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

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Incumbents rule local elections

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Once all the general election ballots were tallied Nov. 6, Darlington County voters endorsed a varied slate of candidates running for everything from Congress to the local Board of Education.

Rep. Robert Williams (Democrat, state House District 62) waged two campaigns: a successful run against Republican Bill Baldwin to retain his House seat, and an unsuccessful charge against sitting Congressman Tom Rice for the U.S. House of Representatives District 7 seat.

In District 7, Rice received 59.53 percent of the vote (141,034) while Williams won 95,575 votes, or 40.34 percent statewide. In Darlington County, the race was closer with Rice garnering 12,294 votes and Williams taking 10,968.

For District 62, Williams won 63.12 percent of the vote (7,819), and Baldwin received 4,554 votes or 36.76 percent. In the county, the total was 6,766 to 4,295 in favor of Williams.

With the races decided, Williams joined supporters at Uncle Marshall's restaurant in Darlington.

"I'm kind of happy that it's coming to an end," Williams told the News & Press. "Everyone worked so hard, and I really want to thank all the folks that worked with me and helped us get to this point. We're excited about where we're at, and excited about the future. This was sort of a trial period for us, and we may do it again."

Darlington County Probate Judge Marvin Lawson also had cause to celebrate after besting challenger Dylan Crowley by a final count of 15,221 to 8,054. Lawson, who served 14 years as Clerk of Court and 24 years (and counting) as Probate Judge, had not faced opposition since 1980. He hosted an Election Night dinner at his home and expressed gratitude to voters who delivered the victory.

"I'm very thankful for the overwhelming support people gave me, and I'm looking forward to serving the people over the next four years," said Lawson.

Republican Philip Lowe retained his state House of Representatives District 60 seat, beating Democratic challenger Devon Justin Long 7,547 to 4,794.

Albert Davis won the Darlington County Council District 6 (Hartsville) seat vacated by the retiring Mozella "Pennie" Nicholson. Davis defeated opponent Phyllis Griggs 1,817 to 574.

David Coker ran unopposed and will serve four more years on County Council, representing District 8 (Hartsville).

The race for Darlington County School Board District 5 required a mandatory recount, as the margin between vice chair Maureen Thomas (942 votes) and challenger Richard Brewer (953 votes) was less than 1 percent of the total votes cast. The recount took place Nov. 9 and Brewer was declared the winner.

For the School Board District 1 seat vacated by Bill Baldwin, candidate Leigh Anne Kelley ran unopposed.

C. Randall Ewing Sr. took 8,940 votes, besting William Kirven IV (8,385 votes) for a seat on the Soil and Water District Commission.

No new courthouse? The debate isn't over yet

By Bobby Bryant
and Samantha Lyles
Staff Writers

About 8:45 p.m., the tide turned against a new courthouse for Darlington County.

As the ballots were being tallied Nov. 6 in county election offices in Darlington, the initial returns showed that voters appeared to be backing a plan to hike the county sales tax by 1 percent to raise \$20 million for a new courthouse and administration building.

But they weren't wild about it. "Yes" votes on the tax question had a tepid lead, maybe 5 percentage points. By 8:30 p.m., with about half the county's precincts in, the "yes" margin had fizzled to 3 points. A few minutes later, 1 point. About 8:45, the "no" ballots took the lead by 3 points.

And that was pretty much it for the courthouse tax. Onlookers whipped out their cellphones, made quiet calls: Looks like the tax is failing. By 9, the "no's" were leading 52-47 percent. People began leaving, like football fans when it's clear who the loser is going to be. The final tally held at 52-47 "no": 10,618 residents backed the tax increase; 11,747 opposed it.

So... what happens now? The issue isn't over, officials say. The "foul" physical



Scenes from an election. Top: Watching the results come in. Below: Voters at the polls. PHOTO BY BOBBY BRYANT

Capital Project Sales Tax		
	Yes	No
Antioch	239	471
Auburn	135	146
Bethel	129	174
Black Creek - Clyde	172	318
Burnt Branch	115	205
Darlington No. 1	85	57
Darlington No. 2	222	245
Darlington No. 4	245	205
Darlington No. 5	285	229
Doessville	302	339
Hartsville No. 1	327	323
Hartsville No. 4	115	202
Hartsville No. 5	460	526
Hartsville No. 6	201	231
Hartsville No. 7	152	255
Hartsville No. 8	504	740
High Hill	481	502
Indian Branch	129	137
Kelleytown	369	551
Lake Swamp	265	271
Lamar No. 1	182	146
Lamar No. 2	296	368
Lydia	131	191
Mechanicsville	337	332
New Market	173	275
Oates	172	286
Pahnetto	376	415
Society Hill	188	187
Swift Creek	161	252
Darlington No. 3	522	479
Darlington No. 6	210	363
Darlington No. 9	310	397
Absentee	3	3
Emergency	1	0
Fail-safe	0	0
Provisional	0	0
Fail-safe Provision	0	0
TOTALS	10618	11747

condition of the building and security problems at the courthouse, which was completed in 1964 and opened in 1965 to great acclaim for its "modern" square design, aren't going away. They'll simply have to be addressed in other ways, officials say.

After it became clear the tax referendum had failed, Darlington County Council vice chairman Le Flowers (District 5, Swift Creek) said the next step is one that county officials must take together. He said county administrator Charles Stewart and County Council chairman Bobby Hudson will schedule a special meeting to discuss the future of the courthouse.

"We'll have a workshop with all members of council to present (a consultant's reports), and to go over the financing options again," Flowers said last week as the courthouse tax plan was sinking. "Since the penny tax is not going to pass, where does that leave us with financing? We need to look at our options and start taking this one or that one off the table."

In May, County Council



COURTHOUSE ON 3A



PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES

Darlington County on board for Hartsville business park

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A new business park in Hartsville will move forward with the full support of Darlington County Council.

At their Nov. 5 meeting, council voted without objection to partner with Lee County and the city of Hartsville to establish a multicounty business park in the city's Canal District.

Comprised of around 115 properties along the Fourth Street corridor, the proposed Canal District project aims to draw more commercial tenants, including major retailers, to the area.

Working with a \$2 million investment from the Hartsville Public Development Corp. and The Byerly Foundation, the city has purchased over 30 of these properties to

spearhead the project, though many others are still privately owned.

Rather than levying traditional property taxes, the proposed Canal District business park will use a FILOT (Fee In Lieu of Tax) agreement to collect revenue from tenants for the first 20 years. Thereafter, the FILOT could be renewed or renegotiated.

According to Ordinance 18-11, FILOT revenues will be shared on the following schedule: for any property located in Darlington County's portion of the park, the county will retain 99 percent of the fees and Lee County will receive the remaining 1 percent. The same formula applies to properties located in Lee County's portion of the park. The City of Hartsville will then receive 70 percent of the residual fee revenue, less any required

Darlington County tax millage.

Hartsville plans to undertake a number of infrastructure projects for the park. The ordinance included the following list:

1. Engineering, architectural, consulting and other professional services
2. Parks, green space, hardscaping, landscaping and greenway improvements
3. Infrastructure improvements including water, sewer, electric, gas, stormwater, railways, sidewalks and roadways
4. Lighting and public access improvements
5. Surface parking, garage parking, on-street parking and other parking facilities to serve the park and related areas
6. Waterway, canal, and waterworks features
7. Recreation improvements



Larry Frazier, SBA public affairs specialist

In other matters, council authorized a phone system upgrade for the E-911 and Central Communications Department. The new system will cost \$194,195, with 80 percent reimbursed by the state. The Emergency Telephone Fund will cover the \$38,839 balance.

Council also authorized spending \$172,490 to purchase a new boom mower for the Roads and Bridges Department, and approved \$31,400 in roof repairs for two T-hangers at the Darlington County Airport.

BUSINESS PARK ON 3A





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Word of the Week

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AMERICAN NEOGOTHIC 2018

Op-ed

The good old days

By Bill Shepard

I have talked with people of various ages and they all seem to have one thing in common.

They each have a period in their life that they refer to as “the good old days.” In talking about them, they begin, “I remember when . . .” I saw a cartoon in the paper showing two small boys pushing a lawn mower along the street. One boy turns to the other and says, “I can remember when I used to mow lawns for 50 cents an hour.”

I supposed that he was referring to his good old days.

Since we all seem to have them, perhaps we should ask, “What made the good old days so good?” If we can find that magical formula and hold onto it, then all of life could be as good as any part of it.

Allow me a closer look at my good old days.

My good old days happened during the late 1920s and early 1930s. Perhaps a few of you can identify with me. I was a young lad, living comfortably with my mom, dad, two brothers and two sisters. We were living in a three-room house with no electricity or running water. One of those rooms was used as a kitchen. That left the other two as bedrooms – one for three boys and the other for Mom, Dad and the two sisters.

We were a close family. There was not room to be any other way.

The nation was in the grip of its worst depression ever and no one seemed to know how to get out of it. Dad had a job at the mill that furnished us the house. He also had credit at the Company Store, so we kept food on our table. We felt secure in a troubled world. Roosevelt had been elected president and a number of ideas and programs were being set forth: the WPA, NRA and the CC Camps had been put into force, all programs to get the nation moving again.

Those were my good old days!

The heat we had in the winter came from a fire in the fireplace. It was my duty to see that there was plenty of wood or coal in the firebox. It was a chore than I dared not shirk! I can remember the cold winter nights when I would place a brick on the hearth near the fire to get it warm. Then I would wrap it in a thick cloth and place it at the foot of my bed to keep my feet warm, at least until I could get to sleep.

Three boys sleeping in the same bed and three pairs of feet in competition for the one brick made for an interesting ending to the day.

In the summer, there were no fans, and if there was such a thing as air conditioning, I had never heard of it. The screenless windows were raised to let in the cool outside air. They also let in the flying insects, so the mosquitoes came to spend their nights with me. I might have learned to play ball by striking at the mosquitoes overhead.

But those were my good old days!

The house had one spigot on the back porch where we could get water. The only running water in the Village was that in the ditch that wriggled its way through the Village on its way to the creek beyond. Any water used inside the house had to be brought in from the back porch.

A familiar command heard frequently was “Go outside and fill the water bucket.” The water bucket was in the kitchen, and the one who got the last drink from it was expected to go outside and fill it up again. Another order frequently heard was “Don’t put your hands on the dipper and then put it back in the bucket. Hold the dipper by the handle!”

Yes, those were the times referred to as the good old days!

The absence of running water, water heaters and inside bathrooms meant all bathing was done in a No. 2 tin tub borrowed from the washbench outside. The washbench was where the clothes were all scrubbed clean by hand. Warm water for the bath was heated on top of the big wood-burning stove in the kitchen. Summertime was always a blessed time. Then we boys could go to the wash-hole and have daily baths. It was not unusual to see a father with small boys giving them a good washing from head to foot at the wash-hole.

The outside privy had its place among all the others that stood in a straight row behind the houses. I remember those winter nights when, out of necessity, I would force myself to leave my warm feather bed and take a walk in the moonlight along the path that led to the privy. It was not a place where one would linger longer than necessary! If the newspaper was present, you could be sure it was not there for the purpose of reading.

Yes, those were the good old days I recall so fondly.

Is it possible that a lack of our modern-day conveniences, which we enjoy so much and take so much for granted, could be the secret to our good old days?

Is it possible that modern refrigeration, television, air conditioning and so many other conveniences have messed up our living and make us wish for our good old days? Maybe there is a longing for those nostalgic journeys along the path strewn with moonlight to the privy on a winter night. Perhaps we miss the smell of the hollyhocks that graced the landscape in the summer.

Could the answer be found, whatever the answer is, if we could find it early enough, we could use it all the days of our lives? Can you imagine all of life being as good as it was . . . in the good old days?

By Tom Poland

The hard work paid off, and today, art joins cooking as one of Paula Deen’s passions.

“There’s a lady in town—the ‘Shell Lady,’ who shelled our gas lanterns on the patio, and I went to her house because my magazine was doing a story on her. I thought, ‘I can do that because it’s easy.’ So, one day, my husband, Mike, took Aunt Peggy, me, and Bubbles (sister-like friend Susan Greene) out to an oyster bed.

“We were like pigs in the sunshine, honey. I just had on tennis shoes. I didn’t think to take any gloves. I was stupid, but I’ve done a lot of stupid things. I love using the oysters that I rake. I just love sculpting and it is therapeutic, honey. You forget everything except the next shell you’re going to put on.”

