



News & Press

TWO SECTIONS • 14 PAGES

DECEMBER 26, 2018

ESTABLISHED 1874

QUOTE

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

EDMUND BURKE

75¢

Vol. 144, No. 52
Darlington, S.C.

WWW.NEWSANDPRESS.NET

2018: The year in quotes

By Bobby Bryant
Editor
editor@newsandpress.net

This is the time of year when the news media begin prepping for "year in review" stories: The year in politics. The year in sports. The year in business. The year in movies.

The News & Press is working on our annual "year in review" project, which will run at the beginning of January. But in the meantime, in the spirit of the whole "year in review" season, we offer ... the year in quotes.

"Darlington has a courthouse; that is its reason for existing. We don't have a Fortune 500 company in the midst of our city. We don't have a college, we don't have a Governor's School, we don't have a Byerly Foundation. We've got the Darlington courthouse, which is extremely important to our lives and to our welfare. It is our heartbeat ... and it's critically important that it stays."

-- Former Darlington mayor Ronnie Ward, on the courthouse's future

"It would be so nice ... if you all would stop acting like schoolkids on a playground. You're not up there for this; stop doing that. You ought to let each other speak before you interrupt. The city of Darlington is in Darlington County; go to the Darlington County Council meetings and watch how they act at council meetings. They let each other speak. ... You can say what you want to; you have the floor. You all shouldn't be interrupting each other. Stop acting like kids. You are all grown-ups. Act like it."

-- Resident Linwood Epps to Darlington City Council

"Every citizen should have the right to have clean water. Water that don't mess up your clothes. In 2018, we shouldn't have to fight to have water. ... From here all the way to Bennettsville is bad water. DHEC knows it. They say it's drinkable, but it will mess up your clothes."

-- Pastor Matthew Robinson on water problems in the Society Hill area

"We need one, and if we never have to use it, I would be the happiest man on Earth."

-- Hartsville Police Chief Jerry Thompson, on whether Hartsville should have an armored rescue vehicle

"That's a hero."
-- Darlington Mayor Gloria Hines on slain police Sgt. Terrence Carraway of Darlington

"I've been coming to these meetings for a year now. Every one of these meetings has been extremely difficult to sit through. ... I am extremely disturbed by what I see when I come to council meetings. ... The City Council, the mayor, are totally disrespected. It is just unheard of. ... I know this is black and white. I don't care what anybody says. It's always been black and white."

-- Resident Gladys Wingate Jules, in remarks to City Council

"I promise you all -- and I'm not just putting on my corporate hat here -- it's going to transform this community."

-- Ben Breazeale, senior director of government affairs for Charter Communications, on plans to bring high-speed Internet to Lamar

"There's still a lot of responsibilities that go along with running a water system. It's not just turning on a faucet or flushing a toilet and we're good."

-- Paula Brown, a drinking water system inspector with DHEC's Florence office, on Lamar's wastewater system

by Samantha Lyles
Staff Writer
slyles@newsandpress.net

Those seeking to rent a dwelling in the city of Darlington often run up against the same problem: Houses for rent are few and far between, and most rental apartments are government subsidized for low to moderate income families.

However, this won't be the case once Creekside Apartments begins leasing its 36 market rate units early next year.

Located at the foot of Cashua Street near the Swift Creek Bridge, the complex has been completely gutted and remodeled. Apex Bank of Knoxville, Tenn., acquired the apartments as part of a loan portfolio a few years ago and eventually decided to invest in renovation.

"At the time the Cashua Street apartments were obtained, they were in condemnation, so we sat on them for a while trying to figure out what we wanted to do with them, and then we started a renovation project in 2015," says Roger Denny, commercial ORE portfolio manager with Apex.

"Due to the distance, we kind of failed at getting it done. Finally, after a substantial amount of time and some contractor problems, we are supposed to get our certificate of occupancy by the 15th of this month."

Unfortunately, heavy rain delayed completion of exterior painting and landscaping work, pushing the start date to the first week of 2019. Denny notes that while new paint and plantings will enhance the property's appearance, there were more substantial worries. He cites the complex's history of sewage leaks as one major repair project.

