chesterfield, Marlboro and Dillon counties.

- Public Education Partners: To continue and expand an innovative program that provides a pathway into the teaching profession for people with bachelor's degrees in math and science.

- Roper Mountain Science Center: To expand STEM-

based learning labs to students in Anderson, Pickens and Spartanburg counties.

- South Carolina Robotics Education Foundation: To help students develop STEM skills by expanding FIRST Tech Challenge robotics teams to Title I schools throughout Duke Energy's service territory.

- South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities: To provide scholarships for STEM majors at independent colleges and universities in Duke Energy service areas.

- South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind: To support the Really Cool for My School Book Club, a literacy initiative that helps to foster the love of reading for students by supplying large print and Braille books to take home.

- The Duke Energy Foundation's support of our Really Cool for My School Book Club enables us to continue to provide a critical component of our literacy initiative here at the school," said Ann Akerman, the CEO for the S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation. "Ensuring that children have accessible reading materials including large print and braille is imperative to a child's ability to learn to read. Together we are providing important resources to ensure a solid foundation for tomorrow's leaders."

- Spartanburg Community College: To address regional workforce development

issues in Cherokee County for individuals who have barriers to employment.

- Tri-County Technical College: To support hands-on training in partnership with School District of Oconee County for students in engineering and mechatronics.

- United Way of Pickens County: To continue and expand the successful "Camp iRock" summer literacy program.

- Upcountry History Museum: To support hands-on literacy adventures that will take visitors on a journey around the world as they explore faraway places and cultures through beloved classic stories.

- Upstate Warrior Solution: To support workforce development for Upstate veterans by teaching them skills that will allow them to enter the civilian workforce at a livable wage.

- Youthlink: To support afterschool programs with an explicit goal to provide students with project-based STEM experiences for economically disadvantaged and underrepresented elementary and middle school students.

The Foundation annually funds more than \$33 million to communities throughout Duke Energy's seven-state service area. In 2017, the company donated more than \$2 million to nonprofit organizations in South Carolina.

About Duke Energy Foundation The Duke Energy Foundation provides philan-

Palmetto Pride re-launches mobile app

C O L U M B I A - - PalmettoPride's popular litter-busting hotline is now available on your mobile device. The mobile application provides for a user-friendly screen and features step-by-step prompts making it easier to bust litterbugs in your community.

PalmettoPride had sponsored the Trash Tracker application several years ago, but recently discontinued it to create an app that better suited the needs of the organization and one that directly related to the popular Litter Busters Hotline.

"The Trash Tracker app was a great foray into the mobile app world for PalmettoPride, but after a few years we determined that many of the features our old platform provided were just not working for our needs," said Sarah Lyles, executive director for PalmettoPride.

This user-friendly reporting application will prompt you for the information you need to provide: location, make and color of vehicle, and more importantly, the license plate information. Once the information is verified, the vehicle's owner will receive a courtesy letter explaining the South Carolina litter laws.



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Week in the Wild camp teaches the importance of appreciating, preserving the natural world

Kalmia Gardens of Coker College is hosting a series of "Week in the Wild" camps during the month of June, where kids from First Grade to Sixth Grade explore the wonders of the gardens and learn about local flora and fauna.

"We're learning about the water cycle and how to protect water as a resource, the importance of plants and trees and some basic botany. Also, it's very important in this digital age to remind kids that we are actually a part of nature and not separated from it," says Dan Hill, assistant director of Kalmia Gardens. "These little ones, if they don't have an appreciation for the natural world, when they get to be adults they won't know or understand that we need to protect it."

Campers meet each morning at the Joslin Education Center to review what they've learned and lay out the plan for the day. Those plans could include making art projects like leaf castings, learning about the life cycles of animals and insects, or playing around with butterfly nets until they learn the perfect 'swoop and flip' technique to trap a damselfly in the net without harming its delicate wings.

Hill then leads the group on a hike through all 35 acres of Kalmia's winding trails. The kids visit the quaint tiny houses of the fairy garden, stop by the creek and pond, marvel at every spider and skink and spiky leaf, and learn many interesting things about the environment along the way. Photos by Samantha Lyles





Elks of the World attend and participate in the Patrick Pinestraw Festival in Patrick, SC on June 16. Grand Lodge Officers and members from across the state of South Carolina took part in the parade and festivities at this annual event. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Ralph Singleton, Roosevelt Scott, Ronnie Hill, Sheriff of Chesterfield County James Dixon, Kevin N. Brown, Fernader Barr of Lake City Elks Lodge no. 1680 and Clarence Collins of Pee Dee United Elks Lodge no. 1679. Photo Contributed



2018-2019 Officers of the Pilot Club of Darlington are: Director Belinda Copeland, Director Angela Dority, Treasurer Frances Kelly, President Melissa Schwier, Secretary Ginger Ridgill, and Director Judy Langley. Missing from the photograph is President Elect Kim Nelson. Installing officer was Mary Scott. Melissa Schwier will serve as the Club's delegate at the Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN June 27-July 1st. Photo Contributed



Riley Hill Lodge # 7224 and District No.7 members are shown after 2018 Mid-Year Session Meeting. Pictured from left to right are Greg Holden, Larry Armstrong, Kevin N. Brown, Melvin Holden, Anthony Holden, Rudolph Merritt. District No. 7 of The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household No.10 made a donation to the Shepherd's Care Medical Clinic whose purpose is to provide preventive and post medical care to individuals who do not have medical insurance. Photo Contributed

BACKYARD STARGAZER FOR JULY 2018

By Francis Parnell

The Red Planet Mars is a dazzling beacon in late July!

Just before dawn on the 1st, look southwest to see the waning gibbous Moon and rusty red Mars 6-degrees apart before sunrise.

Dog Days begin on the 3rd



and lasts until August 11th. Named by the Greeks 3,000 years ago for "Sirius", the Dog Star, it's the 40 days of the year they believed dogs went mad because of the oppressive heat and humidity. In SC, we know exactly how they felt.