Paula loves to paint, too, but is quick to say she’d rather be a chef than an artist. “I’m not good at it. One of my best friends here, Donna Foltz, paints beautifully, and she wouldn’t leave me alone. She said, ‘I want to teach you to paint, Paula.’ She taught me a little bit, what I could absorb, and I just love it, but it’s not one of those things that come easy to me.”

Easy or not, painting has been good for Paula. In 2016, she joined President Jimmy Carter in Plains for an art class taught by Atlanta painter, James Richards. The fundraiser, “Painting, Paula and a President,” raised funds for Friends of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site and the Plains Better Home Town program.

Wildlife catches her artist’s eye. “One year for Jamie’s birthday I gave him a painting of a bream. And that bream turned out so beautiful.” As she talked, the chef in her surfaced. “One of my favorite fish to eat. Lots of bones but you have to know how to eat them.”

She painted a portrait of Earl D. Squirrel before she let him loose, and she sent me an impressionistic image of a watercolor, an abstract of white flowers and foliage. It’s a flower she painted with President Jimmy Carter. It raises possibilities . . . lilies . . . the plumage of egrets . . . a wedding bouquet . . . a funeral arrangement, perhaps.

On different days I see different things. That’s art.

I asked Paula if she’ll use her art to illustrate one of her

cookbooks. Laughter like shattering glass broke out. “Oh I doubt it, but wouldn’t that be fun. I am not talented and I really have to work at it. The shelling, though, is just so easy and so natural.”

And Earl D. Squirrel? His story deserves telling. “A baby squirrel fell out of a tree, and a worker knocked on my door, ‘We found this little baby. What do we do with it?’ I said, ‘Oh, you give him to me.’ And I raised that squirrel, and I called him Earl D. Squirrel. He knew his name and when I’d call him, he would come. I went to Pet Smart and got some good mother’s milk, baby food, and fruit and I’d feed him that.”

Paula set Earl free. “I was so sad. One day I opened the doors and I just set him down out on the back porch and said, ‘Well, he’s gone.’ I got on the sofa and fell asleep and the next thing I knew Earl was on the sofa. So, he didn’t leave, but the next time—boy, I didn’t want to let him go. I loved him so much—I took him out by the pond and he scampered up the tree and I haven’t seen him since. When I go out, I say, ‘Earl D. Squirrel! Earl D. Squirrel!’”

Hopefully, Earl is out there somewhere. Meanwhile, that river called Life rolls on and Paula is in a good place.

“My furniture line is still very successful. My magazine is alive and well. I’ve got the No. 1 most-watched show on Evine, the shop-at-home network. We’re building multi-million-dollar restaurants all over the country, so yes, I’m in a good place. God does not miss blessing me a day.”

She even has her own brand of pet food. “Someone got in touch with me—they knew how I feel about dogs, animals, and my cat, and said, ‘We’d love to come up with a dog food for you.’ Well, that fizzled out.” Then Paula met a man at a dog show. “He’s the second-largest dog food purveyor in the U.S. and I really liked him, so we reformulated the dog food and it is the best—Paula Deen’s Home Cooking.”

There’s a lot more Paula Deen wants to do. “I would love to be a voice in an animated movie, the voice of a Southern crab—a Southern crab!” Her grandchildren would get a kick out of that, of whom she says, “I’ve got so much to live for . . . my grandchildren.”

She’s working on a Christmas book for 2019. “It’s

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Paula Deen: In a good place on the river of life



been about 10 years since I did my last little Christmas book and it was a huge seller; that’s what I’m working on.”

But what about the woman herself? Success hasn’t really changed her, has it? No, the little Paula Hiers that swam in her grandparents’ pool and the Flint River is still with us. She’s gracious and genuine and you can thank her parents for that.

“My mother was very quiet and ladylike. My daddy had this huge over-the-top personality and a laugh that was contagious. I remember one day I came in from school and they had company. I didn’t speak to anybody. I just went straight to my room.”

Her dad made her come back into the room and speak to the guests.

“I made terrible grades in high school but I had one helluva good time. I’d bring home Fs, and Daddy would say, ‘Oh, honey, I know. I had a hard time with math, too,’ but the one thing he told me was, ‘Girl, I will get you if you’re ever unkind to anybody or if you think you’re better than the next man because you are not.’ He could forgive those bad grades but not bad man-

ners or treating someone unkind.”

She paused while petting the dog that had just jumped into her lap. “You know, I truly care about other people. It’s not an act.”

During our interview Paula told me she would be leaving immediately afterward to go to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. Her very sick brother, Bubba, was there. That escaped my mind at the interview’s end, and I asked her if my sisters Brenda and Debra, and family friend, Teresa, might meet her. We were all vacationing at nearby Tybee Island, and they were out on Wilmington Island Road waiting to pick me up.

“Absolutely,” she said. “Tell ‘em to come right in.”

She spent an hour with them.

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Clarification: In last week’s News & Press, on a story about the possibility of Darlington getting a Sonic Drive-In restaurant, a headline said in part: “Mayor says drive-in deal done.” Darlington Mayor Gloria Hines says the phrase “deal done” went too far. The mayor said the land in question has been purchased, but no details have been finalized.

Veteran pilot shares history at Kiwanis luncheon

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Rocky Gannon was only 17 when he enlisted in the military, but – as he told members of Darlington Kiwanis at a Nov. 8 luncheon – he dreamed of becoming a pilot since the age of 6. That's when Rocky's dad took him to a public appearance by three legendary aviators: World War I flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker, record-setting solo flier Charles Lindbergh and pioneering pilot Amelia Earhart.

"(Rickenbacker) was starting Eastern Air Lines, and he had sent a plane out to pick up two of his flying buddies and bring them to Atlantic City," said Gannon. "I got to meet those great aviators ... and I thought that's what I want to be when I grow up."

Gannon was a high school junior in Ocean City, N.J., when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941. While working as an assistant projectionist at a local movie theater, Rocky saw movie star Jimmy Stewart in a recruitment ad that revived his

childhood dreams of flying.

"He didn't wait for the draft. He enlisted as a private, and Jimmy Stewart was a big star," Gannon said. His excitement grew when Stewart's ad revealed that due to an urgent need for pilots, the Army was dropping the four-year college-degree requirement.

"Anybody between 17 and 23 could take the test for pilot training, without regard to formal education. (They said) if you can take these tests and pass them, we'll make you a pilot," said Gannon. "I was 17, peak of intelligence, so the next day I skipped school, went to Philadelphia and took my first test."

His determination and confidence paid off. The day before the junior prom, Rocky apologized to his stood-up date (who, he said, still hasn't forgiven him 76 years later) and boarded a troop train to Miami Beach.

At age 17, Gannon flew the B-17 Flying Fortress in combat, and graduated to the B-29 Super Fortress by age 20. He completed hundreds of combat

missions during WWII, the Korean War, in the Belgian Congo and the Vietnam War.

Over his 37-year military flying career, Gannon logged over 6,000 hours in 34 different aircraft ranging from bombers to transports, from gliders to fighter planes. He earned 50 military awards and decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, numerous air and meritorious service medals and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

During his service, Gannon continued to pursue his education, eventually earning bachelor's and master's degrees. He retired from the Air Force in 1980 as a colonel. Gannon then worked as an international aviation consultant, and served several years as executive director of the Florence Regional Airport until his retirement in 1993.

Though he served 15 years overseas and lived in almost 40 different homes, Rocky's wife, Roberta, has stuck with him for 67 years. Their family includes three children, 10 grandchil-



Darlington resident and veteran military aviator Rocky Gannon speaks to members of Darlington Kiwanis Nov. 8. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

dren, and four great-grandchildren. Gannon serves on nine boards and commissions, and – as befits an Eagle Scout – is a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. He was named S.C.

Aviator of the Year in 2001, and was inducted into the S.C. Aviation Hall of Fame.

The Gannons have lived in Darlington for over 30 years,

very close to Rocky's twilight arch-nemesis: the flood-prone Black Creek. "Black Creek is killing me," he said in closing, drawing laughter from luncheon guests.



Tomeka Ashley, left, with coworker Delaunda Benjamin of the Carolina Café at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center in Hartsville. The recent deaths of two police officers involved in a mass shooting in Florence strongly affected residents of the Pee Dee area. Ashley, a Carolina Pines employee, felt compelled to honor the officers by creating blue ribbons she has given out at the hospital to staff and visitors at the Carolina Café cafeteria. Ashley, a resident of Darlington, has given out more than 1,000 blue ribbons. "It hurt my heart so much -- I just felt I had to do something," she said. Florence Police Sgt. Terrence Carraway, a Darlington resident, was killed during the ambush Oct. 3, and Florence County Sheriff's Investigator Farrah Turner died from her injuries Oct. 22. SUBMITTED PHOTO

From Staff Reports

Turkey Giveaway set for Public Square

The annual Turkey Giveaway led by Dr. David Eads will be held Tuesday, Nov. 20, on the Darlington Public Square starting at 6:30 a.m.

Eads plans to give away up to 1,000 turkeys again this year along with canned foods. Anyone interested in donating to the cause can make checks to The Lord Cares and mail to: Dr. David Eads, 208 Cashua St., Darlington, SC 29532.

So far this year, Eads said,

the following companies and individuals have stepped up to help out:

Darlington Family Pharmacy (Terry Lewis), Orlando Hudson, Pepsi, Gardner Law Firm, Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home, Asset Technology Group, Singletary Tire and Auto, Darlington Raceway, Pee Dee Electric, Mike Reichenbach Ford, Pee Dee Environmental Services and Hartsville Animal Hospital.

Business Park

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Chief Ricky Flowers of the Darlington County Fire District spoke to council about a new program that provides first responders with a free Canary security camera so they can keep an eye on their homes while they're on duty.

This "Protect the Protectors" program, sponsored by Canary and State Farm, provides emergency workers with an Internet-accessible HD camera equipped with night vision and two-way audio. Since 2015, the program has donated more than 6,000 Canary devices to first responders in nearly 50 communities across the United

States.

Larry Frazier, public affairs specialist with the federal Small Business Administration, informed council and guests that the deadline to apply for low-interest loans to repair Hurricane Florence-related damage has been extended to Dec. 5.

The SBA and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) are taking applications for disaster assistance at the National Guard Armory, located at 1764 Harry Byrd Highway in Darlington.

Council also heard from members of the Sunset Acres community, who asked for help with a persistent mosquito infestation.



Darlington County Fire District Chief Ricky Flowers

Courthouse

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Flowers and Stewart both said that whether the courthouse project involves renovations or a new structure, the county's financing choices have significantly narrowed. If Darlington County decides to issue general obligation bonds, payments and debt service would likely require a property tax increase. The county could either ask voters to approve a millage increase in 2020, or issue IPRBs (Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds), which would not require a referendum.

"Essentially, when you take the penny sales tax away, you're left with property taxes being raised, whether it be by a vote in two years, or forced IPRB," said Stewart.

Flowers added that when some of the county's existing bonds mature, they could be replaced with bonds to finance courthouse improvements or construction. Stewart cited one big downside to this option: it would tie up all of the county's

capital improvement bonds in one project, leaving them unable to finance projects for other departments.

Darlington Mayor Gloria Hines, who had pushed for a vote on the courthouse's future, said she was disappointed by the outcome. "I don't think people understood the (ballot) question," the mayor said. "... There was not enough clarity in it." A penny sales tax increase, she said, would have been the best option because it would have shared the burden equally among everyone spending money in the county, including visitors.

Darlington City Council member John Milling said he was disappointed, but not surprised, by the tax plan's failure at the polls. Milling said that he didn't get the sense that voters were strongly for or against the tax plan, and said he didn't feel that the plan gave voters enough specifics on exactly how the tax hike would have been used.

"There was no clarity what was really going to be done with this pocket of money," Milling said.