In summer of 2011 and early 2012, the complex -- then called Darlington Commons -- experienced sewage leaks and Darlington City Codes Enforcement issued orders to repair the problem or the complex would be shut down for

unsanitary conditions. In October 2013 during a smoke detector and fire alarm inspection, Darlington Fire Department crews discovered raw sewage channeled into an open cement cistern in an unoccupied ground floor apartment. Codes officers quarantined 18 apartments and called in SC DHEC to test the sewage. Fecal matter and E. coli bacteria were found present in the runoff, and the apartment complex was condemned and closed in July 2014.

"We did pretty much a full renovation. There's nothing old in there anymore," says Denny. "The roof, the gutters, exterior paint and millwork. We've added all brand new electrical, all new plumbing, new kitchens with stainless steel appliances, nice vinyl floors in each unit."

The buildings now have new security lighting, fire alarms and sprinkler systems, and ground floor apartments facing Cashua Street offer front and back doors. Denny says that when the exterior work is finished, the Creekside Apartments should resemble its original, elegant appearance from the 1950s.

"Originally, it's my understanding that this was a more gentrified area of Darlington, and the apartments were for professionals. Then in the late '70s, it started to decline a little bit and gradually reached the state it was in when we bought it," Denny says.

While Darlington Commons primarily offered government-subsidized Section 8 housing, the Creekside Apartments will be market rate only, and aims to offer apartment living for retirees, young professionals and small families.

Property manager Calvin King says that the first 18 units, located in the building facing Cashua Street, should be ready for lease at the beginning of January. The additional 18 units should be

Creekside arrives: The fall and rise of an apartment complex



Creekside Apartments kitchen, bedroom, bath, living room PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES

finished and available shortly thereafter. All units are two bedroom, one bath, and will lease for \$800 per month. King says that while one year

leases are standard, six month leases will be available.

To inquire about Creekside Apartments, contact King at

Freedom Management Solutions, 843-245-3830 or visit them online at www.freedommanagement-solution.com.



Officials identify woman killed by officers

By Bobby Bryant
Editor
editor@newsandpress.net

Details remained scarce after Darlington County sheriff's deputies shot and killed a knife-wielding woman Dec. 16.

April E. Webster died in the incident on Edna Street north of Darlington, officials said last week. The Darlington County coroner's office did not release Webster's exact age, but said she was

born in 1971, which would make her about 47.

Darlington County Sheriff's Lt. Robby Kilgo said in a news release that deputies were called to a home on Edna Street to check a report of a person "actively inflicting bodily harm." Arriving at the house, deputies faced a woman with a large serrated knife, officials said.

Shots were fired and the woman died later at a local hospital. It's not

clear how many times she was shot.

Relatives told WBTW-TV that Webster was mentally ill, suffering from bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, and that she could have been disarmed without killing her.

Sheriff Tony Chavis asked the State Law Enforcement Division to investigate the case, which is routine in officer-involved shootings. SLED spokesman Thom Berry says that two officers were involved.

Berry told the News & Press there was little chance the agency would release more details while the investigation is ongoing. According to SLED, the incident was the 42nd officer-involved shooting in the state this year and the second involving a Darlington County sheriff's deputy. In October, deputies shot and killed a woman who officials said was firing a gun on Clyde School Road.