At 1 p.m. on the 6th, Earth is at Aphelion, 94,507,803 miles from the Sun; 3-million miles farther away than we were at Perihelion on January 3rd.

At dusk on the 9th, look west to find Venus less than 1-degree upper right of Regulus, the brightest star in LEO. Mercury is 15-degrees lower right of Venus.

Mercury reaches Greatest Elongation of 26-degrees east of the Sun on the 11th. On the 14th, the thin waxing crescent

Moon is less than 2-degrees above Mercury. On the 15th, the waxing crescent is less than 2-degrees lower right of Venus. Great binocular views!

With the two Super Moons earlier this year, on the 27th it's a Full Mini-Moon! At Apogee, 252,523 miles away, it's the farthest and smallest Full Moon of the year. Will it appear smaller? At moonrise we'll have to watch and see!

Rising at sunset on the 27th, and visible all night, brilliant Red Mars is at opposition, 36,252,764 miles (3.2 light-minutes) away. Due to the elliptical orbits of both Earth and Mars, the closest approach to Earth is on the 31st. It hasn't been this close, or this bright, since the

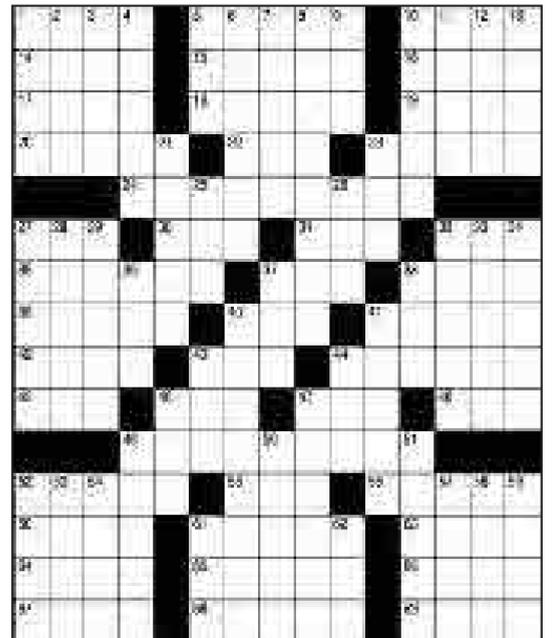
exceptional opposition of August 2003, and will not get this close again until September 2035.

FAST FACT: With a diameter of 12.4-miles, a Neutron star is so small and dense that a teaspoonful weighs 2-trillion pounds.

Dark skies for us all, and "Keep looking up!"

Francis Parnell of Darlington has been an amateur astronomer for nearly 50 years. He was on the staff and helped out at the Francis Marion University Observatory from 1982 until 2006 by showing visitors "what's out there." With the help of a friend, Mr. Ernest Lowry, he built his own telescope in 1986.

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ACROSS

- Green and yellow citrus fruit
- Type of clock
- Die
- A hammer needs one
- Leopard (Hebrew)
- In the Hebrew calendar
- Away from wind
- Type of footwear
- Malaysian coastal city
- Arm bones
- A type of diligence
- Banquets
- Home of The Beatles
- Electromotive force
- Small amount
- Type of cola
- Adult female
- Astronomy unit
- Hall of Fame
- Type of gazelle
- Places
- Women from the Mayflower
- Liquid served with food
- Predatory semi-aquatic reptile (abbr.)
- Angle (abbr.)
- Touched lightly
- Cannister
- Crony
- Tell on
- Body of water
- Sorts out
- Mammary gland of female cattle

DOWN

- Two-toed sloth
- Impudent behavior
- The right to take another's property
- Refers to end of small intestine
- Mandela's party
- Inserted strips of fat before cooking
- Secret love affair
- Responds to stimulation
- Wife
- Desert mammal
- A nearly horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
- Uncommon
- Kristofferson, actor
- Where buildings are built
- Chain attached to a watch

- Holiday (informal)
- Clod
- Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- Australian eucalyptus tree
- Aerosol propellant
- Coats with a sticky substance
- Master of ceremonies
- The venerable British theologian
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Witch
- Strike with a light blow
- The First State
- Satisfies
- A way to fish
- Magnetic tape used to make recordings
- For each
- Flower cluster
- Closes off
- One who supports fanatically
- Type of vaccine
- Approves food
- Hoofed grazing animal
- Dreadfully dull
- Youngster
- Clapton, musician
- Take a chance
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Female sibling

WORD SEARCH



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| AISLE | CHAPEL | OFFICIANT |
| ASCOT | CHARGER | PLACE CARDS |
| BLUSHER | CHUPPAH | PROCESSION |
| BOUQUET | COCKTAIL | RECEIVING |
| BOUTONNIERE | CORSAGE | RECEPTION |
| BRIDESMAID | CRINOLINE | RECESSIONAL |
| BUFFET | DAISY | SHOWER |
| BUSTLE | DINNER | STATIONERY |
| BUTTERCREAM | ENGRAVED | TIE |
| CAKE | FAMILY | TUXEDO |
| CALLIGRAPHY | GOWN | WALTZ |
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Local Student News

USC Aiken announces President's List for Spring 2018

AIKEN-- Simone Barr, a Early Childhood Education major from Darlington, SC, was named to the University of South Carolina Aiken President's List for Spring 2018.

To earn this distinction, Barr had to be enrolled as a full-time student and maintain a 4.0 GPA.

Barr is a graduate of Darlington High School.

USC Aiken, a comprehensive university in the University of South Carolina system, offers undergraduate and master's degrees to more than 3,500 students in 50 programs of study. USC Aiken is ranked the #1 public regional college in the South by U.S. News & World Report's guide "America's Best Colleges." The 2018 distinction marks USC Aiken's 20th consecutive ranking among the top three in this category and the 13th time in first place.

Charleston Southern graduates Class of 2018

CHARLESTON - Charleston Southern University conferred 682 degrees Saturday, May 5 at North Charleston Coliseum, including the following students from your area.