Also, the courthouse's prob-

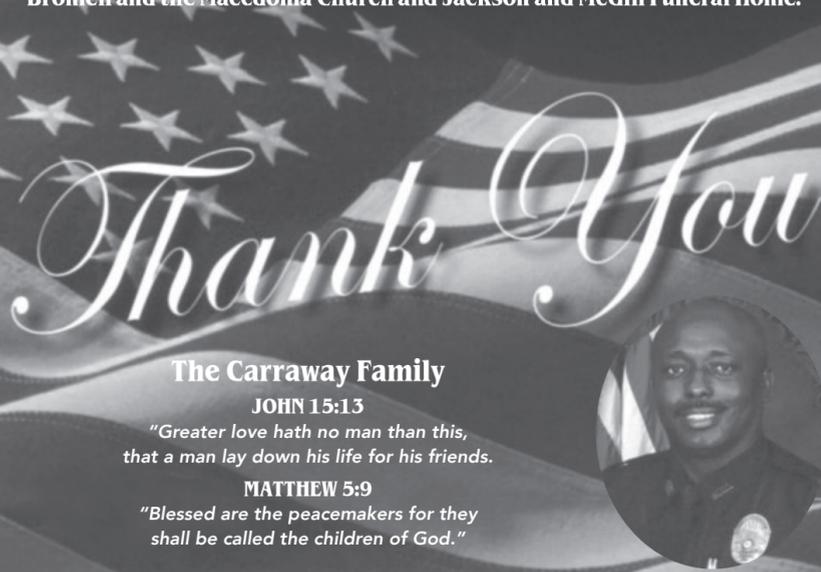
lems might not have been as apparent to some as to others, Milling said. "When you ride by the building, it's different than going in the building. ... There are difficulties that people who work in the courthouse have to face."

One of them, according to Hines, is mold. The mayor said that when she spends significant amounts of time in the building, she can sense and feel the mold in the air. Other problems, officials have said, are poor security for trials and overcrowding.

But for voters only visiting the courthouse occasionally to do business with a county agency, it was "maybe not such a hot-button issue," according to Milling.

Another referendum on Darlington County ballots on Election Day got little attention. By a 3,000-vote margin – 12,870 "yes" votes to 9,708 "no" – voters approved a plan to let restaurants, stores and bars in unincorporated areas of the county sell liquor "by the drink" on Sundays. The cities of Hartsville and Darlington already allow this.

To everyone who has supported us following the death of Terrence Carraway, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Reverend Dr. Cecil L. Bromell and the Macedonia Church and Jackson and McGill Funeral Home.



The Carraway Family

JOHN 15:13

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

MATTHEW 5:9

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

QUOTE

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Ella Mae Dixon
 DARLINGTON – Ella Mae Brown Dixon, age 77, passed away Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018. Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 8, in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home, with burial following in New Providence Baptist Church Cemetery in Hartsville.

The family received friends Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, and other times at 1741 Indian Branch Road, Darlington.

Born April 15, 1941, Ella Mae was the daughter of the late Cole Blease Brown and Grace Smalls Brown. Mrs. Dixon was a caregiver at heart, working in nursing homes and taking care of family members.

She enjoyed fishing, Alan Jackson music, making flower arrangements and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was a member of Faith Free Will Baptist Church and recently attended Palmetto Street Church of God.

Surviving are her children, Teresa Moore and David Dixon, both of Darlington; grandchildren, Jennifer Brown, Crystal (Mitchell) Grady, David Dixon II, Brittany (John) Anderson; great-grandchildren, Blake, Sydney, Ellaina, Taylor, Tabitha, and Talan; brother, J.C. (Gladys) Brown of Darlington; special friends, Irma and Barbara Matthews,

and Denise Dixon; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lavern Dixon; brother, Bill Brown; infant sister, Edell Brown; and her faithful canine companion for many years, Nora.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Mary L. Humphries Cooper

DARLINGTON - Mary L. Humphries Cooper, 69, of Darlington died on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, in the Chapel of Kistler Hardee Funeral Home. Burial followed in Darlington Memory Gardens.

The family received friends Nov. 8 at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home and other times at the home, 603 Wire Road, Darlington.

Mary was born in Darlington. She was the daughter of the late Henry Ansel Humphries Sr. and Mary Edna Rae Humphries Turner. Mary enjoyed crocheting and working in the garden. She was a great cook and enjoyed having Sunday dinners at her home. Mary had a heart of gold and loved spending time with her family.

Surviving are her children, Ray Gainey; Johnny Eugene Gainey (Jean Marie); and Jane Gainey Nobles; five

grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Johnny Humphries and Buddy Humphries; and her sisters, Maxine Gainey and Annie Humphries. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Hoyt Cooper.

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

Clarence Ezekiel Jr.

DARLINGTON - Funeral services for Clarence Ezekiel Jr. of Darlington were noon Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Interment followed in Florence National Cemetery directed by Jordan Funeral Home Inc.

Mr. Ezekiel Jr., son of the late Clarence Ezekiel Sr. and the late Mrs. Catherine Goodson Ezekiel, was born Jan. 4, 1925, in Darlington. He received his formal education in the Darlington County public schools.

Early in life he was converted, baptized and joined Round O Missionary Baptist Church and later attended Macedonia Baptist Church.

He served in the Marine Corps during World War II.



After serving his tenure he was honorably discharged. He retired from the U.S. Post Office.

He was united in marriage to Dorothy Hunter Ezekiel. This union was blessed with two children, a daughter, Clara Mae Ezekiel, who preceded him in death and Clarence "CJ" Ezekiel.

Mr. Ezekiel was a quiet, easygoing person, a loving and devoted husband, father, uncle, brother, granddad and most of all a true friend.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 210. He was also a member of the NAACP.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Dorothy Hunter Ezekiel; two sons, Clarence "CJ" Ezekiel and Cecil Hankins; one daughter, Torrye B. Washington; one sister, Eliza (Sam) Graves; three sisters-in-law, Osenia Ezekiel, Lisa Ezekiel and Charlena Ezekiel; two brothers-in-law and Thomas Holloway, Charles Wright; one grandson, Clarence "Pete" Waiters; four great grandchildren, Quavion Waiters, Daqwain Waiters, Jaquwan Waiters and Davion Waiters, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, his nurse, Pam Ball, and caregivers, April McCurry and Mildred Thomas.

The family was receiving friends at the residence, 123 Joe Louis Blvd., Darlington.

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The Gospel Choir of Savannah Grove AME Church, 1401 Andrews Mill Road, Lamar, will celebrate their 49th anniversary Nov. 18 at 4 p.m.

Yahweh Marriage Ministry of Darlington presents a "Night With My Love" on Dec. 8. Doors open at 6 p.m. This is a formal event with dinner served, pictures for the couples and a live band with games and other surprises.

Tickets are \$50 per couple. This event will be held at Bethel AME Church Fellowship Hall on 1333 S. Main Street, Darlington. For tickets call Prophetess Angela Kennedy Peterson at 843-992-6925.

Revival at Oates Baptist Church with Keith Oxendine and the Oxendine family Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. 3569 Oates Highway, Lamar.

Prayer Service
 New Life In Christ Church of Darlington, 119 Chestnut St., Darlington, will hold a Noon Day Prayer Service every Friday.

Prayer Service
 St. James will hold a Noon Day Prayer Service every Wednesday. The church is

located at 312 Pearl St. For more information, call 843-393-1407.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church
 2364 Cashua Ferry Rd., Darlington. For more information, call 843-393-1029
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.-Worship Service
 4 p.m.-Prayer Closet; 5:30 p.m. -Evening Worship Services
 Monday Monday Night Ministry (MNM)-Youth Fellowship & Meal
 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. - Old Fashion Chapel Service & Fellowship Meal; 6:30 p.m. - Small Group Bible Study (All Ages) and Youth Group Meeting

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. 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 p.m. Bible study led by Rev.Larry Scipio. Contact Deacon Z.Frierson at 843-992-3158 or church 843-992-8125.

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 9:45 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday. Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible study 7 p.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, 11 a.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 Elder M. Frierson 2nd/4th Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 by Deacon Z. Frierson Service at 11 a.m. Min. Gerald Green.

Philadelphia Southern Methodist; Traditional - Conservative. 1665 Philadelphia St., Darlington. SS 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.

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 St. 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 Some gave all and all gave some

By Bill Holland

Though I did not serve in the military, I am very appreciative of those who have.

I'm very proud of my son, a Marine who spent time in Japan and Thailand. He has a master's degree and served with Homeland Security is now working as a police officer at a veterans' hospital. Neither my father or his dad were soldiers but on my mother's side of the family, it is quite a different story.

My maternal grandfather fought in World War I and was in France. He was injured in the war and according to my mom, he was never the same.

I can barely remember him as a child but do recall a few details like when we would visit, he would greet us at the door making meow sounds like a cat and then he would always peel and slice apples and set them on the coffee table.

I ate the apples and laughed at his meows. His wife, my grandmother, passed away when I was even younger. They had seven children, three boys, four girls, and my mother was the baby. Like many families during that time period, all three sons were eventually enlisted in the military.

However, I thought it was even more unique how the father and each son was a soldier in a different war. The dad was in World War I, the oldest son was in Japan during World War II, the second son was killed in Korea and the youngest son served in the Vietnam era. I vaguely remember two of these uncles and now realize they both suffered terribly from PTSD. My uncle who was killed in action died in 1950 eight years before I was born.

I wish I had been old enough to speak with these family members about their military experiences. My mother can recall a few memories and recently I contacted the Department of Military Affairs and requested some of their official documents. I received a few things but much of it was difficult to read and some were destroyed in a fire at the National Personnel Records Center Archives in 1973.

My mom was very close to her brother who never returned and was convinced that he was her mother's favorite child. His nickname was Kenny and he worked a

little part-time job before he went to the war and she remembers he would give 10 ten cents every Saturday to buy some candy, which she really looked forward to.

He would also buy his mother flowers every week and she would put them on the kitchen table. She also remembers the day when military representatives knocked on their door and told her mother that they were sorry to inform that her son had been killed.

She ran through the house wailing and screaming, "No, please no," over and over. My mother said it was a terrible time and she can recall her mother going to bed and staying there for weeks.

I have the privilege to volunteer as a chaplain at a veterans' health care facility and it's truly an honor to spend time with the men and women who have served our armed forces. I teach Bible studies and lead worship services with the old hymns, which they really enjoy.

I'm on call whenever a resident becomes seriously ill and present with the family whenever someone passes away.

I've come to accept that many veterans who need constant medical care do not have family or friends to visit them. Many of the older ones have outlived everyone but it's still sad to walk into a room and not see any pictures or greeting cards.

I've asked the staff on numerous occasions if a certain resident has had any visitors and they cannot remember the last time someone was there. I'm also a chaplain for a small honor guard team that presents memorial services for military veterans.

I open and close in prayer and have been known to sing the National Anthem on occasions. I encourage you to set aside some time and visit a veteran. They would appreciate it very much and I promise you will also be blessed beyond words. Veterans Day not only remembers those who served our country in the past but also recognizes those who continue to serve today. We share a sincere gratitude to all who gave some and to some who gave all to preserve our freedom.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Little man Columbo is a timid guy who is putting on a brave face and hoping to find a family who can be patient with him as he settles in. This adorable smaller Shepherd blend is kenneled with other dogs and has done very well. He's a beautiful cinnamon color with eyes that seem to ask for a little love. A nice calm home would suit him just fine, and at just 28 pounds he won't take up much space! Columbo would make a nice couch cuddler and could spend many an evening curled up with his person. Check him out and consider this little guy as your next snuggle buddy! Male; Shepard mix; 28 lbs

Handsome Hank finds himself at the shelter because his previous owner decided he had too many dogs to take care of. That's OK, we promised Hank we would help him find a forever home where he will be loved and valued. One of Hank's very favorite things to do is play fetch and he's quite good at it! A friendly, affectionate guy, Hank would love an active owner to give him plenty of playtime or walks or hikes. Hank is one smart guy, too, and he knows the "sit" and "paw" commands. No doubt he'd quickly learn other commands if he had an owner who was interested in working with him. Hank has an adorable smile that will melt your heart. This awesome Shepherd blend is waiting to find his forever family, so please take a look at Handsome Hank! Male; Shepard mix; 45 lbs

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



Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

Centennial Farmers Market

This market features fresh, organic gourmet foods, free-range eggs and homegrown, healthy foods including homemade breads and sweet treats and as always, live music and entertainment! Every Thursday from 4 - 7 p.m. Location: Corner of 5th St. and Carolina Ave. in Hartsville.

Darlington Elks Lodge

Tuesdays: Swing/Shag dance lessons, "New" line dance lessons from 8-10 p.m.
Wednesdays: Karaoke from 8-10 p.m.
Thursdays: Bingo at 7:30 p.m.
Darlington Elks Lodge is located at 836 Timmons Hwy. For more info: 843-393-1451.

BNI

Meets each Tuesday at from 7:30-9 a.m. at Black Creeks Art Council, 116 W College Ave in 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

Summer Reading Program, Darlington Library, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Family Movie - Thurs. at 4pm

Accelerated Reader Testing, Available ALL Summer

Potluck Club [What the Fork?], Monthly Event, 4th Wednesday at 5:30 pm, bring one dish and feast on many...theme changes monthly, call 843-398-4940 for more information.

