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

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## Hartsville High introduces new basketball coach, athletics director

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With the end of the school year barely still in the rearview mirror, Hartsville High School held a press conference June 26 to introduce the school's new athletic director and women's basketball coach. HHS Principal Corey Lewis, who was also newly hired into his position, introduced them.

"We are here today to officially announce our new athletics director, Jamie Horton,"

Lewis said. "This comes as no surprise to most of you as Jamie resigned her head softball coach position last year to begin a year-long apprenticeship under coach Phyllis Griggs, who was retiring. I am confident that she is ready to provide the leadership necessary to continue our rich athletic tradition."

Lewis said the softball program has been successful under Horton, noting that she has been a success on and off the Red Fox softball field.

"Many of you are familiar with Coach Horton due to her

success with our softball program, which is included a state title in 2016," Lewis said. "However, many of you may not be familiar with the outstanding job she'd done as a teacher and as an advocate for students throughout her teaching career. She was recognized by the Darlington County School District as District Teacher of the Year for the 2015-2016 school year. Although she will step into a different role, I'm pleased to know that Jamie's work will continue to positively affect the lives of those who enter

Hartsville High School."

Horton said that athletics has helped shape her and she is happy to be able to be part of that tradition in Hartsville.

"Growing up, athletics played a big role in my life," Horton said. "They helped mold me and shape me, taught me more life lessons than I can count and helped me find my purpose. I didn't always know what I wanted to be when I grew up but I knew that my path was going to somehow involve education, athletics and helping young people."

Horton said Phyllis Griggs will be a hard act to follow but she is up for the challenge.

"I am thankful for that path that Phyllis Griggs paved and I know that I have big shoes to fill," Horton said. "I am confident that my youth, energy, passion for athletics and knowledge in new technology will help me in my new position. It will also help me keep Hartsville High School athletics in the forefront of athletics in South Carolina."

Justin Johnson was hired as the new girl's basketball coach. Horton said that his

experience on the collegiate level will help prepare Hartsville's students.

"He began his coaching career while he was a student at Newberry College, assisting both the men's and the women's program," Horton said. "I believe this experience will benefit our program as it helps our athletes get recruited and transition from high school to college. We are looking forward to Justin coming in and making a positive impact on our girl's basketball program."

HHS ON 3A



Darlington Raceway Track President Kerry Tharp and Ann Hunter, wife of the late Jim Hunter, talk about the changes being made to improve the fan experience during the Bojangles' Southern 500 during Labor Day Weekend. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

## Darlington Raceway gives update on improvement project

By Melissa Rollins  
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Despite the summer rain and soaring temperatures, the construction projects at Darlington Raceway are coming along nicely. Darlington Track President Kerry Tharp gave members of the media a glimpse of the work last week.

"We announced back in late January a capital improvement project, \$7 million in improvements, being done here at Darlington," Tharp said. "We are excited about where we are with the project so far. We have put in new seats. We've re-

aligned the pitch of the Tyler Towers."

Seeing the improvements alongside Tharp was Ann Hunter, wife of past track president Jim Hunter.

"It gives me great honor and privilege to be out here, to be the President at Darlington, to walk in the same places as a man who I respected very much, Jim Hunter," Tharp said. "He was my mentor when I worked at NASCAR and it is a real thrill to have his wife Ann join us today. Jim was the track president here when Tyler Towers were built back in 1994. I thought it would be appropriate to have her out here today. I can

imagine right now that Hunter is looking down on us now saying 'What in the heck took you all so long to do this?' but we are proud of this project. The seats are starting to take shape. This is a much, much more comfortable seat than what we had here previously. It is going to be a better Darlington when we have this all completed later this summer."

Ann agreed, saying that her late husband would be proud of everything happening at the track.

"These are great seats; they really are," Hunter said. "They are wider and I really like them. Jim would be so proud and so

excited about these improvements and that Darlington is continuing that tradition. There is such a history here and he wanted it to go back to the Labor Day race, and it has. He would be so happy that Kerry is here and that Kerry is living in Darlington, thinking about the community as Jim did."

The first section of the Bojangles' Wall of Honor was also revealed during the media visit. The first name to be unveiled was NASCAR legend Cale Yarborough, a five-time Bojangles' Southern 500 champion from Timmonsville.

RACEWAY ON 3A

## Library System planning for the future

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The Darlington County Library System is working on a plan that will help your local libraries tailor their services to best suit the needs of a changing and growing group of patrons in Darlington, Lamar, Hartsville, and Society Hill.

"We're trying to develop a strategic plan that will guide us on how best to serve Darlington County through 2021," says Jimmie Epling, director of Darlington County Library System.

This initiative, entitled "Imagine the Possibilities," aims to develop ideas gathered via online survey from members of the public, and through meetings where library staff, community leaders, and members of the Darlington County Library Board discussed their hopes, needs, and priorities for all local library branches.

Beginning in early May, the Library began gathering input from the community and started working with Andy Burkemper (Ph.D.), Director of Coker College's Center for Leadership & Entrepreneurship in Hartsville, on the strategic plan initiative. Burkemper turned the transcripts of each planning meeting into Word Cloud documents so that the most frequently used concepts stand out in literal bold type.

"Patrons, people, communi-

ty – those are among the three most used words," says Epling. "So it's uppermost in people's minds that we are a people and community-focused organization."

Other concepts getting a lot of play were "computers" and "technology," and Epling says the Library System plans to keep abreast of the latest tech trends by offering fast computers and broadband connections so patrons can visit the library to work on school projects, search for jobs, and explore the Internet.

Epling adds that county libraries already offer some 3-D printing services and (given adequate grant funding) he would like to establish a training program so local businesses and citizens can learn how to use this powerful new tool.

The Word Clouds also show repeated mentions of "children" and "teens" and Epling says that the Library hopes to expand its youth programs (like this summer's Libraries Rock! Series) to include a wider array of activities and – possibly – more outdoor learning opportunities.

With "Imagine the Possibilities," the goal is to craft a strategic plan by the end of July, with actionable goals ready to roll sometime in August.

For more information, contact Epling at 843-398-4940 or jimmie.epling@darlington-lib.org.

## Darlington County votes in state runoff elections

By Samantha Lyles  
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Voters headed back to the polls on Tuesday, June 26 to cast their ballots in state primary runoff elections, including the Republican nomination for governor of South Carolina.

In the June 12 primary, Republican incumbent Governor Henry McMaster failed to secure over fifty percent of the vote and so entered a one-on-one contest against his closest challenger, John Warren. Nearly 344,000 GOP voters turned out for the runoff and gave McMaster a 53.63 percent majority win over Warren, 184,286 votes to 159,349. McMaster won

Darlington County by a count of 2,630 to 1,039.

In the race for the Republican nomination for Attorney General, Republican Alan Wilson won his runoff race against challenger Todd Atwater. Wilson secured 64.97 percent of the vote and won by a count of 213,538 to 115,133. Wilson won Darlington County by a tally of 2,124 to 1,431.

Contenders Robert Williams and Mal Hyman squared off over the Democratic nomination for the US District 7 Congressional seat, and Williams won the runoff by just over 400 votes. The final count was 7,729 for Williams and 7,309 for Hyman, giving Williams 51.40 percent of the statewide vote. Williams won Darlington County by a wider margin, garnering 1,832 votes against Hyman's 858 votes.

## Kids get hot meals and good advice at summer food program

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Last week, Darlington Chief of Police Kelvin Washington spoke to local kids about the path to success, and he focused on the importance of working hard, being courteous and honest, and showing strength of character to deny people who try to pull you into troublesome situations.

"It's important that you are able to say no, even to your friends, because sometimes they're the ones getting you into things that you shouldn't be involved in," he said.

Chief Washington chatted with the group about their career plans and learned that several of the youngsters dream of becoming police officers.

"I want to be a homicide detective," said one little girl.

"You realize that means you have to be really nosy, right?" Washington asked. "You won't have a problem with that?"



"No!" replied the girl.

Washington advised this future crime solver and her friends – a group that includes aspiring doctors, athletes, and public servants – to hit the books for school and for pleas-

ure, because sharp reading comprehension will serve them well for the rest of their lives.

"When you get older and you're going into the job market, you might see contracts and paperwork and you will need to

understand what people are putting in front of you," Washington said, adding that even elite professional athletes need to understand

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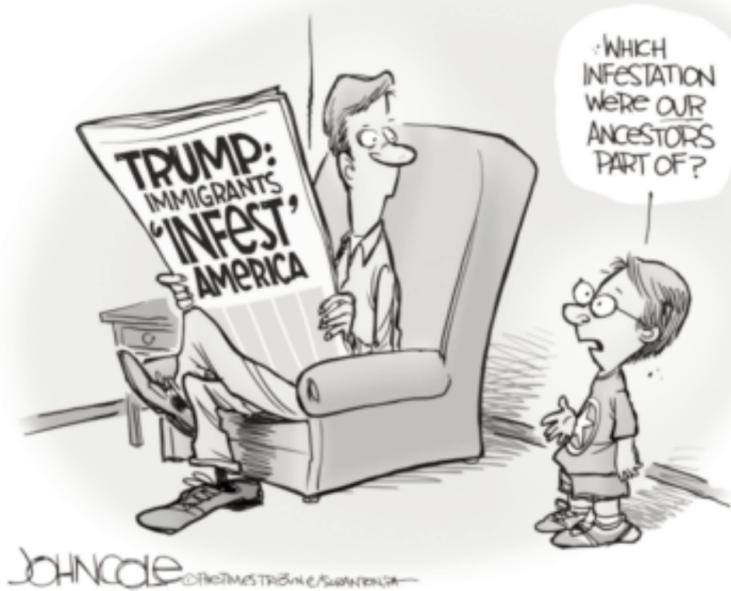
## Word of the Week

amortize : to pay off (an obligation, such as a mortgage) gradually usually by periodic payments of principal and interest or by payments to a sinking fund

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## oped It Is Watermelon Time!

By Bill Shepard

Yes, it is watermelon time! There is no place on earth that produces larger, sweeter, and redder watermelons than right here in Darlington County. Those foreign grown substitutes for the real thing can now take a back seat; their superior has arrived. "Taste them again for the first time." Go ahead, boast of your tall skyscrapers, fast moving transits, museums, and parks, but leave first place for homegrown watermelons to Darlington; no other place can come close.

There is nothing more satisfying to the taste buds than a huge slice of cold watermelon on a hot summer's day. Better still, go to the field early in the morning, while the dew is still wet on the vines, find you a melon and burst it with your fist, reach inside and tear its heart out and begin eating. Allow the cool melon juice to run through your fingers and on down to your elbow, then drip to the earth below. Go ahead, you are in watermelon heaven, there is nothing to compare!

It is time for the wagons to roll! Long before the roads leading in and out of Darlington were covered with asphalt and cement, then filled with fast-moving vehicles, watermelons were hauled to town by the wagonload. They were a most welcomed sight to those of us who had not seen a watermelon since late last summer. Unlike today, watermelons were not seen in the market place the year round. The first farmer to enter the village where I lived, usually early in July, was as welcome as Santa Claus in December. The mule-drawn wagon would enter the village around mid morning on Saturday, having traveled from as far away as Dovesville. Its presence would be made known by the vendor crying out- "watermelons, watermelons for sale." From that point on it would be followed by small children, all in hopes that their parents would make a purchase before the wagon had made its last street and headed for town a mile away. The farmer had his melons priced to fit just about everyone. Prices ranged from a nickel to a quarter, seldom would one have to pay more.