* David Hellmig of Darlington

* Joshua Poston of Hartsville

Charleston Southern announces Dean's List

CHARLESTON - The following local residents have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at Charleston Southern University:

* Danielle Reid Kriss of Darlington, a senior majoring in Accounting and Business Admin, Emphasis Management.

* Caroline Marie McLellan of Darlington, a sophomore majoring in Early Childhood Education.

* Gloria Roshella Rawls of Darlington, a senior majoring in Psychology and Sociology.

* Mari Pennington Boatwright of Hartsville, a senior majoring in Marketing.

Students named to Charleston Southern's Dean's List earned a 3.5 GPA or better and earned 12 or more credit hours for the semester.

About Charleston Southern University: Founded in 1964, Charleston Southern University is a private, Christian liberal arts university. With an enrollment of 3,575 students, CSU is South Carolina's largest accredited, independent university and has been recognized as one of America's Best Christian Colleges, America's 100 Best College Buys, U.S. News & World Report's Best Online Bachelor's Programs, U.S. News & World Report's Best Online Bachelor's Programs for Veterans, Colleges of Distinction, VA

Yellow Ribbon Program and a Military Friendly School. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, CSU

offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Students can learn online or in the classroom. The university's vision is to be a Christian university nationally recognized for integrating faith in learning, leading and serving.

Local students named to Dean's List at Anderson University

ANDERSON- The following students were named to the Dean's List at Anderson University for the spring semester. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

* Dani Gainey, Darlington

* Carly Phillips, Hartsville

Anderson University is a selective comprehensive university offering bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees on campus and online. Anderson is ranked in the top tier of US News and World Report's Best Regional Universities South, is among its Best Online Bachelor's Programs and has been recognized as the #7 Most Innovative School among regional universities.

U.S. Firefighter Fatalities report shows lowest death total in more than 40 years

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) released its annual U.S. Firefighter Fatalities report, which showed a total of 60 U.S. firefighter fatalities while on duty in 2017. This number represents the lowest total reported since 1977, when NFPA began reporting on-duty firefighter fatalities; it is the sixth time in the last seven years that the total has been below 70 deaths.

Of the 60 fatalities, 32 were volunteer firefighters, 21 were career firefighters, three were employees of federal land management agencies, two were contractors with federal and state land management agencies and two were prison inmates. Deaths among career and volunteer firefighters were both at their second lowest totals in 2017.

The 17 deaths that occurred at the fire scene represents the second-lowest number of fire ground deaths since the study's inception, and the second consecutive year that the number has been below 20.

"Many of the all-time or near lows we saw in 2017 reflect a continuation of declining firefighter fatality rates in the U.S.," said Rita Fahy, NFPA's manager of fire databases and systems. "At the same time, we found some unexpected shifts in terms of when and where deaths are occurring."

In most years, the second largest share of on-duty firefighter deaths occurs while firefighters are responding to or returning from emergency calls. In 2017, however, the second largest share (11 deaths) occurred at the scene of non-fire emergencies: five were operating at motor vehicle crashes; three were at incidents with wires down; one was at the scene of a downed tree; one was investigating an odor in a structure; and one was checking on a possible flooding condition during a storm. Ten of the 11 were struck by passing vehicles and one suffered sudden cardiac death.

In 2017 ten firefighters were struck by vehicles, which is far higher than the average of four deaths a year over the previous 30 years.

"This is very different from what we usually observe in a year. Only twice before has the total been 10 or higher," said Fahy, who also points out that crash fatalities, which used to consistently account for the highest share of traumatic deaths annually, are below 10 for the fourth time in the past seven years.

Overexertion, stress and medical issues accounted for more than half of the deaths in 2017. Of the 32 deaths in this category, 29 were classified as sudden cardiac deaths (usually heart attacks), two were due to strokes and one was due to complications from a recent medical procedure that developed while the victim was at work. The 29 sudden cardiac deaths in 2017, with onset while the victim was on-duty, represents the fourth time in the last six years that the toll has been below 30, but still accounts for almost half of the deaths while on-duty.

Fahy notes that while it's encouraging to see the continued declines reflected in this report, the full firefighter fatality picture is far broader than NFPA's data.

"This report only reflects deaths that occur while vic-

tims are on-the-job, either as the result of traumatic injuries or onset of acute medical condition," said Fahy. "Studies have shown that years spent in the fire service can take a toll on a firefighter's health, both physical and emotional, and can also result in exposures to toxins that eventually result in job-related cancer that are not represented in this report."

A comprehensive study that enumerates all duty-related deaths in a year is not yet possible to accomplish.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.



Five reasons you should volunteer

By Angie Beaty, Hospice Care of South Carolina

How did it make you feel the last time you volunteered your time to an important cause? We all lead busy lives; maybe the thought of volunteering seems overwhelming. Most of the time, we think about the how volunteer impacts others, we don't stop to consider how it impacts us.

1. It is beneficial to one's self. By volunteering, it allows you to improve your health and well-being.

2. It gives you a sense of self-worth. Volunteering

allows you to do something for others that need your help. Without you, they wouldn't receive the outcome. It can also reduce stress and boost your immune system.

3. It can help you make new friends. It gives you a chance to increase your circle and have more social interactions with others. Who knows who you will meet!

4. It gives you the chance to make a difference for others in your community. It creates bonds with individuals that share the same passion as yourself.

5. It is fun! Making a difference is both beneficial to the receiver and the giver. It is something to look forward to and brings you happiness.

Volunteering has many benefits, so volunteer your time today! It could be one day a week, an hour a month, or a one-time event. You're sure to be rewarded with a sense of purpose, compassion and joy.

To become a volunteer with Hospice Care of South Carolina, please fill out our volunteer application here: <http://www.hospicecare.net/volunteer-application>.

BBB of Coastal Carolina announces newly accredited businesses

The Better Business Bureau of Coastal Carolina is proud to announce newly Accredited Businesses for the months of April and May. BBB's Accredited Businesses must meet and adhere to the BBB's 'Standards of Trust,' a comprehensive set of policies, procedures and best practices representing trustworthiness in the marketplace.