Crochet & Knit Clubs

Lamar: each Monday at 4:30 p.m. 326-5524
Society Hill: each Friday from 2-4 pm 378-0026
Darlington: 2nd Friday of the month 10 a.m. - noon 398-4940
Hartsville: "The Stitchers" group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays and 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 5 pm.

Pee Dee SCORE

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting of big book and traditions studies weekly at 8 p.m. Monday nights at Trinity UMC on Pearl Street. Use Orange Street entrance. Info: 843-395-6897.
AA meets at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street:
Sun: 6pm
Mon: noon
Tues: 8pm
Wed: noon, 6 pm
Thurs: 8pm

Fri: noon, 8pm
Sat noon, 8 pm

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon is a fellowship of adult relatives and friends of alcoholics for mutual support. Visitors are welcome. Childcare is not available. Al-Anon meetings:
Thursdays at 8p.m at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street. Info: 843-992-2981.

Monthly Events

Hartsville Pilot Club

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

Hartsville Toastmasters

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

Water and Soil Conservation Board

The Darlington Soil & Water Conservation District Board will meet at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month in the Clemson Extension Kitchen at 300 Russell Street, Room 207 in Darlington. Meetings are open to the public. For more information call 843-393-0483.

Darlington County First Steps

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

DC Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Holds monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. The public is

welcome to come to the meetings. The meetings are held at the Scott Center 201 N. Damascus Church Road in Hartsville.

Darlington Branch NAACP

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

Darlington Professional Women

Darlington Professional Women (DPW) will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon at the Darlington Country Club. DPW is an association for local businesswomen to share lunch, enjoy a presentation and network.

Historical Commission Meeting

1st Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. at the Historical Commission, 204 Hewitt St., Darlington.

American Legion Post 13

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington meets the second Thursday of each month at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway next to the South Carolina National Guard Armory. A meal is served at 6 p.m. with a monthly meeting that follows. The nation's largest Veterans organization invites its members, eligible Veterans, and active National Guard/Reserve personnel to attend.

Darlington County Coordinating Council

The first Friday of every month at 11:30. Alternating months between Carolina Pines in Hartsville and Medford Nursing Center in Darlington. April, June, September, and November at Carolina Pines; May, August, October, and December at Medford Nursing Center in Darlington.

Darlington Library

Needle Nuts - 2nd Fri. each month
Book Club - 3rd Sat. of each month

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.

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Beautification Board

The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14 at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington. For information, call 843-398-

4000x103 or email darlingtonplanner@gmail.com.

Darlington County Airport Commission

November 15, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

DCEDP Board Meeting

The Darlington County Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors will meet Nov. 21 at the SiMT building, Executive Board Room, Suite 271 at 8 a.m.

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. and the first Monday of

Dec. 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council meets on Dec. 3 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@darco.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 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. Dec. 10 at town hall.

Hartsville City Council Meeting

City Council holds their regular council meeting Dec. 11 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 Dec. 11. All monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall of Society Hill 280 South Main Street.

Christmas Market

The Market on Darlington Square presents a Christmas

Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 126 Pearl Street, for everyone to finish their shopping locally. Santa will arrive on scene at 12 noon. Coloring station will be available to keep kids busy while parents shop. Free admission.

Darlington County Airport Commission

December 20, 8 a.m. at 313 G. Graham Seagars Parkway, Darlington. Call 843-393-9928 for more information.

Jan. 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council will hold their monthly meeting Jan. 7 at 6 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@darco.com.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 14 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

Feb. 2018

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council will hold their monthly meeting Feb. 4 at 6 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@darco.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

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Weatherford earns emotional victory at Myrtle Beach

By Hunter Thomas

MYRTLE BEACH - Jamie Weatherford capitalized on multiple late-race restarts at Myrtle Beach Speedway to capture the win in Nov. 10's Myrtle Beach 250, the biggest victory of his career.

Prior to the race weekend, Weatherford, who calls Darlington County his home, tested at Myrtle Beach Speedway in preparation to compete in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Model Myrtle Beach 400. The test was a success, so he decided to compete in the 75-lap South East Limited Late Model race. He started the 75-lap race in eighth as 39 drivers took the green flag.

"We went down and tested a little bit Wednesday morning to try and get ready for (the Myrtle Beach 400) and decided at the last minute to try the small carburetor on it just to see how bad it hurt it, and it really didn't hurt it near as we thought it was going to, so we decided to run," Weatherford said. "We had very little practice. We had a really good car. I kind of felt like we were going to qualify a little better than we did. Anyways, it raced well. I was lucky to not get into any wrecks."

As the laps ticked away, Weatherford found himself up front competing for a win. Josh Lowder, who had been dominant throughout the night, spun his tires on a restart with less than 10 laps to go. Weatherford took over the lead, and Lowder was later penalized by race control for an accident. Weatherford survived another restart before taking the checkered flag.

"We were trying to be conservative until around lap 60 or so," Weatherford said. "That guy (Josh Lowder) had a ton of motor. I had already radioed in and told them unless we can beat him through the corner, we'll never beat him down the straightaway."

When restarting beside local racer Chris Chapman in the final laps, Weatherford felt more comfortable. Weatherford said, "I felt way more comfortable racing Chris than I did the other guys. When you race somebody you've never raced with, you never know how they're going to do you."

The win was an emotional one for Weatherford. His father, Roger, passed away at 73 after succumbing to cancer in February. The victory was the first for Weatherford since his father passed away. In fact, the win was his first at Myrtle Beach Speedway in a couple of years. Weatherford has come close in recent years of winning a race at Myrtle Beach Speedway, but for whatever reason, the team just hasn't been able to put it all together.

"My dad got me started racing in 1979, and I never remember him not going to the

racetrack unless he was sick and couldn't make it," Weatherford said. "But he wasn't there. It has just been a hard year."

"We had a couple of races this year that I felt like we should've won. Took the lead on one of them and got spun with two or three to go from a guy I raced. I felt like I had raced him clean and then got dumped. I felt like a few times there we had a win. To do that and to dedicate it to my dad, it's probably the most special win I've ever had."

Weatherford is one of the few drivers who builds his own chassis and race with a three-link suspension, which makes Saturday's win even more sweeter.

"I built this car probably three years ago, and we've modified and changed and tried to make something better than a lot of people don't like to

run," Weatherford said. "It was a three-link suspension car, which every car there, we were the only car there with a three-link suspension that I know of."

"Most people, they're going to run a truck arm car. I guess when I built it, I was determined to try and make it, because I knew it worked good on the (Super) Trucks and Super Late Models."

"Other people had tried the truck arms on those and never had any luck with them to amount to anything, so I guess it made me more determined to make it work."

"We hit up here on something three races ago, and I guess with the Late Model Stock being a heavier race car, it just took a little different tuning than what we had done in the past on the truck stuff."

Dec. 5 is deadline for applying for disaster aid

The deadline for South Carolinians to register for disaster assistance – for uninsured or underinsured damage or losses due to Hurricane Florence – has been extended to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5. FEMA granted the extension at the request of Gov. Henry McMaster, citing a continued flow of new applications for federal assistance.

South Carolina homeowners, renters and business owners in Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion and Marlboro counties may apply for disaster assistance for losses occurring between Sept. 8 and Oct. 8 from Hurricane Florence.

Long-term, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to assist

businesses of any size, homeowners and renters, also may be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at DisasterLoan.sba.gov or by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Survivors can apply the following ways: Call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 (TTY) anytime from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice. Multilingual operators are available.

Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov or DisasterAssistance.gov/es (for Spanish)

Visit any open State/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center. Go to www.fema.gov/DRC to view locations.

For more information on Hurricane Florence and South Carolina recovery, visit the S.C. Emergency Management Division website at scemd.org, on social media (@SCEMD on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram), or FEMA's Hurricane Florence disaster webpage at www.fema.gov/disaster/4394, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/FEMA, and the FEMA Region 4 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion4.



Lynn Hall, RN, of Cardiac Rehab Center at Carolina Pines, and Johnnie Woods, CPRMC Auxiliary member. Auxiliary members at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center recently purchased weight scales to donate to needy congestive heart failure patients. "When the patients with congestive heart failure are admitted to the hospital, we ask if they have a scale at home," said Hall. "Their doctor will require them to check their weight daily. When they begin to hold fluid their weight goes up, so it's significant to track the fluid overload." SUBMITTED PHOTO

Duke Energy Progress proposes to raise rates for area customers

Work to modernize power plants and generate cleaner electricity, responsibly manage coal ash, improve reliability and continually enhance service is at the heart of a request by Duke Energy Progress to change customer rates in South Carolina, Duke says.

Duke Energy Progress serves about 169,000 customers in the northeastern part of South Carolina, including Darlington, Florence and Sumter counties.

Based on these investments, the filing last week with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSCSC) requests to increase revenues by about \$59 million, for an overall average rate increase across all customer groups of 10.3 percent.

"The electric power grid is the backbone of South Carolina's digital economy – not just today, but for decades to come," said Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, Duke Energy's South Carolina president. "Customers want safe, reliable and increasingly clean electricity. They also want more options and control over how they use energy in their everyday lives. We're working hard to build a smart, secure and flexible electric infrastructure to better serve our customers and keep South Carolina competitive now and in the years ahead."

The average rate increase

for residential customers on their total bill would be 12.5 percent, while commercial and industrial customers would see an average increase of 8.8 percent.

If the proposal is approved, a residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity monthly would pay about \$142.72 per month, an increase of about \$17.91. Duke Energy Progress has requested options to spread recovery of certain costs over multiple years to reduce the immediate impact on customer bills.

The company is making strategic, data-driven investments to improve reliability and harden the grid against severe weather, protect against cyber and physical threats, use more solar and clean energy, and provide customers with the information they need to make better energy choices and save money, the company says.

As part of its work to deliver electricity that is cleaner than ever, Duke Energy has retired coal plants across the system – Duke Energy no longer operates coal plants anywhere in South Carolina. The company is providing customers with increasingly clean energy from state-of-the-art, carbon-free nuclear plants and new, highly-efficient natural gas and utility-scale solar energy projects. Nearly half of the electricity generated by Duke Energy in the

Carolinas last year came from carbon-free resources, including hydro-electric facilities.

Duke Energy Progress says it is deploying a new customer information system to give customers more information and options, and improve the overall customer experience; installing smart meters to give customers intelligent information to help them make smart choices to save energy and money before their bill is due, as well as improve the company's outage response when an outage occurs; seeking to offer customers the option of a pre-payment plan that can eliminate the need for deposits; and proposing the elimination of convenience charges for residential customers every time they use a credit or a debit card to make a payment.

Duke Energy Progress says it will demonstrate to the PSCSC why the proposed increase is appropriate through a public review process that includes an opportunity for public comment. There will also be a final evidentiary hearing in Columbia, where the commission will consider written and oral testimony. Duke Energy Progress has requested that new rates, as approved by the PSCSC, go into effect June 1, 2019.

Thank You
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I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO SERVE YOU.
MARVIN I. LAWSON
PROBATE JUDGE

Public Notice

Pursuant to the order of the Chief Justice, the Probate Courts of this state will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 29 and 30, 2018 for training on new rules under Act. No. 87 of 2017.

Marvin I. Lawson
Judge of Probate

QUOTE

At one point in your life you either have the thing you want or the reasons why you don't

ANDY RODDICK

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Hartsville Red Foxes cruise to second round after crushing Crestwood

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

It was a good start to the class 4A football playoffs for the Hartsville Red Foxes this past Friday night.

Playing in front of a home crowd on a brisk, foggy night, the Red Foxes cruised to an easy 57-7 victory over the Crestwood Knights.

"We are just excited to still be playing; you have to survive and advance," Hartsville head coach Jeff Calabrese said. "It doesn't matter who you are playing and everybody's record is even and you have to prove it every Friday night."

Behind an explosive offense, a dominant defense and more than adequate special teams, Hartsville was too much for Crestwood and by halftime the game was way out of reach.

The Red Foxes scored four touchdowns in the first quarter and another three in the second quarter, before the starters gave way to the reserves to start the third quarter.

Quarterback Tiyon Evans led the Red Foxes with five touchdowns on the night, with one passing, one on a kickoff return and three rushing. He just missed out on two other passing touchdowns as both runners were ruled out on the one-yard line.

Joining Evans in the scoring in the first half were running backs Collins Bishop and Dariyan Pendergrass.

The scoring blitz got started on Hartsville's very first offen-

sive possession of the game. On just the second play of the drive Evans connected with J.D. Pendergrass for a 46-yard touchdown and that was just the beginning.