It would be hard to find a person who lived on the village at the time of which I write about, who does not remember the name Prince Oneal. Prince was a farmer in the Dovesville area and was a regular peddler on the streets of Darlington. He was also an accomplished musician with the guitar and fiddle. He was what I considered to be a genuine "fiddler" in every sense of the word. Prince and my grandmother, Theodosia Oneal Shepard, were distant cousins, just how distant I do not know. I was always glad to claim a little kinship with Prince and especially when he came to the village with his wagon loaded with watermelons. Most of the time, he would stop by our house to talk with Grandma and eat a snack before going on to town to sell the watermelons he had left. If a guitar was available, and usually there was one, Prince couldn't leave before picking and singing a song or two for Grandma and others who would usually gather on the big porch. I remember that Grandma would always request him to sing a song about two little girls that supposedly drowned in a place called Jefford's Millpond. I suppose it was a true event that happened before my time. True or not, Grandma would cry and I would, too. Every once in a while, even at this time long past, I catch myself humming the tune and even singing a line or two of the song that I still remember.

There were other vendors who would visit the village regularly each summer, but none stand out in my memory as does Prince. As the hot summer time progressed, the melon peddlers would become more scarce. By late August and early September, the prime watermelon season was over, and the wagons would stop coming. A person might ride to the countryside on a Sunday afternoon and find a late watermelon patch, but that did not happen often.

No memory is more pleasant to my recall than that of watermelon time. Especially the times when Dad would take the big watermelon outside for the cutting. That would be the moment that all the household had waited for since the melon was first purchased. Dad would methodically place the melon on the long wash bench and as we all looked on, he would plunge the long knife blade into one end of the melon. If the melon was good ripe, and it usually would be, the rind would begin to split as he moved the blade slowly along to the opposite end. The first sight of the bright red of the inside of the melon would start the mouth to drooling. After each one had received a large slice of the luscious melon, the crowd would grow quiet as each in his or her own way would devour the fruit of the vine. Days later, seeds could be seen sprouting from the earth where they had been spat as the melon had been eaten. Some might grow and possibly produce a small melon before frost came to claim it.

Talk about your good times and pleasant memories all you wish, but for me, there are none as memorable as those I have of "watermelon time" in Darlington a long time ago.

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

## oped Down South: Riding The Rails

By Tom Poland

A rainy night, but not in Georgia. Talking a woman and I were when far off a locomotive sounded its mournful horn. With a sigh and wistful look she said, "I've never ridden a train. Have you?"

"Yes. Several times" ... then memories of riding the rails in Europe spirited me away.

Spain. I boarded a train in Valencia where the night before I re-read Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, appropriately enough. From Valencia I traveled to Alicante to the Mediterranean. There, Alicante's unclothed sunbathers stood in ankle-deep water. It wasn't what I imagined.

To Italy I flew, where I boarded a train in ancient Rome with its tawny and white walls, red bricks, green cedars, and gray Coliseum. On to Venice and the Grand Canal, glittering lights and gondolas, bridges, and frescoes.

A long time ago, I rode Amtrak's Silver Star to Deland, Florida. Caught the train after midnight and soon I was huddling through darkened countryside. That was my first train ride aside from boyish days on the Tweetsie Railroad. I've not ridden Amtrak since.

In 2001 sister Brenda and I rode those trains through Spain and Italy. The trains were sleek and smooth. They shot us past castles and colorful villages. Abandoned cars slept their rusty sleep in silver olive groves. Italiatrain whisked us from Rome to Venice, like being in a spaceship. I remember stopping in Bologna and its cavernous marble, ornate station.

Those journeys were adventures, but how I wish I had

worked on a train. To get paid to ride Southern rails. That seems idyllic. How nice to be on the other side of crossings as cars idle, drivers cursing as we lumber through. Work is work, however, and I'm sure reality would bring me down to earth. Still, to ride the rails for a living. It seems, well, it seems exotic.

The romance of riding the rails, the allure. Hoboes jump on trains to get to the next town, in the Old West outlaws robbed trains, driving that golden spike connected the West and East. And hearing a train in the dead of night? And that red locomotive in Dr. Zhivago roaring through the snow Unforgettable.

Trains ... I didn't grow up near one although I could hear trains in McCormick from Granddad Poland's farm. Placing a penny on the rail? Never did that. Hitching a ride? Never did that either and maybe that's a good thing. A buddy told me that he and boyhood friends hopped atop a slow train from a bridge up around Rome, Georgia. The train accelerated, going much faster sooner than they imagined. Too scared to jump off, they ended up some sixty miles from home. Their surprised—and annoyed—parents had to come get them.

I always stare at locomotives. I want to ride in one, but when I'm driving I don't like crossing tracks. It scares me a bit, and the bump doesn't do my car any favors. Just once, though, I'd like to ride a train through a small town, laying on that horn. I'd love to look out from a locomotive's cab. Like standing in a rail bed and looking straight to the horizon, it'd give me a new perspective.

Thunder rumbled. The rain



pattered, then splattered, drumming its song on the patio where we sat, a place called The Bistro, and the train sounded its horn again. To this music the woman said, "I really want to ride a train."

"Do it in Europe," I said, though she didn't seem the type, "and if Europe's out of reach, call the train folks. Tell 'em you're a journalist looking for a story. If you can't locomote your way by olive groves, journey through peach orchards. That's in reach, and it might even be better. Might give you a new way to look at things. Things you've missed."

Tom Poland is the author of twelve books and more than 1,000 magazine features. A Southern writer, his work has appeared in magazines throughout the South. The University of South Carolina Press released his book, *Georgialina, A Southland As We Knew It*, in November 2015 and his and Robert Clark's *Reflections Of South Carolina*,



Vol. II in 2014. The History Press of Charleston published *Classic Carolina Road Trips From Columbia* in 2014. He writes a weekly column for newspapers in Georgia and South Carolina about the South, its people, traditions, lifestyle, and changing culture and speaks often to groups across South Carolina and Georgia, "Georgialina."

## oped A Moment with the Manager – Remember the Name

By Natalie Zeigler

We are uninterested in conventional. We want new development, progression. We work tirelessly to make Hartsville a signature city. We dream big, aim high, and push to elevate our community to new heights. We want the City of Hartsville to be named whenever anyone discusses growth in South Carolina.

The success of our home depends on making Hartsville a recognized name beyond the region. Additions like the Neptune Island and the EdVenture children's museum, coming soon downtown, help our community establish a reputation as a traveler's destination. We want to create and foster more features that improve the quality of life in our area. The aim is

to make Hartsville a place people want to visit, relocate, and strengthen.

Accordingly, we have a commitment to supporting innovation and entrepreneurship. We have a diverse workforce, culture and creative energy, and we work to bring more jobs to the area. The continued reinvention of our downtown has increased Hartsville's business appeal, and we honor Hartsville's tradition of industrial leadership in the Carolinas by providing incentives for startup and established companies new to our area. Last year, the City Council authorized the establishment of a new Hartsville industrial park. The park is comprised of several parcels of land totaling 225 acres.

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## HHS

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Johnson said that he was excited for the chance to coach at Hartsville High School, a school, he noted, that puts emphasis on both academics and athletics.

“(There was) a gracious

search committee who asked some very good questions and that allowed me to see that they were serious about athletics here; that is something that is very important,” Johnson said. “They are also serious about academics, which is something that is extremely important to me. I take pride in having student-

athletes who believe in being students first. Students are going to get their schoolwork done and do the things that the teachers ask because at the end of the day we want our student-athletes to be representative of our program in the classroom, in the community and on the court.”



New Hartsville High School athletic director, Jamie Horton. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS



New Hartsville High School women's basketball coach, Justin Johnson. PHOTO BY MELISSA ROLLINS

## Election

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These candidates and others who already secured their party's nominations on June 12 will appear on the November 6 general election

ballot.

Turnout among Darlington County voters was light, with only 6,462 ballots cast from a pool of 45,641 registered voters. With two contests on the Republican party ticket and one on the Democratic ballot, GOP voters showed up in larg-

er numbers and outpaced their Dem counterparts by a count of 3,752 to 2,710.

To learn more about local polling locations, registrations, and voting procedures, contact Darlington County Elections and Registrations at 843-398-4900.

## Hartsville

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With facilities constructed along S. Marquis Hwy (Route 15), its location provides railroad access, allowing greater potential for distribution. Projects like this are vital to advancing our desire to increase investment in the Hartsville. Economic development means increased tax revenues, and that translates into better public services and more improvements to all areas of the city. Economic growth encourages investment. Investment encourages an increase in local goods and services, creating a cycle of sustainable economic growth.

Not everyone will be onboard with change. Some are naturally inclined to resist new things, and that is okay. City leadership appreciates having a variety of perspectives, and we believe in allowing opportunities for citizens to share their opinions. But things will continue to develop. Change is the only constant and, if Hartsville hopes to thrive, we must embrace that change. To compete in a 21st century economy, we must use our resources and talent to build the City of Hartsville as a community moving forward into the future. To that end, it's important that whatever resistance residents offer, it is presented constructively. The City is always interested in hearing helpful suggestions

and practical solutions.

The goal is to make sure Hartsville is an environment that promotes an active quality of life, while also welcoming business and expansion. Together, we should work to do everything we can to help grow and develop. We want Hartsville to be known as a small but remarkable city. We want to establish our position as premiere location not just in South Carolina but in the country. We want to make sure that when people outside of Hartsville hear our name they remember it, and all the work that makes us great.

Natalie Zeigler is the City Manager of Hartsville. For more information, call City Hall at 843.383.3015 or email [info@hartsvillesc.gov](mailto:info@hartsvillesc.gov).

## SCDMV changes Saturday offices hours

Blythewood, SC – Beginning in July, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles' (SCDMV) six Saturday offices will transition from opening every Saturday to two Saturdays a month until further notice. The agency's six Saturday offices followed this operating schedule prior to January 2018 when they started opening every Saturday to prepare for and issue REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards.

“We made the decision to transition back to our normal Saturday hours since there has been no measurable increase in the number of customers served in Saturday branches due to the availability of REAL ID,” said SCDMV Executive Director Kevin Shwedo.

Starting July 14, these SCDMV offices will open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. two Saturdays a month:

Aiken  
Charleston – Leeds Avenue  
Florence  
Greenville – Saluda Dam Road  
Lexington  
Rock Hill

No Saturday offices will open July 7. Most typically, the above offices will open on the second and fourth

Saturdays of the month. This may change depending on the month's holiday schedule. If state offices close for a Monday holiday, such as Labor Day, the SCDMV's Saturday offices will not open on the Saturday before.

“While we're glad we've not yet seen longer lines and increased wait times due to REAL ID, we still want to remind South Carolinians that lines will grow as we move closer to 2020,” said Deputy Director of Field Services Courtney

White. “The time to switch to a REAL ID with a short wait and a quick visit is now.”

