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

EDMUND BURKE

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## Council approves referendum for new courthouse

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At their regular monthly meeting held Monday, July 2, Darlington County Council granted final approval for the Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) referendum to be placed on voter ballots this fall. By a vote of 6 to 1, Council approved final reading of Ordinance 18-07, finalizing language for the 1-percent

sales tax referendum, which will appear on ballots at the November 6 general election. If approved by a majority of county voters, this new penny sales tax will apply to all retail purchases throughout Darlington County for a period of four years.

The tax is expected to yield approximately \$5 million each year, and the resulting \$20 million in revenue would be used to finance construction of a

new county courthouse and – possibly – new administration offices.

The estimated cost of building a new judicial center is \$10.75 million, and a new administration building could cost \$4.83 million. The cost of tearing down the current courthouse and administration building (constructed in 1965) is estimated at \$3.36 million, not including permits and landfill fees. The total cost for all

three projects is estimated at \$18.94 million.

Currently, South Carolina's base sales tax is 6 percent, and Darlington County tacks on a one-percent Local Option Sales Tax (which the county and municipalities use for taxpayer relief), and another one percent for the Darlington County School District (renewed by voter referendum in November of 2016). Adding another penny would bring Darlington

County's de facto sales tax to 9 cents per dollar.

Drafted with supervision from bond attorney Ben Zeigler of Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd and approved in May by the Darlington County CPST Commission, the ballot question reads as follows:

"Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Darlington County for not more than 4 years to raise \$20,000,000.00 for the acqui-

sition (including, if necessary, the acquisition of real property), constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new Darlington County Judicial Center and Darlington County Administration Building, either as a single facility or two facilities, and either by new construction in whole or in part, or renovation of existing facilities in whole or in part?"

REFERENDUM ON 3A



The Darlington County Board of Education held a board retreat June 29 at Darlington Raceway. Photo by Melissa Rollins

## Darlington County school board discusses graduations, going paperless

By Melissa Rollins  
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Sometimes in order to see where we are going, we must remember from where we came. That was the principle that Superintendent Dr. Tim Newman worked from during a recent retreat for the Darlington County Board of Education when he asked board members to consider the reasons why they first

decided to run for a seat on the school board.

Board member Warren Jeffords said that he has a love for children and he believes that education is 'imperative' for a community. Chairman Jamie Morphis said that he felt ill prepared for entering the world when he graduated and wants to ensure that others don't share the same regrets he does about his education. Board members Charles

Govan and Connell Delaine expressed a desire to help change the paths of disadvantaged students.

"Education is the only way out of poverty," Govan said.

During the meeting, Newman highlighted four pillars that he believes are important for DCSD going forward. Many of those pillars directly correlate with the board members reasons for seeking a seat on the school board. His four

pillars were: community, technology tools, understanding students and weathering the storms (literally and figuratively).

In discussing the four pillars, Newman brought up the need for differentiated learning, and the understanding that learning looks different year-to-year and student-to-student, an idea related to two of his pillars.

RETREAT ON 3A

## Budget passed for the City of Darlington

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Without a single question from citizens or comment from city council members, Darlington City Council passed its 2018-2019 budget June 28 after a public hearing and called council meeting.

Included in the budget is an increase in water/sewer rates as well as an increase in millage, the first in ten years.

The water and sewer rate increases will take the cost for city residents to \$9.27 per unit for each service. The cost for out-of-city residents will be \$23.07 and \$24.96, respectively. There will be a 3 percent increase each year 2018-2022 for in-city residents. Non-city residents will have a 5 percent increase each year.

The city has not raised millage rates since 2008.

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

Council approved an ordinance that would increase the rate by the maximum 6.4125 mills.

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

millage for 2018-2019 is 131.4125. The value of a mil has increased since the millage increase in 2008, when it was \$14,000.

Total estimated revenue for the 2018-2019 budget is \$6,761,012. Total estimated expenditures were also \$6,761,012. That is an increase of slightly over \$400,000 from the revenue and expenditures approved last year by council. Making up a large portion of the change was the fact that both personnel services and operating expenses saw an increase in the 2018-2019 budget. A new employee has been added to the Planning Department budget as well as the Street Department and Sanitation Department budget. The new salaries add roughly \$114,000 without accounting for any benefits that might be available with the positions.

One line item that Garland pointed out was court fees.

"Court fines are down," Garland said. "We are in transition and we have had some personnel turnover. What we are going to do is we are going to have someone who runs a DUI program and a traffic officer but they are not going to be hiding around a corner, shooting a radar on someone. They are going to be out in the open so if they stop somebody, they'll be able to see them. We are still going to do our job but there is a balance there. We can't go too low but it shouldn't be so high."

## Correction of Society Hill budget story

Due to incorrect information that we were given, we unfortunately ran a story about Society Hill Town Council passing an unbalanced budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Mayor Tommy Bradshaw provided the News and Press an updated budget that actually shows the town has a surplus of \$6,660. The budget showed the town's total annual revenue as \$237,020 while expenditures are \$230,360.

Of the town's revenues, \$131,800 will come 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 include \$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.

By Samantha Lyles  
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Staffers at the Darlington County Historical Commission have unearthed another buried treasure, and this time their detective work will ensure that an accomplished African American boxer and U.S. Army veteran receives the grave marker he deserves.

In early June, the Commission received a donation of miscellaneous land records from the Antioch Community in Hartsville, including many pieces related to the Brunson and Boatwright Mercantile operation on the Darlington Public Square. One of these items was a partial news clipping from around 1985 with a photograph showing the demolition of the Center Brick Warehouse at the corner of Broad and Main Streets in Darlington.

"In the photograph, standing in the rubble is an older African American man. The caption identified him as 'Kid' Otto McCall, and it said that in 1936 he had fought several matches at the Center Brick Warehouse," says Brian Gandy, director of the Historical Commission.

Gandy says the man in the photo seemed familiar. He recalled that in the Commission's collection of photographs by Darlington lenseer John Jamison, there were a few portraits of a boxer

## Historical Commission discovers history of local boxer

from that period that just might be Otto McCall.

In one of Jamison's photos, "Kid" McCall stands facing the camera with fists raised and an intense gleam in his eye. The sidelong portrait shows the 210-pound fighter's powerful legs and arms in sharp relief.

"At the time when Jamison took these photographs, it was at the height of Jim Crow in the south and it would have been a segregated society, but he took a lot of artistic photographs of African Americans with a great deal of detail and care and time," says Gandy. "We came to find out that in 1936, 1937, and 1938, McCall was the African American Heavyweight Champion of South Carolina, and he was born right here in Darlington."

Gandy did some research, compiled a record of McCall's fights, and found a copy of his obituary – which gave him some leads on where to find McCall's family members. First, he made contact with Otto's granddaughter and she relayed the information and photographs to her father, Dwayne Robinson, for verification.

"I got a call the next morning from her father, and he could hardly talk because he was crying. He was extremely emotional, and he said that as soon as his daughter showed him the picture of Otto McCall, he said, 'That's my daddy!'" says Gandy.



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Gandy and Otto's son met three days later and shared what each of them knew about the late "Kid" McCall: he fought up and down the eastern seaboard from Miami to

New York City; his career record was 7 wins and 5 losses, with 4 wins coming by way of knockout;

BOXER ON 3A





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## Word of the Week

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OP-ED

## The NDAA: A Crucial Step in Supporting Our Troops

By Senator Tim Scott

As a South Carolinian, member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and someone with loved ones who served in the military, I believe that supporting our nation's troops should be our highest priority- and was proud to advocate for and support the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019. The NDAA funds critical military readiness initiatives and construction projects in South Carolina, and across the country. For years our military has had to plan for the future around artificial budget caps that not only hurt readiness, but did little to decrease the deficit. But in this year's NDAA we closely considered DoD's priorities, needs, and overall strategy when writing this critical legislation. This NDAA sets a variety of defense policy and spending priorities, including accelerating missile defense and ship building, along with advanced technology research and development.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I have had the privilege of working on the NDAA from the start, and my priorities have been simple: focus on personnel readiness, equipment modernization, and countering the threats posed by our greatest competitors - Russia and China. I was very pleased to secure important provisions regarding military construction and troop readiness this year. With the passage of the Senate bill, I am happy to say we are one step closer to providing our troops with adequate resources to defend our nation while recovering from being underfunded for the last six years. The following are a number of priorities I advocated for, that were included in the bill:

A key priority I advocated for was base improvements. This includes enhancements to MCAS Beaufort's electrical grid, building a needed support facility for F-35s, construction of a recycling and hazardous waste facility at MCAS Beaufort, significant overhaul and improvement of Trainee barracks at Fort Jackson, range improvements and modernization initiatives at MCB Parris Island, and resources to support the MQ-9 Reaper mission control element at Shaw AFB.

Another important provision focused was troop readiness. This provision will require the Department of Defense Director of Operational Test and Evaluation to collaborate with academic experts to identify effective personal equipment that can protect against blast injuries such as traumatic brain injury in training and combat.

Resources to advance shipbuilding was also an important priority. These provisions would add more than \$650 million to support amphibious ship building and procurement, an initiative that will benefit our national security readiness, naval forces, and jobs in the shipbuilding industrial base across South Carolina.

Included in the bill is also a military pay raise, and I am happy to say that all of our service members will get a 2.6 percent pay raise effective January 1, 2019. There are also provisions that acknowledge the important work done by the Navy's Nuclear Power Training Center at Joint Base Charleston, direct the Department of Defense to study faster ways to reimburse South Carolina when it calls up the National Guard to respond to natural disasters, directs the Air Force to report on needed security and access controls to JB Charleston, and directs additional investment in science and technology for advances needed to counter threats from China and Russia.

In addition to the Senate Armed Services Committee, I also sit on the Senate Banking Committee, and used the work I did there to bring a key piece of legislation into the NDAA. The Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act will give the Administration a new set of tools to keep the intellectual property and proprietary technology that Americans themselves have worked hard to develop from falling into foreign hands that would seek to hurt us here at home.

I admire the incredible sacrifices our service members make every day and it is an honor to be able to provide them with the resources they need to defend our nation. I will continue to support this important legislation, and work hard to make sure our troops, including so many South Carolinians, are equipped, trained, and prepared to tackle all current and future challenges. Read more at [www.scott.senate.gov/media-center/press-releases/scott-supports-defense-authorization-bill](http://www.scott.senate.gov/media-center/press-releases/scott-supports-defense-authorization-bill)



## Down South: A Song For Miss Johnnie

By Tom Poland

—"I hear the train a'comin', rolling round the bend"

—"Look a-yonder comin', comin' down that railroad track, it's the Orange Blossom Special, bringing my baby back" ... Two songs the man in black sang. Two trains, similar names, and a story.

Oh sing that train song, Ronnie, ... sing it through the year. Blow that horn, blow it for her to hear. Strum your guitar, strum it hard, cause Miss Johnnie someday soon is gonna meet the Lord ...

And now I turn the clock back to long-gone days in the red clay state and one Ronnie Myers. My abiding memory of Ronnie is hearing him sing and play guitar in his high school band, the Comets. Ronnie strummed a red electric guitar if memory serves me right. The Comets? Well, they came to age during the British Invasion, and for a while I thought Lincolnton, Georgia, had an answer to the Beatles. Ronnie and the Comets played in the old Spiroes pool hall located between Charles Ware's Hardware and East Beauty Shop—all no more. Nothing lasts forever, and that goes for railroad men and their devoted fans.

Ronnie and me? We parted the usual way. We graduated and moved on. Then some fifty years later, we crossed paths. He, too, lived in South Carolina and he had done something I envied: worked as a trainman. "Tell me some train

stories, Ronnie; tell me some please."

Among them is this lonely happy, happy lonely tale of what some folks call an old maid.

Who doesn't need something to look forward to, something that gives life a cadence, rhythm. For Miss Johnnie O'Bryant trains did just that. The clacking of the rails must have been music to her. She lived in a small four-room house just west of Auburn, Georgia, about 100 yards from the railroad tracks that parallel Highway 29. "We could see her house really well from our train," said Ronnie. "She lived all alone except for her cats."

Miss Johnnie loved the railroad men and their conveyances of steel. She could hear the train a'coming, coming round the bend. By day, she waved a hankie; by night, a flashlight. "We all looked for her," said Ronnie. "Even in the wee hours we would see her flashlight waving from her window. We always blew the whistle when we passed."

Miss Johnnie lived in lean circumstances, so the men learned. At Christmas, the trainmen, conductors, and engineers would chip in some money and an old conductor friend of hers, Ben Powell, would drive to Auburn to deliver it. "Practically all 100 or so railroad men from Abbeville would contribute about \$20 each," said Ronnie.

An appreciative Miss Johnnie wrote letters to the men and they would put her letters on the bulletin board in the crew room at the

Abbeville depot. She wrote about everyday life. Her flowers and vegetable garden, her cats, the frogs in the little spring close to her yard. (She didn't have running water.) "She even had names for certain frogs," said Ronnie. "She talked a lot about her favorite radio announcer, Ludlow Porch, whom she listened to religiously every day."

Unfamiliar with Ludlow (Bobby Crawford Hanson)? Well, he was one of Lewis Grizzard's stepbrothers. Ludlow, a humorist and radio talk-show host, always ended his show with, "Whatever else you do today, you find somebody to be nice to."

Ronnie certainly did. "Occasionally I would be called to cover an outlying job and I would drive my personal car to other towns to work a switcher (an engine and crew that work local businesses). "One summer day I had gotten off work in Lawrenceville and driving home I decided to stop by Miss Johnnie's and introduce myself. I wanted to meet the lady who always waved at us."