Crestwood tied the game on the ensuing drive, but that tie did not last long as Evans called his own number, returning the next kickoff 85 yards for the touchdown and from the Red Foxes never looked back.

Up 14-7 following Evans' kickoff return for the touchdown, Hartsville scored a touchdown on its next four possessions and it was Evans who scored the first three of those four.

The first was a 40-yard touchdown run on fourth and four, the second was a ridiculous 50-yard touchdown run as time expired in the first quarter and the third was another electrifying run, this time 62 yards out on a busted pass play.

The fourth and final of that run was a one-yard run from Bishop that was set up by after a 57-yard reception by J.D. Pendergrass, who was ruled out at the one-yard line.

Crestwood finally made a defensive stop following Bishop's touchdown, but the Red Foxes wrapped up the first half with another touchdown on the following drive, as Dariyan Pendergrass ran in from 6 yards out with just 17.8 seconds left in the second quarter.

With such a massive lead and no need to risk injury,



Hartsville immediately began to empty its bench at the start of the third quarter and by the time the game was over it seemed as if every Red Fox football player had gotten a chance to get on the field.

Hartsville added on one more score in the fourth quarter when Dariyan McMillan rushed in for the seven-yard touchdown.

The Red Foxes now get ready to take on Brookland-Cayce this Friday at home in the second round of the class 4A playoffs.



GSSM students take first place in academic competition

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) Academic Team traveled to High Point, NC, on Oct. 20 to compete in the High Point Central Open. The tournament featured 14 teams from 10 schools. GSSM was the only South Carolina school in the competition.

GSSM competed in seven matches during the tournament. While the competition was tough and the scores were close, the Eagles were undefeated and took home the first place trophy.

The GSSM Academic Team is coached by Dr. Gary Salazar,

professor of mathematics at GSSM. Team members include James Dockery Jr., child of James Dockery and Wanda Cassidy-Dockery of Wallace; Leighton E. O'Dell, child of Carmen L. O'Dell and W.D. O'Dell Sr. of Cheraw; Rajat Sethi, child of Rahul and Sonali Sethi of Fort Mill; and Rohit Swain, child of Nikunj Swain and Sudeshna Das of Orangeburg.

"One of the best facets of this year's squad is the overall balance of knowledge across disciplines," said Dr. Salazar. "Each student has developed their own specialty area, whether that be in literature,

international politics, religion, or astronomy. Another exciting aspect is that the majority of the scoring during the HPC Open came from our junior class. This indicates that the team has potential to excel not only this academic year, but the next one as well."

As a result of their performance, the GSSM Academic Team qualified for four national championships: the High School National Championship Tournament, the Small School National Championship Tournament, the National Scholastic Championship, and the National Academic Championship.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF FILING DOCKET NO. 2018-320-E

Joint Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to Establish Green Source Advantage Programs and Riders GSA

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") (collectively, "the Companies") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-820, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-823, and other applicable rules and regulations of the Commission. DEC & DEP, in the Joint Application request approval to each implement a Green Source Advantage Program ("GSA Programs" or the "Programs") and respective Rider GSA tariff (attached to the Joint Application as Attachments A (DEC) and B (DEP)). According to the Joint Application, the Programs will enable the Companies, on behalf of participating eligible customers ("GSA Customers"), to procure new renewable energy facilities dedicated to the GSA Programs ("GSA Facilities"), and to facilitate these GSA Customers obtaining the renewable energy attributes and renewable energy certificates ("RECs") associated with this new renewable energy generation to meet their sustainability goals. The Programs are also designed to meet the objective of holding non-participating customers neutral from any costs associated with the Companies' procurement of additional renewable energy on behalf of GSA Customers voluntarily electing to participate in the Programs.

Page 5, paragraph 8 of the Petition states, "GSA Programs are available to South Carolina retail non-residential customers receiving concurrent service from DEC or DEP (excluding service under outdoor lighting schedules) that voluntarily elect to contract for the RECs associated with new renewable energy generated by a GSA Facility(ies) and procured by the Companies under a GSA Purchased Power Agreement." The Joint Application reveals that the Companies have designed the GSA Programs such that all administrative costs and REC costs will be recovered from GSA Customers, while the avoided cost of the energy and capacity generated by GSA Facilities, calculated at the time of delivery, will be recovered from all native load customers. DEC and DEP opine that the GSA Facilities will be system supply resources, thus, the cost of the energy and capacity generated by GSA Facilities should be recoverable from all jurisdictions and customers. South Carolina's allocable share of the cost of the renewable capacity and energy purchased under the GSA Programs would be recovered as a part of the Companies' fuel rates pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865(2)(c), as the Renewable Supplier would be a Qualifying Facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, also known as PURPA. The Joint Applicants state that the Companies' request would not involve a change to any of DEP's or DEC's retail rates or prices at this time or require any change in any Commission rule, regulation, or policy.

A copy of the company's Joint Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2018-320-E. Additionally, a copy of the Joint Application is available from the corporate office of Heather S. Smith, Esquire, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, 40 West Broad Street, Suite 690, Greenville, South Carolina 29601, Rebecca J. Dulin, Esquire, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1180, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and Frank R. Ellerbe, III, Esquire, Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, P. O. Box 11449, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 17, 2018**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. **Please refer to Docket No. 2018-320-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **December 17, 2018**. **Please refer to Docket No. 2018-320-E.**

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and **Docket No. 2018-320-E**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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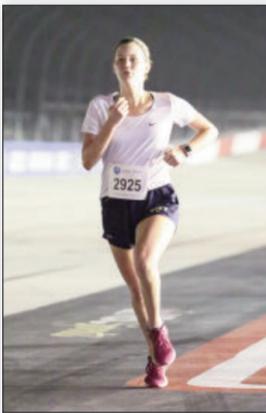
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Darlington Raceway 5k



Communities across the Pee Dee continue to pay tribute to Sgt. Terrence Carraway of Darlington, slain in an October police ambush in Florence County. On Nov. 9, Darlington Raceway and Academy Sports + Outdoors brought the first 5K race to the 'Lady in Black' with proceeds aiding the Carraway family.



The News & Press will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!

Ads and classifieds deadline will be Wednesday at noon.



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Join us Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 PM in the Sonoco Gymnasium for a **Benefit Concert** to assist the families of fallen Officer Terrance Carraway and Investigator Farrah Turner and wounded Deputy Arie Davis Investigator Sarah Miller Officer Brian Hart Officer Travis Scott Officer Scott Williamson \$10 per person

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Burr sets new records, new goals

By Samantha Lyles
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Please don't read this as a criticism, but Stacy Burr just doesn't know when to quit. The Darlington-born powerlifter would be the first to admit that her pursuit of excellence can sometimes lead her away from victory, as was the case at a recent championship meet.

At the RPS Braggin' Rights meet held in Greenville, N.C., on Nov. 3, Burr, 26, added two more all-time records to her collection. First, she muscled up an all-time world record squat of 545 pounds, besting the previous record by 10 pounds. Then Burr deadlifted 523 pounds, which earned her an all-time world record and a total of 1,390 pounds for her first two lifts.

For her third and final lift, she had a choice to make. Option one would have given her a 1,400 pound total and certain victory, but option two offered a tantalizing chance to break the all-time Wilks Score for deadlifting. The Wilks Score considers the lifter's gender, bodyweight and weight lifted to objectively compare their strength against other powerlifters.

Burr, who stands 5-foot-3 and competes in the 148-pound weight class, needed to lift 562 pounds to break Marianna Gasparyan's all-time Wilks Score. She says when her coach Trevor Jaffe presented her with the choice, the decision was immediate.

"My coach looked at me and I didn't even have to say anything," says Burr. "He knew what I wanted to do."

Despite a heroic effort – the strain of which left her briefly unconscious – Burr fell just short of her goal. The miss cost her both the meet win and a crucial advance up the world rankings.

"Had I secured my last deadlift, I would have been ranked number one in the world," she says. "But that just



2017 Kern Open in San Diego, Calif.

means my work is not done yet. ... I just need to get stronger."

Burr came away from the meet ranked No. 3 in the world. Her accomplishments have drawn sponsorships from Live Large Fitness and Strong House Powerlifting, but she earns her keep mostly through personal training and powerlifting coaching.

As head coach and owner of Bama Brute Squad Training Company and Bad Dog Barbell Gym, Burr trains men and women of all ages to safely

and properly execute heavy lifts.

"I'm training them to avoid my mistakes," she jokes. "I've found a home in this sport. Where it used to be just old huge fat guys, lifting and making a lot of noise, it's grown so much. Now it's empowering women, and the number of women competing in powerlifting has probably doubled in recent years."

She notes that lifting heavy weights offers unique benefits to older females, like preservation of bone density,

improved balance, and overall reduction in fragility as women age.

Burr says that with proper nutrition and training, senior men and women can greatly improve their golden years.

"You might think that by the time you're 80, you'll be bedridden or in a wheelchair, but you're whatever you want to be," she says.

Lately, Burr has added motivational speaking to her skill set. She's traveled from New York to California spreading the gospel of "the

champion mindset," and says she finds these speaking gigs very rewarding.

"I give seminars on personal development and how powerlifting can help give you more mental strength and stability, along with physical strength. It's grown from me being this itty-bitty personal trainer to something more than I ever thought it could be," says Burr.

Her expanding workload and ambition to win titles will likely necessitate a move away from Darlington.

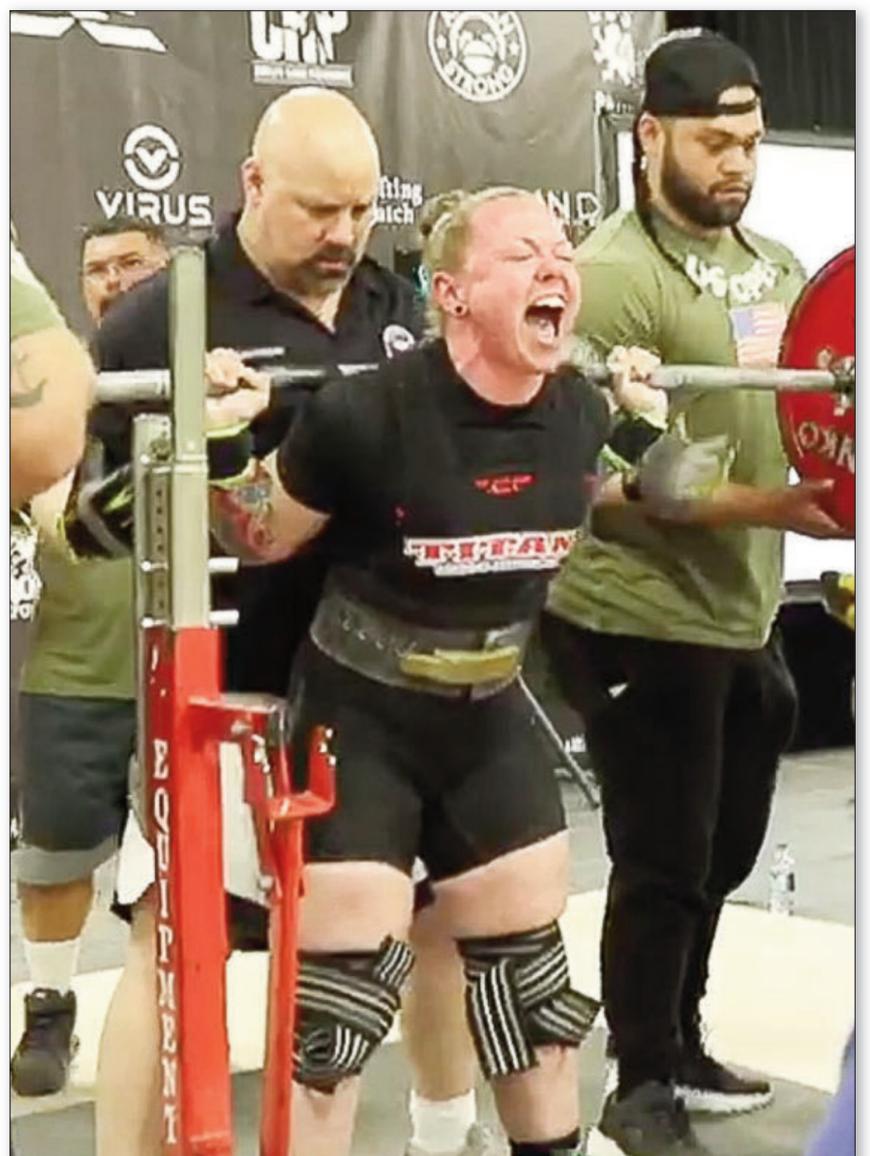
Burr is considering relocating to Florida or Ohio to gain better access to training and sponsors.