The standards call for building trust, embodying integrity, advertising honestly, telling the truth, being transparent, honoring promises, being responsive and safeguarding privacy.

The following became Accredited Businesses during April and May 2018:

Global Process Automation, Wilmington, N.C.

Carolina Insurers Associates of Tabor City, Inc., Tabor City, N.C.

Shealy Dental Clinic, Florence, S.C.

Carolina Specialties of N.C., Inc., Fayetteville, N.C.

Trusted Home Services, LLC, Conway, S.C.

Joe Carr Photography, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

iFix and Repair, Fayetteville, N.C.

Spence's Cleaning

Services, LLC, Little River, S.C.

The Finch Connection, LLC, Fayetteville, N.C.

Air Conditioning & Heating Specialty, Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Christi Lowe Productions, LLC, Fayetteville, N.C.

Healing Hands Animal Hospital, PLLC, Burgaw, N.C.

King Mechanical Heating & Cooling, Conway, S.C.

Leigh's Heating and Cooling, Inc., Conway, S.C.

Myrtle Beach Home Buyers, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Myrtle Beach Plastic Surgery, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Peachtree Electrical and Solar, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Southern Air, Inc., Florence, S.C.

The Children's Group, P.C., Hartsville, S.C.

Timeshare Be Gone, Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Mr. Electric of North Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"I'm excited to announce each of these newly Accredited Businesses," Dr. John D'Ambrosio, President and CEO of the BBB of Coastal Carolina. "The BBB helps consumers to find businesses that they can trust. These businesses realized the importance of providing their

customers a stronger level of trust by committing to maintain high ethical standards of conduct."

When a consumer deals with a BBB Accredited Business, the consumer has peace of mind knowing that they are dealing with an honest organization that is accountable to its clients.

Better Business Bureau of Coastal Carolina is a private not-for-profit organization that strives for a trustworthy marketplace by maintaining standards for truthful advertising as well as investigating and exposing fraud against consumers and businesses. For more than 100 years, the BBB has been helping people find businesses, brands and charities they can trust. In 2017, people turned to the BBB more than 160 million times for BBB Business Profiles on more than 5.2 million businesses and charity reports on 11,000 charities. Information is available for free at www.bbb.org. BBB of Coastal Carolina covers the counties of Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion and Williamsburg in South Carolina and Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson and Sampson in North Carolina.

Coker College President Accepts Four-Year Contract

Coker College President Dr. Robert L. Wyatt has accepted a new four-year contract offered by the college's Board of Trustees, confirming his leadership through 2022.

"We are extremely pleased and excited that Dr. Wyatt has agreed to extend his tenure with Coker," said Walt George, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "Working diligently with the faculty, administration, students, and community, Dr. Wyatt has helped lead Coker into a new era. As we are now two years into a new five year strategic plan, we know our future as an institution is in able hands. We also want to thank Dr. Wyatt's wife, Nancy, and daughter, Lara, for their continued support and service to the Coker community."

Dr. Wyatt assumed his duties as the 16th President of Coker College on July 1, 2009, with a compelling commitment to "redefine ready" for Coker students. Since his tenure began, Dr. Wyatt has overseen the addition of five graduate degree programs as well as bridge agreements with six South Carolina technical colleges, a partnership with the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Accelerate program, the expansion of Coker's campus, an increase in enrollment, the addition of athletics teams, and a comprehensive plan for meeting the needs of today's college students, which includes substantial numbers of first-generation students, students coming from under-resourced high schools, under-represented students, and adult-age students. The community, both on campus and off, have embraced Dr. Wyatt and his vision for Coker College and its ties to Hartsville. One of Dr. Wyatt's goals has been for Coker to graduate students who make a life-changing difference, and that commitment is reflected in the significant role community service plays in the lives of the student body. In his inauguration speech, Dr. Wyatt said, "A student of Coker College must have the opportunity to experience the difference he or she can make. Rest assured, there are many, many needs in our town, our state and around the world. If we greet this challenge, our students will be ready to expand their reach, their impact, and to truly make a difference." In the last year alone, Coker students contributed over 7,400 service hours to Hartsville and surrounding communities. Another goal has been to expose Coker students to real-world experiences and different circumstances prior to graduation; many have interned with local businesses and organizations, and all traditional undergraduates are required to study away or abroad. "As a long-time business partner with Coker College, we are extremely pleased Dr. Wyatt will be continuing to drive the institution as it prepares well-rounded graduates ready to take on the challenges of the world," said Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., executive chairman of Sonoco Products Company. "From improving academic and professional development opportunities, including expanding adult education and master's programs, to building a nationally ranked Enactus entrepreneurial leadership program, Dr. Wyatt has built an institution

that can thrive for another 110 years." "Under Dr. Wyatt's leadership, the relationship between the college and the city has grown," said Natalie Ziegler, Hartsville city manager. "We are intentional in this approach to fold Coker College into the city center and increase the awareness and visibility of the college to our residents. I am excited that the Coker College Board of Trustees recognizes the leadership Dr. Wyatt brings not only to Coker College, but to the community at large, and that they have extended his contract."

Among his early accomplishments at Coker, Dr. Wyatt has led the college through an extensive strategic planning process, and now strategic plan implementation, that has resulted in unprecedented institutional growth and helped Coker College adapt to the changing needs of a radically shifting higher education landscape. At the start of his presidency, Dr. Wyatt said, "The statistics surrounding high school graduation rates are alarming. Frankly, college graduation rates are not much better, and looming changes in demographics will only exacerbate the problem...This is a difficult proposition, but we must address the readiness of our incoming students. Included in these discussions must be an examination of how we best measure college preparedness."

Evolving student demographics mean that today's students face a different set of challenges than previous generations, and Coker is making tremendous strides to improve and expand services for the modern-day student. In an effort to ensure the needs of today's students are addressed effectively, Coker has added numerous student success initiatives during Dr. Wyatt's tenure, including an institutional reorganization that focuses on more effective student communication, support, inclusion, and retention. Coker has seen the addition of five graduate programs, four of which are online, and two online undergraduate degree programs, in an effort to make higher education even more accessible and manageable.