Ronnie walked through Miss Johnnie's fragrant purple old timey petunias; the perennial kind our southern grandmothers grew in their yards. He knocked on her screen door and waited. He waited some more and then her visage materialized through the screen. "It startled me at first. She had a serious, cautious look so I immediately told her my name and that I worked on the railroad and had been wanting to meet her."

A smile crossed Miss Johnnie's face and she invited Ronnie into her front room. "We had a chat about her cats and how dry the summer was." She told Ronnie one of her cats was sick because it had eaten too many lizards. She told him she had loved trains and always lived near the tracks since she was a girl. And then music—that balm of the soul—entered the picture.

"Through the open bedroom door I saw an acoustic guitar on her bed," said Ronnie. "I see you play guitar." Miss Johnnie said she played a little bit and Ronnie said he did too. "Matter of fact I have mine out in the car." You could say a mini-concert took place.

Miss Johnnie had an old Sears & Roebuck Silvertone guitar. "They were really good quality guitars back in the day before they started manufacturing cheap department store toy guitars and passing them off as real guitars," said Ronnie. "Miss Johnnie played the guitar pretty well. She sang the old tune, 'On Top of Old Smoky ... all covered with snow, I lost my true lover for courtin' too slow.'"

Ronnie couldn't help but feel this "old widow" was thinking of an old boyfriend while singing. Maybe so. "An old railroad friend who lived near her told me she, a sister, and her mother had lived in that same old house as long as he could remember and that Miss Johnnie had taken care of them until they both died."

SONG ON 3A

OP-ED

## Boys State, Girls State teens provide reasons for optimism

By Richard Eckstrom  
S.C. Comptroller

Each year, hundreds of South Carolina high schoolers get a close-up lesson in how government works as part of the Palmetto Boys State and Palmetto Girls State programs.

Sponsored nationally by the American Legion, Boys State and Girls State are immersive, weeklong sessions designed to promote patriotism, leadership, civic involvement and an understanding of our nation's institutions. There are mock elections for statewide offices, as well as a mock Legislature and court system.

Participants are selected by their high schools and formally sponsored by their local American Legion posts. Palmetto Boys State, which began in 1940, was held this year at Anderson University

in Anderson, SC. Palmetto Girls State, first held in 1947, was hosted this year by Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.

On June 15, Boys State and Girls State came together at the State Capitol for a parade, rally, and mock inauguration ceremony. As always, I was excited to participate. The opportunity to speak and interact with state officials is an important part of the Boys State/Girls State experience. And personally, I always learn a lot from spending time with them.

I'm always impressed by these young people. It certainly speaks well of them that they're willing to spend the first week of their summer break in this way, especially while many of their friends are headed to Beach Week.

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## Boxer

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he was a good father and provider and a good husband to wife Elma Bruce McCall; his motto (as recalled by Dwayne) was "Be a man about everything you do"; he worked at the Darlington Veneer Mill; he served stateside during WWII and received an honorable discharge.

Also, Gandy learned that

when Otto McCall died in June of 1986, he was buried in an unmarked grave in Faith Memorial Gardens.

"That was just tragic...here's this poor fellow, disconnected from our present day and disenfranchised from his own history," says Gandy, who has been working with Veterans Affairs to secure a proper headstone for McCall's grave.

The headstone has been approved and could be

installed later this summer.

"Identifying Mr. McCall repatriated him with his history, and it allows us all to learn and grow from his experiences," says Gandy. "This started with an unidentified and undeveloped photographic negative. And now Otto "Kid" McCall has been reconnected with his past, his family is reunited with his legacy, and the community has an opportunity to celebrate his life and accomplishments."

## Palmetto

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They're obviously excited to be there and enthusiastic about learning the ins and outs of public policy-making. And they're optimistic about the future.

For those people let down by or fed up with the politicians of the present, these teens offer hope.

Today's political class falls short of what Americans deserve. Especially in Washington, those who govern us often seem more interested in scoring political points than fixing problems. Some in Congress are bent on endlessly re-fighting a two-year-old presidential election.

The current state of public debate isn't for the queasy. We live in a time when incivility is defiantly embraced. Toxic rhetoric which once would have been condemned by decent people of all stripes – from vile personal attacks to calls for the public harassment of civil servants – aren't just tolerated, they're celebrated. Certainly, such atmosphere does little to promote the kind of meaningful debate that is needed to find solutions to our many formidable challenges.

Yes, it's easy to be dispirited. But there's also good reason for optimism, as I was reminded as I spoke with the young men and women of Boys/Girls State... and as I'm reminded whenever I'm afforded the opportunity to spend time with today's young people. They want a better country, and they're eager to help build it. They seem to understand that meaningful change isn't about winning elections but about winning hearts and minds.

They realize it's possible to fight for closely held convictions without abandoning civility or decency. They believe public service is an honorable pursuit for those who are in it to further our common good. They may be coming up in an age of cynicism, but they're committed to rising above it.

Today's teens will one day be the ones who must create the policies we live under, chart our society's course, and clean up messes left behind by their elders. I believe they're up to the challenge. We'll be in good hands.

Richard Eckstrom is a CPA and the state's Comptroller.

## Song

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After some music, Ronnie left Miss Johnnie's with vegetables from her garden and a bag of dried apples she had placed on tin in that hot Georgia summer sun.

"I left with a good feeling and a song in my heart," said Ronnie. A few months later in his Atlanta motel room, a melody popped into his head. And then the words came ...

Miss Johnnie O'Bryant lived by our tracks, she always waved, and we waved back

On a midnight train, we'd see her light, and she'd hear our horn blow

I stopped by one summer day; her flowers smelled sweet in a strange purple haze

This lady loved trains like her flowers loved dew

She lived all her life in this small Georgia town reading her Bible and tilling the ground

When she leaves this world, full of sorrow and pain, when she goes to heaven, she'll go on a train

She said I could have married a long time ago, I could have said yes, but always said no

I'd rather live all alone just to hear those old trains and their big engines moan

We who ride these rails every day, sure miss our families in so many ways, but just a wave in the passing, a how do you do, sure eases our sadness, it's the least she could do

She lived all her life in this small Georgia town, reading her Bible and tilling the ground

When she leaves this world full of sorrow and pain, when she goes to Heaven she'll go on a train

When Johnnie sees Jesus, she'll be on a train

Ronnie saw Miss Johnnie one more time. He stopped by, sang her song to her, and gave her the lyrics. And then those trains rolled on and so did time. Lots of time. The day

came when they moved Miss Johnnie to a nursing home in downtown Winder. Fate was kind, however. The home sat just across Highway 29 from the tracks. Said Ronnie, "From then until I left the railroad, when we came through Winder, no matter what time of day or night, I'd blow our horn loud and long because I knew she'd be listening."

Oh sing that train song, Ronnie, ... sing it through the year. Blow that horn, blow it loud for her to hear. Strum your guitar, strum it hard, cause Miss Johnnie, she's wandered off to meet the Lord ...

In 2005, many years after he left the railroad Ronnie learned Miss Johnnie O'Bryant had passed away. She rests in a cemetery in Winder. "I hope to go by her grave someday," said Ronnie.

Well, at least her home and petunias stand across from the tracks. Right? Well, no. "I heard her little four-room house was torn down and an appliance store was built at that location," said Ronnie, "but to us older railroad guys, Miss Johnnie O'Bryant will always be there."

Yes, she will.

People pass on but their presence remains. A fragrance, a song, why even a sound brings them back. "Hey, buddy, do you hear that horn? Look a-yonder comin', comin' down that railroad track. Hey, look a-yonder comin', comin' down that railroad track, it's Ronnie and the trainmen bringin' Miss Johnnie back."

Tom Poland is the author of twelve books and more than 1,000 magazine features. 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. Visit [www.tompoland.net](http://www.tompoland.net) or email his at [tompol@earthlink.net](mailto:tompol@earthlink.net).



## Nucor makes donation to Free Medical Clinic

The Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County reaped the rewards of a hard working group from Nucor Steele in Darlington on Wednesday, June 27, out at the Cold Steel office building. Once again Nucor has stepped up in support of the patients and volunteers in Darlington County from the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County. This year

they shared the wealth with another wonderful non-profit, Veterans Resource Center in Florence, as well. The Veterans Center received \$10,000 as a first year recipient and the Free Medical Clinic received \$57,000!! Pictured left to right are Kathy Shuler, R.Ph., volunteer Pharmacist-In-Charge and Board Chairman, next is Cora Taylor, long time front desk vol-

unteer and board member, Executive Director Kathy Baxley, Rachel Harding and Terry Diggs, Nucor employees who worked diligently with the organizing, collecting, and financials. Ian Deeks, Nucor, wasn't able to be with us due to work responsibilities but a special thanks goes to him and his crew for the amazing job.

## Referendum

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And must Darlington County Council be authorized to issue not exceeding \$20,000,000.00 principal amount of general obligation bonds of Darlington County, provided that the proceeds of such bonds shall be applied to defray the costs of the foregoing purposes, plus issuance costs, and provided further that in the event the sales and use tax to be imposed as stated herein is inadequate for the payment of such bonds, such bonds shall be payable from an ad valorem tax imposed on all taxable property in Darlington County?"

If voters are in favor of levying the penny tax to build a new courthouse, they will vote "Yes" on the ballot question. Those opposed will vote "No" and the majority will set the

county's course of action.

Voting down the referendum would not necessarily cause the county to abandon the courthouse project, but other financing options could bring significant millage increases which would place the tax burden on local property owners rather than spreading it among all shoppers (including tourists) who spend money in Darlington County.

The ordinance passed by a vote of 6 to 1. Council member David Coker voted against, and Council member Mozella "Pennie" Nicholson was not present.

Also at this meeting, Council passed final reading of Ordinance 18-06, which increases compensation for members of Darlington County Council. The pay scale is now as follows: members who were earning \$7,000 per year will now receive \$13,000; the vice chair previously earned \$7,500

and will now receive \$13,000 per year; the chair previously earned \$8,200 per year and will now receive \$14,000 per year.

Council member Lewis Brown commented on the pay raise at the end of the meeting. He noted that Darlington County Council has not voted itself a pay increase since 1991, and was in the bottom three counties in South Carolina in terms of compensation for county elected officials.

"The only two counties that paid less than Darlington County were Allendale and Fairfield County, and both of those have a population of about 15,000 people. Darlington is the 25th largest of 46 counties in South Carolina," said Brown, adding that better compensation will help attract strong candidates for public office.

Only Councilman Coker voted against the pay raise.

## Retreat

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During this conversation, the discussion continued to circle back to the idea that the adults in the schools and those making decisions affecting DCSD students need to understand the students better.

"I think it would be good for some of our teachers to see where some of these kids live," Jeffords said. "Where some of these kids live, it isn't much better than third world countries. They sleep on the floor. They don't have food half of the time. It is hard to learn if you are living in that kind of condition."

Boardmember Govan said that some principals make sure that their teachers have a personal connection before the school year even begins.

"We do have some principals who at the end of the year put their faculty on a bus and take them around and show them the living environment of the students that they are going to be teaching the next year," Govan said.

Newman said that he would be encouraging more teachers and principals to find ways to do that.

"That is what I charge our principals with," Newman said. "This is where we look at micromanaging versus letting them tailor what they need to do. It doesn't matter to me how they do it. They just need to show me that they know who their kids are. It could be home visits. It could be events that bring families in and you feed them and they learn. I can give you 20 ways but they need to decide what works best for them. They will be doing it; it is a part of their evaluation process."

One issue that caused a lot of excited conversation between board members was district graduation ceremonies.

With the current setup, graduation ceremonies for DCSD's four high schools are held on two weeknights. Two schools hold a ceremony each night, one beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m. With lottery programs putting students in schools outside their attendance zones, families could potentially have

multiple graduation ceremonies in one night. Between the time difference, the length of some ceremonies and the ceremony locations, it is nearly impossible for someone to attend more than one, board members said. It also limits the number of administrators and board members who might otherwise attend. Board members asked Newman to talk with the district's high school principals about changing the ceremony times, by as little as 15 minutes, and see if that helps correct the problem.

Another item on the very long retreat agenda was streamlining administrative processes. Newman informed board members that even when a district employee has their check direct deposited a paper copy is still printed and mailed to their residence. He said that he is used to a district that does as much online as possible and DCSD has begun moving their processes online. Newman said that doing so saves money and also make sharing information or completing paperwork easier and quicker.

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**Emma Coker**

Hartsville – Emma Dean Funderburk Coker, age 65 passed away Monday, June 25, 2018. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 5 at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Harris Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Society Hill. The family received friends from 2-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



Born November 18, 1952, Emma is the daughter of the late William Hunter Funderburk and Mary Angallee Nance Funderburk. She formally worked in the Business Office and Admitting at Byerly Hospital and Carolina Pines Hospital. She enjoyed collecting antiques, going to yard sales and garage sales.

Surviving are her daughter, Amy (Jacob) Griggs; her son, Jeremy Coker, both of Hartsville; grandchildren, Louis Griggs and Josie Griggs; brothers, Ernie Funderburk of Myrtle Beach, and Roy Funderburk of Darlington.

Memorials may be made to South Hartsville Baptist Church, 205 E. Bobo Newsom Hwy. Hartsville, SC 29550.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

**Townsend Norton**

DARLINGTON- Charles Townsend Norton, age 79, died Wednesday, July 4, 2018. A funeral service was held at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 6th at Mechanicsville Baptist Church, with burial following in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 5th at Belk Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Born in Bennettsville, SC on April 27, 1939, he was the son of the late Bertie T. and Christine Usher Norton. After Mr. Norton's retirement from NUCOR, he drove tankers for APC and trucks for Doyle O'Neal's and William Kirven's farms. Townsend also farmed for many years himself, enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching NASCAR and most importantly, spending time with his family. He was known on the CB radio as "Part-Time" and loved going to IGA, always saying he "had to get milk and bread". Mr. Norton

was a member of COOTS and Mechanicsville Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah R. Norton, two sons and daughters-in-law, Chuck and Samantha Norton and Chris and Michelle Norton all of Darlington, grandchildren: Jordan (Dennis) Gearhart, Brittany Norton, Trey Norton, Kaleigh Norton, Madison Norton and CJ Norton; and his sister Shirley (the late Robert) Coleman of Latta.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Craig Norton and a grandson, Cody Norton.