The Pee Dee's Oldest
Independently
Owned Newspaper

opinion

WWW.NEWSANDPRESS.NET

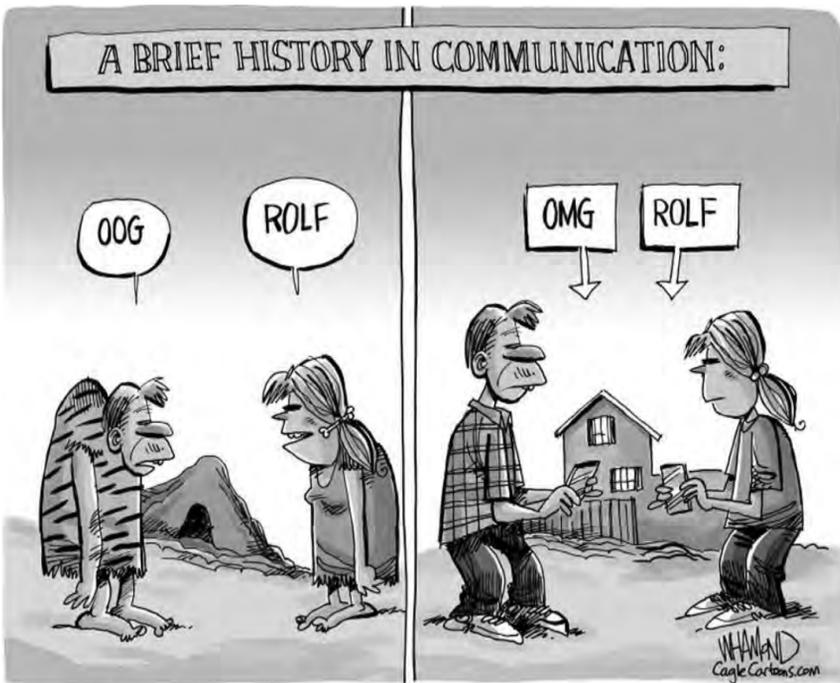
Word of the Week

solstice - 1: either of the two points on the ecliptic at which its distance from the celestial equator is greatest 2: the time of the sun's passing one such point on the ecliptic which occurs about June 21 to begin summer in the northern hemisphere and about December 21 to begin winter in the northern hemisphere

Merriam-Webster.com

DECEMBER 26, 2018 | PAGE 2A

The NeWs ANd Pr ess, dAr I NGToN, s.C.



What Congress Needs

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why can't the school district be a better community partner?

First, I want to commend your paper for the fine sets of articles on your front page Dec. 12. Every article complemented one another and perfectly showcased the crux of the problems (and the depth) in Darlington County. Thank you for your unwavering support of the public.

A brief recap of the majority of the articles on Page One of the paper:

1) Darlington County schools are either barely passing or in one case, an abysmal failure according to the state standards. The one shining light was Lamar, now the only area of excellence in the schools despite being perhaps the poorest and most disadvantaged area in the county (showing us that it is not the buildings that show teacher, student and parent character and commitment to their community).

2) A gallant effort at creating a proposal (to upgrade security at county schools) for \$4.6 million was made. However, in hindsight, it might have been advisable to engage area companies for help from their professional facilities expertise to assist in the plan. That is, if the (school) district does not have a facilities director.

And while not looking at the specifics, the cost jumps out versus this poor district with declining enrollments and lack of outside business investment. There might be other suitable options such as considering hiring armed guards and/or arming teachers (with training). Potentially offer law enforcement officers space to work from so there is a police presence. Surely we can leverage our current experts and expenditures for the desired outcome.

3) Related to items discussed at the (school) board meeting in the previous section, the well-deserved bonuses of \$250 were mentioned. However, why were not part-time employees included? And why only \$250? Since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, companies have been able to distribute \$1,000 bonuses yearly due to a business-friendly environment. Again, money can be found for buildings that do not correlate to student performance, so why not take care of all the caring employees in the district?

4) Why did the courthouse vote fail? Simple. The Darlington County School District previously caught even some elected officials unaware and the measure was moving forward before good information could get out to the community. Shame on us in the grassroots, yes. But no one was thinking that with declining enrollments and business not coming and/or leaving the county, that the school district would not even consider using surplus funds or really evaluating if, rather than (building) new schools, they could repair or lease space.

Remember, we have the Lamar results that show us it is not the buildings that lead to student excellence. It is obvious that the Lamar human resources (directors) need to be allowed to lead some of the county efforts. Taxpayers ... simply cannot sustain two major efforts (new schools and a new courthouse). The marginal school district (Lamar excepted) took the perhaps more badly needed courthouse effort off the table.

Darlington County is doomed to repeated failures if the Darlington County School District cannot be a good community partner.

In 2019, County Council and the city councils need to do a better job of standing up and challenging this public institution using tax dollars to lobby and create real estate deals against the community it is supposed to be serving. The state and the elected officials simply must do more in calling in the board and its administration into doing the public good and getting the right information out to the public (will they ever address the surplus fund)?