To date, more than 254,000 South Carolinians have purchased or switched to a REAL ID since the SCDMV started issuing them on February 20. As of July 1, 2018, there were more than 3.8 million licensed drivers in the state and more than 550,000 ID card holders. On and after October 1, 2020, your license or ID must be a REAL ID with a gold star to use it to board a domestic, commercial flight, enter a secure federal building, or visit a military installation.

For the most accurate Saturday schedule and times, visit [www.scdmvonline.com](http://www.scdmvonline.com). You can also see if you are eligible for purchasing your REAL ID license online while there. For more information, follow the agency on Facebook and Twitter.

## Society Hill raises millage

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Society Hill Town Council convened a special called meeting on Thursday, June 28 to hold a public hearing and final reading for the 2018/19 fiscal year budget, which falls just \$1,700 short of being balanced.

The budget showed the town's total annual revenue as \$237,020, with \$131,800 of that coming from intergovernmental revenue items. This includes about \$47,000 from the Municipal Association of South Carolina tax collection program, which takes percentages of taxes on insurance, brokerage, and telecommunications businesses and distributes that money to municipal governments. Society Hill's budget

also includes an anticipated \$50,000 of revenue from bonds and fines, \$33,900 in franchise fees from Duke Energy, Cablevision, and SCE&G.

Society Hill's expected expenditures total \$238,720. This includes \$107,300 for the Police Department (with \$62,200 going toward salaries, \$11,400 for health insurance, and \$10,700 for retirement). All other town expenditures total \$123,060, with the biggest costs going toward utilities (\$31,000), salaries (\$19,500) and accounting, payroll, and audit services (\$14,150).

The budget includes a millage increase, raising rates from 63 mills to 66.23 mills, a change of 5.12 percent. Society Hill expects to collect \$2,800 in

property taxes in the coming fiscal year, and \$5,700 through the homestead tax.

Mayor Tommy Bradshaw and Council members Tammy Gandy and Deborah Harrell all voted to approve the budget as presented. Council members Carolyn Oliver and Michelle Steen were not present at this meeting.

The new budgets are in effect from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Also at this meeting, Council approved an ordinance allowing Society Hill to issue business licenses to food trucks for operation within town limits. The ordinance states that trucks cannot operate within 150 feet of an eating establishment, and can only operate between 6 a.m. - midnight.

## Raceway

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When completed, the Wall of Honor will have roughly 2,200 feet of banners throughout Darlington Raceway.

Tharp said that one request the track staff made was to have some of the construction work done by local contractors.

“I am very, very appreciative of the folks that are working on this project, certainly ISC is the one funding it, but it gives me great satisfaction to know that one of the biggest contractors out here is North Industrial out of Hartsville, Darlington County,” Tharp said. “That is one thing that we wanted to happen: we wanted a good bit of the work to stay in Darlington County. We are very, very excited about that. The contractors and construction crews are working very, very hard and obviously it has been very hot. They have been working some at

nights to beat some of that

heat.”

Along with the changes in seats, Tharp said that improvements are being made to other amenities, including concession stands and restroom facilities.

“There is a lot going on here obviously,” Tharp said. “The race is going to get here August 31- Sept. 2 so we need to be done well in advance of that. We feel confident that sometime in early August that this project will be completed but of course when you have a project of this magnitude there will be a lot of last minute things come up. We're not going to spare anything or rush through anything but certainly we look forward to having this done in early August.”

Tharp said that he is looking forward to a capacity crowd for this year's race.

“Even with the wider seats, we are still going to be in the neighborhood of 50,000,” Tharp said. “When you count folks who will be in the infield in campers and so forth, if we have a great

crowd that weekend, we should probably have close to 60,000 people on property.”

**Updates to the project include:**

· All old seats have been removed from the affected grandstands (approximately 60 percent of our seating capacity).

· The change of pitch in the Tyler Tower Grandstand is complete, greatly improving sightlines for fans in that seating area.

· New stadium-style seats with cup holders are currently being installed in Tyler Tower (frontstretch).

· Bench-style seats are currently being installed in the Wallace Grandstands (frontstretch).

· All new bench-style seats have been installed in the Colvin Grandstands on the backstretch.

· Refurbished restrooms and concession stands in the Colvin Grandstand along with new cross-over gates on the frontstretch are scheduled to start in the next 2-3 weeks.



## Chief Speaks

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their contracts to prevent unscrupulous people from taking advantage of them. “If you can't understand your contract and you can't count your money, someone else will. And you can bet that they're taking out a little more for themselves than they really should.”

After a question and

answer session with Chief Washington, the kids enjoyed a hot meal as part of the Vision Educational Center's free summer food program, held at the Stanley Gym in coordination with Darlington Area Recreation and the City of Darlington.

“When the kids are out of school, they still need to continue with their educational opportunities during the summer, so we try to bridge that gap,” said food program

site supervisor Joyce W. Thomas, noting that the program sometimes serves up to 60 kids.

Each Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., kids are welcome to come to the AW Stanley Gym at 112 Gary Street for games, learning activities, and free hot breakfast and lunch. To learn more about the program, please call 843-627-3212

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Jeremiah 23:24

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**Todd Mozingo**  
DARLINGTON- Todd Howell Mozingo, age 46, died Monday, June 25, 2018. The family received friends from 2 until 3 p.m. at the funeral home on Saturday, June 30, with a memorial service starting at 3 p.m.



Born December 6, 1971 in Darlington, Todd is the son of the late William B. Mozingo, Sr. and the late Marilyn Howell Hare. Todd served in the Army National Guard and then pursued a career in law enforcement. He was previously a police officer for Camden and Simpsonville Police Departments, and a deputy with Darlington County. Mr. Mozingo was also a certified Fire and Arson Investigator and Polygraph examiner.

He is survived by his daughter, Savannah Mozingo of Walton, KY, his son, Bryce Mozingo of FL, his siblings, William "Billy" (Lisa) Mozingo, Jr. of Myrtle Beach, Mary "Bunny" Mozingo of Aiken, his fiancé, Jennifer Galloway and her children, Desire' and Joseph Galloway of Darlington and his step-children, Allison R. Davis and Miranda Kay Davis.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to Belk Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses, PO Box 523, Darlington, SC 29540.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com

**Wayne Vincent**  
Darlington - Charles Wayne Vincent, age 64, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2018. Funeral

services were held 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 27 in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with a private burial held in Darlington Memory Gardens. The family received friends from 2-3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, and other times at the home, 2105 Rogers Rd. Darlington.

Born February 21, 1954, Wayne is the son of the late J.C. Vincent and the late Joyce Weaver Vincent Lloyd. He worked for Nucor Steel for 38 years. He loved NASCAR and enjoyed working on cars, riding around at night watching wildlife, fishing, and shrimping.

Surviving are his son, Jesse Vincent of Darlington; his daughter, Dana Vincent of Columbia; granddaughter, Savannah Vincent; brothers, Steve (Sherrill) Vincent and Tommy Vincent (Ada Taboga); his sister, Rose Colvin; his special cousin, Jimmy Hancock; and his dog, Buddy.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Brown Vincent, who died in 2015, and his sister, Tammy Vincent Moody.

Memorials may be made to Embrace Hospice, 1831 W. Evans St. Suit 315 Florence, SC 29501

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

**Lois Coates McLellan**  
Darlington - Lois Coates McLellan, age 91, died Tuesday, June 26, 2018 in a local hospital. A visitation was held from 2-3 p.m. with funeral services following at 3p.m. on Thursday, June 28 in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home. A private burial followed at Florence Memorial Gardens.

Born in Aynor, December 17, 1926, she was the daughter of the

late Ezra Gana Coates and Lorene Allen Coates. She was a member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church. She graduated from McLeod Nursing School in 1948. Lois served as an RN for over 50 years, working in surgery, children's floor, and Bruce Hospital. She worked for Dr. L.D. Lide as his surgical nurse for over 20 years and finished her nursing career at the Palmetto Center. She was lovingly known as Mrs. Mac.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra McLellan Chace (George); sons, Milton Hubert McLellan Jr (Imogene), and Jerry Wayne McLellan (Dannie). She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Tammy Covington (Julius), Stephanie Weaver (Jack), Kim McLellan, Angie Campbell (William), Scott McLellan, Brian Chace (Hope), Jay McLellan (Claudia), and Destiny McLellan, as well as 12 great-grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren. She has four surviving siblings, Mildred Gore, John Walker Coates, Thelma Thompson, and Annie Laurie Newman (Pete), and many loving nieces and nephews. Lois had wonderful neighbors who lovingly took care of her after our father died, Jimmy and Susie Brown and Matt and Tiffany Brown. Her hairdresser, Juanita was not only her hairdresser but a good friend. When she no longer drove, her good friend, Norma Rowe, made sure she was in church each Sunday. She was blessed with many friends and family.

Mrs. McLellan was predeceased by her husband of over 59 years, Milton Hubert McLellan; and her brother, Robert Coates of Georgetown.

Only two days before her illness, she had moved to Betha Retirement Home. She had many friends there who will miss her. My brothers and I would like to thank the fine nursing staff of McLeod who took great care of her during her short illness. We

also thank Dr. Rao and his staff for the kindness they offered her.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, stjude.org or to Sight for Mozambique, 379 W. Broad St. Darlington, SC 29532.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

**Shirley Tyner Watford**  
Lamar - Shirley Tyner Watford, age 80, passed away Friday, June 29, 2018 at McLeod Hospice House. A visitation was held from 2-3 p.m. Sunday, July 1, with funeral services following at 3 p.m. in the Lamar chapel at Belk Funeral Home. A private burial followed in Lamar Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Watford was born in Darlington County, the daughter of the late Ellie D. Tyner Sr. and Bertha Jeffords Tyner. She was employed by Nytronics in Darlington for many years, and A.Q. Mills in Lynchburg. Mrs. Watford enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, and taking care of any animals.

She is survived by her daughter, Robin (Jerry) Windham of Lamar; her sister, Joyce Arnold of Darlington; four grandchildren, Tori (Austin) Taylor, Rock (Luranna) Parnell, Andy (Jessi) Windham, Tracey (Sammy) Varner; six great-grandchildren, Tyner Taylor, Charlie Taylor, Wyatt Parnell, Kylar Parnell, Josh Windham, and Jayden Windham.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin (Bud) Watford; her brothers, Ellie Tyner Jr, Gene Tyner, and James Tyner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Will of Faith Southern Methodist Church, 836 Seven Bridges Rd. Lamar, SC 29069; or to the Darlington County Humane Society, PO Box 1655 Hartsville, SC 29551.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

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**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. Emcee is Trey Nickelson. Live Gospel Entertainment by Men N Christ, The Gospel Holyheir, The Gospel King and more. Bring your Bibles, lawn chairs and an open heart. For more information call Barbara Carraway 843-409-

5241.

**Homecoming Service**  
You are cordially invited to Savannah Grove A.M.E. Church, 1401 Andrews Mill Rd., in Lamar for their Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, July 15. Church School is at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10 a.m. Rev. Berletha Taylor is Pastor.

**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 children ages 3K - 5th grade. As kids get ready for the big game, they will learn that the goal is not competing in their own strength because God has already equipped them with everything they need! Registration will be held July 29 at 5:45 p.m. Central Baptist Church is located at 512 Spring Street, Darlington. For more information call 843-393-8581 or email: cbcdarlington@bell-south.net.