But wherever she goes, this graduate of Mayo Magnet High School and Coker College knows that her own champion mindset will keep her striving for more and better and best, always.

"That's always been my personality. I want to see how strong I can possibly get, and with powerlifting there isn't a limit," says Burr.



RPS Braggin' Rights Meet / Mitch Gilbert of Gilco Productions



2017 Kern Open / Courtesy of Stacy Burr



Darlington Post Office military veterans (left to right) Ronnie Gee, Dwight Giles, Serge Holmes, Alice McMillan, Nicole Williams, Richard Flowers, Delorah Kendall, Bobby Lacy and Compton Bacchus. See 8B for more photos. PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

Darlington Post Office honors veterans

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U.S. Post Office mail carriers have long been hailed for their commitment to duty, as evidenced by the unofficial motto "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

For some postal workers, that sense of duty compelled them to enlist in the military, and the Darlington Post Office honored those service members last week in advance of Veterans Day.

On Friday, Nov. 9, Darlington Postmaster James Harrell presented each veteran with a certificate of appreciation and a special badge and lanyard. He also read letters from Megan Brennan, Postmaster General of the

United States, and Darryl Martin, Greater South Carolina District Manager, expressing gratitude for sacrifices made by these veterans.

"Each year in recognition of Veterans Day, we strive to express our thanks for your contributions and sacrifices that make America a great nation to live in, as well as your daily efforts to serve our customers," wrote Martin.

Brennan noted that the USPS employs more than 100,000 veterans nationwide. She also observed that Veterans Day holds special significance this year as Nov. 11, 2018, marks 100 years since the end of World War I.

"Your service to the nation has protected our freedoms, both here and abroad," wrote Brennan. "We are privileged to be one of the nation's largest civilian employers of veterans,

and to count you among the elite men and women who have dedicated themselves to public service both in the military and at the Postal Service."

The U.S. Postal Service processes and delivers over 493 million pieces of mail each day, which represents 47 percent of the entire world's mail volume. This includes mail sent to and from military service members stationed abroad.

According to usps.com, each military service managed its own mail program until 1980 when the Military Postal Service Agency was formed. The Department of Defense designated the Secretary of the Army as the single military mail manager.

Through the MPSA, military personnel and their families receive nearly identical mail services to those available at home in the United States, with

a few necessary differences related to their station and operational duties.

The USPS transportation network moves military mail within the U.S. to major mail processing facilities. First-Class Mail, Priority Mail or Priority Mail Express items are flown to overseas airports via commercial or military aircraft. Those precious letters and care packages are then moved by various methods to military postal facilities and delivered to service members.

USPS mail carriers and postal employees are now wearing their #PostalProud veteran's badges and lanyards in honor of Veterans Day. If you happen to notice one, spare a moment to thank them for the service they rendered in uniform, and the services they continue to provide American communities every day.

2018 Rosenwald Reunion

The 2018 Rosenwald Reunion was held Oct. 26-28.

Since 1979, Rosenwald alumni and friends have been gathering for an all-class school reunion. In 1994, it became biennial.

On the first day of the event, the Indoor Tailgate was held at Darlington Middle School Gym. Saturday morning, Oct. 27, alumni headed to Darlington High School for a Reunion Brunch in the school's

cafeteria.

That evening, the Reunion crowd gathered at the Florence Center for its banquet. William K. McCall ('81) served as Master of Ceremonies. Attention turned to the presentation of Rosenwald's first Lifetime Achievement Award. Patricia T. Thomas ('74) had the honor of presenting the award to Willie "Bill" Boyd, who had served as Rosenwald's last principal and retired after

50 years of leadership as a Darlington County school administrator while holding the rank of Interim School Superintendent.

In a continuance of recognizing other Rosenwald standouts, the Athletic Hall of Fame (HOF) Induction ensued. Scottie Benjamin ('77) who chairs the HOF committee, presided over the ceremony. Inductees into the 2018 HOF Class included: Evelyn M.

Ellerbe ('69), record basketball rebounder; Louvenia M. Graham ('65) record basketball assist leader; Derrick McQueen (REMS '88), professional European basketball MVP and current Wilson High coach; and Johnny Williams ('64), undefeated baseball pitcher and former Winston-Salem commissioner of sports.

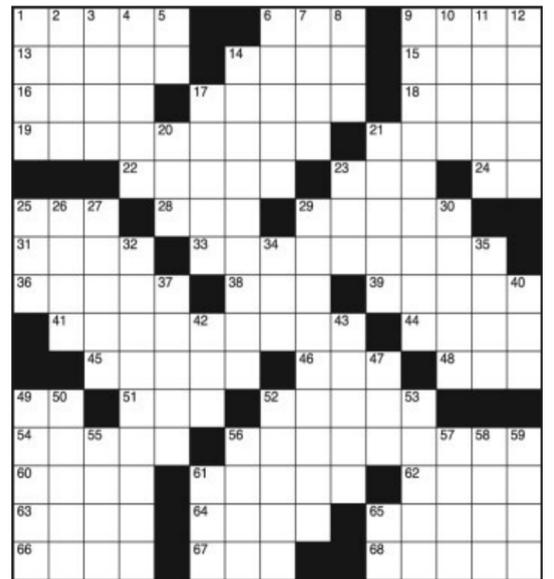
Order of the Golden Eagle, a 50-year recognition, went to members of the class of 1967 who were present, including James Brown, Booker T. McPhail, Julia Moses, Joseph Nettles, Arthurine Lincoln Perkins, Harvey J. Rogers and Roosevelt Wallace.

Present from the class of 1968 were Howard Benjamin, Levern Black, Barbara Frazier Brooks, Diane Thomas Brown, Flouney Robinson Dixon, Raymond Dixon, Willie Dudley, Clarence Ings, Marjorie Tedder Johnson, Robert McPhail, Moses Perkins, Robert Robinson, Shirley Gandy Sawyer, Tommie Lee Smith, Hermania Benjamin Stevenson, Mary Cox Stroman, Cinda Ketter Wallace and James Williamson.

Each inductee was presented with an official gold-bordered certificate with an embossed gold eagle and a Rosenwald golden eagle lapel pin. Other inductees who were not able to attend the banquet with their respective classes in previous years included: Johnny Williamson ('64), Charlie Robinson ('65) and Mary Sanders Grant ('66).



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16. Right
17. Asian antelope
18. Cambodian monetary unit
19. Type of leather
21. Secret clique
22. Cabbage and cole are two
23. Burmese ethnic group
24. Empire State
25. Be in debt
28. Italian monk's title
29. Asian plants
31. Everyone has one
33. One who can't sleep
36. "Glengarry, Glen Ross" playwright
38. Shock therapy
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51. Married woman
52. Register formal (Brit.)

54. Greek sorceress
56. Depository library
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61. Ancient units of measurement
62. He was Batman
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64. Margosa tree
65. Tables (Span.)
66. Large jug
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68. Puerto Rican genre of music "La ___"

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29. London footballers
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32. 10 meters
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35. Covering on birds' beaks
37. Small freshwater fish
40. Confederate soldier
42. Female sibling
43. Belgian city
47. An electrically charged atom
49. A way to entertain
50. Regenerate
52. Highly flammable liquid
53. Mark
55. Not good
56. Eloquent Roman orator
57. Absence of difficulty
58. Kazakhstan district
59. Plateau
61. Midway between northeast and east
65. Military policeman

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2. A Spanish river
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4. Wish well
5. Robots are an example
6. Young women
7. The tip
8. Young women's association
9. One who is suspicious
10. A child's apron
11. Not dirty
12. Fightin' Irish football coach
14. People from Taiwan
17. Harry Belafonte's daughter
20. Santa's helper
21. Cereal plants
23. Respectful

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Powerful legislative chairman profits from state-funded groups

By Rick Brundrett
The Nerve

As chairman of the S.C. House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Brian White exerts considerable control over the multibillion-dollar state budget that affects the lives of all 5 million South Carolinians.

And his influence extends far beyond being the House's chief writer and overseer of the state budget.

As the Ways and Means chairman, for example, he sits on and appoints half of the 10-member legislative Joint Bond Review Committee, which recommends large state building projects and the issuance of millions of dollars in taxpayer-backed bonds.

His chairmanship also guarantees him one of five seats on the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, which, besides approving JBRC actions, has jurisdiction over important executive branch functions, such as overseeing liability insurance claims against and major contracts issued by state agencies.

But an investigation by The Nerve found multiple instances of apparent conflicts of interests involving the Anderson County Republican. Since he took over as the Ways and Means chairman in mid-2011, for example, state appropriations to public and private agencies to which he has financial ties have increased — substantially in several cases.

Consider:

- Since 2015, White, an insurance agent, has reported receiving insurance commissions totaling tens of thousands of dollars, mainly through policies purchased by five disability service organizations that annually get millions in funding from a state agency.

- Allocated state funds for one nonprofit organization that White earns insurance commissions through skyrocketed by nearly 119 percent since he became the Ways and Means chairman.

- White and his family for several years lived in a home formerly co-owned by the administrators of two private nursing homes that have received a total of more than \$1 million in payments through contracts with a state agency while he has been chairman.

- White has reported receiving insurance-related payments through the firm of one of the state's top lobbyists.

- White's wife and the immediate past Ways and Means chairman both work at Tri-County Technical College, which received a 76 percent hike in state appropriations from when White took over as committee chairman to last fiscal year.

- The Joint Bond Review Committee and State Fiscal Accountability Authority in recent years have approved building projects for Tri-County totaling more than \$4 million.

No one has accused the 51-year-old White, who was first elected to the House in 2000, of any wrongdoing.

Besides disclosing insurance commissions on his yearly income-disclosure reports, known as statements of economic interests (SEIs), he has recused himself from annual state budget votes involving agencies that he has financial connections to as well as from final votes on Tri-County Technical College projects, records show.

But most of his income disclosures have occurred since 2015, several years after the South Carolina Policy Council, the parent organization of The Nerve, along with citizens and grassroots groups, began pushing for public officials to disclose their private sources of income. State law was changed in 2016 to require disclosure of private-income sources, yet under their own reading of the law, legislators over the years have found ways around reporting direct and indirect income received from government sources.

And White's vote recusals

don't prevent him, based on lawmakers' interpretation of state ethics laws, from influencing final outcomes in other ways.

White's multiple apparent conflicts of interest raise questions about the strength of the state's current ethics laws, which have received heightened scrutiny since last year as four former lawmakers have pleaded or were found guilty of state public corruption charges, while a fifth legislator awaits trial.

The last major overhaul of state ethics laws occurred in the early 1990s after lawmakers and others were caught in a federal bribery sting known as "Operation Lost Trust."

State law, for example, bans public officials from using their office to influence a "governmental decision" in which they, family members or individuals or businesses with which they are associated have an "economic interest."

The law also generally bans lawmakers from entering into contracts with agencies within a year of votes on state budget sections involving the agencies, or voting on agency budget sections if they represented clients before those agencies within a year before the votes.

White cited those laws in recusing himself since 2014 from state budget-section votes on the departments of administration, disabilities and special needs, drug and alcohol abuse, health and environmental control, health and human services, mental health and social services; and the S.C. Technical College System, House Journal records show.

But White — as with other House members who provided recusal forms for state budget votes — didn't give specifics on the situations involving potential conflicts of interest.

State law requires those written statements to describe the "matter requiring action and the nature of his potential conflict of interest with respect to the action or decision."

White did not return six written or phone messages from The Nerve seeking comment for this story.

Chasing commissions

White worked as an insurance agent with Greenville-based Capstone Insurance Services before it was acquired by the Marsh & McLennan Agency in 2014.

It is part of New York-based Marsh & McLennan Companies, which reported \$14 billion in total revenues last year.

On his SEI filed in March this year, White listed Marsh & McLennan as a private source of income — in addition to separately reporting insurance commissions from various groups that get state funding — plus recorded receiving an unspecified bonus from Capstone Insurance.

Former state Rep. Dan Cooper, an Anderson County Republican who served in the S.C. House for 21 years, including six years as the Ways and Means chairman before White took over on June 29, 2011, was a founding partner of Capstone Insurance, according to his LinkedIn account.

From 2015 through this year, White reported earning a total of nearly \$39,000 in insurance commissions, mainly through five disability service organizations that receive funding from the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN): Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, Greenwood Genetic Center, Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, Pickens County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs, and the Tri-Development Center of Aiken County.