Wishing County Council, municipal officials and fellow residents a peaceful and restful holiday season and to come back united in 2019!

Diane DeLucia,
Hartsville

Video cameras bring sunlight to public meetings

Excellent article on the issue of cameras in Darlington City Council meetings. I commend Anna DeWitt and her desire to know and share with others the issues discussed in these meetings.

The best way to hold our political leaders accountable is by transparency and an open flow of information to the citizens. I would remind (councilwoman Sheila) Baccus that she is the servant of the people, all the people, and not the other way around. You work for us, not us for you.

VIDEO ON 3A

OP-ED

The Christmas gift that keeps on giving

By Tom Poland

Christmas Day blesses us with good times with family and food, and, yes, it's a day of giving, but how many gifts, among the many, do you remember?

Not many, I bet. Well, some gifts stand tall in memory. I'd think country boys remember their first shotgun, and little girls remember that special doll, and some got a new car for Christmas. It was in the driveway with a huge bow on it, delivered during the night by the Jolly One.

What's your special gift? You'd never guess mine in a hundred tries. It was a wooden desk with a thick green glass top. It didn't have a pullout shelf for a keyboard because the personal computer was decades away.

Mom and Dad gave me that Christmas desk in 1961. Solid wood. Simple and beautiful. It came with a small gooseneck lamp, with a flexible neck and a forest green, metal shade. I had to be careful adjusting it, or the

metal shade would burn me. I did English papers at that desk and read many a book there. That's when a small flame began to flicker. Might, I, too, write a book someday?

When antiquing arrived, Mom gave that desk a copper green patina, streaked a bit so it seemed old. That paint must have robbed the desk of its magic because football consumed me for four years.

Then off to college I went where other desks came into my life.

Many classroom desks ... then the work years came and I sat at an old military surplus desk in a government job. Ugly and made from metal it was cold to the touch in winter.

During a corporate stint I sat in a cube farm with a modular shelf serving as a desk. It seemed fake.

Other cube farms waited down the road but eventually I achieved escape velocity. The desk I work at now—I'm at it this very moment—is a fine desk. Cherry, with two-tone colors, natural and

black. I've written six books at this desk, which sits east to west. Working, I face the sunny South with the North to my back. I sit at the junction of Imagination and All Things Possible.

I have another desk I love, a teacher's desk made of beautiful pine. Wrote my first film script at that desk. At a time that wasn't the best, I found great comfort at that desk. I'd lift the top, sit down to write, and forget a sorry decision I'd made.

Some people associate desks with work, and sometimes a good change in job status. "Well, my desk is waiting. Off to the coal mine I go." Or, "Did you hear old Roger got a desk job?"

I don't see desks that way. I see them as magical depots that send me to wonderful places.

That first desk, the one I saw that cold winter morning by the Christmas tree set me on a path that continues to give me wonderful experiences.

I've shot down the

Chattooga's cold whitewater, stood chest deep in blackwater swamps, explored wild islands, flown over Carolina bays, and explored the back roads of the red clay and Palmetto states.

I've seen my work produced on stage, in films, books, and many a magazine, and I've met wonderful people, the salt of the earth, artists, musicians, celebrities, and just plain good folk.

That first desk? I have no idea what became of the best Christmas gift I received.

I hope another soul discovered its magic, but I know this.

It changed my life and it keeps giving me great memories.

Without doubt, other adventures lie ahead in 2019, and if there's such a thing as a deskologist, an expert who tracks book's ancestors, that first desk will be declared the grand patriarch of their clan. It's where everything began.

OP-ED

A new start in a new year

By Bill Shepard

We're off to a new beginning! Whatever is behind, let it be. We cannot change one iota of it. The good deeds done are recorded and the mistakes made cannot be erased. What has been, good or bad, let it be, it is now time to move on. There are new paths to follow and new challenges to be met. We are fortunate to have been given a new start.

Perhaps the poet spoke the sentiments of us all in a beautiful way:

He came to my desk with a quivering lip, the lesson was done.

"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," he said, "I have spoiled this one."

Instead of the leaf so stained and blotted, I gave him a new one all unspotted,

And into his sad eyes smiled, "Do better now, my child."