**Prayer Service**  
St. James will hold a Noon Day Prayer Service every Wednesday. Please join us. The church is located at 312 Pearl St. For more information, call 843-393-1407.

**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

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

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

## Living on Purpose: Go ahead and ask – God is listening

By Dr. William Holland

We know that people pray for all types of things and many times I wonder if God takes every request seriously or if He considers some of them unreasonable. For example, I'm sure that at sporting events both sides are praying for victory over the opposing team but I've always thought these types of prayers generally fall into the category of the non-spiritual variety. The Bible actually mentions unsuitable attitudes behind our prayers and uses the word, "amiss" which means, flawed, incorrect, harmful, and inappropriate. James 4:3 explains, "Ye ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may consume it upon your lusts." We find other connotations related to this way of thinking such as mistaken, and inaccurate intentions related to wrong and impure motives. So, along with other reasons why our prayers are not answered, we can add this one to the list. We realize its difficult to understand the difference between a legitimate prayer and one that falls into the classification of being selfish, but this does not mean that God is not listening and carefully considering each one.

An amazing prayer request is found in the tenth chapter of the book of Joshua. Israel is at war with the Amorites and with Joshua leading the way, we are given an account of this true story. In verse 12, it's recorded that Joshua declared to the Lord and in front of the entire army for the Sun and the Moon to stand still until they could defeat the enemy. God actually granted this request and for an entire day, the Sun and Moon miraculously stood still. Israel eventually won this battle and it's described as an overwhelming victory in which the enemy was completely destroyed. When I think of modern military leaders standing strong in prayer, I must admit that General George Patton is not on the top of my list. However, it's recorded in history that Patton also believed in prayer and had faith in the power of God. Most of us have heard of the World War II conflict called, The Battle of the Bulge, and on a cold December in 1944, the American ground forces were struggling because dense clouds were preventing air support. Patton realized the fate of the war was now being determined by the terrible weather. He aggressively took

action and ordered this prayer to be distributed to every unit in the Third Army. "Almighty and most merciful God, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these moderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for battle. Graciously hearken to us soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and establish Thy justice among men and nations. Amen." Whether you believe this was a miracle or simply a coincidence, the fog and clouds dissipated and allied air power helped defeat the last major German offensive of the war.

Though faith on this level is rare, I recently read a few innocent prayers that young school children had written down and as they are honest, some were also comical. One 8-year-old boy prayed that his math test would be easy and another classmate made his heavenly request for the cafeteria to serve chocolate cake every day. Others had a more mature petition when they asked God to protect every law enforcement, firefighter, and first responder. One 10-year-old girl said, "Dear God, thank you for helping George Washington win the Revolutionary War so that we could become the United States of America and live free" which I thought was a wonderful appreciation for answered prayer.

Nonetheless, it's beyond the imagination how God listens to everyone all at once, sorting through millions of prayer requests every hour, then deciding yes, or no, or wait till later. This is why He is the Sovereign Almighty whose attributes include being Omniscient, Omnipresent, and Omnipotent. As we continue in our journey and are inspired to believe that mountains can be moved with a small amount of faith, I see nothing wrong with sincerely asking God for a larger amount of confidence. We accept that all prayers may not be answered, but at the same time, if our motives are pure and God is in agreement, we can embrace His promise that nothing is impossible.

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

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

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

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



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Meet Tucker. This handsome bully blend guy loves people and was social and polite with the many other dogs that he has met. Tucker has an interesting coat, somewhat brownish with patches of brindle looking merle. Only his hairdresser knows for sure what his true color is, but it's a unique look, for sure. If you have a friendly resident dog looking for a companion, Tucker would be a great choice! 1-2 yrs old; male; 61lbs

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](http://www.darlingtonhumane.org) and click on the link **Lost/ Found Pets**. You will be directed to the [www.thelostpets.com](http://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-

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 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

#### 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

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Sanders Street in Darlington.

#### 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.

#### Planning Commission

Meeting, 9 a.m. July 25, at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main St. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

#### Tree Board

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

#### 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.

#### Bringing Downtown Alive Concert

August 9, 7 to 10 p.m. at Liberty Lane. Community Karaoke Party. For more information email info@buildupdarlington, visit www.buildupdarlington.org or call 843-398-4000 extension 103.

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway. The

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

#### Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Aug. 13 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. Aug. 13 at town hall.

#### Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting Aug. 14 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 Aug. 14. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

### Beautification

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#### Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com

#### Darlington County Airport Commission

Aug. 16, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

#### Bringing Downtown Alive Concert

August 31, 7 to 10 p.m. Concert by Radio Vibe. For more information email info@buildupdarlington, visit www.buildupdarlington.org or call 843-398-4000 extension 103.

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Sep. 10 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington, SC. The Council encourages citizen participation and provides an opportunity for citizens to present their concerns at the beginning of each regular meeting. Those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk to Council at 843-398-4100 or jbishop@darcoms.com.

#### Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl

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# Darlington County teachers learn Agriculture in the Classroom

Heather Atkinson, Lisa Doyle, Susan Seeley and Jenny Steele of Darlington County were among forty-nine educators from across South Carolina who recently learned how to bring agriculture into their classrooms. The South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation (SCFB) hosted its annual Ag in the Classroom Summer Teacher Institute June 18-22 in Florence, S.C., where teachers of grades pre-K through 8th grade in public and private schools learned the importance of family farms and farmers and how to teach agricultural lesson to their students.

"The Ag in the Classroom program has many benefits because we can educate teachers about the importance of agriculture, and those teachers are then going to take that back to their own classrooms of, sometimes, thirty students. The overall outreach of the program is unmatched," said Harry Ott, SCFB President.

In addition to instruction about their learning and teaching styles, Institute participants heard from agriculture and education experts from Clemson University's College Relations/Ag Careers Department, Department of Animal and Veterinary Science, the SC Ag Statistics

Department, and the SC Department of Agriculture. Participants also experienced two days of farm tours in the Pee Dee, including Clemson University's Pee Dee Research and Education Center, the Inland Port in Dillon, the South Carolina Cotton Museum and industrial hemp, rowcrop and beef farms.

"It is so important that students learn where their food and resources come from," said Stephanie Sox, director of Promotion and Education for SCFB. "Providing teachers with not only the information and lesson plans they need, but also the confidence to teach agriculture makes it easy for them to do just that."

"I never cease to be amazed at the positive agricultural impact this course makes in the lives of teachers from across the state during this one week," said Sox. "Teachers leave with a greater understanding of and appreciation for agriculture and those who grow their food, fiber and shelter."

Ag in the Classroom Institute participants received lesson plans aligned to the state curriculum standards to use in their own classroom this fall. They also left with resources they can use to teach students about agriculture and the benefits farmers add to the econo-

my, the environment and the community.

Participants earned three hours of graduate credit for recertification from Winthrop University, courtesy of SCFB's Ag in the Classroom Fund. Along with a modest registration fee, which many County Farm Bureau chapters reimburse to participants, sponsorships raised through the SCFB's Ag in the Classroom Fund cover the cost of tuition, room and board, resource speakers and tours, and materials for the week-long Institute.

"If agriculture is to maintain its status as South Carolina's largest business sector – providing more than 212,000 jobs and nearly a \$42 billion impact on South Carolina's economy – we've got to help people understand the link between their food and fiber and the farm," said Ott. "Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program is a tool to help us accomplish that goal through our state's teachers, and in turn to our state's children."

The 2018 SCFB Ag in the Classroom Summer Teacher Institute was funded through generous support from the SC Ag in the Classroom Fund, SC Farm Bureau Federation, SC Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, the Dairy Alliance,



(L to R) Heather Atkinson, Lisa Doyle, Susan Seeley and Jenny Steele of Darlington County were among forty-nine educators from across South Carolina who recently met in Florence to learn how to incorporate agricultural lessons into their classrooms. The South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's Ag in the Classroom Summer Teacher Institute allowed SC educators to tour Pee Dee area farms and gain first-hand knowledge about agriculture in our state.

SC Beef Council, SC Soybean Board, SC Peanut Board, SC Advocates for Agriculture, Amick Farms, SC Pork Board, Blue Ridge Electric Co-op, Newberry Electric Co-op, ArborOne Farm Credit, Scouler, First Citizens Bank and SC Greenhouse Growers Association.

SCFB's Ag in the Classroom program also offers year-

round, no-cost in-service workshops to South Carolina pre-kindergarten through middle school teachers, schools and school districts. To make a tax deductible contribution to the 501(c)(3) Ag in the Classroom program, for more information or to schedule an in-service workshop, contact Melanie Moulder at 803-936-4409 or mmoulder@scfb.org.

SCFB is a grassroots, non-profit organization that celebrates and supports family farmers, locally grown food and our rural lands through legislative advocacy, education and community outreach. The organization, founded in 1944, serves more than 100,000 member families in 47 chapters. For more information, please visit [www.scfb.org](http://www.scfb.org).

## Scott continues to level the playing field for creditworthy Americans

Washington, D.C. – In keeping with his successful efforts to help creditworthy Americans climb the economic ladder, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) recently introduced bipartisan legislation that would allow landlords and utility and telecom providers to report on-time payments data to credit reporting agencies. The Credit Access and Inclusion Act of 2018 would help millions of Americans who currently lack the payments history needed to take out a mortgage or finance a higher education to develop a positive credit history by allow-

ing the credit bureaus to consider non-traditional lines of credit.

"If someone works hard day in and day out, pays their bills on time, and has demonstrated they are financially stable, that should be reflected in their credit score," said Scott. "Many of the folks who are negatively impacted by the narrow scope of the data used in credit scoring are also among the 50 million Americans who live in distressed communities across the country. We can help close this gap by recognizing the individuals who deserve access to credit and have proven beyond

a doubt that they are ready for this responsibility."

Current credit score models only consider traditional lines of credit, which exclude records of rent or utility payments. This limited approach has resulted in 26 million Americans who are considered "credit invisible" despite their established history of paying these bills on time. For example, studies show that 17 percent of South Carolina adults could be scored by modern credit scoring models if lenders had access to data on rent and utility payments.

## Leadership Women announces the Leadership America Class of 2018

Drs. Zenobia Edwards and Tina Woodard, Co-Founders and executive officers of I Am BEAUTIFUL Inc., have been selected to join an elite network of more than 6,000 women as members of the Leadership America Class of 2018.

Dr. Woodard and Dr. Edwards are two of 45 senior-level women leaders competitively selected from across the nation to participate in the longest-running women's leadership program in the US. Throughout the year-long program, they will have the opportunity to broaden their perspectives and enhance their recognized leadership skills as the program visits three of our nation's key cities. Each city's agenda will feature some of our nation's thought leaders, noted decision-makers and future-forward thinkers who will provide our participants cutting-edge information to inform their professional and community leadership for years to come," said Martha P. Farmer, Founding and Executive Director of Leadership America, now in its 31st consecutive year.

Launched in 1988 as the first nationwide program for the advocacy of women's leadership. Leadership America is the national model of its sister program, Leadership Texas, and is run by the Texas-based Leadership Women, Inc. Leadership America was inau-

gurated by our founders to provide women leaders an opportunity to expand their understanding and influence on the issues surrounding our nation and the globe.