Memorials may be made to the Missions Fund or Building Fund at Mechanicsville Baptist Church, 2364 Cashua Ferry Road, Darlington, SC 29532.

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

**Marshall A. Stevens**

Lamar – Marshall "Bozo" A. Stevens, age 65, passed away Wednesday, July 4, 2018. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7 in the Lamar chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in Lamar Cemetery. The family received friends from 10-11

a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Born December 3, 1952, Marshall is the son of the late David E. Stevens and Beatrice Watford Stevens. He worked as a truck driver for Vulcraft and Socar. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and loving his grandchildren. As a young man, he attended Lamar Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Surviving are his wife of 29 years, Anne Howell Stevens; children, Holly Stevens, Ryan Stevens, both of Lexington, and Carla Stevens of Lamar; 10 grandchildren; step-children, Carlton (Brandy) McKay of Florence, and Rachel (Dennis) Boan of Lamar; sisters, Darlene (Paul) Lawrence of Douglasville, GA, and Marcene (Charles) Lane of Florence; brothers, Willis Stevens and Junior Bell, both of Lamar; special friends, Allen Knotts, Lloyd Knotts, and Russell Knotts.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Heyward Stevens, E.C. Stevens, Bobby Stevens, and Johnny Stevens.

Memorials may be made to Will of Faith Southern Methodist Church, 836 Seven Bridges Rd. Lamar, SC 29069.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

**Church News**

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

**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.

**Annual Session**

The Woman's Department of the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Association will have its Annual Session July 17-21 at Sawmill Baptist Church, 1167 Williamette Road, Bennettsville, with the Reverend James J. Anderson, pastor. The Fellowship Banquet will be held on July 18 at The SHEREC facility of New Ebenezer Baptist Church, Florence at 6 p.m. Registration for Thursday and Friday will begin at 4 p.m. with the sessions starting at 5 p.m.

**Youth Revival**

The 1st PHC District Youth Revival will be held July 20-21. The event will be held at 512 Swift Creek Road in Hartsville and will begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Speakers will be Samantha McCutcheon and Corey Williamson.

**Community Sing**

Darlington Church of God of Prophecy, 920 W. Smith Ave. in Darlington, will hold a 5th Sunday Southern Gospel Singing featuring The Cribbs on July 29. The sing will start at 6 p.m. Food will be sold after service.

**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: cbc-darlington@bellsouth.net.

**Healing Retreat**

There will be a one-day Praise for Healing Retreat with Patrick and Joy Campbell and Summit Trace. The event will be held at the Music Hall, 1945 Harry Byrd Hwy. in Darlington, on August 3. A seminar will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. with a praise and worship service starting at 7 p.m. For more information call Larry Hancock at 843-260-0652.

**Revival Service**

Black Creek Baptist Church, 137 Mont Clare Rd in Darlington (Dovesville) will hold their revival August 3-5. Services start at 7 p.m. nightly. Lost Sheep to Shepherds, a southern gospel trio from Rutherford County, NC, will be part of the services. The group's members are brothers Clint, Sidney, and Cameron Calhoun.

The Calhoun brothers have been singing together informally since they were kids, learning to harmonize by singing around the stereo to hits from artists such as Alabama, Restless Heart, the Beach Boys, and the Eagles. Raised in a Christian family that regularly attended church, the boys' roots are deeply seated in gospel hymns that have stood the test of time. Lost Sheep to Shepherds cover familiar songs from southern and contemporary gospel artists, as well as throwing in the occasional acapella hymn. For Lost Sheep to Shepherds, it's all about Jesus and that's the reason for singing!

**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.

**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.

Living on Purpose:  
**When parents and children disagree**

By Dr. William Holland

Children are a wonderful blessing! How exciting it is to hold a little baby and imagine the person they will become along with all the great things they will experience and accomplish. These feelings of expectation and happiness are amazing and hopefully will continue as we watch them grow throughout our lifetime, however, as children develop beyond their formative years and into their teens, our excitement often turns to confusion and discouragement. No one is perfect or has all the answers, and we might as well face the reality that even with our prayers, sometimes our offspring will not always go the way we thought they would.



When children are young, they are subjected to the influences of their parents. As they grow older, they begin to explore and absorb what everyone else has to say about everything. In this process of comparing what they have been told with all of the new information they are gathering, it's only a matter of time until they start forming their own opinions and worldviews about what is right and wrong. Often, these ideas and belief systems are different from their parents and of course becomes an agonizing disappointment as they watch their child evolve into someone they never imagined. Proverbs chapter 22 reminds us how important it is to teach and raise a child according to God's principles and we are grateful for His promise that as they grow older they will remember and embrace these truths.

So, what can parents do that are facing this situation? I've been asked this question many times over the years and it seems as time goes on, I am hearing it even more. We can start with accepting that we cannot change what anyone believes and this includes our precious child. To present this statement in an even more sobering perspective, we can ask ourselves, is it possible that anyone could change what we believe? Probably not. So, once we understand the guidelines of the situation, we can move forward. We are living in an ever-changing world that is filled with all types of philosophies and ideologies, which are being advertised as correct and acceptable alternative truths. Since we are referring to our ideas and opinions, let's go back and recall our own experiences when we were in our teens and early twenties. As you were developing into an adult, did you agree with the views of your parents? In some clans we notice that politics, religion, and social issues are not a big deal while in other families these topics consistently dominate the conversation. After an exhaustive exploration, some young adults will accept and approve their parent's views while others will conclude

their parents were either not intellectually able or willing to research the subject thus hindering their understanding. Moms and dads are not intentionally leading their children into error, but we can all make mistakes. Often, the child attempts to explain their newly discovered persuasions, only to encounter intense attitudes of displeasure and rejection. In these cases, it's common to have both sides praying for each other that God will open eyes and hearts.

When we pray we know that trusting God is acknowledging that He is the only one who has the power to transform someone's thinking. Along with this fervent commitment to intercede, I must include another consideration just as important. There is a huge difference between asking God to make someone believe like we do and asking Him to open their eyes to the truth. You see, if we are just wanting a "mini-me" we are missing the point. Having someone who believes exactly like us might make us feel good, but what if we are wrong? At the end of the day, sometimes the parents are right and sometimes the next generation is right. Nonetheless, it's important to remember that God's love is what binds us together far beyond our convictions and interpretations. Yes, what we believe is who we are and learning how to get along with someone when you strongly disagree with them is challenging to say the least, but if we desire to have a meaningful relationship with them, it is also necessary. Since Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, we will always discover more unity and agreement when we humbly listen and learn from Him.

Dr. Holland is a Christian author, an ordained minister, and a community chaplain. Read more articles and stories about the Christian life and ask about our free scripture CD at billyhollandministries.com.

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



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Folks call me big and brawny. I was a happy boy as I confidently exited my kennel area and headed out to meet new doggy friends in the front field area. I was polite and moderately interested in meeting the other dogs and did a nice job in saying hello to them. I'm a guy who loves attention, has a touch of playfulness and can be rather kissy and affectionate on a first date. My name is Moby and I've left the light on hoping you'll come on by! 45lbs; 1-2 yrs old; bull mix; male  
 The Darlington County Humane Society is located 0.5 miles from Darlington Raceway off Highway 151 in Darlington.

### Have you lost or found a pet?

If you have lost or found a pet, go online to [www.darlingtonhumane.org](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

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](mailto:darlingtonnaacp@yahoo.com). Please visit our Facebook page: [Darlingtonnaacp](http://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

#### 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  
 Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville  
 Cost: \$25 (+ \$10 4-H membership)  
 Register by: July 23 at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

#### 4-H Club Camp at Camp Bob Cooper

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

#### 4-H Farm Animal Paint Class at ArtBug Studio

Learn to paint a cow from a professional artist!  
 Who: all youth grades 1-5  
 When: 10a - 12p  
 Where: ArtBug Studio, Hartsville  
 Cost: \$25 (+ \$10 4-H mem-

bership)  
 Register by: July 30 at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

### July 2018

#### 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.org](mailto:info@buildupdarlington.org) or call 843-398-4000 extension 103.

#### Darlington County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission

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

#### Planning Commission

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

#### DCEDP Board Meeting

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

#### Tree Board

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

### Aug. 2018

#### Historic Landmarks Commission

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

#### Softball Camp

The DHS Lady Falcons Softball Camp will be held Aug. 6-8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The camp is for ages 5 to 12 and will take place on the Lady Falcon's softball field. Lady Falcon coaches and players will conduct the camp. Register at the Darlington Recreation Department; the fee is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. Deadline to register is July 23. For more information, call 843-917-9558.

#### 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.org](mailto:info@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. 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@darcountsc.com](mailto:jbishop@darcountsc.com).

Council meets on Aug. 13 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@darcountsc.com](mailto:jbishop@darcountsc.com).

#### 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 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](mailto: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.

#### Back to School Bash

There will be a Back to School Bash for the community August 19. The event will be held 3-5 p.m. in the side yard of Trinity UMC, 126 Pearl St, in Darlington. All ages are welcome. A backpack blessing will start at 4 p.m. There will be games, face paint, snow cones, inflatable, and drawings for prizes.

#### Bringing Downtown Alive Concert

August 31, 7 to 10 p.m. Concert by Radio Vibe. For more information email [info@buildupdarlington.org](mailto:info@buildupdarlington.org) or visit [www.buildupdarlington.org](http://www.buildupdarlington.org) or call 843-398-4000 extension 103.

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#### Darlington County Council Meeting

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## EdVenture CEO resigns, accepts new position in Virginia

EdVenture's Board of Trustees has announced that Karen Coltrane, who has been president and CEO since January 2015, has resigned to accept the position of CEO for the Leadership Center for Excellence in Arlington, Virginia.

Coltrane came to EdVenture from the same position at the Children's Museum of Richmond in Virginia, where she oversaw expansion of that museum to four locations, doubling revenue and attendance as CEO. While leading EdVenture, Coltrane merged EdVenture with the Children's Museum

of South Carolina in Myrtle Beach and prepared for the opening of the satellite museum in Hartsville. She also expanded the permanent gallery space inside the Columbia location to include a Boeing 757 cockpit protruding through the museum's outside wall as part of the new FLIGHT exhibit area.

"Karen helped EdVenture through a challenging period and leaves us a much more financially stable organization," said Dr. John Dozier, EdVenture's current Board of Trustees Chair. "We have both a plan for continued growth in Columbia and beyond that is

wholeheartedly endorsed by the board and a staff fully capable of implementing it. We appreciate Karen's work to get EdVenture to a good place and will miss her."

"EdVenture is brimming with potential," said Coltrane. "But what most excites me is the success we've had in expanding access to the museum. Admission funded by our Yes, Every Child Initiative (for children and families on public assistance) has increased from 5,600 people in 2014 to over 24,000 this year. EdVenture offers wonderful museums for families, and it is important that all families can

enjoy them."

James Becker, EdVenture's incoming chairman of the Board of Trustees said the Board will work over the summer on a leadership transition.

"EdVenture has amazing partnership opportunities. We believe there may be some non-conventional leadership possibilities available as a result and we want to take the time to consider those. In the meantime, the Board fully supports the museum's leadership team and we look forward to kicking off our 15th Anniversary year this summer."

## FDTC receives \$75,000 gift from McLeod Health

The McLeod Health Foundation recently donated \$75,000 to Florence-Darlington Technical College's (FDTC) Nursing Program.

The gift will provide funding for educational and training resources, including simulation and learning lab facilities for nursing students who are being educated and trained to work in the regional medical workforce. More than 100 students complete FDTC's Nursing Program each year, and many of them find jobs at McLeod Health.

"We're extremely grateful to our partners at McLeod Health," said Edward Bethea, FDTC Interim President. "I can't say enough about McLeod and their willingness to help our nursing students. We're very fortunate to have McLeod as our educational partner and employer of our graduates."

FDTC has a longstanding partnership with McLeod Health. The education provided by FDTC allows McLeod Health to hire high quality graduates that easily transition from the classroom to the high caliber, professional working environment at the hospital. Many of FDTC's students intern at

McLeod Regional Medical Center before graduating.

"Ever since there's been nursing programs at FDTC, McLeod Health has been a strong and dedicated partner," said Lauren Dorton, Interim Executive

Director of the FDTC Educational Foundation. "By once again making this gift to our current Associate Degree of Nursing program, McLeod shows their continued support of our students and the quality

education that they receive here at FDTC."

The Nursing Program is housed on the FDTC Health Sciences Campus that is located in downtown Florence on 320 West Cheves Street.



## Watermelon Field Day July 12 at Clemson's Edisto REC

BLACKVILLE – Herbicides, miticides, pollinators and more are on the agenda for this year's Watermelon Field Day at Clemson University's Edisto Research and Education Center.

Gilbert Miller, a Clemson Extension vegetable specialist, said the field day has something for anyone interested in growing or eating watermelons. It is scheduled July 12 at the Edisto REC, 64 Research Road, Blackville.

"This event has both an indoor and an outdoor component," Miller said. "We'll begin indoors where experts will talk about various topics related specifically to South Carolina watermelon production, then we'll move outdoors

for field research tours."