Recognizing the importance of technology and our ever-increasing dependence on it, Dr. Wyatt has pushed for forward-thinking measures that place Coker on the cutting edge of modern learning. In addition to adding online master's and bachelor's degree programs, Coker is launching AccessCoker this fall, a program through which incoming first-year students will receive a brand new iPad® and Apple Pencil® to help them easily access learning materials and prepare for 21st-century careers. Under Dr. Wyatt's leadership, the number of athletic teams at Coker has more than doubled since taking the helm in 2009. Coker currently competes in 24 NCAA Division II sports, including field hockey, which is returning to campus this fall after a 40-year hiatus. Back in 2014, Dr. Wyatt helped Coker transition to the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) from Carolinas. Beginning in 2018-2019, another new addition to Coker Athletics is esports, also known as organized, competitive multi-player video gaming. Coker is also a member of the National



Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE) and one of approximately 60 colleges and universities competing in collegiate esports across the country. Dr. Wyatt introduced Enactus (formerly SIFE) to Coker College. Enactus is an international organization that connects student, academic and business leaders through entrepreneurial-based projects that empower people to transform opportunities into real, sustainable progress for themselves and their communities. Coker is one of 440 active Enactus teams in the United States and currently has 31 participating students. Coker College Enactus was recently named third in the nation at the Enactus United States National Exposition held May 20-22, 2018, in Kansas City, Missouri. Through tenacious fundraising of over \$33,000,000 and careful planning, Dr. Wyatt and his team have facilitated the construction of the Harris E. & Louise H. DeLoach Center, a 71,000 square foot, state-of-the-art athletic facility; the construction of two residence halls—the Betty Y. and Charles L. Sullivan Jr. Residence Hall and the Susan K. and Walter N. George Residence Hall; the renovation of the building for and naming of the Wiggins School of Education; and is finalizing the plans for a future school of business for Coker College. Under Dr. Wyatt's leadership, the college's endowment has grown by 43%, or \$14,000,000, since 2009, and Coker College provides students with more than \$10,000,000 in institutional scholarships and aid every year. "It has been my privilege for my family and me to serve Coker College these past nine years," said Dr. Wyatt. "Together with the help of dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators, a remarkably progressive and generous board of trustees, engaged alumni and donors, and our remarkable students, we've accomplished growth most of us probably thought was impossible and have made tremendous strides toward accomplishing much of our second strategic plan. I'm looking forward to these next four years and watching Coker continue to excel beyond our wildest dreams and expectations. I am honored that my story (and my family's story) has involved so many Coker graduates and I can't wait to watch countless future students write theirs, as well."

Summer kicks off with opening of Neptune Island Waterpark

Surrounded by City of Hartsville City Council members, Neptune Island staff and other special guests, Seymour and Sandy, Neptune Island's official loggerhead sea turtle mascots, cut the ribbon to officially open Neptune Island Waterpark to the public on June 18. Immediately following the ceremony, the new waterpark launched its first day of operation and began welcoming guests to the "undiscovered island" at 10 a.m.

The ribbon cutting is a momentous occasion for the City of Hartsville as it symbolizes the completion of its expansion of the existing Piratesville Splash Pad, which opened in July 2013. Since its opening, the splash pad has averaged over 20,000 attendees per season. For four seasons, the pirate-themed splash pad has offered children under six years of age a place to cool off with its spray cannons, geysers, slides, and dump buckets, but does not currently feature attractions for the entire family to enjoy. Neptune Island will now include the Piratesville Splash Pad as an added feature at its new facility. The new waterpark complex boasts a wide array of features for guests of all ages; including the

Endless Abyss, a quarter-mile long lazy river, the Castaway Bay wave pool, two Twin Sirens tube slides, the Neptune's Revenge speed body slide, and the three Trident Racers mat racing slides. Neptune Island can host a maximum capacity of 1,300 guests—more than eight times the capacity of the splash pad. Cabana rentals, party pavilions, snack stands, food trucks, and a beer garden will make the new water park a regional destination for visitors and residents alike.

"Neptune Island is more than just a new recreational facility for our residents in Hartsville," said City Manager Natalie Zeigler, "It has created over 130 seasonal job opportunities and is forecasted to attract over 90,000 visitors each year to Hartsville. We have seen increased tourism over the last several years with the addition of two downtown hotels as well as new restaurants and boutiques. We will have even more growth with today's opening of the Neptune Island Waterpark and the upcoming opening of EdVenture Children's Museum."

Neptune Island Waterpark will celebrate its grand opening on Saturday, June 23, 2018

during its "Grand Opening Celebration" event. Visitors to Neptune Island on June 23rd will enjoy live entertainment from Pantasia Steel Drum band along with visits with pirates, mermaids and other free children's entertainment as part of their admission to the waterpark. The event will be an all day celebration during Neptune Island's normal hours of operation.

Neptune Island Waterpark is located at 1109 Fourteenth Street in Hartsville and is open to the public Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Daily admission starts at \$15.99 for guests under 48 inches tall with admission for guests 48 inches and over being \$17.99. Guests ages two and under are admitted for free with a reusable Neptune Island swim diaper, a one-time purchase of \$9.99. Season passes for the park are only \$54.99 and include unlimited summer visits along with other perks such as three free daily admission tickets and discounts at the park. For more information about Neptune Island, please visit neptuneisland.com or follow Neptune Island on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and SnapChat.

South Carolina's 2018 sales tax holiday kicks off August 3

Get ready for South Carolina's annual Sales Tax Holiday weekend with a list of items that will be tax-free August 3 through August 5, 2018.

During tax-free weekend, a variety of back-to-school essentials are exempt from the state's 6 percent sales tax and any applicable local taxes. Tax-free items range from clothing, accessories, and

shoes to school supplies, book bags, and computers. Shoppers will also find tax-free items for the home and dorm room.

In past years, South Carolina shoppers have saved between \$2 million and \$3 million during the holiday weekend.