Kathleen Wheeler

No doubt, most of us can picture ourselves as being in that position. I plead guilty! So, here we are at the dawning of the New Year. We can take the old calendar from the wall; it can only remind us of the times that were but are no more. The New Year lies before us.

It comes with 12 full months, 365 crisp new pages on which we are to write.

None of us has the assurance that we will turn all the pages, nor how many marks we will make, but it is given to us, to begin.

With our hands in those of the "Keeper of Time," we can step confidently across the threshold and begin our journey. May I suggest some things to leave behind, and some to carry? Glance backwards just for a moment to remind yourself of the unnecessary weights you might have carried and resolve to leave them behind.

Let go of those prejudices that have been collected. Lose the jealousies and envy that have bothered you for so long. Refuse to give the unkind thoughts about others a place to hide in your mind. And most of all, truly forgive all those who you feel have done you wrong. It might be wise to begin with yourself. Refuse to carry the burdensome load of self-guilt another day. It does very little to forgive others, then continue to live with self-condemnation and guilt. Having done so, you should be feeling better already. You can now travel lightly into the New Year.

Here are some necessary items needed to assure you a rewarding journey into the future. Resolve to be a little kinder than you have been. Kindness is a language that is understood universally. People may not understand

the words you speak, but your deeds of kindness are easily interpreted. Even your pet dog or cat understands the difference between kindness and harshness. The elder George Bush once said that he envisioned a "kinder and gentler" America. From what we can

see and hear in our daily lives, there is much room for improvement. That kind of America can only be, when each of us resolve to make it so.

SHEPARD ON 3A

The News & Press

117 S. Main St., Darlington, SC 29532
Phone (843) 393-3811 Fax (843) 393-6811

STAFF

General Manager: Morrey Thomas mthomas@newsandpress.net
Editor: Bobby Bryant editor@newsandpress.net
Staff Writer: Samantha Lyles slyles@newsandpress.net
Design: Rachel Howell ads@newsandpress.net
Advertising: Bradley Hamilton sales@newsandpress.net
Customer Service: customerservice@newsandpress.net

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We encourage letters to the editor on any subject. Please include your name, location and phone number for verification.
Mail to P.O. Box 513 Darlington SC 29540
or e-mail editor@newsandpress.net.

Letters to the Editor do not reflect the opinions of the News and Press, and content may be edited prior to printing. Letters containing overtly malicious comments or personal attacks on your fellow citizens will not be printed.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

In-state subscriptions: One year \$30
Out-of-state subscriptions: One year \$40.
Sorry, but we cannot give refunds for canceled subscriptions.

PRESS RELEASE AND EVENT SUBMISSIONS

All press releases are welcome and will be considered, but the News & Press reserves the right to edit as necessary for space or other requirements. Please contact us by phone at (843) 393-3811, by fax at (843) 393-6811 or by e-mail at editor@newsandpress.net with your Darlington area news.

S.C. newspapers launch statewide website for public notices

S.C. newspapers have launched a website where people can search for public notices published by newspapers across the state.

SCPublicNotices.com is a central repository of virtually all public notice/legal ads that have run in printed S.C. newspapers. Ads are searchable by keyword, type of notice, date and location.

Public notices are a critical part of the legal process, notifying citizens of actions or pending actions by public bodies or the courts.

SCPublicNotices.com receives uploaded public notices daily from S.C. newspapers regarding foreclosures, hearings, advertisements for bids, zoning changes, financial reports, ordinances and other government activities.

Bill Rogers, executive director of the S.C. Press Association, which assists its members in managing the site, said that more than 16,000 public notices have already been posted to the site. Notices will remain on the site indefinitely.

"There's no better way to notify the public of government and court actions than through the combination of S.C. newspapers and SCPublicNotices.com," Rogers said.

"Newspapers are the best vehicle for public notices because of their reach and ability to offer publication in an independent entity that cannot be altered, removed or changed. The new site is a valuable add-on where ads are uploaded to a single, searchable site that's updated daily."

The service is provided by S.C. newspapers at no cost to taxpayers.

Most statewide press associations offer similar public notice sites.

The S.C. Press Association worked with the Illinois Press Association to create the Palmetto State's site.