The day begins with registration at 8 a.m. Kyle Tisdale, a marketing specialist with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, kicks off the event with a report from the South Carolina Watermelon Board and South Carolina Watermelon Association. Brian Ward, Clemson organic vegetable specialist, follows with a presentation about organic watermelon production.

The indoor presentations continue with Matt Cutulle, Clemson vegetable weed scientist, addressing watermelon herbicides. Miller wraps up the indoor component with a discussion about a grafted-

rootstock trial Clemson researchers are performing.

Participants move outdoors about 10 a.m. for field research tours that include Clemson apiculture specialist Jennifer Tsuruda talking about supporting and attracting pollinators to watermelon fields. Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Clemson vegetable and strawberry entomologist, will talk about using watermelon miticides to control mites, while Tony Keinath, Clemson Research and Extension vegetable pathologist, follows with a discussion about watermelon disease identification. The field tour also features Miller talking about the 2017 Southeast variety trial results.

Participants also will visit plots of 86 varieties of melon trials.

South Carolina Watermelon Association Queen Emily Dicks will be on hand to talk about how amino acids, potassium, carbohydrates, lycopene and other nutrients found in watermelons can help fuel athletes.

Tom Dobbins, director of the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service, will give a Clemson Extension update during lunch.

Certified crop advisor (CCA) and pesticide license credits will be offered. For more information, contact Miller at 803-793-6614 or gllr@clemson.edu.

## RUSH hosts STEM Summer Bridge Program for Florence County high school students

During the last week of June, Florence-Darlington Technical College's RUSH (Removing Undeserved Student Hurdles) Program brought high school students to participate in an intensive four-day STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Summer Bridge week.

RUSH, a federally funded program, brought 60 dual enrollment students from Lake City High School and Timmonsville High School for the Summer Bridge program. During the four days that the students were on FDTC's main campus, they gained the experience of solving common problems, simplifying processes and bringing ideas to life with Interactive Engineering. Coding for a Cause allowed students to learn coding and programming, and they developed a fully functional mobile app by the end of the bridge program.

Personal Health was addressed by RUSH's very own physician as he demonstrated the effects a common teenage diet has on the heart. Students investigated genes and traits through high-tech, hands-on activities aboard the 41-foot Greenwood Genetic Mobile Lab.

"We serve students on our existing satellite campuses, but we also serve two schools, Lake City High School and Timmonsville High School, and we had them here for a summer bridge," said Andre Boyd, RUSH Program Coordinator. "We did everything from coding to monetizing an app for those proceeds to go towards a cause of their choice. We did food science kitchen chemistry. Everything from making edible slime to cotton candy."

The last day of the Summer Bridge Program offered a STEM Carnival. Along with displaying hydraulic bridges, animation portfolios and STEM projects created with free open source software, designated booths engaged students in food science and chemistry as they prepared cotton candy, rock candy, ice cream, edible slime and other concession items.

RUSH serves about 250 students at FDTC during the fall and spring semesters. For more information on RUSH, please contact Dr. Andre Boyd at Andre.Boyd@fdtc.edu or by calling 843-661-8119.



Dr. Andre Boyd, RUSH Program Coordinator, leads Summer Bridge students through a video editing class. FDTC photo

## James Smith stands with BMW, calls on McMaster to defend SC jobs

COLUMBIA— James Smith, Democratic nominee for governor, called on incumbent Henry McMaster to choose SC jobs over ideology.

Reuters has reported that BMW, which employs thousands in Greer, has written to the federal Commerce Department expressing deep concern over President Trump's recent tariff threat.

The report states that the luxury auto manufacturer has said, "All of these factors would substantially increase the costs of exporting passenger cars to these markets from the United States and deteriorate the market access for BMW... potentially leading... negative effects on investment and employment in the United States."

In response, Rep. James Smith, Democratic nominee

for governor, challenges incumbent Henry McMaster to stand up to his friend the president and defend some of the best jobs in South Carolina.

"BMW employs nearly 10,000 South Carolinians, and many more work at nearby businesses that are there because of BMW. These are great jobs; jobs previous governors have worked hard to attract and keep in our state."

"Henry McMaster needs to decide which is more important to him: to support the president's destructive economic isolationism, or to stand up for South Carolina's proud tradition of trading with the world to the benefit of the people of this state."

"We need a governor who will put South Carolina first. We don't have that now."

## Darlington County student honored at annual SkillsUSA Workforce Development Event

A career and technical student in South Carolina won one of the nation's highest awards at the 2018 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Louisville, Ky., on June 27-28, 2018. More than 6,300 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.4 million square feet, equivalent to 20 football fields or 25 acres.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 102 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 600 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships

is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material. More than 1,900 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

Skill Point Certificates were awarded in 72 occupational and leadership areas to students who met a predetermined threshold score in their competition, as defined by industry. The Skill Point Certificate is a component of SkillsUSA's assessment program for career and technical education.

The following student is a Skill Point Certificate recipient from your area:

- Matthew L Privette, from Hartsville and a student at Darlington County Institute of Technology (Darlington), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Electrical Construction Wiring.

"More than 6,300 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2018 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA executive director Tim Lawrence. "This

showcase of career and technical education demonstrates our SkillsUSA partnership at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. More than 360,000 students and advisors join SkillsUSA annually, organized into more than 18,000 sections and 53 state and territorial associations. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

About SkillsUSA This nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry ensures America has

the skilled workforce it needs to stay competitive. Founded in 1965 and endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, the association serves more than 360,000-member students and instructors each year in middle schools, high schools and colleges. This diverse talent pipeline covers 130 trade, technical and skilled service occupations, the majority STEM-related. More than 600 corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions actively support SkillsUSA at the national level. SkillsUSA programs are integrated into career and technical education through a framework of personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics. Local, state and national championships, designed and judged by industry, set relevant standards for career and technical education. For more information, go to: www.SkillsUSA.org.

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## West Florence out duels Darlington in region championship game

By Drake Horton  
Contributing Writer

Darlington – Darlington's quest to become region champion in junior legion came up short by just one game.

Tied with West Florence at the end of the regular season, the two teams squared off this past Wednesday in Darlington for a winner-take-all, one-game playoff for the region championship.

Despite a solid pitching performance from Chase Weatherford, who gave up just three runs in seven innings of work, Darlington struggled mightily at plate, not collecting a single hit in seven innings of baseball and losing 3-1.

"Hats off to West Florence, they're a good baseball team, congratulations to them," Darlington head coach Dennis Gearhart said. "I thought we had some opportunities, but we couldn't get it done at the plate tonight; sometimes you have those games."

But while Darlington did struggle at the plate, the so called "no-hitter" was a bit misleading. While technically Darlington did not earn a true hit, it did reach base 10 times, seven coming by walk and three via hit-by-pitch.

Darlington had at least one base runner in five of the seven innings, including the sixth inning where it loaded the bases and scored its only run of the game, a RBI walk by pinch hitter Ranse Hatchell,

who had fell behind 0-2 in the count before earning the walk after four straight balls.

Both teams were scoreless through the first three innings of play before West Florence finally found its way onto the scoreboard in the fourth inning.

After starting the inning off with a bloop double that dropped between Darlington's third baseman, shortstop and left fielder, a perfectly placed sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch by Weatherford allowed the West Florence to cross home first.

In the fifth inning West Florence increased its lead to 3-0. With two runners on, West Florence used a little two-out magic, singling in two more runs.

Darlington had its one chance in the sixth inning, but besides that it was just never able to put together enough good at bats to win the game and a big reason for that was timing.

"We haven't played a lot of baseball lately with the forfeits and everything else and a lot of hitting is timing so that probably hurt us a little bit in not seeing game speed pitches in a little while," Gearhart said.

Prior to the game, Darlington had not played a single game in almost two weeks because both Lamar and Cheraw had canceled.

However, finishing second in the region is not all doom



and gloom. First this is the best Darlington has done in junior legion in years and second it guarantees that Darlington get to host at least the first round of the playoffs at home, which is a huge accomplishment.

"We've had a great season, second place," Gearhart said. "That is probably the highest I can remember us finishing in quite a while and to have a shot to play for the championship in the last game of the year."

Darlington finishes the season 9-3 over.



### How to recognize heat stroke in dogs

Summer is a great time for people and their pets to enjoy the great outdoors and soak up some sun. Dog owners must take steps to protect their four-legged friends when bringing them outdoors.

Dog owners who routinely take their pets outdoors in summer must learn how to protect canines from heat stroke and how to recognize its symptoms.

What is heat stroke? Dogs suffer from heat stroke when their body temperatures exceed 104 F and the built-in mechanisms they rely on to cool themselves – including panting – cease to function properly. But any temperature 103 F or above is considered abnormal. According to PetMD, heat stroke is a form of non-fever hyperthermia that can lead to multiple organ dysfunction.

Heat stroke can overwhelm dogs quickly, so dog owners should be especially diligent and bring their dogs inside immediately after noticing such symptoms.

What are the symptoms of heat stroke?

According to the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, signs that a dog is overheating include:

- Panting followed by disorientation and fast, noisy breathing
- Collapsing or convulsing
- Bright red or blue gums
- Vomiting and diarrhea

Vomit and diarrhea connected to heat stroke may contain blood. In addition, the eyes of dogs suffering from heat stroke may be glazed-over and such dogs may be unresponsive to commands, or their replies to commands may be slower than usual.

Alter routines. Walking can be great exercise for dogs, but on hot days dog owners should walk their dogs in the early morning hours or evenings when the sun is setting or has already set.

Limit play time. Dogs generate heat when playing and exercising, and their body temperatures may rise considerably on hot summer days. To reduce dogs' risk of heat stroke, limit play time on hot days.

### Metal detecting tips for beginners

Some people can scour the seaside for hours looking for shells and other treasures of the sea. But much more than horseshoe crabs, jellyfish and oysters wash up on the shoreline. The ocean can provide a host of manmade treasures as well — some of which may have considerable financial value.

Metal detecting is an exciting hobby that also can be lucrative. Stumbling across pirate treasure may be rare, but many a metal detecting enthusiast has left the beach with coins, trinkets and even jewelry. The rush of discovery drives scores of treasure-seeking enthusiasts to invest their time and effort into digging through sand, silt and more for what's buried beneath.

About metal detecting Metal detecting can be a worthwhile hobby because it appeals to one's sense of adventure while also serving as a form of exercise. In addition, metal detecting gets people outdoors, helps them learn about the environment and can serve as a lesson in history if artifacts are found.

The metal detectors used today actually have a long history that dates back to the 1800s. The first historical reference to metal detecting involves a gunshot wound to President James Garfield, who was shot on July 2, 1881. The bullet was lodged in his body, and Alexander Graham Bell built a metal detector to try to find the bullet and alleviate Garfield's pain. Bell's metal detector has served as the prototype for metal detectors ever since.

Metal detectors were used to detect landmines and unexploded bombs during World Wars I and II. Gerhard Fischer was granted a patent on the first portable metal detector in 1931. Fischer's invention eventually made recreational treasure hunting possible.

Getting started Beginners are encouraged to purchase entry-level metal detectors, which may cost \$150 and up. Prices vary depending on the additional features and technologies metal detecting enthusiasts prefer. According to the detecting experts at SmarterHobby.com,

some of the best places to detect include places where people frequent. These include public parks, beaches, woods, public school grounds, and hiking trails. Just be sure that metal detecting is permitted before starting. Looking at old maps of a town can provide ideas on where to hunt. One-time forts, marinas and trade routes make great place to start.

Patience is key when metal detecting. Much of what beginners find is junk, but the more time people spend searching, the more likely they might find something amazing. Experienced detectors advise hunting after the rain when wet ground is better suited for con-



ductivity, making treasures buried deep beneath the surface easier to find.

Plan to search in early morning or late evening to avoid crowds. Slowing down and checking each signal can increase the chances of finding something. Keep records of places you have searched, maintaining a log of sites that yield the best results.

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## Country music legend Clay Walker to perform Bojangles' Southern 500 pre-race concert

Highlighting its award-winning Throwback Weekend, celebrating "7 Decades of NASCAR", Darlington Raceway has announced that multi-platinum country music legend Clay Walker will headline the pre-race concert for its Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 race on September 2.

"I'm pleased to be performing the pre-race concert at Darlington Raceway," Walker said. "NASCAR and country music go hand-in-hand and I'm looking forward to playing in front of thousands of fans at such a historic place like Darlington. We'll give the fans a show they'll be excited about."

Stage-front tickets to see Walker perform the Bojangles' Southern 500 pre-race concert are on sale now by visiting [DarlingtonRaceway.com](http://DarlingtonRaceway.com) or calling 866-459-7223. A grandstand ticket must be purchased with pre-race concert access.

"We are extremely thrilled for Clay Walker to open up pre-race activities for the Bojangles' Southern 500 and

perform his great hits for our fans," said Darlington Raceway President Kerry Tharp. "He is an exceptional artist and perfect fit to get the fans excited for what will be an amazing race."

In 1993, Walker first topped the country music singles chart with "What's It to You" and followed with his second consecutive No. 1 hit "Live Until I Die." Songs like "Dreaming with One Eye Open" and "If I Could Make a Living" also topped the country music billboards in 1994, adding to his impressive resume.

He's scored four platinum-selling albums including "Hypnotize the Moon," his self-titled album, "If I Could Make a Living," and "Rumor Has It." He also has released two gold-certified albums.

Walker also invests his time in philanthropic efforts. After being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1996, he founded Band Against MS (BAMS) and has raised upwards of \$5 million for the cause.

After more than two decades in the national spotlight, Walker believes the best is yet to come.

"I trust my gut more than ever now," he says. "I definitely don't feel like a rookie, but at the same time, I think the best years of my recording career are ahead of me. I believe if the good Lord wants it, who's going to stop it?"