For more information about this year's Sales Tax Holiday and for a detailed list

of exempt and nonexempt items, please visit dor.sc.gov/TaxFreeWeekend.

Share the savings. Post your Sales Tax Holiday photos on social media using #SCtaxfree. RSVP to the event on Facebook and follow the South Carolina Department of Revenue on Facebook and Twitter for tax-free weekend updates, resources, and reminders



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Suspect in custody in Jamestown Ave. shooting

Darlington County Sheriff's Deputies are currently investigating an argument between a man and his girlfriend's son that ended with one being shot. The incident took place around 2 p.m. June 20 at a residence on Jamestown Ave. The suspect left the scene before deputies arrived but was apprehended in the Dovesville area, shortly thereafter. The victim was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Investigators have charged Frederick Deon Alford, 41, of Darlington, with attempted murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Investigators allege Alford attempted to murder the victim by shooting a shotgun at him and striking the victim in both legs. Alford is expected to appear before a Darlington County Magistrate for a bond hearing.

Deputies investigate church break-in, theft

According to Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis, Deputies are investigating a burglary at Round O Missionary Baptist on Society Hill Rd. Several electronic devices were stolen from inside the church.

"We are asking for the public's help to find out who broke into this place of worship," said Sheriff Chavis.

"Please contact investigators if you believe you saw or know anything."

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

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

Sheriff announces promotions

Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis has announced the promotion of two Deputies. Lt. Kaynnera Capers has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Cpl. Valerie Freeman has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

"These two Deputies have served the people of Darlington County extremely well," Chavis said. "I look forward to their continued dedication to this community."

Cpt. Kaynnera Capers served in the United States Marine Corps for fifteen years and law enforcement for ten years. Cpt. Capers has a Master of Business Administration and has served as the Lieutenant of Administration since January 2017.

Lt. Valerie Freeman has sixteen years of law enforcement experience. Lt. Freeman was sworn-in last year by Sheriff Chavis and has



served in the Special Victims Unit as an investigator.

Patrol deputies interrupt burglary

Darlington County Sheriff's Investigators have charged one individual and continue to search for another following an early Thursday morning incident.

"Around 1 a.m. Thursday morning, patrol deputies checking the Dollar General at the corner of Timmonsville Hwy. and Hoffmeyer Rd. located a person sitting in a vehicle outside of the store, and the front glass door to the business broken," said Sheriff Tony Chavis. "A shopping basket filled with tobacco products was located near the door and it is believed a second individual fled the scene."

Investigators have charged Kristyn Ashley Feaster, 27, of Florence, with burglary, second degree. Feaster remains in custody at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center. Investigators continue to search for John Lawrence Barfield, 33, of Florence. Barfield is wanted for burglary, second degree.



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4501 or Crime Stoppers of the Pee Dee at 1-888-CRIME-SC or visit www.p3tips.com.

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.

- Jeremy Wayne Britt, 41, of 1240 Lamar Highway, Darlington, Petty Larceny <\$2000

- Tyler Braden Campbell, 25, of 3019 Crestview Dr, Darlington, Safekeeping

- Itavier Sentel Gilbert, 32, of 220 Milling St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Giving False Information

- Alphonso Reginald Hannibal, 49, of 2507 Calvary Rd, Hartsville, Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths

- Mekkedah Masrekah Hannibal, 41, of 2097 Canyon Dr, Hartsville, Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths

- Joel Lee Harrelson, 23, of 1111 Old Ebenezer Rd Apt G, Florence, Violation of City Ordinance

- Anthony Wade Lamb, 29, of 3013 Spring Valley Dr, Florence, Safekeeping

- James Randell Oneal, 49, of 2078 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

- Janet NMN Robinson, 55, of 1001 Yaupond Drive Apt G, Myrtle Beach, Failure to Yield Right of Way; Driving Under Suspension; DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

- Ceasar Salazar, 35, of 1305 Green Oak Dr, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

- Nicholas Shamaar Samuel, 23, of 105 King Edwards, Darlington, General Session Bench Warrant

- Frederick Deon Alford, 41, of 501 Journey End Road,

- ### 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

Darlington, Attempted Murder; Non Support; Poss Weapon During Violent Crime

- Corrie Carraway, 54, of 1115 W Lynches River Rd, Lamar, Shoplifting <\$2000; Shoplifting <\$2000

- Joshua Lavern Carroway, 31, of 100 Spring Street, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Manuft Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Resisting Arrest

- Demetrious Hannibal, 40, of 2507 Calvary Road, Hartsville, Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths

- Devon Sharnell McCoy, 24, of 812 W Lynches River Road, Lamar, Probation Violation

- James Quashone Scott, 33, of 613 Southern Pine St, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance; Resisting Arrest With a Deadly Weapon 1st Off; Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Driving Under Suspension (DUI) 2nd Offense; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Probation Violation

- John Alvin Gainey, 42, of 2847 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, RSG Value \$2,000 Or Less

- Jessie Deleslie Gibson Jr., 55, of 1008 Snyder Lane, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 2nd Degree

- Dequan Shaheem Griffin, 22, of 528 Mallard Duck Dr,

Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Resisting Arrest

- Deontray Kashawn Jackson, 17, of 541 Rice St, Hartsville, Burglary 3rd Degree 1st Offense; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored; Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored

- Glen Matthew Kemp, 30, of 1486 Nottingham Dr, Hartsville, Violation ABC Law; Driving Under the Influence

- Malcolm Jamal Lisbon, 29, of 2420 Hugh Ln, Hartsville, Manuft Possess Sch I II III WITD 3rd or Sub; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st

- Zykia Sha Dae McClain, 21, of 933 W Lynches River Rd, Lamar, Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic; Driving Under the Influence; Manuft Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st

- Michael Ashley McDougal, 36, of 3140 Lide Springs Road, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Joseph Wayne Reichenbaugh, 38, of 2347 Joe Ellen Rd, Battleboro NC, Violation of Probation (Used by PPP Only)

- James Ansel Sutton, 54, of 443 Hibiscus Road, Lamar, Telephone/Unlawful Use of Telephone