The theme for the 2018 program year is 'Leading With a Global Vision: A National Focus, A Local Concern.' "Participants will visit Boston, San Diego and Denver where each city's opportunities and challenges will provide glimpses into possible futures in the participants' spheres of influence and suggest roadmaps for leading us forward as a nation and as members of the global society," Farmer added.

"We consider it a privilege to assemble these influential women leaders from a broad diversity of professional and personal backgrounds and provide them opportunities to consider new modes of listening; to seek new perspectives; and to imagine new collaborations that will provide new solutions to the challenges of today's interconnected global society. We recognize it is necessary for today's successful leaders to understand the cultural, social and economic shifts confronting all nations. The Leadership America experience informs, influences and inspires these women leaders to shape the future of our evolving nation and ever-changing world."

Through the generous contributions of the Leadership Women Sponsors, the

Leadership America program continues to provide the most up-to-date information on leadership and issues affecting our nation. Leadership Women proudly recognizes Texas Instruments and Southwest Airlines as sponsors.

2019 Leadership America will convene in Washington, D.C.; Seattle; and, Atlanta. Interested candidates for next year's series of programs are invited to visit the Leadership Women website – [www.leadership-women.org](http://www.leadership-women.org) access additional information and application/registration instructions.

Leadership Women, Inc. Leadership Women, Inc. (LW) was established in Austin, Texas, in 1974. LW seeks to advance the power of leadership and legacy through programs that connect, inspire, empower and honor women. To extend LW's message of strength and build bridges to and opportunities for women, LW founded Leadership America in 1988 and helped in the creation of complementary women's programs in California, Illinois, Missouri and North Carolina, among others. Since 1996, LW has been offering a series of national retreats for emerging women leaders called Leadership Pipeline. In 2009, LW launched one day conferences and workshops. Their Leadership International program traveled to India in 2013, South Africa in 2014,

## Carolina Pines Sponsors Hartsville Police K9

Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center had a special visit last week from the latest K9 they sponsored for the Hartsville Police Department, Duke the explosive detection dog and his handler, Officer Cara Spaziana.

According to HPD, Duke was imported from Ireland, a smaller framed yellow Labrador retriever that is specially bred to work longer, with a higher hunt drive. They are trained to search buildings, vehicles, open areas and more. "These dogs are bred to work," said experts with the narcotics division. "They are happy working, and that is all they want to do."

Duke is three years and old and already has made a name for himself in South Carolina, with several real-life callouts assisting other state agencies finding explosives in record time. He has trained in a variety of settings, and can detect the actual ingredients in a bomb –

broken down to the exact molecule.

Another K9 that Carolina Pines helped to fund is Remy, a narcotics detection dog. Remy is a black lab from the same facility in Ireland.

"Carolina Pines is proud to partner with our local law enforcement agencies," said Bill Little, CEO of CPRMC. "We appreciate the hard work and dedication the Hartsville Police Department has to keep our hospital and our community safe. It is our honor to help sponsor these dogs."

Specially bred and trained narcotics dogs typically work for 10 minutes hard and take a break – but Duke worked on his last explosive detection job for 45 minutes straight non-stop. Officer Spaziana had to sit on the floor with him to make him be still. "We have the best bomb dog in the state right here," she said.



Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center sponsored this newest member of the Hartsville Police Department, Duke, a specially trained explosive detection dog shown here with Cara Spaziana, HPD and Bill Little, CEO of CPRMC.

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Darlington County Planning will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 17th, 2018, in the Emergency Operations Center, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Hwy 151), Darlington, South Carolina to discuss Southern Current, LLC is proposing to build a new Solar Energy Systems located at 1106 Timmonsville Hwy, Darlington, South Carolina and 458 Burlington Dr, Society Hill, South Carolina.



Dr. Zenobia Edwards



Dr. Tina Woodard

Mexico in 2015, Scandinavia in 2016 and will visit Quebec, Canada in 2018. For additional information please go to [www.leadership-women.org](http://www.leadership-women.org).



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## Darlington keeps on cruising with win over McBee

By Drake Horton  
Contributing Writer

Darlington – The Darlington junior legion baseball team kept to its winning ways at home this past Wednesday, defeating McBee 10-0 in just six innings.

Up 9-0 going into the bottom of the sixth inning, Darlington ended the seven inning game one inning early when Darlington's Garrett Knight reached on an error allowing the tenth run and final run to score.

Darlington's offense was hitting on all cylinders against McBee scoring at least one run in every inning. It started off with three in the first, one in the second and third, two in the fourth and one each in both the fifth and sixth.

This type of performance has become more of the norm than the anomaly despite early thoughts before the season

started that this could be a long season due to the youth on the team.

"I think the thing that I have been most please about is that we have had so many guys that have been able to contribute this summer," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said. "I was a little nervous going into it with how young of a team we were going to be, but we've had some guys really step it up. It's been fun to watch."

Campbell Outlaw started the scoring off for Darlington in the bottom of the first inning with a two-RBI single to center. Starting pitcher Jake Blackmon followed that up with a bloop single that dropped right between the first baseman and right fielder to score the third run of the inning.

In the second inning Quez Mullins got in on the action, driving in a run of his own with a single to left and Bryant Dickerson increased

Darlington's lead to 5-0 in the third with a RBI infield single.

In the fourth inning Chase Weatherford, who had struggled earlier, picked up a RBI with a sacrifice fly and Outlaw followed him up with his third RBI of the game. Mullins picked up his second RBI of the game in the fifth inning on a groundout.

Knight finished the game up in the sixth and while the bats of Darlington did a lot of talking, it was Blackmon's pitching that kept McBee silent.

"The pitching has been great lately and I don't think we had an error in the field tonight and did some timely hitting," Gearhart said.

With the win Darlington improved to 9-2 overall.

**Weekly Recap**  
Darlington was schedule to play Cheraw in a double header at home on Friday, but Cheraw forfeited both games and Marlboro County, who



Darlington was going to play on the following Monday for a makeup game also forfeited.

The two games that were scheduled against Lamar were

canceled as well.

Darlington plays West Florence at home on Tuesday, July 3 to determine who wins the region. Regardless of the

outcome of the game Darlington will get to host a home playoff game.

Playoffs are scheduled to begin on July 9.

## Leaderships Hartsville 2018 unveils Elevation Renovation Project

The 2018 Leadership Hartsville Class, in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club, will unveil its Elevation Renovation Project on July 12 at 11:30am at the Boys & Girls Club of Hartsville, 1103 S 6th Street.

The Elevation Renovation Project was the service project of the 2018 Leadership Hartsville class to not only improve the Boys & Girls Club of Hartsville but to be able to give back to a deserving community of rich and important heritage to Hartsville. The project consisted of replacing an old fence, roof repair, cleaning, painting and the installation of murals to depict the history

and legacy of Butler High School.

The 2018 Leadership Hartsville Class is honored and overjoyed to celebrate the heritage of the school and celebrate the new seeds of leadership that are growing with the Boys & Girls Club. It has been a rewarding process that included generous contributions from various organizations and donors to make this goal a reality.

The event will include a brief presentation to the Boys & Girls Club, official unveiling and ribbon cutting, and lunch with the students of the Boys & Girls Club.

## Buterbaugh Graduates from Institute for Organization Management

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, is pleased to announce that Quinetta Buterbaugh, IOM, president of the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, has graduated from the program and has received the recognition of IOM. Awarded to all graduates of the Institute program, the IOM Graduate Recognition signifies the individual's completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management. In addition, participants can earn credit hours toward the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) or Certified Association Executive (CAE) certifications. Nearly 1,000 individuals attend Institute annually; Buterbaugh graduated with a



class of 53 professionals.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber Foundation's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. "These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication neces-

sary to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries."

Since its commencement in 1921, the Institute program has been educating tens of thousands of association, chamber, and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members and become strong business advocates. Institute's curriculum consists of four weeklong sessions at five different university locations throughout the country. Through a combination of required courses and electives in areas such as leadership, advocacy, marketing, finance, and membership, Institute participants are able to enhance their own organizational management skills and add new fuel to their organizations, making them

run more efficiently and effectively.

Institute for Organization Management is the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. It is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association and chamber professionals, fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation (USCCF) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce dedicated to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness by addressing developments that affect our nation, our economy, and the global business environment.

## Belle W. Baruch Institute opens first exhibit at FMU

The Belle W. Baruch Institute for South Carolina Studies at Hobcaw Barony will unveil its first exhibit at Francis Marion University's Adele Kassab Gallery in the Hyman Fine Arts Center

Discovering Belle Baruch will showcase vintage 1920s era riding attire worn by heiress Belle W. Baruch, daughter of legendary financier and political consultant Bernard Baruch. Baruch's riding coat, waistcoat and breeches, will be presented alongside reproductions created by Francis Marion University professor of Theatre Arts Alley Steadman.

Companion pieces, loaned to the Francis Marion University by the Belle W. Baruch Foundation, will include trophies and medallions won by Belle during sailing and equestrian competitions, small furnishings, original art from the Baruch's collection, and flight logs and checkbooks that shed light on Belle's aviation interest.

The exhibit will open on



Saturday, June 30 and close on Aug. 18. The June 30 opening will be from 2-4 p.m. The exhibit will be open daily when the university is open.

Belle Baruch lived much of her life at Hobcaw Barony, on the South Carolina coast just north of Georgetown. She eventually purchased the property from her famous father and then put into a conservation trust.

Hobcaw Barony is the site of ongoing research in a variety of academic fields. The

Baruch Institute will open the doors to even more. The 16,000-acre preserve is a trove of sites with historical, cultural and archaeological potential.

The new Institute was created late last year through a partnership that included FMU, Coastal Carolina University and the Belle W. Baruch Foundation.

Francis Marion University Professor Dr. Lynn Hanson serves as the Institute's co-director.

## Duke Energy and county officials to test sirens around Robinson Nuclear Plant

The outdoor warning sirens around the Robinson Nuclear Plant will be tested Wed., July 11, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The 59 sirens within 10 miles of the Robinson Nuclear Plant will sound at least once during the test and may sound more than once. Residents will hear an audible tone lasting for approximately 30 seconds. No public action is required.

This test is performed quarterly, in cooperation with emergency officials in Chesterfield, Darlington and Lee counties, who are responsible for sounding the sirens.

Hearing a siren does not mean to evacuate. In an emergency, sirens are sounded as a signal for residents to tune to a local radio or TV station that would carry an Emergency Alert System (EAS) message. County officials use these stations to provide information to the public. If sirens are heard and residents are unsure if it is a test or an emergency, they should tune to their local radio or TV station. The EAS will not be activated during the siren tests.

For more information about the outdoor warning sirens, residents can refer to information available on <https://www.duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/nuclear-safety/nuclear-power-plants>.

The Robinson Nuclear Plant produces approximately 741 megawatts of electricity and is located about five miles from Hartsville.

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## Darlington County School District graduates earn more than \$32 million in scholarships

Surpassing last year's total by more than \$3 million, the Darlington County School District (DCSD) Class of 2018 earned more than \$32 million in college scholarships.

This year's seniors earned \$32,693,075 through a combination of state lottery, service, military, private and college-sponsored scholarships. Since 2007, DCSD graduating seniors have earned more than \$210 million in scholarships.