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

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## Entertaining ways to prevent summer learning loss

Summer vacation presents an opportunity for students to enjoy an extended break from the classroom. While this respite from routine may be a welcome change to youngsters, teachers frequently lament that valuable educational lessons seem to be forgotten each summer. Educators then face tougher hurdles when students return to school in the fall.

Such a phenomenon is dubbed "summer learning loss," but it can occur during any extended break from school. Scholars have realized for some time that students' rate of academic development declines during summer vacation. Oxford Learning, a tutoring and education training group, offers these eye-opening statistics.

- Over the summer, students tend to lose 2.6 months of math skills and two months of reading skills.

- Summer learning loss can be seen in students as young as six.

- It can take up to two months from the first day of school to get students' brain development back on course.

Summer learning loss, sometimes called "brain drain," can be prevented. Proponents of year-round schooling at The National Association for Year-Round Education recommend a more balanced school year, where summer vacation lasts only 30 days and other school breaks are lengthened. In this scenario, the school year would still last about 180 days, but without the lengthy breaks.



Parents may prefer the status quo, and those who do can take several steps to prevent summer learning loss from affecting their children.

- Encourage more reading. Schools recommend summer reading lists, but students should also learn to read for pleasure. Research from the National Literacy Trust indicates reading for pleasure can improve reading attainment and writing, as well as one's general knowledge. Children can bring books to the beach that they can read between frolicking sessions in the waves.

- Enjoy family game nights. Games can be customized to highlight certain skills that require reinforcement. For example, math-centered games that require counting or addition can strengthen generalized math skills. Problem-solving board games may help children become better critical thinkers.

- Make vacations educational. Add travel to historical sites or other places of interest to help history come alive. When visiting new towns and cities, read the placards that explain important moments in history that took place in each town or city, making sure to include some thought-provoking areas of interest on your itinerary.

- Look for science moments. Trips to the seaside, parks and much more present myriad opportunities to learn about science. Children can stage their own experiments with items they find in nature, such as learning about tides, wind and water flow by sailing homemade boats.

- Teach kids through daily tasks. Barbecuing, making a cake, building a raised garden bed, seeding the lawn — each of these moments present educational opportunities for parents who want to keep their kids' minds sharp during summer.

  
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## Tips for blood donors

Unlike other marvels of modern medicine, quality blood is an important health component that cannot be created synthetically. Blood shortages continue to plague medical establishments across the globe. For those who require transfusions, blood from volunteer donors can be the difference between life and death. However, many people are apprehensive about donating blood because of their own unique fears of the unknown or from past poor experiences with the process. With a little knowledge and some preparation, donating blood can be made much easier.

### Confirming donors' health

One of the first steps to donating blood is to determine donors' eligibility. Potential donors undergo a short health screening and are asked various questions to determine their eligibility. The presence of certain illnesses or other disqualifications helps ensure that the blood will be healthy and that the blood drawn will not have a negative effect on the donor.

The American Red Cross

states that potential donors will undergo a pin prick on the finger to test for iron levels in their blood. This is to ensure that donors will not be made anemic from giving blood.

Frequency of donation, weight and age also will be considered before prospective donors are allowed to donate blood. Many organizations urge prospective donors to avoid giving blood if they have had simple dental work done within 24 hours or major dental work in the past month. Dental work in general can dislodge bacteria, which can get into the blood stream and cause systemic infection.

### Preparing to donate

Potential donors are urged to eat a healthy diet full of iron-rich foods. It is advisable to drink an extra 16 ounces of water or a nonalcoholic fluid prior to donating. A healthy, low-fat meal prior to donating also is recommended, as the Red Cross says fatty foods can adversely affect blood tests that check for infectious diseases, and the blood may not be used as a result.

### Needles are no big deal

According to Justin Kreuter,

MD, medical director of the Mayo Clinic Blood Donor Center in Rochester, Minnesota, while the needles used to collect blood are slightly larger than those used for immunizations at the doctor's office, the needles have silicone on them to make the process of donating more comfortable for donors.

### Donation duration

Donating blood does not take a long time. It may take between 15 and 20 minutes for donation center workers to extract blood. Donating plasma or platelets may require more time. Allocate at least an hour to undergo the medical exam and to rest after the donation.

### Post-donation

Donors are urged to rest for a few minutes after the donating and to enjoy the snacks and beverages being offered. The Red Cross says people should avoid performing any heavy lifting or vigorous exercise for the rest of the day after donating. It's also advisable to drink an extra four glasses of liquids and avoid alcohol during the day following a donation.

Donating blood can save lives and reassure donors that they're doing their part to help others.

## *EdVenture opens in Hartsville*



## Nearly 100 FMU student-athletes named to PBC Presidential Honor Roll

Francis Marion University landed 98 student-athletes on the Peach Belt Conference's Presidential Honor Roll.

The Presidential Honor Roll recognizes all student-athletes at PBC institutions who had a grade point average of 3.00 or higher, based on a 4.00 scale, for the 2017-18 academic year. The honor roll is divided into four groups: Presidential Scholars (GPA of 3.00 to 3.24), Bronze Scholars (3.25 to 3.49), Silver Scholars (3.50 to 3.74), and Gold Scholars (3.75 to 4.00).

Among the FMU athletes named to the honor roll were eight athletes who earned the honor for the fourth time: women's cross country and track and field athlete MacKenzie Arnold (Murrells Inlet, SC), men's soccer player Harrison Smith (Hartlepool, England), baseball pitcher Arien Seymour (Nassau, Bahamas), golfers Alessandro Caselli (Vimercate, Italy) and Marc Casullo (Aurora, Ontario, Canada), women's tennis player Sofia Henning (Gothenburg, Sweden), and men's cross country and track and field athletes Javier Bustos Jaimes (Eagle Springs, NC) and Devin Nelson (Bloomfield, CT).

Earlier this year, 109 student-athletes at Francis Marion were named to the university's Swamp Fox Athletic-Academic Honor Roll for the 2017 fall semester and 108 for the 2018 spring semester.

FMU student-athletes named to the 2017-18 PBC Presidential Honor Roll are:

### Gold Scholar (3.75 or better GPA)

- Peyton Creech (Baseball); Zebulon, NC
- Tee DuBose (Baseball); Sumter, SC
- CJ Mackinson (Baseball); Sykesville, MD
- Brooke Dixon (Women's Basketball); Camden, SC
- Javier Bustos Jaimes (Men's Cross Country/Track & Field); Eagle Springs, NC
- Devin Nelson (Men's Cross Country/Track & Field); Bloomfield, CT
- Carlos Oliver (Men's Cross Country/Track & Field); Belton, SC
- Jonathan Reid (Men's Cross Country/Track & Field); Lancaster, SC
- Emma Driggers (Women's Cross Country/Track & Field); Mauldin, SC

- Jasmine Watson (Women's Cross Country/Track & Field); Florence, SC
- John Burghardt (Men's Golf); Oakville, Ontario, Canada
- Alessandro Caselli (Men's Golf); Vimercate, Italy
- Marc Casullo (Men's Golf); Aurora, Ontario, Canada
- Michael Rials (Men's Golf); Florence, SC
- Matthew Bainbridge (Men's Soccer); Liverpool, England
- Oliver Drakenhammar (Men's Soccer); Partille, Sweden
- Levin Sandmann (Men's Soccer); Heidelberg, Germany
- Harrison Smith (Men's Soccer); Hartlepool, England
- Brittany Boyd (Women's Soccer); Virginia Beach, VA

- Sierra Cartano (Women's Soccer); Raleigh, NC
- Amanda Eckard (Women's Soccer); Clayton, NC
- Jessica Garnett (Women's Soccer); Rock Hill, SC
- Emma Hall (Women's Soccer); Candler, NC
- Kylie McElroy (Women's Soccer); Holly Springs, NC
- Megan Misuraca (Women's Soccer); Apex, NC
- Kailey Varney (Women's Soccer); Florence, SC
- Abigail Williams (Women's Soccer); Kernersville, NC
- Taylor Lutian (Softball); Cumming, GA

- Sofia Henning (Women's Tennis); Gothenburg, Sweden
- Marie Krueger (Women's Tennis); Leverkusen, Germany
- Anna Wintrich (Women's Tennis); Wadern, Germany
- Kayla Arthur (Volleyball); Holly Springs, NC
- Veronica Lane (Volleyball); Spotsylvania, VA
- Carrie McGinnis (Volleyball); Knoxville, TN

### Silver Scholar (3.5 - 3.74 GPA)

- Arien Seymour (Baseball); Nassau, Bahamas
- Nicky Winterstein (Baseball); Columbia, SC
- Kristin Tines (Women's Basketball); Richmond VA
- MacKenzie Arnold (Women's Cross Country/Track & Field); Murrells Inlet, SC
- Lars Sandvoll (Men's Golf); Bergen, Norway
- Michael Dmytruk (Men's Soccer); Orlando, FL
- Raul Guillamon Bejar (Men's Soccer); Palau-solita i Plegamans, Spain
- Julian Kersting (Men's Soccer); Varel, Germany
- Carli Gauthier (Women's Soccer); Lutz, FL
- Breanna Henderson (Women's Soccer); Germantown, MD
- Micahla Kitchen (Women's Soccer); West End, NC
- Sarah Moll (Women's Soccer); Waxhaw, NC
- Shania Domingue (Softball); York, SC
- Chelsea Welty (Softball); St. Helena, SC
- Henri Broeseler (Men's Tennis); Aachen, Germany
- Paul Meuwissen (Men's Tennis); Geilenkirchen, Germany
- Anton Nordenhem (Men's Tennis); Stockholm, Sweden
- Nikita Berger (Women's Tennis); Hartsville, SC
- Natalie Ferrell (Volleyball); Franklinton, NC
- Jessica Helmink (Volleyball); Buford, GA
- Noah Davis (Baseball); Lexington, SC
- Shane Magrann (Baseball); Coconut Creek, FL
- Michael Kakos IV (Baseball); Pelham, NY
- William Robbins (Baseball); Rock Hill, SC
- Tanner Wakefield (Baseball); Gainesville, GA
- Warren Specht (Men's Basketball); Shawnee, KS
- Taylor Brunson (Women's Cross Country/Track & Field); Shawnee, KS
- London Richardson (Women's Track & Field); Charleston, SC
- Haakon Andersen (Men's Golf); Stabekk, Norway
- Mark Goodall (Men's Golf); Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
- Washington Bgoni (Men's Soccer); Wellington, New Zealand
- Holly Bowman (Women's Soccer); Kernersville, NC

- Janine Gordon (Women's Soccer); Miami, FL
- Camilla Lazoski (Women's Soccer); Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Stefany Collins (Softball); Boca Raton, FL
- Madison Hatfield (Softball); Iron Station, NC
- Sydney Holland (Softball); Statesville, NC
- Taylor Johnson (Softball); San Diego, CA
- Jennie Polak (Softball); Quincy, IL
- Courtney Abdur-Rahim (Volleyball); Saint Johns, FL
- Georgia Garrison (Volleyball); Trinity, NC
- Shelbi Meek (Volleyball); Springtown, TX

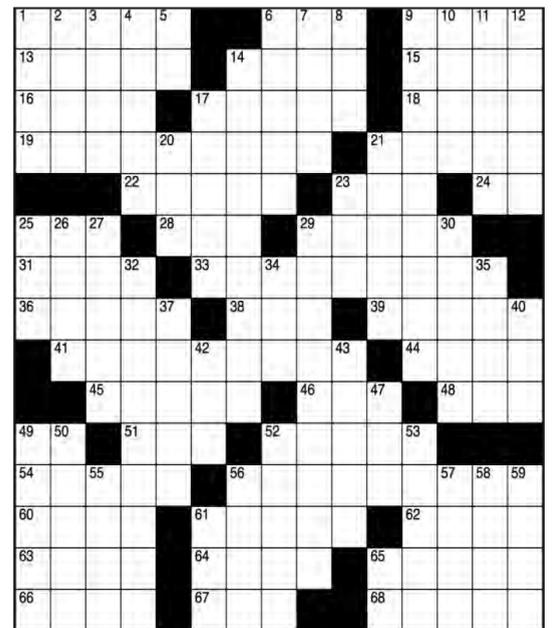
### Presidential Scholar (3.0 - 3.24)

- Trey Chapman (Baseball); Hampton, GA
- Brooks Kennedy (Baseball); Charlotte, NC
- Brock Rodgers (Baseball); Rock Hill, SC
- Austin Roseberry (Baseball); Charlotte, NC
- Tanner Smith (Baseball); Elgin, IL
- Christian Umphlett (Baseball); Charlotte, NC
- Fred Wadsworth (Baseball); Columbia, SC
- Harris White (Baseball); Auburn, AL
- Abigail Bullock (Women's Basketball); Fayetteville, NC
- Briana White (Women's Basketball); Mitchellville, MD
- Zachary Washington (Men's Track & Field); Sumter, SC
- Kristen Bolus (Women's Track & Field); Marion, SC
- Callum McGuigan (Golf); Crieff, Scotland
- Austin Lee (Men's Soccer); Clearwater, FL
- Blaize McGinnis (Men's Soccer); Ninety Six, SC
- Matthew Wehrly (Men's Soccer); Sanford, NC
- Sam Chiudina (Softball); Brewster, NY
- Taylor DeLeon (Softball); Summerville, SC
- Brooke Holcomb (Softball); Southport, NC
- Karson Parker (Softball); Newton, NC
- Harry Wells (Men's Tennis); Tamborine, Queensland, Australia
- Magan Head (Women's Tennis); Florence, SC