The genetic center, a nonprofit organization that, according to its website, focuses on "advancing the field of medical genetics and caring for families impacted by genetic disease and birth defects," was a special line item in the DDSN section of the state budget

before White became the committee chairman.

Since White became chairman, however, the organization's annual general-fund budget has jumped by nearly 119 percent to \$4.9 million this fiscal year.

Its total ratified budget has increased by nearly 50 percent over the period, to \$13.1 million. State Ethics Commission records show the center has paid two or three outside lobbyists in recent years.

White received a collective \$7,344 in insurance commissions from the genetic center from 2014 through last year, according to his SEIs.

Records show that in 2013, the former state Budget and Control Board, a five-member panel that included former Gov. Nikki Haley and White, approved the issuance of \$5 million in taxpayer-backed bonds to Clemson University as part of a \$21.5 million, joint-venture project involving Clemson and the genetic center.

The legislative Joint Bond Review Committee, of which White is a member and who appoints half of its members, earlier approved the bonds, as The Nerve reported then.

From 2014 through last year, White also received a total of \$9,822 in insurance commissions from the Anderson, Horry and Pickens county disability boards, plus another collective \$7,486 in commissions from the Tri-Development Center of Aiken County, according to his SEIs.

Ralph Courtney, executive director of the Tri-Development Center, told The Nerve that Capstone took over the workers' compensation coverage for the center because the center's former insurance broker "for whatever reason couldn't sell that type of insurance."

"He (White) hasn't been down here in awhile," Courtney said, adding he believes White will continue to earn commissions on the center's policy as long as he remains employed with Marsh & McLennan.

Heather Waddell, Tri-County's assistant executive director, said the Capstone insurance policy became effective on June 1, 2011 — 28 days before White became the Ways and Means chairman — though, according to records cited by the center, two other agents sold the initial policy.

White first publicly reported those commissions with his 2015 SEI, which reflected income received during the previous year.

Since White has been the Ways and Means chairman, Tri-Development and the other disability service organizations have received increased payments through the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, state comptroller general records show. Courtney attributed the payment hike to his organization, which records show received \$16.7 million last fiscal year, to a recent change in the way DDSN distributes payments between the center and the Aiken County Board of Disabilities.

The Anderson, Horry and Pickens county disability boards did not respond to phone messages this week from The Nerve seeking comment. Comptroller general records show those organizations received total payments from DDSN last fiscal year ranging from \$7.5 million to \$8.8 million.

DDSN's annual budget, as with other state agencies, starts in the Legislature with the Ways and Means Committee. As the committee chairman, White also is a member of the House-Senate budget conference committee that works out differences in the chambers' versions.

Before assuming the chairmanship in 2011, White served as chairman of a Ways and Means subcommittee dealing with state health agencies, records show. From the time White became chairman of the full budget committee, DDSN's



general-fund budget has increased by about 49 percent, to nearly \$248 million for the fiscal year that started July 1.

The annual budgets of state departments of Health and Human Services, and Health and Environmental Control; the Adjutant General's Office; and the former Budget and Control Board — now known as the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, of which White is a member — also receive first formal approval through White's budget committee.

State comptroller general records show the four agencies paid Clarendon Memorial Hospital and McLeod Health Clarendon, which took over Clarendon Memorial's operations in 2016, a collective \$1.14 million — most of it from HHS and DHEC — from fiscal 2008 through last fiscal year for unspecified "contractual services."

From 2008 through 2016, White received a total of nearly \$28,000 in insurance-related payments through Clarendon Memorial Hospital, according to his SEIs.

A hospital spokeswoman did not return a call this week from The Nerve seeking comment.

White also has reported receiving smaller insurance commissions in recent years from the "Clarendon County Nursing Facility," Discover Upcountry Carolina Association, Powdersville Water District and Williamsburg Hospital.

In addition, from 2009 to 2016, he reported collecting a total of \$2,754 connected to his insurance work from Fred Allen and Associates, a Columbia lobbying firm whose clients this year include AT&T, BMW and Santee Cooper.

In 2017, Allen received \$266,168 in total payments from all clients, making him one of the highest-paid lobbyists in the state that year, State Ethics Commission records show.

Allen did not return a phone message this week from The Nerve.

Pricey digs, big contracts

Brad and Bryan Moorhouse also have had financial connections to White, records show.

Brad Moorhouse, the administrator of the NHC Healthcare Anderson nursing home, and his brother, Bryan Moorhouse, the administrator of NHC Healthcare Greenville, co-owned a large house in Anderson County from 2007 to 2012 where White and his family lived during the period, county property and vehicle tax records show.

NHC, or National Healthcare Corporation, is a Tennessee-based company that reported about \$967 million in net operating revenues last year.

The Moorhouse brothers purchased the Anderson County house, which sits on 5.6 acres on Concord Road, for \$500,700, and Brad Moorhouse was the sole owner from 2012 until 2016, according to county property records. Brian White continued to list it as his home address on vehicle tax records before he and his wife bought another house in Anderson County in 2014,

records show.

Over the past eight fiscal years, the state Department of Health and Human Services paid a total of \$992,830 in state and federal funds to NHC Healthcare Anderson for "contractual services," including a collective \$253,107 in 2010-11 under a category labeled "Nursing Home Sanctions," and \$154,140 over the following two fiscal years under another category titled "Non-St Employee Travel," comptroller general records show.

The total payments to the Anderson facility were the single-biggest collective amount among at least 10 NHC facilities that received HHS payments over the period, The Nerve's review found. The Greenville facility received a total of \$45,101 in HHS payments in fiscal years 2011 and 2017.

State comptroller records show that NHC facilities, including the Anderson and Greenville facilities, have current state contracts, which according to HHS spokeswoman Colleen Mullis, are for certified nursing assistant (CNA) and feeding assistant training programs.

She did not respond to follow-up questions from The Nerve about payments to the Anderson and other NHC facilities labeled "Nursing Home Sanctions" and "Non-St Employee Travel."

The NHC facilities are members of the South Carolina Health Care Association, a nonprofit trade association, which according to its website, represents "more than 90 percent of the long-term care facilities in the state."

Brad Moorhouse is listed as an at-large director of the organization's governing board. White on his 2015 and 2016 SEIs reported receiving small insurance commissions from the "SCHCA."

Neither Brad nor Bryan Moorhouse responded to phone messages this week from The Nerve seeking comment. J. Randal Lee, president of the state Health Care Association, also didn't return a call.

Family affair

In July 2016, Brad Moorhouse presented a \$15,000 check on behalf of The Foundation for Geriatric Education, an organization affiliated with NHC, to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation, the college's private fundraising arm.

White's wife, Courtney White, works as the director of development for the college foundation.

On his SEI filed earlier this year, White listed 62,254 in "family income" from Tri-County Technical College.

The Nerve in 2014 reported that White had contributed at a total of at least \$20,200 in campaign funds since 2008 to the college foundation and an unrelated charitable organization where his wife was a board member.

As the Ways and Means chairman, White oversees the annual budget of the S.C. Technical College System, which provides funding to the state's 16 technical colleges, including Pendleton-based Tri-County Technical College.

Dan Cooper, the immediate past Ways and Means chairman, is currently the director of government relations and economic development at the college, where he has been employed for four years, according to his LinkedIn account and the college's website.

His annual salary is \$101,848, according to the state salary database.

He also currently is the registered lobbyist for the college and two other clients, State Ethics Commission records show. Last year, he reported no lobbying income from the college, though he received a total of \$130,000 from four other clients, according to records.

State appropriations last fiscal year to the college totaled about \$11 million, a 76-percent jump from fiscal 2011-12 when White took over as the Ways & Means chairman, according to annual college financial statements reviewed by The Nerve.

In fiscal 2017, state appropriations to the college skyrocketed to \$16.5 million from \$9 million the year before, records show.

In August of this year, the college dedicated a new campus in Westminster in Oconee County.

Contacted this week by The Nerve about his connections to White through Tri-County and his former insurance company, Cooper initially said, "I probably need to call you back," though he didn't return the call.

White's influence at the college extends beyond annual budgets.

Records show he served on the state Joint Bond Review Committee (JBRC) and former Budget and Control Board/current State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA) that approved three separate construction or renovation projects from 2014 through 2016 totaling about \$4.2 million.

Meeting minutes from the former BCB and SFAA noted that White recused himself from voting on all three projects, which, according to state Commission on Higher Education records, were recommended earlier by the JBRC.

As the Ways and Means chairman, White controls half of the 10 appointments to the JBRC.

Senate Finance Committee chairman Hugh Leatherman, controls the other half and is the JBRC chairman. Leatherman, a Florence County Republican and the Senate president pro tempore, also serves with White on the SFAA, which routinely approves JBRC recommendations.

The budget process for the 2019-20 fiscal year already is underway, with Thursday of this week as the deadline for state agencies to have submitted their proposed budgets. White's committee likely will take up the requests when lawmakers return to Columbia in January.

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How to deep-fry a turkey . . . without hurting anyone

From Staff and Web Reports

The Darlington Fire Department would like you to live through the annual cooking of your Thanksgiving turkey.

"We want people to understand that if they are going to (deep)-fry a turkey, do it outside," says Darlington's fire chief, Pat Cavanaugh.

The National Fire Protection Association says that each year, deep-fryer fires typically cause five deaths, 60 injuries, the destruction of 900 homes and more than \$15 million in property damage.

(Texas leads the nation in the most grease- and cooking-related insurance claims on Thanksgiving Day, with 38 incidents. Illinois is next with 27 reports. Pennsylvania and Ohio are tied for third with 23 incidents each. New York is fourth with 22 claims. South Carolina and Georgia are fifth with 16 claims each.)

Turns out that Thanksgiving is the peak day for cooking fires.

Also, deep-frying food — such as turkey — adds to the risk.

A safer route would be cooking it in an oven or in an oil-less fryer, Cavanaugh says.

If you plan on deep-frying a turkey, be aware of these dangers, officials say:

1. Turkey fryers can tip over. The hot cooking oil can spill.

2. An overfilled cooking pot might cause cooking oil to spill when the turkey is placed in it, and a partially frozen turkey might cause cooking oil to splatter.

3. Small amounts of cooking oil spilling onto a hot burner can cause big fires.

4. Without thermostat controls, deep fryers can overheat the oil until it starts a fire.

5. The sides of the cooking pot, the lid and pot handles can get dangerously hot when preparing a turkey.

Last year, Michigan Fire Marshal Kevin Sehmeyer advised residents to consider safer, oil-less fryers. But if you feel that the turkey isn't done right unless cooked in oil . . . be careful.

Sehmeyer said that deep-frying a turkey in several gallons of hot oil over 350 degrees is flammable as gasoline.



How to handle holiday hosting

Holiday revelers tend to be busy with social engagements — from corporate parties to cocktails with close friends — between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Chances are, many people will be attending a party and/or hosting their own this holiday season.

While attending a party requires little of celebrants other than a willingness to have a good time, hosting a holiday get-together can be hard work. But hosts can heed a few time-tested strategies to ensure they and their guests make the most of their time together this holiday season.

Forget perfection

Television, movies and advertisements paint an unrealistic picture of what the holidays

should be. Don't get down if a holiday party that would make Norman Rockwell proud is beyond your capabilities. Rather than trying to plan a picture-perfect holiday party, channel your energy into what you do best. Cook up a holiday feast if you love being in the kitchen, or decorate till you drop if you love to deck the halls. The point of the party is to gather with family and friends, so no need to worry about throwing a perfect party.

Enlist helpers

Ask others to contribute to the party so all of the work is not on your shoulders. A potluck party is a great way to encourage participation. When everyone brings something along and helps, it frees up time to spend together rather than worrying

about what needs cooking in the kitchen or whether a last-minute trip to the store is in order.

Downsize

Festive feelings may inspire you to expand your guest list. Social people understandably want to invite all of their circles of friends, but an overwhelming guest list can make hosting more difficult. If you have trouble paring down the guest list, consider hosting separate parties, designating one for family and another for friends.

You can even downsize your offerings to lessen some your load. Rather than spending days in the kitchen making unique apps, stock up on chips, snacks and premade appetizers so you have enough food. If you want to make one or two appetizers from

scratch, stick to a handful of tried-and-true recipes and convenience items so you're not worrying about kitchen-testing new things.

Hire professionals

If you're simply too busy to handle hosting but still want to invite loved ones, hire some professional help. Hire wait staff to tend to guests during the party, and book a cleaning service to clean your home in the days before the party. Don't hesitate to have the party catered if you prefer your gathering not be potluck.