Mayo High School for

Math, Science and Technology graduates led the way in 2018 with more than \$16.5 million in potential college funding. Darlington High School graduates racked up \$8.6 million, Hartsville High School seniors collected \$4.4 million and Lamar High School graduates accumulated \$3.1 million.

Of the \$32 million-plus total, \$4.91 million came from South Carolina LIFE, HOPE and Palmetto Fellows scholarships.

# FMU Board of Trustees installs new leadership

Francis Marion University's Board of Trustees installed new leadership for the board at its most recent meeting.

Robert E. Lee, an attorney from Marion, S.C. assumed the position of chairman of the

Board of Trustees, Dr. H. Randall Dozier of Georgetown, S.C. is the new vice chairman, and Floyd L. Keels of Kingstree, S.C. is the new secretary.

Dr. Fred Carter, FMU's president, says the new leadership is a fine fit for the FMU board.

"Robert was the chairman during my first four years at FMU," says Carter. "He's a superb leader and a dear friend. And Randy and Floyd are among our very finest board members. This is an appropriate group to lead the best university board of trustees in the state."

Lee formerly served as the board's chairman from 1999 to 2003. He has served on the board since 1998.

Dozier is the superintendent of the Georgetown County School District. He has served



on the board beginning in 1991 until 2000 and rejoined in 2002 and served as the board's chairman from 2011 to 2014.

Keels is the former president and chief executive officer of Santee Electric Cooperative, Inc.

in Kingstree. He has served on the board since 2013.

Lee, Dozier and Keels are beginning three-year terms as the board's leadership.

Robert E. Lee and Dr. H. Randall Dozier

FMU Photo



## Ways to be a better boater this summer

By E. Weeks SCDNR

The first week of July marks one of the busiest times of the year for South Carolinians to be on the water. With over half a million registered boaters in the state, everything from the boat cleaners we use to how we throw away filleted fish has a serious impact on the health of our waterways.

So before you hit the water to enjoy the sun and salt this weekend, consider these eight ways to be a smarter, cleaner, safer boater.

### 1. Be Smart About Fueling

Fueling your boat, when done carelessly, presents a risk of leaks and spills that can pollute our waterways. When you're fueling up, always stay in the area and do not 'top off' the gas tank. Catch drips from the fuel intake and vent overflow with oil-absorbent materials like the bibs pictured below.

Gas-saturated bibs/pads can be air-dried and reused. Bibs saturated with diesel fuel

or oil should be double-bagged and thrown in the trash. SCDNR offers fueling bibs at public events such as boat shows; contact coordinator Beatrice Calhoun at calhounb@dnr.sc.gov if you'd like to learn more.

### 2. Watch for Wildlife

Wildlife watching is one of the most enjoyable parts of boating on our coast. But animals such as manatees and sea turtles are at particularly high risk of being killed by boat strikes – in fact, it's the most common cause of death for sea turtles in South Carolina. In 2017 alone, 73 sea turtles were killed by collisions with vessels. Help safely share the water with these creatures by boating slowly when you're in shallow coastal areas, which they like to frequent. Always keep a lookout for animals moving in the water.

### 3. Stash Your Trash

We've likely all seen it on the water – the boater speeding so quickly they don't notice the trash flying from

the stern. Don't be that boater.

Bring food in reusable or recyclable containers or buy products that don't have excessive packaging. Secure your trash so that it doesn't blow overboard – and if it does, be sure to turn around and retrieve it.

A great practice to follow is "plus one boating," whereby you bring home every piece of trash you take out on the water – plus something extra. Unfortunately, plastics pollution is a significant issue in our oceans, and trash is not uncommon to see even miles offshore.

### 4. Keep Sewage Out of Our Waterways

Being smart about sewage is a no-brainer for anyone who appreciates clean water. You should never discharge raw sewage into South Carolina waters – in addition to being illegal, raw or poorly treated sewage can transmit diseases and cause rashes in humans, infect shellfish (which may then make oyster lovers sick), and cause algal blooms that

kill fish. The best option is to use onshore restrooms; the second-best option is to use a well-maintained head or marine sanitation device. If your boat has a head, make sure to follow the manufacturer's maintenance recommendations and regularly pump out and rinse your tanks.

SCDHEC's Marina Mate App shows where you can find a pump-out station and other services provided by marinas around the state.

Oyster shell drop-off sites across the coast offer a convenient place to recycle your shells, so that SCDNR biologists can quarantine them before returning them to the environment to rebuild oyster reefs. (Photo: E. Weeks/SCDNR)

### 5. Recycle What You Can

Antifreeze, oil, and lead-acid batteries (and in some cases must) be recycled in South Carolina. But did you know you can recycle fishing line and oyster shells, too?

Monofilament deposit bins

are at many boat landings and offer a place to recycle your used fishing line. A lot of South Carolinians use their boats to access shellfish harvest grounds in the cooler months. If your family likes to do that, please remember to recycle your leftover oyster shells – SCDNR biologists need them to help rebuild oyster reefs. Find drop-off locations here.

### 6. Dispose of Fish Waste Properly

In South Carolina, you cannot fillet any fish or shark with size limits until you've returned to shore. Once you do, don't throw your bones and entrails into swimming areas, marinas, or on oyster beds. Some landings offer fish-cleaning stations where you can discard your fish in the trash. If throwing away at home, we suggest freezing until the day of trash pick-up and/or double-bagging to reduce the smell.

Better yet, though, don't let those bones go to waste – you can freeze fish leftovers and

reuse them as bait, cook them down into fish stock, or put them to work in your garden after composting.

### 7. Use Green Cleaners

Your choice of cleaning products can have a dramatic impact on water quality and wildlife. Luckily, fresh water and a sponge can go a long way toward reducing your need to use harsh cleaners on your boat. Furthermore, a good coat of wax will also keep surface dirt from becoming engrained and requiring detergents to clean. At some point, though, you'll need more than water – and when that happens, we recommend using phosphate-free, biodegradable, and nontoxic cleaners.

### 8. Pass It On

If you're an experienced boater, share your wisdom with other boaters! Support marinas that are environmentally responsible and provide amenities like trash cans, recycling bins, and pump-out stations.



## Beginner's guide to kayaking

Kayaking is a water sport that can be beneficial to the mind and body. Just about anyone willing to spend a day on the water can benefit from learning about kayaking and how to get started with this rewarding activity.

The history of kayaking is interesting. The word "kayak" means "hunter's boat," and the Inuit used to rely on these small vessels to catch food by sneaking up on their prey from the water's edge. Some people still hunt and fish from their kayaks, but many are happy to use them for sightseeing and exercising.

"Paddlesports are increasing in popularity among Americans who desire to connect with the outdoors," said Christine Fanning, executive director of The Outdoor Foundation. The Outdoor Foundation and The Coleman Company, Inc., found in a Special Report on Paddlesports that 21.7 million Americans enjoyed paddling on rivers, lakes, streams, and other waterways in 2014, the most recent year for which data is available. Paddlesports include canoeing, rafting, kayaking, and stand-up paddling.

Learning how to kayak does

not involve a significant initial financial investment. The outdoor experts at REI say there's a good chance a novice kayaker will not go out and buy a boat immediately. It's important to first get a feel for the sport and then go from there.

Although it's not absolutely necessary, it's recommended that novices take paddling lessons to hone their kayaking skills. Learning the proper technique can help people avoid strain on their neck and back and safeguard their arms from fatigue.

Novices should practice on calm waters until their tech-

nique is honed. Lakes are a great place to learn, as rivers and places with mild currents can overwhelm those new to the sport.

One of the easiest ways to get introduced to kayaking is to go with an experienced paddler or tour company. Such companies charge a set price for an excursion that will provide transportation to the drop site as well as the equipment needed for the voyage. Tours may include travel down several miles of a relatively calm waterway, allowing novice kayakers to get a feel for paddling and take in the scenery.

Getting in and out of a kayak can be challenging for beginners.

The resource Kayakpaddling.net offers helpful illustrations and animated tutorials about entering and exiting kayaks as well as paddling techniques and safety.

Kayakers should bring some essentials along. A dry pack can keep electronics, food and equipment dry. Remember to wear sunscreen and a hat to keep safe from the sun. A life vest also is essential.

Exercise, fresh air and enjoying the open water are just some of the many draws of kayaking.

## Oven-free summer dinner ideas

Mid- to late-summer is appropriately known as "the dog days of summer" because it can be so doggone hot. The idea of warming up the house by turning on the oven to cook a meal may be especially unappealing.

Recipes that require little to no cooking — and no stove — can be a home cook's best friend as summer progresses. Here are a few ideas to get started.

### Grilled paninis

Gather some favorite sandwich fixings, such as sliced meats, vegetables and cheeses, and head to the grill. Put ingredients between two slices of crusty bread and place on the grill over low or indirect heat. Weigh down the sandwiches with cast-iron pans to flatten out the sandwiches.

### Savory salads

Cool salads can be refreshing and light on hot summer evenings. Salads can range from tradition lettuce- or greens-based salads to pasta salads and chicken or tuna salads. Mix ingredients in advance and store them in the refrigerator. Serve chilled with toppings like shredded cheese, bacon bits and croutons to dress up the salads.

### Cold buffet

Summer is a time to avoid hearty, belly-filling meals. Instead, produce a spread of finger foods, ranging from crackers and cheese to vegetables and dips. Fresh fruit also can accompany buffet-style meals, as can slices of Italian bread and homemade tomato bruschetta.

## Freedom Fest lights up Darlington Raceway

Freedom Fest, Darlington County's annual celebration of Independence Day, was held Saturday June 30 at the Darlington Raceway and offered a dazzling fireworks show, live music by Johnny Glenn and The Chasers, carnival rides, tasty Midway-style food, and plenty of fun for all ages.



## Library patrons get a visit from aquarium staff, creatures

As part of their "Libraries Rock!" summer program, the Darlington Library welcomed some scaly, slimy, swimmy guests last week when snakes and toads and baby alligators from the SC Aquarium stopped by for a visit. Kids learned all about these animals and their freshwater swamp habitats from instructors Tita Massey and Laura Christensen of the SC Aquarium, and even got a chance to pet the critters and see them up close.

Photos by Samantha Lyles  
See more photos on 6B



## Local Student News

### Local residents named to Clemson University President's List

CLEMSON-- Local residents have been named to the spring 2018 President's List at Clemson University.

They are:  
•Bethany A. Byrd of Darlington, who is majoring in Chemistry

•Alexandria Michelle Curtis of Darlington, who is majoring in Management

•Blaine A. Eads of Darlington, who is majoring in Marketing

•Heather R. Godbold of Darlington, who is majoring in Accounting

•Anna R. Godbold of Darlington, who is majoring in Packaging Science

•Bailey Elizabeth Goodson of Darlington, who is majoring in Nursing

•Kaitlyn E. Shillinglaw of Darlington, who is majoring in Microbiology

•Ashley Lynn Atkinson of Hartsville, who is majoring in Biological Sciences

•Victoria R. Davis of Hartsville, who is majoring in Health Science

•Alexandra M. Doubles of Hartsville, who is majoring in Psychology

•Grace E. Driggers of Lamar, who is majoring in Communication

•Sarah Elaine Reynolds of Lamar, who is majoring in Political Science

•Shelby M. Wayne of McBee, who is majoring in Agricultural Education

•Margo Gray Averitt of Timmonsville, who is majoring in Animal and Veterinary Science

•Olivia G. Lyles of Timmonsville, who is majoring in Nursing

To be named to the

President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

### Local residents named to Dean's List at Clemson University

CLEMSON -- Local residents have been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University for the spring 2018 semester.