The S.C. Press Association, an advocate for open government, is 166 years old and represents the state's 15 daily and 85 weekly newspapers.

At Fort Jackson, holidays mean a homecoming for most soldiers

Story Courtesy of Fort Jackson

Nearly 7,000 Fort Jackson trainees began departing the installation in the wee hours of Dec. 19 as part of Victory Block Leave.

VBL, otherwise known across the Army as holiday block leave, takes place every December as Initial Entry Training shuts down temporarily as trainees and cadre are allowed to take leave to be with their families.

Trainees departed Fort Jackson heading towards various transportation nodes to take them home.

There was Pvt. Nacereya Mosley, an 88N Transportation Management Coordinator who was headed home to Orlando, Fla., via an overnight train ride. "I'm going to Disney World," she exclaimed. "Oh my God, I'm so glad."

She said the training had taken a toll on her but she was glad to have gone through it.

Pvt. Esmeralda Garcia, a 92G-Culinary Specialist with

1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, was heading home to Minneapolis on a flight from Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

"I will surprise my mother because she doesn't know I'm coming," Garcia said.

While some trainees went home for the holidays, 225 stayed behind.

The trainees remaining on post for the holidays will still be able to have family time during Christmas -- just not with blood relatives.

Adopt-a-Soldier will allow them to spend the afternoon celebrating with local host families.

Some soldiers can't go home during Victory Block Leave, while others have various reasons for staying behind.

They will instead stay at the holdover battalion, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment.

This is an especially challenging time for them to be away from family, said

Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Ausbun, from 1-61.

The Army works to keep them emotionally strong during the holidays, since many are missing their holiday traditions, Ausbun added.

Adopt-a-Soldier is one initiative that helps. The Religious Support Office has partnered with 1-61 to make it happen.

The battalion will pair interested soldiers with volunteering host families in the Midlands.

"It gives soldiers another option" to get off the installation during leave time, said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Rodie Lamb of Fort Jackson's deputy Garrison chaplain.

It allows them to interact with the outside world and enjoy a home cooked holiday meal.

It's also a way for Fort Jackson to "build a bridge" with the surrounding community, Lamb added. It gives locals a chance to support the

military.

The installation has partnered with a few area churches to organize the event. All denominations were welcome to assist, Lamb said.

Soldiers in good standing remaining on post during VBL are eligible to partake.

"This is also voluntary," Lamb explained.

Participating trainees were to leave Fort Jackson the morning of Dec. 25 for the homes of Columbia area residents.

They will be surrounded by their adopted families for a holiday meal and will return that evening.

This is the second time ever that Fort Jackson has run the Adopt-a-Soldier program.

The concept of the program isn't new, though.

"Adopt-a-Soldier has probably been around for a long time," Lamb said.

Other branches of the military have done it in the past. The Army wanted to catch up, he explained.



Simple ways to cut mortgage costs

Monthly mortgage payments are the biggest single expense for many homeowners. So it's understandable why plenty of homeowners would love to trim those costs.

A host of factors determine how much homeowners pay for their mortgages each month. The cost of the home, the amount of the initial down payment and property taxes, which are often folded into monthly payments, will factor heavily into the cost of home ownership. While homeowners may feel as though there's little wiggle room to cut the costs of their mortgages, there are several ways to do just that and potentially trim years from the life of a home loan.

- Make bi-weekly payments. Making bi-weekly instead of once-a-month payments can save homeowners substantial amounts of money. A year's worth of once-a-month payments equates to 12 payments per year. But homeowners who pay on a bi-weekly basis will make 26 half payments, or 13 full payments, per year. That extra annual payment can be applied directly to the principal, dramatically reducing how much homeowners pay in interest over the life of their loans.

- Stop paying PMI. Homeowners whose initial down payments are less than 20 percent of the sale price will

have to pay private mortgage insurance, or PMI. But once the balances on such mortgages falls below 80 percent, homeowners can cancel such insurance. Homeowners may also be able to stop paying PMI by having their homes reappraised.