Holiday hosting can be a big time commitment, but there are ways to make hosting easier regardless of how busy you are.

Tips on getting your turkey to the table

From Staff and Web Reports

Before you even get to the "cooking" part, there's getting your turkey from the fridge and on its way to the table. There are safety risks here, too . . . enough risks that the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued some guidelines to follow. Basically, they go like this:

1. **THAWING THE BIRD.** Never thaw your turkey by leaving it out on the counter, says the CDC. A frozen turkey is safe indefinitely, but a thawing turkey must defrost at a safe temperature. When the turkey is left out at room temperature for more than two hours, the agency says, its temperature becomes unsafe as it moves into the danger zone between 40 degrees F and 140 degrees F, where bacteria can grow.

2. **HANDLING THE BIRD.** Raw poultry can contaminate anything it touches with harmful bacteria. Follow the four steps to food safety — cook, clean, chill and separate — to prevent the spread of bacteria.

Clostridium perfringens are bacteria that grow in cooked foods left at room temperature. It is the second most common bacterial cause of food poisoning. The major symptoms are vomiting and abdominal cramps within six to 24 hours after eating.

Clostridium perfringens outbreaks occur most often in November and December. Many of these outbreaks have been linked to foods commonly served during the holidays, such as turkey and roast beef. Refrigerate leftovers at 40 degrees F or colder as soon as possible and within two

hours of preparation to prevent food poisoning. Use a food thermometer to check for a safe internal temperature.

3. **STUFFING THE BIRD.** Cooking stuffing in a casserole dish makes it easy to make sure it is thoroughly cooked, the CDC advises. If you put stuffing in the turkey, do so just before cooking.

Use a food thermometer to make sure the stuffing's center reaches 165 degrees F. Bacteria can survive in stuffing that has not reached 165 degrees F and may then cause food poisoning. Wait for 20 minutes after removing the bird from the oven before removing the stuffing from the turkey's cavity; this, according to the CDC, allows it to cook a little more.

4. **COOKING THE BIRD.** Set the oven temperature to at least 325 degrees F. Place the completely thawed turkey with the breast side up in a roasting pan that is 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep. Cooking times vary depending on the weight of the turkey. To make sure the turkey has reached a safe internal temperature of 165 degrees F, check by inserting a food thermometer into the center of the stuffing and the thickest portions of the breast, thigh and wing joint.

Let the turkey stand 20 minutes before removing all stuffing from the cavity and carving the meat.

If you follow all these guidelines, the CDC says, you will have a happy Thanksgiving. Well, they can't guarantee happiness, but you should at least have a safe-food Thanksgiving.



Carve a turkey like a pro

Roasted turkey is the centerpiece of many holiday feasts. While many holiday chefs have received compliments on the appearance of a freshly prepared turkey sitting on the serving platter, they may not know how to properly carve up their masterpieces after the grand presentation has been made.

1. Place the turkey on a large, sturdy cutting board. Do not cut the turkey in the pan you used to cook it. Remove the string that may be tying the legs together. Turn the board so that the back of the turkey is facing you.

2. Choose a sharp knife to carve the turkey. A long, narrow knife may work best. Serrated knives may tear the turkey meat, so it may be better to use a flat knife. Some people prefer the ease of an electric knife.

3. Cut through the skin on a leg and gently bend the leg as you slice through to expose the joint. Cut through and remove the entire leg. Then separate the drumstick from the thigh.

Repeat on the other side.

4. Cut the thigh meat parallel to the thigh bone and place on your serving platter.

5. To slice the breast meat, insert your knife in the center of the breast bone and cut down until you reach the ribs. Then slice the breast meat in toward your initial cut so you are cutting across the grain of the meat. This will keep the meat tender.

6. Find the wish bone and place it on the side to dry. Children typically like to break the wish bone.

7. Find the joint of the wings and remove them in a similar fashion as you did for the legs. They are small enough that they should not require extra slicing and can be placed whole on the serving platter.

8. Drizzle the sliced meat with any reserved cooking juices to keep the turkey moist and flavorful.

Since turkey is usually the star of many holiday meals, it pays to know the correct way to carve turkey for celebrations.

Healthy holiday dessert option

A certain measure of overindulgence is anticipated during the holiday season. Rich foods and desserts are served, and parties are plentiful. However, those who plan to stick to their healthy eating plans can still enjoy tastes of the season without compromising their fitness or dietary goals.

Many recipes can be made healthier with some simple substitutions, and that even includes decadent desserts. Take, for example, "Wickedly Decadent Deep Chocolate Truffles" from "Low Fat for Life,"

(DK) by Sue Krietzman. This low-fat version of a high-fat classic will taste delicious without being too sinful.

Wickedly Decadent Deep Chocolate Truffles

Makes 24

6 oz. semisweet chocolate
6 oz. very low-fat fromage fraise
2 tbsp. confectioners' sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 oz. semisweet chocolate, grated

1. Break the chocolate into a bowl over a pan of simmering water. Let it melt, stirring occasionally.

2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the fromage fraise and sugar. Whisk in the vanilla.

3. When the chocolate is melted and smooth, remove from the heat and allow to cool slightly. Slowly whisk the chocolate into the fromage fraise mixture, using a rubber spatula to incorporate every bit of chocolate. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for an hour.

4. Line a baking sheet with

waxed paper. Scatter the grated chocolate on a plate. Scoop out the chilled chocolate mixture in teaspoonfuls, roll into balls, then roll the balls in the grated chocolate and put on the prepared baking sheet. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm.

5. Put the truffles in small paper cases. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Per truffle: Total fat: 2 g; saturated fat: 1 g; unsaturated fat: 1 g; cholesterol: 1 mg; sodium: 3 mg; calories: 52.





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107 Brittain Rd - 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,958 sq ft - **\$199,900**

119 Alabama Drive - 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2,605 sq ft, 24 x 40 workshop - **REDUCED \$169,900**

1381 Nolan Dr - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,593 sq ft, 2.89 acres of land, large workshop - **\$180,000**

215 N. Darlington St. Lamar - 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, 1,688 sq ft - **\$99,900**

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8.20 acres Medford Drive \$25,000

Farrow Ridge Ct - .74 acre Nice lot with well & septic tank. Mobile home allowed. **\$12,000**

Rogers Rd - 2.35 acres of land. Mobile home allowed. Public water available. **\$18,000**

Redwood Drive - Nice lot located off of McIver Road. .92 acres. **\$5,000**

638 Cartersville - 1/2 acre lot with country water and septic tank. **\$10,000**

Lot 56 Kent Avenue - 1 acre, mobile home allowed **\$9,000**

Lot 19 Jamestown Ave - Mobile home allowed. **46 acres \$6,500**

Lot 21 Jamestown Ave - Mobile home allowed. **46 acres \$6,500**

15 acres on Swift Creek Rd - Wooded. Great hunting land. **\$40,000**

9.08 acres Heathwood Dr - lots of potential for land. **\$45,000**

COMMERCIAL

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Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Special Referee for Darlington County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). -As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.75% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, Darlington County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances. GRIMSLEY LAW FIRM, LLC 1703 Laurel Street P. O. Box 11682 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 233-1177

By: Edward L. Grimsley W. Haigh Porter Benjamin E. Grimsley Special Referee for Darlington County Attorneys for the Plaintiff

(18c3 leave in thru 11-28-18)

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

NA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO. 2018-CP-16-0339 21st Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, Vs.

Daniel Steen aka Daniel K. Steen; Alicia D. Steen; Annie "Colleen" Simpson; Kelly Ann Hicks; Heirs-at-Law or Devises of Thomas Kelly Simpson, Deceased, their Heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; All Unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein, being a class designated as Jane Doe; also any Unknown persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and Any Unknown minors, persons under a Disability or persons incarcerated, being a class designated as Richard Roe, South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Defendant(s)

BY VIRTUE of a judgment heretofore granted in the case of 21st Mortgage Corporation vs. Daniel Steen aka Daniel K. Steen; Alicia D. Steen; Annie "Colleen" Simpson; Kelly Ann Hicks; Heirs-at-Law or Devises of Thomas Kelly Simpson, Deceased, their Heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; All Unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein, being a class designated as Jane Doe;

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Along with that certain New 2003 Horton Manufactured Home, Serial No. H1178771GL/H1178771GR. SUBJECT TO DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to purchase price in

case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder).

Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order.

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date.

The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.5% per annum. Benjamin D. Moore, Esquire Special Referee for Darlington County

B. Lindsay Crawford, III (SC Bar# 6510)

Theodore von Keller (SC Bar# 5718)

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4100, seventy-two hours prior to the scheduled public hearing.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Docket No. 2018-CP-16-00392

By virtue of a decree heretofore granted in the case of U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to First Union National Bank as Trustee, for Mid-State Trust XI against Seneca L. McKay, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 11:00 A.M., at the Darlington County Courthouse, Probate Courtroom, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, located, lying and being in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, the

same being shown and delineated as Lot A upon a Plat prepared by J.E. Tucker, Jr., RLS, dated May 20, 1988, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 176 at page 199, which Plat is incorporated herein by reference; and having such boundaries and measurements as shown thereon, more or less. This being the same property conveyed to Seneca L. McKay by deed from Ditech Financial LLC dated December 16, 2015 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on January 15, 2016 in Book 1077 at page 5933. TMS No. 180-00-01-059. Current address of property is ~1554 Jomonica Lane, Darlington, SC 29540. SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY. TERMS OF SALE: The

successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at the conclusion of the bidding, Five per cent (5%) of the bid in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder.) No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

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Purchaser to pay for preparation of the Special Referee's deed, documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.250% per annum.
Eugene P. Warr, Jr. As Special Referee for Darlington County Plaintiff's Attorney: J. Kershaw Spong [SC Bar # 5289] ROBINSON GRAY STEPP & LAFFITTE, LLC P.O. Box 11449 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 929-1400 Email: kspong@robinsongray.com (18c3 leave in thru 11-28-18)

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of The Citizens Bank vs. Raymond A. Stevens, Jr. and Raymond A. Stevens, Jr., CA# 2018-CP-16-0437, I, the undersigned, will sell on January 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. or thereafter, at the Darlington County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Darlington,

South Carolina, to the highest bidder the following property: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina, being designated as a portion of Lot F-1 containing 21,781 square feet of 0.50 acres on a plat for Linda Cox by Lind, Hicks, and Associates, Surveyors, dated October 26, 2000 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 188 at Page 251. Said property fronts on Candy Lane for a distance of 104.58 feet; and is bound on the Northeast by said Candy on the Southeast by remainder of Lot F for a distance of 218.13 feet; on the Southwest by remainder of Lot F-1 for a distance of 95.31 feet; and on the Northwest by 20 foot strip of land for a distance of 217.94 feet. Reference said plat for a more complete description. This being the same property conveyed to Raymond W. Stevens, Jr. by deed of Donald M. Mims, Jr. as recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on the 1st day of April, 2005. TMS# 168-00-01-217

Property Address: 1827 Candy Lane, Darlington, SC TMS# 168-00-01-217 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit, at the conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the property will be resold on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day at the risk of the said highest bidder. Personal or deficiency judgment having been demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of 30 days after the sale. Purchaser to pay for preparation of the deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording fees. SUBJECT TO DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, ANY OTHER

MATTERS OF RECORD. s/ John M. Ervin, III November 6, 2018 Special Referee for Darlington County Darlington, South Carolina Ray Coit Yarborough, Jr. Attorney for Plaintiff (18c3 leave in thru 11-28-18) AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of The Citizens Bank vs. Kenneth Ray West, Jr. and Michelle West, CA# 2018-CP-16-0683, I, the undersigned, will sell on January 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. or thereafter, at the Darlington County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina, to the highest bidder the following property: All those certain two (2) lots of land situate in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being known and designated as: Lot Nos. "229" and "230" in Section "1" of Meadowbrook Subdivision, by W.R. Banks, Registered Surveyor, dated January 21, 1960 and recorded in the office of the Darlington County Clerk of Court in Book 31, at page 61. Said two (2) lots taken together have

a combined frontage of 100 feet and run back in depth 190 feet, all of which will more fully appear by reference to the above mentioned map. This being the same property conveyed to the mortgagors by deed of Bobby L. Marlowe and Wanda Marlowe recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1075 at page 3885. Property Address: 3022 Woodbridge Road, Florence, SC 29501 TMS # 218-09-01-042 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit, at the conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the property will be resold on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day at the risk of the said high-

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