- Malcolm Lee Vaughn Jr., 22, of 213 Shingle Hill Rd, Newberry, Safekeeping

- Charity Opral Crowley, 33, of 652 Crowley Road, Patrick, Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Reckless Driving; Driving Under Suspension; Operate Vehicle w/o Registration and License

- Kristyn Ashley Feaster, 27, of 408 Warley, Florence, Burglary Second Degree

- James Albert Lewis, 43, of 2636 Robinson View Dr, Hartsville, Trespassing; Shoplifting Less Than \$50

- Marcus Rayquon McCoy, 22, of 101 Bowens Street,

Darlington, Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Traffic/Driving on Wrong Side of Road

- Brenda Patrice Patterson, 41, of 124 Reid St, Darlington, Use of Vehicle Without Permission w/i Deprive

- Kerry Riley Perkins, 50, of 2109 Oakdale Green St, Darlington, Petty Larceny

- Jarrett Robert Anderson, 31, of 340 Birdnest Rd, Hartsville, Traffic/Wrong Way on a One Way Street; Driving Under Suspension

- Wallace Edward Benjamin, 52, of 1249 Meadow Ln, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

- Teresa Eileen Bess, 55, of 630 Cartersville Hwy, Lamar, Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated

- Larry Kenneth Bradshaw, 38, of 1780 Short Rd, Wallace, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 3rd or More

- Crystal Renee Darity, 35, of 733 West Old Camden Road, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc Methamphetamine 1st

- Ciera Rakel Davis, 28, of 1434 Pebble Dr, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension

- George Edwards Jr., 57, of 3041 Marcus Dr, Hartsville, Public Drunk

- Chris Foxe, 56, of 2404 East Lydia Hwy, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Andrea Denise Malachi, 43, of 233 Marlboro Rd, Bennettsville, Open Container of Beer/Wine; Traffic/Permit Unauthorized Person to Drive

- Toney Leverne Mason Jr., 27, of 931 Clearview Dr, Hartsville, Non Support

- Brian Jesse Smith, 26, of 2156 Bullard Ford Rd, Hartsville, Pointing and Presenting Firearms at a Person

- Sean Tobias Thomas, 20, of 4040 Gullah Ave Apt 413, Charleston, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

- Wesley Albert Weaver, 28, of 225 Newman Swamp Rd,

Lamar, Indecent Exposure

- Daniel Ray Winters, 34, of 808 Waddle Rd, Mountain City TN, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

- Edward Gerard Wright, 48, of 715 Depot St, Hartsville, Driving Under Suspension; Leaving Scene of Accident Unattended Vehicle; Assault and Battery 2nd Degree

- Jeffery Daniel Booker, 22, of 1233 Swinney Drive, Hartsville, Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157)

- Edwin Eugene Easterling, 42, of 115 Home Park Ln, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Nia Kiara Lavington, 20, of 1512 S Fourth St, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; DUI/Driving Under the Influence .08 1st

- Catherine Marie Marks, 52, of 2406 Bullard Ford Rd, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Tyree Lamont Simon, 44, of 132 Kirven St, Darlington, Disregard Stop Sign; Driving Under Suspension; Fail to Stop for Blue Light

- Daniel Tremaine Wilds, 21, of 416 E Richardson Cir, Hartsville, Breaking Into Auto/Tanks Where Fuel Stored

- Michelle Nunner Coward, 46, of 1625 Meander Drive, Timmonsville, Driving Under the Influence

- Rashawn Ahree Henry, 26, of 547 Jessamine St, Darlington, Fail to Appear Shoplifting

- Rakeya Shaman Mitchell, 30, of 1024 Hoffman Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Violation of Beginner

- Artavious Melik Jackson, 21, of 1228 Pine Forrest Ln, Darlington, Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Receiving Stolen Goods

- Lecolron Tybus Moses, 38, of 615 Chestnut Street, Darlington, Fail to Pay

- Sylvester Eugene Mixon, 30, of 629 5 Apt F, Hartsville, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Poss < 1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 2nd Off; Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Weapon/Sale/Poss by Certain Person/Stolen Gun

- Terry Kinard Scipio, 28, of 104 Virgil Wells Circle, Darlington, Fail to Appear

- Davion Marquise Toney, 26, of 210 Washington St, Hartsville, Criminal Domestic Violence 3rd or Sub; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Giving False Information; Poss Controlled Sub in Sch I to V 2nd or More; Trafficking Ice Crank Crack >10 G but < 28G 3rd; Drugs/Dist Sell Manuf or PWID Near a School; Non Support

- Reudy Franklin Wright, 39, of 18 Marshbrook Court, Hopkins, Driving Under Suspension; Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic

- Shykime Niquan Alford, 21, of 512 S Dargan St, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning

- Stuart Godfrey, 63, of 1825 Hickorytree Drive, Hartsville, Criminal Domestic Violence

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Francis Marion recognizes outstanding staff service

Francis Marion University honored four employees with special awards at its annual Staff Awards Luncheon last week on campus. Jerry Clapper was the recipient of the John J. Kispert Leadership Award, and Daniel Carmichael received the Marvin Lynch Humanitarian Award.

Shala Boston and Coretta Morris were named winners of the university's two Outstanding Staff awards. FMU Employees are responsible for nominating their colleagues for the staff awards. A special committee consisting of past award winners and representatives of the university's academic schools and colleges selects the final recipients.