### Bronze Scholar (3.25 - 3.49 GPA)

- Noah Davis (Baseball); Lexington, SC
- Shane Magrann (Baseball); Coconut Creek, FL
- Michael Kakos IV (Baseball); Pelham, NY
- William Robbins (Baseball); Rock Hill, SC
- Tanner Wakefield (Baseball); Gainesville, GA
- Warren Specht (Men's Basketball); Shawnee, KS
- Taylor Brunson (Women's Cross Country/Track & Field); Shawnee, KS
- London Richardson (Women's Track & Field); Charleston, SC
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- Holly Bowman (Women's Soccer); Kernersville, NC

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Begetter
6. Arrived extinct
9. Lacking the power to hear
13. Epic
14. Aboriginal Japanese
15. Jar used for cooking
16. British nobleman
17. Smart
18. Israeli stateswoman
19. Outer space matter that reaches the ground
21. Instrument
22. Infections
23. Holiday (informal)
24. Spanish be
25. Not even
28. Chewie's friend Solo
29. Garments
31. Geological times
33. Music City
36. Cubes
38. Important Chinese principle
39. Closes tightly
41. Forms a

### DOWN

44. Knife
45. Plants of the lily family
46. A turn around the track
48. Midway between northeast and east
49. Type of degree
51. Midway between north and northwest
52. Profession
54. Musical note patterns
56. Deeply cuts
60. Muharra
61. Island town
62. Weaver bird
63. One point east of north-east
64. Scherzer and Kershaw are two
65. Rice dish
66. Nasdaq code
67. Danish krone
68. Enzyme

### of events

1. Carpe
2. Wings
3. Loose soil
4. Earnhardt and Jarrett are two
5. 3 feet
6. Fasts
7. Erstwhile
8. Diving seabird
9. Houses
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Type of skirt
12. Greek vil-lage
14. Estranges
17. Scottish island
20. Express delight
21. Cosmopolitan city
23. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
25. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
26. Flow
27. Shoal-forming fishes
29. Footwear parts
30. Schedule
32. Songs to one's sweet-heart
34. Test for high schoolers
35. Enthusiasm
37. Streets have them
40. One point east of due south
42. Cut the grass
43. Rattling breaths
47. For each
49. Marketing term
50. One who challenges
52. Sword
53. Polio vaccine developer
55. Film version of "Waterloo Bridge"
56. Want
57. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music
58. Young hawk
59. Harmless
61. Small amount
65. Palladium

## WORD SEARCH

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| AUCTION        | CORNDOG   | MARINA    | SALES     |
| BALLOONS       | COTTON    | MIDWAY    | SEASIDE   |
| BAND           | CANDY     | MINI-GOLF | SPARKLERS |
| BARBECUE       | FAIR      | MUSIC     | SUMMER    |
| BAZAAR         | FERRIS    | PARADE    | SURFING   |
| BOARD-<br>WALK | WHEEL     | PARTY     | SWIMMING  |
|                | FESTIVAL  | PIES      | TICKETS   |
|                | FIREWORKS | RACES     | TOURIST   |

Answers on 7B

## Wilson named to Sherman College Dean's List

Marc Wilson of Hartsville has been named to Sherman College of Chiropractic's Dean's List for grades earned during the spring 2018 academic quarter. Dean's List students have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the quarter.

Sherman College of Chiropractic provides students with a comprehensive education, preparing them to enter the field as doctors of chiropractic who are highly skilled, compassionate, ethical and successful. On its 80-acre campus in South Carolina, Sherman offers a first professional degree program unique in its approach to health care and known globally for the skill and art of chiropractic delivered by graduates. The college's on-campus Health Center, where senior students intern under licensed doctors of chiropractic, provides quality and affordable chiropractic care to the local community with nearly 35,000 visits each year.



Omicron Zeta Omega participates in The Longest Day

The Omicron Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and other AKA chapters around the world joined the Alzheimer's Association for The Longest Day on Thursday, June 21, 2018. The purpose of the Longest Day is to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and share information and prevention tactics with our community. The Longest Day symbolizes the challenging journey of those living

with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. Residents in the Alzheimer's unit at Palmetto Ridge Assisted Living Facility in Cheraw, SC, received care bags from the chapter. The bags contained items essential for the care, comfort and safety of the residents. The smiling faces of the residents as they received their bags were priceless. One sweet lady who was all smiles said innocently to Edneasha Johnson (president), "I told

my husband people bring us gifts."

Pictured are (front row: left to right) are Karen Freeman, Wanda Joyner, Sade Dudley, Edneasha Johnson (president), Patricia Bennett, and Wanda Harris. Second row (left to right): Vondra Sparks, Angela Ward, Kandi Binns, Felisha Cannon, and Carol Galloway. Not pictured are Shalash Sweeney, Camalah Bittle, Belynda Horne, and Belinda Spears.

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## Darlington Raceway partners with Darlington County School District for summer reading program

Darlington Raceway has once again partnered with the Darlington County School District (DCSD) in a multi-agency summer reading program designed to emphasize the importance of reading and combat summer learning loss for students in Darlington County.

Nearly 1,000 DCSD students in kindergarten through eighth grade participated in the summer reading program in 2017, which involves Darlington Raceway, the Darlington County Library system, and South Carolina Future Minds in a district-wide effort.

For the past seven years, thousands of books have been

read in the county as a result of the partnership between Darlington Raceway and the school district.

In 2017, many of the top summer readers in each grade (K-8) received a field trip to Darlington Raceway on Friday of race weekend. The students participated in activities provided by ScienceSouth of Florence, received lunch from Bojangles' and enjoyed a visit from seven-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Champion Jimmie Johnson.

"This is the seventh consecutive year we've partnered with the Darlington County School District with a reading program," Darlington Raceway President Kerry

Tharp said. "The program is a great way for children and teens to continue to read throughout the summer months and receive rewards for doing so."

The top readers in this year's summer reading program will also take a field trip to the track on Friday, Aug. 31, for a full day of Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series and NASCAR XFINITY Series practices.

"We wholly appreciate Darlington Raceway, the Darlington County Library System and South Carolina Future Minds for supporting summer reading in Darlington County School District," said Dr. Tim Newman, DCSD

superintendent. "With their help, we can continue to combat summer learning loss. We are extremely fortunate to have the support of these local institutions."

During the summer reading program, students in kindergarten through eighth grade will read books and then take Accelerated Reader (AR) tests at any of the local branches of the Darlington County Library System. The Darlington County Library System has computers available for the tests and specialists who can help guide students to the appropriate books as well as set them up with the AR tests. Each grade level will have specific point

goals.

When the program concludes in August, all students who reach their AR point goals will be rewarded with a special field trip. In addition, the top three readers in each grade will earn the special trip to Darlington Raceway for a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the track's legendary Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 race weekend.

Darlington County has also built a strong relationship with the South Carolina Future Minds, a 501(c)3 organization, which benefits teachers and education. On May 2-3, track president Kerry Tharp attended the organiza-

tion's "Teacher of the Year" ceremonies and made a \$5,000 donation to the group as a result of the track selling old grandstand seats from its current "A Better Darlington" facility enhancement project. South Carolina Future Minds donated books to students at Lamar and Rosenwald Elementary this year in Darlington County.

The summer reading program is just one of many partnerships Darlington Raceway has supported over the years as part of its youth initiatives. It also offers one of the best kids' ticket packages in the industry with 12-and-under half-price for any seat to the Bojangles' Southern 500.



Miss Darlington Sarah Floyd, right and Miss Darlington Local Executive Director Will Isgett, left after her preliminary talent win during Miss South Carolina week in Columbia

## Miss Darlington wins preliminary talent award, finishes in top 10 at Miss South Carolina Pageant

By Will Isgett

Miss Darlington Sarah Floyd put on stamp on a wonderful year by winning a preliminary talent award and finishing as a top 10 finalist at the Miss South Carolina Pageant held in Columbia at the Township Auditorium from June 25-30.

Floyd wowed the audience with her powerful German Aria "Menn Herr Marquis" from Die Fledermaus, wearing a flowing green gown and a necklace and earrings that complimented her attire.

Floyd, a recent Coker College graduate, will attend the University of South Carolina in the fall to work towards her Master's Degree in Opera Theater.

"I was very honored by being named a top 10 finalist and a preliminary talent winner," Floyd said. "I went far beyond my expectations going into the pageant."

Floyd said the support

she received pageant week was very uplifting.

"I really felt great from all the support that I got pageant week," Floyd said. "I'm am so glad I got to represent the city of Darlington this year and I hope I made them proud."

Miss Darlington Teen Saviah Miller also had a great week wowing the audience with her performance of "Don't Rain on My Parade" from the musical "Funny Girl"

Miller, a rising junior at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School and Florence native, served the Darlington area well this year making over 50 appearances and participating in many events throughout the county and state.

## Better Business Bureau of Coastal Carolina warns of scams involving Medicare cards

The Better Business Bureau of Coastal Carolina is warning that there is a new scam that targets Medicare recipients. Medicare has begun the process of replacing Medicare cards and scammers are seeking ways to make money during this period of transition. In a recent AARP survey, more than three quarters of Americans over the age of 65 knew very little about the new card system, which includes new user cards and replacement cards. Because of this lack of knowledge, it makes them very susceptible to the scammers who have plans on taking advantage of the situation.

Medicare is making the change to make cards more secure. The card is still red, white and blue, but it no longer will include the social security number. Instead it will have a "Medicare Beneficiary Identifier," which is an 11-character number that is randomly selected and has no connection to the beneficiary's personal information. It also will not include gender or require a signature.

"Medicare has stepped up to help combat medical fraud," said Dr. John D'Ambrosio, President and CEO of the BBB of Coastal Carolina. "Scammers attempt to submit fraudulent medical charges or use the information for identity theft. The consumer doesn't know until it's too late. We have many tips available to consumers about scams and how the new Medicare card works."

Medicare will not contact you via the telephone according to the Federal Trade Commission. Medicare will only contact beneficiaries through the U.S. Mail. It is important that addresses are up-to-date with Medicare. Addresses can be updated online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

There is no charge for the new Medicare card. Reported scams are callers impersonating Medicare personnel and requesting Social Security numbers or bank account numbers. They are threatening to cancel Medicare benefits if the information is not given them. A person should never give out personal information to anyone over the phone or email unless it's someone trusted and known. Unless you contact them and you know that it is a legitimate entity, do not give any information. If anyone calls and asks for personal information, simply hang up.

The delivery of the new cards is staggered, so everyone receives them at different times. The cards will be mailed out in seven stages that began in April 2018. North Carolina and South Carolina are scheduled to start receiving cards after June 2018.

Also, according to AARP, sixty percent of those surveyed mistakenly believed they might have to pay for the revamped cards. Equally as disturbing, more than fifty percent said that if they received a call claiming to be from Medicare and asking to verify information, they would not be suspicious. This is making it easy for

scammers to take advantage of the confusion.

Old cards should be destroyed once the new card arrives, since the old card contains the social security number. Once the new card is registered at the doctor's visit, it is advisable to not carry it. Physicians offices will also have the ability to look up the new Medicare numbers at an online website.

For questions or concerns regarding the new Medicare card mailout, there are resources available. Contact [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or visit our website at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

Better Business Bureau of Coastal Carolina is a private not-for-profit organization that strives for a trustworthy marketplace by maintaining standards for truthful advertising, investigating and exposing fraud against consumers and businesses. For more than 100 years, the BBB has been helping people find businesses, brands and charities they can trust. In 2017, people turned to BBB more than 160 million times for BBB Business Profiles on more than

5.2 million businesses and charity reports on 11,000 charities. Information is available for free at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org), 24 hours a day. BBB of Coastal Carolina covers the counties of Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry,

Marion and Williamsburg in South Carolina and Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson and Sampson in North Carolina.



Miss Darlington Teen Saviah Miller, far left, along with Miss Darlington Local Executive Director Will Isgett and Miss Darlington Scholarship Pageant committee member Shannon Elliott.

# South Carolina African American Heritage Commission Offered Summer Teacher Institute

A group of 23 public school teachers from across South Carolina reversed roles and became students recently when they participated in the “2018 School Desegregation in South Carolina” Summer Institute.

The institute was sponsored by the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC), whose mission is to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings, and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina and to assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

“The five-day Summer Institute’s purpose was to provide teachers with additional resources they can use to enhance their teaching of the state’s history that reflects African American heritage”, said Jannie Harriot, vice chairperson of SCAAHC and executive director of its fundraising arm, the South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation (SCAAHF).

“The purpose of this institute to help teachers create lesson plans for grades K-12 based on the public school desegregation lawsuits in Darlington County and Clarendon County; Stanley vs the Darlington County Board of Education and Briggs vs Elliot,



respectively,” Harriot said. “So, we applied to the South Carolina Arts Commission for a grant to conduct this institute and to bring teachers together to write the plans.”

Wallace Foxworth is an eighth-grade social studies instructor who teaches South Carolina history at Johnakin Middle School in Marion. He said the institute expanded his understanding of how school desegregation happened. Meeting people involved with those cases, such as Nathaniel Briggs, the son of Harry Briggs, Sr., lead plaintiff in Briggs v. Elliott, and Joseph DeLaine, Jr., whose father was also involved in the case was inspirational.

“I wanted to gain a better view of what is out there beside

what we find in the textbooks,” Foxworth said. “The textbooks have a certain slant on history, and sometimes the slant is misguided concerning the contributions of African Americans in history. To be a more effective history teacher and bring more balance to history, this is something I feel is necessary.”

In addition to learning about the school desegregation cases, institute participants also learned about other facets of South Carolina African American history that they can incorporate into lesson plans. Mary Hoyt, a music teacher who teaches strings to fifth- and sixth-grade students at Chapin Intermediate School in Chapin said that she already has some ideas about how to incorporate

information she learned about jazz great and Cheraw native Dizzy Gillespie into lesson plans.