They are:  
•Bryan Stephen Andrews of Darlington, who is majoring in Computer Science

•William C. Ervin III of Darlington, who is majoring in Biological Sciences

•Elexander Scott Fryer of Darlington, who is majoring in Computer Engineering

•Alexandria P. Goodson of Darlington, who is majoring in Pre-Business

•Elizabeth P. Lawson of Darlington, who is majoring in Genetics

•Kate H. Lawson of Darlington, who is majoring in Graphic Communications

•Sidney Raye Brown of Hartsville, who is majoring in Biological Sciences

•Maya A. Cheatham of Hartsville, who is majoring in Financial Management

•David A. Coker of Hartsville, who is majoring in Management

•Lindsay P. Godwin of Hartsville, who is majoring in Accounting

•Kayla L. Haas of Hartsville, who is majoring in Psychology

•Caroline R. Herring of Hartsville, who is majoring in Visual Arts

•Avery Elizabeth Jenner of Hartsville, who is majoring in Early Childhood Education

•Rebecca M. Kerr of Hartsville, who is majoring in Psychology

•Sarah K. Lee of Hartsville, who is majoring in Biological Sciences

•Olivia A. Novak of Hartsville, who is majoring in Packaging Science

•Timothy J. Nuckols of Hartsville, who is majoring in Chemical Engineering

•Chase T. Ollis of Hartsville, who is majoring in Biological Sciences

•Taylor G. Pederson of Hartsville, who is majoring in Psychology

•Tiquez Quandre Rivers of Hartsville, who is majoring in Chemistry

•Corey L. Rondeau of Hartsville, who is majoring in Computer Engineering

•Anna R. Shaw of Hartsville, who is majoring in Animal and Veterinary Science

•Anna Yang of Hartsville, who is majoring in Health Science

•Brandi N. Windham of Lamar, who is majoring in Computer Science

To be named to the Dean's List, a student achieved a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

### Mercer University Announces Spring 2018 President's, Dean's Lists

MACON, Ga. – Mercer University recently announced the President's List and Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester. Inclusion on these lists requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards specific to the college or school within the University.

•Sonora White, a sophomore from Darlington, Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics,

### Dean's List

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The University enrolls more than 8,600 students in 12 schools and colleges – liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, health professions, and Penfield College of Mercer University – on campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah – and two regional academic centers in the Atlanta metro area.

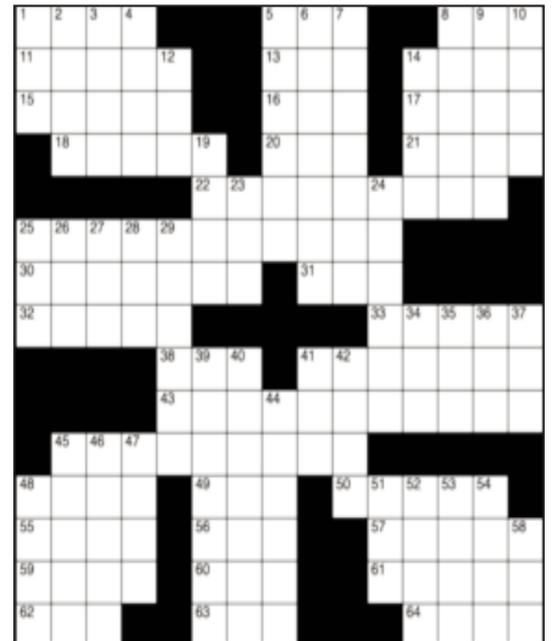
### Area residents graduate from Mercer University

MACON/ATLANTA, Ga. - Mercer University conferred bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees to nearly 2,200 students representing 12 schools and colleges at four ceremonies during May in Macon and Atlanta. Local graduates were:

•Joseph Kirven, of Hartsville, Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, Master of Business Administration

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### ACROSS

- Guinean seaport
- They \_\_\_
- Electromotive force
- "McVicar" director
- Monetary unit
- Mother of Hermes
- Broadway actress Daisy
- Tobacco mosaic virus
- Expression of surprise
- African financial intermediaries
- Fully ripe egg
- Soothes the skin
- Editors write them
- Nashville-based rockers
- Surgical tube
- Lasting records
- Member of Ghanese tribe
- Being in a vertical position
- Spasmodic contraction
- Cartilage disks
- Domestic help
- A way of drying out
- Small sponge cake
- Distinctive prac-

- or philosophy
- Sword
- Type of missile (abbr.)
- Home to various animals
- American comedian Tim
- Scores perfectly
- A major division of geological time
- Spiritual leader
- Unhappy
- Unit of force (abbr.)
- Door part

### DOWN

- Academic degree
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Large, stocky lizard
- Romanian river
- Stellar
- A way to change
- Surround completely
- A Philly footballer
- Dinosaur shuang\_\_\_\_\_aurus
- Slowly disappear
- Large antelope
- Not nice
- Piece of

- Newt
- Seriously mentally ill
- Kilogram force (abbr.)
- Terrorist group
- Negative
- Time zone
- A blacksmith's workshop
- Baked dessert
- A way to perceive uniquely
- Breeze through
- Dry white wine drink
- Treated with iodine
- Not thorough
- Famous museum
- Supplements with difficulty
- Polynesian language
- Bangladesh capital (var. sp.)
- \_\_\_ and flowed
- Excessively theatrical actors
- Prejudice
- Swiss river
- Nonsense (slang)
- "Luther" actor
- Resist authority (slang)
- Pinch

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Answers on 5B



Center Baptist Church celebrated their senior citizens October 14-15 2017; this is an annual event. October 14 they ate dinner in Florence and Mae Helen Burch, senior citizen chair person, gave out door prizes to all senior citizens from various business owners. Sunday morning service they had a guest speaker pastor J.D. Blue from Second Baptist Church in Hartsville. Ms. Burch did a drawing for a weekend getaway at Grand Atlantic Ocean Resort in Myrtle Beach. The winner was Ms. Geraldine Jett. She used the trip for her birthday in March. Jett took three of her church members, Francena Marks, Debra Mingo and Nathan Jackson, with her.

### Brother and fraternity brother inducted into hall of fame

The Interscholastic Association Heritage Association Hall of Fame event was held in Charlottesville, VA, on June 29, 2018. In atten-

dance were Brother Whitley E. Brown, Sr., Brother Starrie Jordan of the Petersburg Alumni Chapter, Vice - Polemarch of The Hartsville

Alumni Chapter, Gene Thompson Hall of Fame Inductee of 2018. Brother Gene Thompson, Brother Whitley E. Brown, Sr and Brother Kevin

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# 2018 Legislative Update

Representative Robert Q. Williams  
House District 62

## PROTECTING ELECTRIC RATEPAYERS

The House of Representatives passed the following bills to address the abandonment of the V. C. Summer Nuclear Reactors in Fairfield County which resulted in billions of dollars in fees placed on energy customers. The House passed:

- H.4375, which ELIMINATED ALL CHARGES ON THE ELECTRIC BILLS OF CUSTOMERS THAT SUPPORT THE FAILED PROJECT and REPEALING THE BASE LOAD REVIEW ACT GOING FORWARD. The bill orders new electricity rates for customers by eliminating all of the increases that have been imposed under the Base Load Review Act to finance the failed nuclear power project.

- H.4379, which created the UTILITIES CONSUMER ADVOCATE within the Attorney General's Office to safeguard the interests of consumers in dealings with public utilities that offer services including electrical power, gas pipelines for heating and cooking needs, water, sewerage,

and telecommunications.

- H.4378, a bill that replaced the Public Utilities Review Committee with a new twelve-member UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE and prevent conflicts interests for those serving as committee members.

## FY 2017-18 BUDGET FOLLOW-UP

In January as follow up to the actions taken related to the FY 2017-18 Budget, the House voted to override the Governor's vetoes and voted to fund \$20.5 million for the purchasing or leasing of new public school buses.

## FY 2018-19 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

This year's budget includes \$7.9 billion in state general funds with \$355 million in recurring revenue newly available for appropriation and \$189 million in nonrecurring revenue.

\$68 million is allocated for Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts, \$1.25 million for recovery efforts associated with the Pinnacle Mountain Fire, and \$5 million is devoted to 2014 Winter Storm Reimbursement.

For K-12 public education, \$60 million is used to increase the base student cost by \$75 to

arrive at an estimated \$2,425 per pupil.

\$55.8 million for capital improvements in Abbeville plaintiff school districts and districts with a poverty index of 80% or higher.

In addition, the FY 2018-19 budget allocates \$12 million for a K-12 Technology Initiative.

For the second year in a row, full funding is provided for the LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows higher education scholarship programs.

The Office on Aging receives a \$400,000 increase for Family Caregivers to be used to support caregivers of seniors so that they may remain in their homes instead of a more expensive alternative of institutional care

The Local Government Fund is maintained at its \$212 million level, with an additional \$10 M in recurring funds to replace one-time, nonrecurring dollars appropriated for this purpose in the previous year.

The Department of Health and Human Services is afforded \$13 million for Rural Health Initiative & Telemedicine with funds being used to address medically underserved com-

munities in the rural areas of the state.

## FIRST STEPS REAUTHORIZATION

The Governor signed into law H.3591, which reauthorizes the First Steps to School Readiness program to 2025.

First Steps to School Readiness is the state's comprehensive early childhood education initiative. Since its start in 1999, First Steps has helped young children prepare for school through programs that provide early intervention, strengthen families, improve children's health, increase the quality of early care and help transition rising kindergarteners into school.

## SC PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS ACT

H. 3865, the SC Pregnancy Accommodations, became law. This guarantees pregnant women and women recovering from childbirth are provided reasonable workplace accommodations.

The law also protects nursing mothers, protects employees from unwanted accommodations (like forced time off), and requires employers to notify employees of their rights while pregnant.

## DISTURBING SCHOOLS

The General Assembly revised the Disturbing Schools statute, returning the law to its original intention of prohibiting nonstudents from disrupting schools. The bill, S. 131, also calls for educators and administrators to exhaust all avenues of behavior discipline before involving law enforcement officials. This move comes amid reports of an increase in the number of students arrested for disturbing schools.

## MILITARY PRIORITY REGISTRATION ACT

H.4078 makes provisions for the state's public institutions of higher learning to give enrollment priority to military related students, including active duty members of the uniformed services, reservists, members of the South Carolina National Guard, and honorably discharged veterans.

## SC RETIRED EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

Signed into law, H.3513 allows a retired South Carolina teacher to be eligible to maintain certification for the purpose of substituting. A retired educator certificate is valid for five years as is renewable. This will keep.

## OPIOID ADDICTION: PRE-

## VENTION AND TREATMENT

In order to combat the opioid epidemic, the General Assembly passed several bills aimed at preventing and treating addiction.