Clapper, the recipient of the Kispert Award, is the University's associate director of Human Resources. She has been with FMU for 12 years. The Kispert award recognizes staff members who exhibit the drive, determination and initiative to embrace the mission of their departments and to inspire their colleagues with a higher standard of leadership than what is called for by the particular employee's position. Carmichael, who received the Lynch Award, is an officer with the FMU Campus Police



Department. He has been with Francis Marion for five years. The Lynch Award recognizes a staff member who exhibits an unusual commitment to and care for his fellow man at both work and elsewhere. Boston is a student services counselor within the

Registrar's Office. She has been employed by FMU for 23 years. Morris is a lead custodian and has been with the University for nine years. Both Boston and Morris were cited for their exemplary service and dedication to their jobs.

can have as many as you like on a team. Raffle for donated prizes. Food will be for sale. Trophies will be given out for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the biggest fish. Every team's biggest 3 fish will be weighed. No bush lines. For more information contact Annique Gowdy 520-401-3376 or Legrande Gowdy 843-260-1643. Early registration can be

Catfish Tournament set for August 4

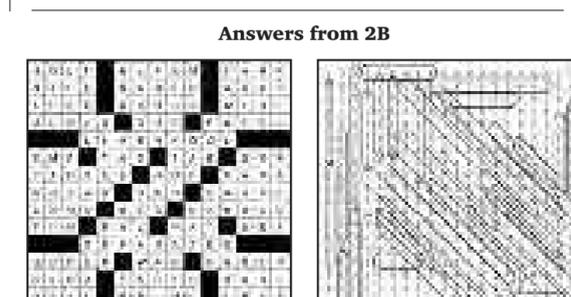
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Sheriff's Office paying deputies back-wages as result of Dept of Labor investigation

An investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has resulted in the Darlington County Sheriff's Office paying \$48,229 in back wages to six deputies for violating overtime and record-keeping requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The Sheriff's Office paid the back wages after WHD investigators determined the employer failed to record and to pay deputies for all the hours they worked while performing K-9 care, handling, and training duties outside of their regularly scheduled shift hours. This practice resulted in overtime violations when that unpaid time

caused overtime hours to be worked, yet remain unpaid. The Sheriff's Office's failure to record this time also resulted in a recordkeeping violation under the FLSA. "This case serves as a reminder for local governments to review their pay practices to ensure they are paying employees in compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act," said Jamie Benefiel, Wage and Hour Division District Director in Columbia. "We encourage employers to contact us with any questions they may have, and to use the wide variety of tools we offer to help them understand their obligations and to comply with the law."



Answers from 2B

Historic home, property part of Darlington County Ag+Art Tour weekend

By Melissa Rollins
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Since 2012, farms all around South Carolina have opened their doors to visitors, showcasing their operations and local artisans as part of the SC Ag + Art Tour. What started with just one county has grown to include 12 of South Carolina's 46 counties.

Earlier this month, Crazy Blessed Farm in Society Hill took part in the Darlington County tour weekend, welcoming visitors from as far away as Conway.

The property includes several buildings, a home and a cabin in the woods, all dating to around 1803. The main house is known as the Enoch Hanford House or Cedar Lawn and is on the registry of historic homes.

According to the Darlington County Historical Commission: "Known as Cedar Lawn, it

was built about 1803 by Enoch Hanford (1778-1817), who came to the village as a Tutor in St. David's Academy. He became a Professor in the South Carolina College shortly after it was organized; was later admitted to the bar and practiced in Society Hill. A grandson, Henry McIver of Cheraw, became Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court. The house has changed hands many times; it was once occupied by Thomas P. Lide, Senator of Darlington District; by Isaac D. Wilson, signer of the Ordinance of Secession; and by Maj. B. D. Townsend, President of the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company."

Joanne and Dwayne 'Duke' Duke have owned and run the farm since June of 2016, though they had lived on the property before that.

"My husband is world-class welder," Joanne said. "I encouraged him to get his



teaching certification and he did; we were living in York County at that time. We shot out some resumes just to see and he ended up getting a call from the prison in Bennettsville. We ended up coming over here and he taught for two years. We befriended the people who owned this place, John and Lois Coleman. Once John found out everything that my husband can do, they invited us to stay in their cabin in the woods and renovate the place. We did and we fell in love with the place, of course."

Joanne said that after renovating the cabin, she and Duke took on other projects leaving the farm behind.

"Duke went on the pipeline and I went to Philadelphia and did a rehab on a house that took about three years," Joanne said. "During that time, John passed away. Well, Duke was working on the pipeline and I had stashed some money and it was just God's timing. Lois called us and we came down and put everything together. We all walked around the property together, Lois swung the horse



gate open and I swear I heard 'Welcome Home.' I didn't worry about it from then on; I knew everything would work out."

Joanne said that she had dreamed of owning a farm since she was in her 20's and the dream finally became a reality.

Shortly after buying the farm Joanne listed it on Airbnb, a website that allows homeowners to rent out rooms or homes to visitors looking for a different traveling experience than a traditional hotel.

"Ultimately I would love to hold holistic retreats and wellness retreats here," Joanne. "I would still be open to the pub-

lic and have travelers stay here but I'd love to organize retreats once or twice a month."

During the Ag + Art Tour, Joanne showed visitors around the property introducing them to all the residents of the farm, including a horse and mule, chickens, ducks and goats. Joanne said that she was so happy to welcome visitors to their property and she hoped to have return visitors.

"I'm from Philadelphia and Duke is a Cajun from Louisiana so we don't know many people around here," Joanne said. "We are community oriented and people-loving so the Ag and Art Tour just seemed like a fun thing to be a part of."



LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on May 2, 2017. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Kelley Yarborough Woody, whose address is PO Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whoseover herein collectively designated as Richard Roe and Rachel Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Mattie Joann Moody a/k/a Mattie Joann Winburn Moody and Wallace Moody a/k/a Wallace L. Moody a/k/a Wallace Odom, including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on the 20th day of June, 2018.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants, or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian Ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian Ad Litem Nisi absolute. SCOTT AND CORLEY, P.A. By: _____ Ronald C. Scott (rons@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #4996 Reginald P. Corley (reggiec@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #69453 Angelia J. Grant (angig@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #78334 Jessica S. Corley (jessicac@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #80470 Allison E. Heffernan (allisonh@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #68530 Matthew E. Rupert (matthewr@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #100740 William P. Stork (williams@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #100242 Louise M. Johnson (ceasiej@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #16586 Tasha B. Thompson (tashat@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #76415 H. Guyton Murrell (guytonm@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #64134 ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200 Columbia, SC 29204

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