“I just love history,” Hoyt said. “I am not from South Carolina and I find South Carolina to be a fascinating place with so many layers of history. I welcome the chance to learn more and enrich my classroom for my students. I feel privileged to be here.”

The teachers will submit 20 lesson plans that will go into a teacher’s guide that the SC Department of Education will disseminate across the state for teachers to use in their classrooms, Harriot said.

Teachers who participated in the institute included Jasmine Govan, Stephanie Gold, Kay Ingram of Richland District 1; Melinda Hanna, Allison

Geddings, Joceline Murdock, Ashley Rogers, Darlington County School District; Andrea Walker, Allendale County Schools; Wallace Foxworth, Marion County Schools; Amy Robinson, Beaufort School District; Mary Hoyt, Lexington/Richland School District; Tracy Carter, Lisa Hyman, Michael Jenkins, Florence District 1; Wonda Hilliard, Greenville County Schools; Brian Day, Calhoun County Schools; Barbara Bodison, Berkeley County Schools; Coastal Carolina University English professor, Dr. Veronica Gerald; South Carolina State University student Enifnette and retire educator, Patricia Evans Hall

Institute presenters included:

- Jean Grosser, Professor of Art, Coker College, Hartsville
- Joy Young, South Carolina Arts Commission, Columbia
- Dr. Larry D. Watson, Professor of History, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, and the University of South Carolina
- Dr. Bobby Donaldson, Professor of History, University of South Carolina, Columbia and the Center for Civil Rights History and Research at the USC
- Dr. Valinda Littlefield, Director of African American Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia
- Dr. Louis Venters, Associate Professor of History, Francis Marion University, Florence
- Dr. Jennifer Heusel, Assistant Professor of Communication, Coker College, Hartsville
- Brian Gandy, Darlington County Historical Commission, Darlington
- Felicia Flemming McCall, Southern African American Heritage Center, Cheraw
- Cecil Williams, Photographer
- Joseph DeLaine, Briggs v. Elliott
- Nathaniel Briggs, Briggs v. Elliott
- James Felder, historian
- Alada Shinault Small, historian and Charleston Tour Guide

## Pee Dee Math, Science & Technology Academy’s Junior Beta Club attends National Junior Convention

The Pee Dee Math, Science & Technology Academy’s (PDMSTA) Junior Beta Club Delegates attended the National Junior Convention in Savannah, Georgia, June 13-16. The delegates were Faith Ham, Stephanie Layne, Ky’Asia Sims, Danielle Holmes, Aaliyah McCullough, Christopher Moorman, Tyler Brown, Jude Pleyer, and Neil Bailey. Student delegates demonstrated leadership and academic skills, shared ideas, engaged with and competed against other scholars from around the nation.

Faith Ham, a 4th grade scholar from Hartsville, contended in Division I: Social Studies Competition and placed third in the nation. The social studies exam testing critical thinking, geography, government, US history, world history and social

studies vocabulary.

The mission of the National Beta Club Convention Program is to allow students opportunities to showcase their academic achievement, artistic creativity, critical thinking skills, collaborative team work, and increase student leadership.

“This is our first time attending and competing at the National Junior Convention,” said E. Keith Bailey, Executive Director of PDMSTA. “I am so proud of our PDMSTA scholars and of the academic achievement Faith Ham demonstrated by placing in the top 10 at the convention. I look forward to our local club growing, achieving more awards and the increase in their confidence as leaders.”

The Pee Dee Math, Science & Technology Academy (PDMSTA) is a tuition-free public char-

ter school established in fall of 2013. PDMSTA offers a unique approach to students located in the heart of rural Pee Dee region of South Carolina and serves students kindergarten through ninth grade. For more information visit [www.pdmsta.org](http://www.pdmsta.org).



## Darlington County School District announces registration information

Parents with returning students in the Darlington County School District (DCSD) can avoid long registration lines at the school by taking advantage of online registration.

PowerSchool Registration will open on Monday, July 16, and will allow parents with returning students to complete registration online. PowerSchool may be found by visiting [www.darlington.k12.sc.us](http://www.darlington.k12.sc.us), and selecting the “2018-2019 Student Registration” link under “For Parents.”

Parents who register online will still need to go to the school during on-site registration to show proof of residency and pay any fees. Parents with students who will be new to DCSD must still register their

child at the school during on-site registration. As a reminder, a tax notice, a landline telephone bill, a bill for cable service that is connected to the residence, or a utility bill such as water, gas and electric will be accepted as proof of residency. Neither a cellphone bill nor a driver’s license will be accepted as proof of residency.

In order to use the online registration, parents will need login credentials for each student. Parents can obtain login credentials by calling 843-398-2236, July 16-19 and July 23-26 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day.

Only returning students will be able to register online. Parents still need to go to the school to show proof of residency and pay fees.

New students not previously registered must be registered at the school during on-site registration. In order to register a new student, parents and/or guardians must bring the following materials to the school during on-site registration:

- Proof of residency
  - o A tax notice, a landline telephone bill, a bill for cable service that is connected to the residence or a utility bill such as water, gas and electric will be accepted.
- Immunization Record
- Birth Certificate
- (For 4K Only) Proof of income/S.C. Healthy Connection Medicaid Card

On-site registration will be July 30, July 31 and Aug. 1. For more information, contact the school your child will attend.

	Monday, July 30	Tuesday, July 31	Wednesday, August 1
<b>Elementary Schools 12-6 pm</b>		North Hartsville: 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Brunson-Dargan: All grades Cain: All grades Lamar: All grades Pate: All grades Rosenwald: All grades Southside: All grades Spaulding: All grades St. John’s: 4k - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Thornwell: All grades Washington Street: All grades West Hartsville: All grades	North Hartsville: 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade St. John’s: 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
<b>Middle Schools 12-6 pm</b>	Darlington: 6 <sup>th</sup> grade only Hartsville: 6 <sup>th</sup> grade only	Darlington: 7 <sup>th</sup> grade only Hartsville: 7 <sup>th</sup> grade only Spaulding: 6 <sup>th</sup> grade only Rosenwald: All grades	Darlington: 8 <sup>th</sup> grade only Hartsville: 8 <sup>th</sup> grade only Spaulding: 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Rosenwald: All grades
<b>High Schools 12-6 pm</b>	Darlington: 11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade Hartsville: 11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade Mayo: 12 <sup>th</sup> grade only Lamar: 11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Darlington: 10 <sup>th</sup> grade only Hartsville: 10 <sup>th</sup> grade only Mayo: 10 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> grade Lamar: 9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Darlington: 9 <sup>th</sup> grade only Hartsville: 9 <sup>th</sup> grade only Mayo: 9 <sup>th</sup> grade only
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## Tips From The Trainers: Safer Summer Swimming

By Chris Jeppson, MS, SCAT

Swimming isn’t merely a summertime activity for some dedicated humans mimicking the dolphin lifestyle – AKA the swimming and diving teams. This group, and cross-training athletes from other sports, get into a pool year-round to stay in proper shape and build endurance.

However, when the days get longer and the water warms up, the less dedicated flock to the beaches, lakes and pools to enjoy a glamorized, less-demanding version of the sport in its various forms.

Especially for casual swimmers, muscles, tendons, and ligaments will be largely unprepared for intense activity (water offers 12-times more resistance than air to move through). This increases the likelihood of summer sports injuries.

Similarly, a lack of familiarity with proper procedures and safety precautions increases the likelihood of traumatic injuries. Even if you swim at a pool with a lifeguard, accidents happen.

This article will highlight top risks and what can be done to prevent the associated summer sports injuries.

### TOP RISKS FOR INJURY IN SWIMMING & DIVING.

To summarize, swimmers are more prone to stress injuries affecting muscles, tendons, and ligaments; whereas divers are more likely to suffer traumatic accidents. Let’s take a look at common swimming injuries first.

**Swimming: Shoulder Injuries**  
Swimming requires a great deal of upper body strength and, consequently, places a large amount of stress on the upper body. The shoulders can develop rotator cuff impingement over

time. When the arm is lifted during swimming activity, it places strong pressure on the rotator cuff and may cause instability or tendonitis within the rotator cuff.

The best way to prevent these injuries is by building up muscles and tendon strength within the rotator cuff and shoulder; try incorporating stretches and exercises that target the shoulder into your workout routine.

**Swimming: Back Injuries**  
Swimming can also be a source of injury and pain within the back. This is especially the case among butterfly swimmers. Butterfly strokes involve arching the back continuously to propel the body through the water, which can result in injury and intense pain in the lower back.

To prevent these injuries, focus on technique – swimming is ALL about technique, but

especially this stroke: keep your head down and aligned with your spine. Also, be sure to always stretch and warm up before back-intensive activity.

**Swimming: Knee Injuries**  
While many people would associate knee injuries more with high-impact running activities than a sport like swimming; indeed, cross-training athletes hop into the pool to get a rest from the pounding their knees take while pounding out the miles.

Certain swim strokes are frequently responsible for summer sports injuries. Most notably, breaststroke swimmers suffer knee injuries enough that a specific knee stress injury bears its name: “breaststroke knee”. The knee rotation involved in the whipping, kicking motion can create intense stress on the knee which, in turn, can strain and injure the MCL (medial collateral

ligament).

The best way to avoid knee injuries while swimming is to alternate between different swim strokes and strengthen the hamstrings, quadriceps, and knee ligaments and tendons through targeted exercises.

**Diving: Neck Injuries**  
July is the number one month for diving injuries by a wide margin. In 2013 alone, 25,832 patients were treated in emergency rooms for injuries caused by diving activity. The majority of these injuries were neck injuries, generally caused by diving into shallow water headfirst. To avoid these injuries, never dive into water of shallow or unknown depth.

**Diving: Spinal Injuries**  
1,800 spinal cord injuries are suffered annually due to swimming and diving activity. Spinal cord injuries suffered while diving often result in paralysis.

Prevention measures include only diving in water of sufficient depth and only diving off of the end of diving boards (rather than the middle).

From this blog (<https://blog.helphopelive.org/2016/07/21/diving-safety-2016/>)

I share some great advice: “If you can’t see through it, don’t dive into it.”

**Death: The Greatest Injury**  
It was made heart-breaking clear to our community recently that playing in water can kill when a young man attending Coker College drowned. Please, if you can’t swim – learn. If you aren’t a capable swimmer, wear a life jacket.

Swimming and summer are some of the best ways to make lifelong memories. Make those memories happy by staying as safe as possible – and wear sunscreen!

## Sheriff's deputies arrest three for illegal narcotics

According to Sheriff Tony Chavis, Patrol Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Geneva

Drive due to an anonymous complaint of the use of illegal narcotics.

"When Deputies arrived at the residence on Geneva Dr. they were able to gather enough probable cause to secure a search warrant for the residence," stated Sheriff Chavis. "When Investigators searched the residence they located approximately 143.5 grams of crack cocaine, approximately 13.9 grams of cocaine, 100 grams of marijuana and 75 pills of schedule II controlled substance."

Victoria Woodstock  
Crosland, 25, of Bennettsville,



Cornell Junious Murray, II, 30, of Hartsville, and Terry Joe Page, 56, of Darlington, were arrested at the scene. The three were charged with trafficking crack cocaine, trafficking cocaine, possession with intent

to distribute marijuana, and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. Crosland, Murray and Page were released on a \$35,000 bond as set by a Darlington County Magistrate.

## Free up your summer with simple time-saving tips

Summertime is all about enjoyment, whether that means taking a vacation, spending time on the beach or enjoying the company of family and friends at parties and on patios.

With so many fun things to do, who wants to stay cooped up indoors with housework and a to-do list? Make sure you're able to take advantage of everything the season has to offer with these tips that can help you spend more time under the sun.

Avoid shopping on weekends. If you work a typical nine-to-five schedule, you probably do your grocery shopping and home renovation store visits on the weekend because it's when

you have more time on your hands. Since that's true for most people, you'll face longer trips and more crowded spaces. Try to carve out some time on a weekday evening, especially Monday or Tuesday, and you'll free up precious weekend time and avoid long lines.

Simplify meal prep. Don't sacrifice eating healthy, nutritious food when you're pressed for time. Instead, look for low- or no-prep meal options like Mann's Nourish Bowls at the grocery store. These ready-to-eat single-serve meals feature superfood veggies like sweet potato, kohlrabi and kale. Developed by chefs, the bowls are ready in just a couple of minutes in your microwave.

Serve as a standalone meal or as a base with your favorite protein.

Clean as you go. When it comes to keeping your home clean and organized, it pays to do a little bit at a time rather than spend a whole day or weekend on chores. Wipe down your shower after each use to avoid the build-up of mold and mildew. Dust surfaces in your closet regularly to keep items and clothes clean longer, and wipe kitchen surfaces while cooking. Regular maintenance goes a long way towards keeping your home tidy and ready for spur-of-the-moment summer gatherings.

# BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER JULY 2 THROUGH JULY 9, 2018  
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

- Jasmine Benjamin, 27, of 422 Marie Dr, Darlington, MDP Drugs Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 1st; Traf Meth/Crank/Crack Cocaine >28G <100G 1st; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10 G or Less Hash 1st
- Leshone Lavell Broadnax, 40, of 1044 West Mclver, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance; Shoplifting \$2000 or Less (Enhance 16-0-157)
- Amy Leigh Goodman, 32, of 1826 Magic Dr, Pamplico, Trespassing; Poss <1 gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Brittany Leigh Griggs, 28, of 1036 Winburn St, Patrick, Ephedrine False Statement Req Log 1st
- Robert Lewis Holloman, 73, of 2100 Leavenworth Rd, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence
- Laura Ashley King, 28, of 1263 Oakhaven Cir, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st
- Kenneth NMN McFadden, 63, of 912 McKeithen St, Hartsville, Public Drunk
- Kevin Conway Odom, 45, of 105 Underground Branch Rd, Hartsville, Non Support
- Devona Donta Taylor, 28, of

### CHARGES

- ABHAN:** Assault and battery, high and aggravated nature
- DUAC:** Driving under unlawful alcohol concentration
- DUI:** Driving under the influence
- DUS:** Driving under suspension
- CDV:** Criminal domestic violence
- CDVHAN:** Criminal domestic violence, high and aggravated nature
- PDC:** Public disorderly conduct
- PWID:** Possession with intent to distribute
- SPOM:** Simple possession of marijuana

- 102 Brunson St, Darlington, Traf Ice/Crank/Crack 28 G or More <100G 1st; MDP Sch I B C LSD and Sch II Cocaine 2nd; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 2nd/Sub; Non Support
- Cynthia Driggers Hawkins, 46, of 109 Center Road, Darlington, Probation Violation
- Don Edward Jones, 37, of 3349 North Center Road, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Derrick Raymond Lee, 43, of 292 Harris Rd, Cheraw, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st; Poss Firearm by Convicted Violent Felon
- Latisha Claynetta McDaniel, 38, of 267 Syracuse St Apt #B, Darlington, Poss <1 Gram of Meth or Cocaine Base 1st
- Calvin Jermaine Myers, 36, of 112 Cleveland St, Darlington, Public Drunk
- Allen Toccoora Reid, 36, of 222 Chuck Drive, Hartsville, Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Cocaine Base 1st; Non Support
- Victoria Danay Robinson, 24, of 437 Primus Park,

- Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000
- Kevin Lamont Rowell Jr., 23, of 302 Flower St, Marion, Safekeeping
- Jessie Lee Sellers, 34, of 508 Milikin Ave, Hartsville, Non Support
- Shaneka Renee Brown, 25, of 2461 Westridge Dr, Hartsville, Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation 2nd Offense; Driving Under Suspension
- Lerondie Bernard Ceaser, 27, of 1013 S 6th St, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Driving Under Suspension
- Rachel Antoinette Gale, 22, of 127 Reid Street, Darlington, Burglary Second Degree; Petty Larceny <\$2000
- Christopher Lamont Heidt, 37, of 623 Marlboro Ave, Hartsville, DUI <10 1st Offense; Open Container of Beer/Wine; Unlawful Store/Transport Alcoholic Liquors 1st
- Preston Issac Hickman, 32, of 106 Hoole Street #B, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance
- Thomas Chase Jacobs, 19, of 171 S Locklair Rd, Scranton, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Dennis Mark Ward, 57, of 404 Semenole Dr, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- David Louis Wilson Jr., 45, of 2429 Red Rock Rd, Hartsville, Criminal Domestic Violence
- Manley Michael Brown, 40, Homeless, Darlington, Giving False Information
- Travis Levarne Coleman, 37, of 1243 Ridgeway Dr, Darlington, Drugs/Man Dist Etc Ice Crank Crack Cocaine 2nd
- Tobias Quandriques Cooley, 31, of 923 East Home Ave, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- James Brently Gainey, 27, of 929 Crestwood Dr, Florence, Domestic/Domestic Violence 1st Degree; Arson 2nd Degree

- Bobby Tyron Johnson, 38, of 817 Marshall Street, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Drugs/Man Dist Etc of Methamphetamine 1st; Manuf Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st
- Brigitte Nichol Martin, 34, of 90 Bo Dean Ln, Society Hill, Driving Under the Influence
- Yulanda Faye McCall, 51, of 636 Sun Valley Dr, Hartsville, Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths; Financial Trans Card Fraud <\$500 in 6 Mths
- Sundiada Qrundua Miller, 30, of 309 Stiles Ave, Savannah GA, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Terrance Jermaine Mitchell, 34, of 302 Jasper Ave, Hartsville, Non Support
- Shermeka Monique Ross, 37, of 518 Lake View, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence; Child Endangerment Vehicle (Minor); Driving Under Suspension
- Shane Ian Tarte, 27, of 600 Pearl Street, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension
- Kevin Jumar Wardlaw, 26, Homeless, Hartsville, Unlawful Entry Into Enclosed Places; Shoplifting <\$2000
- William Thomas Warren, 35, of 229 Woodwind Drive, Hartsville, Public Disorderly Conduct
- Phillip Marvin Whittle, 53, of 1400 Ousleydale Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Joseph Robert Brown, 30, of 353 Hawkins Rd, Hartsville, Weekender
- Shaquille Markees Burton, 25, of 1124 Old Ruby Rd, Hartsville, Weekender
- Khalfani Butler, 40, of 4831 Airport Road, Mount Croghan, Obtain Sign/Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000
- Andre Junior Covington, 44, of 407 Mill Street,

- Chesterfield, Obtain Sign/Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000
- Jessica R Cranford, 38, of 609 Harlington, Hartsville, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Poss Controlled Sub in Sch I to V 2nd Or More
- Rochelle Latrice Dubose, 42, of 929 Brentwood Drive, Hartsville, Weekender
- Emanuel Tony Graham, 25, of 2724 Mt Olive Rd, Hartsville, Weekender
- David Martin Hill, 57, of 2353 Northcutt Rd, Hartsville, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree
- Brian Mitchell Joint, 42, of 228 Floyds Rd, Darlington, Non Support
- Adonis Raymond Lighty, 20, of 509 Rice Street, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 2nd Degree
- Julia Weatherford Morton, 50, of 1005 Stevenson Cir, Hartsville, Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st; Poss Other Controlled Sub in Sched I to V 1st
- Dustin Rubin Watford, 32, of 3110 Kelly Bridge Road East, Bishopville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Derrell Maliak Andrews, 20, of 104 Murraywood Rd, Darlington, Manuf Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st
- Rochelle Jamall Bines, 29, of 567 Cotton Flower Rd, Lamar, Driving Under the Influence
- Jacob Isac Gates, 20, of 1215 Ruby Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Itavier Sentel Gilbert, 32, of 220 Milling St, Darlington, DUI <10 1st Offense; DUS (License Not Susp DUI) 3rd or More
- Matthew Andrae Graham Jr., 18, of 157 Cedar Ridge Rd, Darlington, Driving Under the Influence; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Patricia Sue Lussier, 51, of 220 Davis Street, Darlington, Public Disorderly Conduct

- Joseph William Pfeiffer, 54, of 5 South Street, Taylors, Violation ABC Law; Manuf Possess Other Sub Sch I II III WITD 1st
- Tina Marie Smith, 43, of 703 W Old Camden Rd, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Tommy Joe Tyner, 29, of 2847 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, DUS License Not Susp for DUI 3rd or Sub; Habitual Traffic Offender; Giving False Information; Traffic/Too Fast for Conditions
- Daniel Tremaine Wilds, 21, of 416 E Richardson Cir, Hartsville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st
- Marcus Williams Woods, 38, of 2308 Sequoiah St, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence
- Jarrett Robert Anderson, 31, of 340 Birdnest Rd, Hartsville, Trespassing
- Jack Franklin Crowley, 53, of 239 East Lake Drive, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree
- William Robert Dempsey, 47, of 1121 Lakeview Blvd, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
- John Alvin Gainey, 42, of 2847 Patrick Hwy, Hartsville, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic; Driving Under Suspension
- Tymaurion Lorenza Gurley, 20, of 1680 Anderson Farm Road, Darlington, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off
- Christopher Dewayne McCoy, 29, of 1283 Apartment Circle, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Driving Under the Influence
- Shawanda Patterson, 35, of 218 Gingerroot Way, Columbia, Malicious Injury to Personal Property

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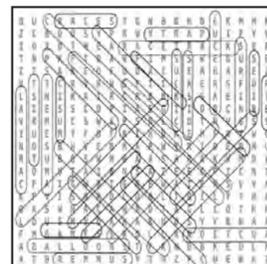
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# Design a dream outdoor entertaining space

Upon the arrival of warm weather, many individuals prefer to spend their free time outside, relishing the fresh air and sunshine and evenings spent under the stars.

But cracked patios and makeshift chairs and tables may not establish the desired ambiance. An outdoor entertaining area that offers the same amenities found inside a home can make outdoor retreats both comfortable and functional. Creative planning can help homeowners design dream areas perfect for hosting friends or family.

**Establish goals**  
As with any project, the first step when coordinating outdoor living areas is to determine what you hope to achieve with the space. Will it be a location for lounging? Will people be cooking meals outside? Is the pool the central focus of the yard? Answering these questions and more can help homeowners decide how to design their entertaining spaces. Remember, however, that goals may evolve as landscape designers and even architects make their own suggestions for the space or present limitations.

**Evaluate the space**  
Look at the lot and decide what will go where, such as

where to place the party space, where to create a quiet hideaway and where to locate a poolhouse or outdoor shower.

A large, flat yard can be divided into a series of patios that serve different purposes. Yards that are built on a hill or a slope can still be utilized with creative design elements, such as multi-tiered decking. By working with qualified designers, homeowners can bring their ideas to life.

**Easy food and drink access**  
Traipsing in and out of the house for refreshments can become tiresome when entertaining outside. In such situations, people also can track dirt inside of the home or leave a trail of pool water in their wake. Outdoor kitchens allow easy access to food and drink that makes outdoor entertaining much easier. The experts at Angie's List suggest outdoor kitchens be built close to the house to make it easier to run electricity and plumbing to the outdoor kitchen.

Outdoor kitchens should include a sink, small refrigerator, built-in grill, and bar area.

**Creature comforts**  
Homeowners should think about the things that make the inside of their homes so comfortable and then replicate that outside. Sofas and loveseats



covered in fabric suited for outdoors and plenty of pillows can make for great lounging. Lighting that can be adjusted for day or night, or even to set the mood, is another consider-

ation. Shade structures, like a trellis or retractable awning, will keep the area comfortable and can also define outdoor "rooms" and establish privacy. Fire it up

Many homeowners enjoy having fire elements in their yards. Lanterns and candles may create a romantic feel, but a fire pit or outdoor fireplace may help extend use of the out-

door entertaining area beyond summer. Entertaining outdoors is made that much more enticing with a dream outdoor living space full of amenities.

## Wofford College announces Spring 2018 Dean's List

Dr. Michael J. Sosulski, provost of Wofford College, has announced Dean's List students for the Spring 2018 semester. Area students included:

- Constance Emiline Campbell from Hartsville
- Meghan Chandler Daniel from Hartsville
- Kaley Rebecca Elmore from Florence
- Brittany Lyn Joyce from Hartsville
- Emily Weston Kannon from Florence

- Charles William Payne from Florence
- Price Madison Rainwater from Florence
- Turner Lynn Rainwater from Florence
- Linxi Xu from Darlington

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours of graded courses and attain a semester grade point average of 3.6 or higher. Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year,

residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, S.C. It offers 26 major fields of study to a student body of 1,690 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, study abroad participation and successful graduates, Wofford is home to one of the nation's 283 Phi Beta Kappa chapters. The college community enjoys Greek Life as well as 19 NCAA Division I athletics teams.



## FDTC Provides Training To Man 2 Man Program

Florence-Darlington Technical College's (FDTC) Corporate and Workforce Development division recently provided training for participants in the non-profit organization, Man 2 Man Fatherhood Initiative.

An initial event for the group's Dads 2 Grads program was held on May 29, 2018, and it included a day for completion of the Kuder career assessment (sponsored by The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families), a comprehensive overview of training programs available at FDTC, and exposure for the participants to five local employers who are hiring.

Every individual who completes the program has the opportunity to immediately enter various training programs at FDTC with Man 2 Man sponsorship, learning skills in manufacturing and other areas that are vital to the local workforce.

"Our Corporate and Workforce Development division, we think, is truly a pipeline directly into the workforce for those who may not have a pathway out of high school or for those who may not be ready for academic programs at this time," said Charlotte Forrest, Industry Program Manager for FDTC's

Corporate & Workforce Development division. "We try to do everything that we can to support the community, because that's where our pipeline is coming from directly, and our workforce in return needs great workers. Any training that we can provide, we want to do that."

For more information on FDTC Corporate and Workforce Development, please contact 843-413-2715.

Individuals interested in participating in the Dads 2 Grads program should contact Terrance Turner with the Man 2 Man Program at 843-676-0407.

## Run air conditioners without wasting energy

Few people can make it through the dog days of summer without turning on their air conditioners. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that roughly 600 people die from complications related to extreme heat each year. Heat stroke can result when a body overheats after prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures. The Mayo Clinic notes that the condition is most common in summer and that a lack of air conditioning during periods of sustained hot weather is a risk for heat stroke.

Conserving energy during summer is a noble pursuit, but people should not jeopardize their health in an effort to conserve energy. Air conditioners might not be the most eco-

friendly appliances, but there are ways to run them without wasting energy.

• Use a window unit or zoned system overnight. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that central air conditioners are more efficient than room air conditioners, which are typically installed in windows. But central air conditioning systems that are not zoned may be cooling empty rooms overnight. Apartment dwellers may find window units less wasteful, while homeowners who can afford to install zoned air conditioning systems may rest easier knowing they are only paying to cool certain parts of their homes overnight. Zoned systems come equipped with programmable thermostats that homeowners can adjust when they go to bed,

ensuring they won't be cooling empty living rooms and basements overnight.

• Have units serviced before summer begins. Well-maintained central air conditioners will work more efficiently. Routine maintenance of air conditioning systems will ensure that systems aren't working harder, and therefore consuming more energy, than necessary to cool a home.

• Let fans and air conditioners work together. The DOE notes that using fans and air conditioners simultaneously is an effective way to circulate cool air throughout a home. By running both fans and air conditioners at the same, the air conditioners won't have to be run as long or as hard as they would if no fans were turned on.



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