Bills signed into law include: H. 4600, which provides nonprofit community groups with access to life-saving opioid antidotes; H. 3826, which requires physicians to use tamper-proof prescription pads; S. 918, which sets an initial opioid prescription supply limit at 7 days; and several bills that reform government to streamline treatment. Additionally, opioid education is now included in K-12 health standards and a public awareness campaign has been launched on the dangers of the drugs.

For Detailed Legislative Information: [www.scstatehouse.gov/Publications/LegislativeUpdates](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/Publications/LegislativeUpdates)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to share ideas, or if I may be of service on a legislative issue. RobertWilliams@schouse.gov  
Representative Robert Williams  
328C Blatt Bldg.  
Columbia, SC 29201

## Sheriff Chavis welcomes new deputies

Three deputies were recently sworn-in by Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis. Bobby Driggers and Caroline Kinney were sworn-in June 25. Jimell Green was sworn-in on June 18.

Driggers is a native of Cheraw with 15 years of law enforcement experience. He served six years in the United

States Army. Driggers is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Kinney is a native of Dillon with two years of law enforcement experience. She previously served as a clinical counselor with the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center. Kinney is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Green is a native of Lake City with one year of law enforcement experience. He is assigned to the Patrol Division.



## Volunteers needed for summer wild turkey survey

SCDNR has conducted an annual summer wild turkey survey to estimate reproduction and recruitment of wild turkeys South Carolina since 1982. The survey involves agency wildlife biologists, technicians, game wardens, and many volunteers from other natural resource agencies and the general public. The survey is conducted in July and August each year, and SCDNR is asking for volunteers to participate.

The summer turkey survey is designed to monitor annual nesting success of hens and survival of their young, which has the greatest influence on wild turkey population dynamics. The information allows biologists to calculate many factors essential for sound turkey management, including average brood size, percentage of hens with and without young, gobbler-to-hen ratio, and overall numbers of turkeys seen. Combined with harvest data, this information allows SCDNR to make scientifically-based decisions and recommendations to the S.C. General Assembly in order to manage the wild turkey population now and in the future.

Anyone who spends time outdoors, travels the roads of the state, can identify turkeys and differentiate between gobblers, hens and poults (young turkeys) is welcome to participate. If you are interested in

participating in the survey or if you want to learn more, visit [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/volunbroodsurvey.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/volunbroodsurvey.html).

If you are interested in participating in the annual Summer Turkey Survey the following information will assist you in becoming a survey cooperator.

- The survey period is July 1 - August 29 annually.

- Participants must be able to identify wild turkeys and must be comfortable in telling the difference between hens, poults, and gobblers.

- Observations are made during your normal outdoor activities.

- Print a survey form at [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/pdf/SurveyFormWeb.pdf](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/pdf/SurveyFormWeb.pdf)

- Record observations from only one county on each survey form. If you see turkeys in more than one county use a separate survey form for each county.

- Record each sighting or group of turkeys as a separate

observation. Do not combine all the turkeys you see in a day or on multiple days into one observation.

- Try to avoid recording what you believe are the same turkeys in the same area more than once.

- Be sure to record hens that do not have poults in addition to hens that do have poults. This is very important in determining the overall reproductive success in turkeys.

- Please record your quail sightings in addition to turkeys.

- Completed survey forms may be e-mailed to [ruthc@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:ruthc@dnr.sc.gov), faxed to 803-734-3691, or mailed to the no later than September 12 each year: Summer Turkey Survey P.O. Box 167 Columbia, SC 29202.

- If you have questions about the survey or would like to be placed on the permanent list of cooperators, contact 803-734-8738 or [ruthc@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:ruthc@dnr.sc.gov)



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## Scott secures two provisions for South Carolina farmers as Farm Bill passes Senate

Washington - The United States Senate successfully passed the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, colloquially known as the Farm Bill, which included two important provisions secured by Senator Tim Scott (R-SC).  
Scott worked with Senator Doug Jones (D-AL) to help so-called Heirs Property owners - thousands of minority and other landowners whose family land has been passed through the generations often without a formal title - gain access to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs they currently

do not have access to without proper documentation certifying their possession of the land. Senator Scott also secured the inclusion of the Peanut Parity Act along with Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), which ensures South Carolina, the fourth largest producer of peanuts in the country, has a presence on the federal Peanut Standards Board.  
"I am very excited the Senate was able to pass a commonsense Farm Bill that will help farmers, ranchers and growers across South Carolina," Senator Scott said. "I want to thank my col-

league Senator Jones for working together to ensure that heirs property owners have access to critical support programs offered by USDA, which will help countless farmers and ranchers across South Carolina and the nation succeed. I also want to thank Senator Graham for his work on the Peanut Parity Act, which is hugely important for South Carolina's peanut industry."  
Some estimates show that 60 percent of land owned by African-Americans in the United States is Heirs Property. In order to have access to USDA programs, farm-

ers must have a Farm Number, which requires documentation verifying ownership or possession of the land to secure. As heirs property is often passed down without a will or transfer of title, this leaves many minority farmers without access to USDA programs. The Fair Access For Farmers and Ranchers Act, Scott and Jones' legislation that was included in the Farm Bill, will allow access to USDA for heirs property owners.

# Coker Names Early Head Track & Field/Cross Country Coach

Coker College has named Peter Early as its head track & field/cross country coach, Dr. Lynn Griffin, vice president of athletics and athletic facilities announced today. Early becomes the third coach in program history.

"We are excited that Peter will be taking over the cross country and track field program," said Griffin. "He has a proven record of success in recruiting and coaching at a very successful Division II institution and we are looking forward to watching him continue the success of our programs."

Early arrives at Coker after spending the last seven years at Merrimack College, where he was the assistant track & field coach. During his time at Merrimack, Early has personally coached every school record holder in the 800m down, including six-time National Champion Carly Muscaro. Under Early's guidance, Muscaro reached the semifinals of the 2016 United States Olympic trials, ran personal bests of 51.17 in the 400m and 23.22 in the 200m,

and an NCAA Division II All-Time record of 51.78 in the indoor 400m, all while on her way to signing a professional contract with Saucony.

"I want to thank Dr. Wyatt and Dr. Griffin for giving me the opportunity to take the helm of the Coker track & field/cross country program," said Early. "I am extremely excited for this opportunity and I look forward to building off of the past successes this program has had. When I look at this roster, I see a lot of talent and potential, and I am anxious to get to work. I have high expectations for what this team can accomplish and I am very confident that we are going to achieve tremendous success in the near future."

Early has personally coached the Merrimack Warrior sprinters to six individual National Championships, 23 All-Americans honorees, five Northeast-10 Conference Rookie of the Year awards, one Division II NCAA Indoor record, and one Division II Collegiate Women Sports award, which is handed out

the best female athlete in collegiate athletics for all sports. In March of 2017, Early was named USTFCCCA Division II Assistant Coach of the Year for the East Region, as well as the USTFCCCA Division II National Assistant Coach of the Year. In addition to working with the team's sprinters, Early also worked heavily with recruiting potential student-athletes, where his efforts in the previous seasons have helped to expand the talent and depth of speed and power events.

A native of Haverhill, Mass., Early is a graduate of Haverhill High School, where he competed in both track & field and football. Early was named the MVC League MVP in his senior year for track & field and still holds several school records to include the indoor and outdoor high jump. He went on to graduate number one in the Francis E. Giard School of Business at Merrimack College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Early competed on the football and track & field teams as a student-athlete at Merrimack.

# S.C. Department of Natural Resources launches project to protect threatened coastal birds

Coastal bird populations face multiple threats, including habitat loss and degradation, human disturbance, increased predation and sea level rise. In fact, their populations have declined by 70 percent during the last forty to sixty years. South Carolina is a critical link in preserving these birds; numerous species of nesting and migrating birds visit our coastline each year, including a remarkable 38 percent of all the nesting brown pelicans on the East Coast during summer and some of the largest colonies of skimmers and terns in the Southeast.

To help address these threats, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) has established the South Carolina Coastal Bird Conservation Program, supported by groups including Audubon South Carolina, Coastal Expeditions, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and the South Carolina Wildlife Federation.

The program's first project will be to raise approximately \$2 million needed to take advantage of a cost-share opportunity to renourish the Crab Bank Seabird Sanctuary in Charleston Harbor. Crab Bank, owned by the SCDNR, has been nationally recognized as an Audubon Important Bird Area. In the past, Crab Bank has provided nesting habitat for as many as 5,000 birds in a single

nesting season, including large colonies of brown pelicans, terns, black skimmers, egrets and herons, and a few dozen American oystercatchers. Due to wave erosion and Hurricane Irma in 2017, all the available nesting habitat on Crab Bank was washed away, removing any opportunity for nesting birds during the 2018 season.

A long-awaited dredging project to deepen the federal channel in Charleston Harbor holds the key to saving Crab Bank. Overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the "Post-45" Charleston Harbor Deepening Project is expected to reach areas of the Lower Harbor beginning in 2019, giving the Coastal Bird Conservation Program until December 2018 to raise the funds needed to help cost-share the renourishment of Crab Bank with the dredged material from the deepening project. As many as 80 acres could be restored, which would provide 28 acres of upland habitat for nesting and loafing coastal birds.

"Crab Bank, if renourished, can produce hundreds of thousands of young birds over the next fifty years" said SCDNR Wildlife Biologist Felicia Sanders.

In addition to their intrinsic ecological value, these birds also play a huge role in a coastal tourism boom that is being fueled by outdoor adventure-seekers. Coastal tourism adds

\$9 billion per year to South Carolina's economy — a cash infusion that depends in part on healthy, abundant wildlife populations.

"Crab Bank is more than an island for thousands of nesting birds," added Sanders, "it's also a place where humans can get close enough in boats and kayaks to learn about the birds without disturbing them, and become more conservation-minded, which can result in more support for conservation of coastal birds around the world."

The clock is ticking on this once-in-a-generation opportunity, and the organizations involved are already hard at work raising funds from "lead" sponsors. Raising the money needed to save Crab Bank is an important goal, but SCDNR leaders anticipate that the conservation program will also be utilized to further restore and protect habitats all along the Palmetto State's coast, as well as increase nesting success and public awareness of coastal birds and their importance. As an economic leader and community partner in the Charleston region, the South Carolina Ports Authority is supporting the longevity of the Coastal Bird Conservation Program through a \$10,000 annual commitment for ten years.

Find out more about this endeavor at: [www.sccoastal-birds.org](http://www.sccoastal-birds.org).



# SCDOT completes first year of ten-year roads project

SCDOT is nearing completion of Year #1 for the 10-Year Plan to Rebuild SC's Roads and Bridges. The target is to make Rural Road Safety improvements on 100 miles per year for each of the ten years.

Secretary Hall is pleased to announce that SCDOT has exceeded that goal by putting

187 miles of Safety Projects under contract in the first year, including safety features added to resurfacing projects. SCDOT has committed \$50 million in annual funding in the 10-Year Plan to address high-crash rural corridors.

The safety improvements planned for these corridors will

include wider, paved shoulders, wider and brighter pavement markings, rumble stripes along edge lines and center lines, brighter roadway signs, reflective sign post panels, beveled driveway culverts, wider clear zones and additional guardrail.



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