- Refinance the loan. Refinancing a loan also can save homeowners substantial amounts of money each month. Homeowners are typically eligible for lower interest rates when refinancing their loans, meaning they will pay less in interest each month. However, refinancing is not free, so homeowners should first check the going home interest rates and examine their credit scores to see if the interest rate they're likely to get upon refinancing will save them money. The cost of refinancing might be more than homeowners can save.

- Request a tax reassessment. Real estate values increase and decrease, and homeowners who feel their homes have decreased in value can request that their homes be reassessed. Homeowners whose homes are assessed at a value lower than the current value can expect to pay less each month in taxes.

Homeowners hoping to cut mortgage costs have various options at their disposal.

Why make resolutions?

The dawn of a new year is a time when many people take inventory of the previous 12 months and begin thinking about ways they can improve their lives in the coming year. Such looking ahead can provide inspiration and motivation.

Resolving to make changes at the beginning of a new year is a tradition for many people. Even when people veer off course from their resolutions, many pick themselves up, dust themselves off and try again year after year.

The custom of making resolutions is celebrated in many areas of the world. But how did the custom begin?

History.com states that the origins of New Year's resolutions can be traced to the ancient Babylonians, who purportedly made promises to the gods to earn good favor for the coming year. These resolutions were personal promises of growth and redemption and were made in conjunction with the start of a new year which, at the time, began in mid-March and not January.

Common resolutions revolved around getting out of debt or returning borrowed items. The Babylonians tried to fulfill these resolutions so that the pagan gods would bestow favor on them,

including a rich harvest, for the coming year.

The Romans were the first to change the calendar to have the new year begin on January 1. January was named for the Roman god Janus, who had dual faces. Romans believed that Janus could not only look back into the previous year, but also look forward to the next one. So Romans made promises to Janus to do good deeds in the months to come and learn from past mistakes.

Early Christians also embraced resolutions as chances to repent and redeem themselves through positive actions. Although there are still some religious ties to resolutions, New Year's resolutions are still largely practiced today. And unlike making promises to God or pagan gods, resolutions are now most often personal promises focusing on self-improvement.

The largest percentage of resolutions made today, according to Statistics Brain, involve self-improvement or education-related goals.

Sharing one's resolutions with a third party can help people stay motivated as they pursue their goals. Resolutions have been made for thousands of years, and millions of people still make them today.



Shepard

Continued from 2A

A small child was building sand castles along the beach when a thoughtless person came along and stepped in the middle of them, scattering the child's project asunder. The thoughtless person hurried on, leaving the sobbing child behind. Another person came by and saw the hurting child, crying softly. He stooped and placed his arms about the child and spoke some kind words, then moved on. Looking back, he saw the small child happily rebuilding his dream castles.

The world is full of people like the child in this story. We see them every day. They were making good headway in life, but something unforeseen came along and shattered their dream castles. They are now sitting among the ruins of their broken lives. You and I can be that other person who comes along and stops to show a bit of kindness. Do it! The rewards are great.

Remember the stories about Johnny Appleseed? I recall reading about how this man traveled throughout the Ohio Valley in the days before the last century. Everywhere he went, he scattered apple seeds, so the stories go. Throughout the valley, apple trees grew, producing the tasty fruit enjoyed by all in that region and perhaps beyond. Because of what he had done, he was given the name, "Appleseed John," and the valley became and remains one of America's finest apple producing regions.

We can all profit from the example of Johnny Appleseed. For your travels into the journey ahead, place within your traveling bag, seeds of kindness, faith, love, gentleness and an extra amount of forgiveness. Scatter them everywhere you go, and the world will be a better place because of you.

Be happy! True happiness must come from within and is not dependent upon the things about us. Someone has said that most of us are as happy as we want to be. So, go ahead, be happy! The journey lies before you; begin it with faith in the One who has brought you to it.

Happy New Year!

Video

Continued from 2A

There is no acceptable reason to bar a camera from any public meeting.

If you are a servant of the people -- and City Council, all of the council, certainly fits that description -- the people have a right to know what you are doing and where you are leading the community, all of the community.

It works like this: You ask for our vote, we give you our vote, we pay the taxes, you represent us and carry out your duties on the behalf of all, taxpayers and non-taxpayers, all of the citizens of the community.

It has been well said concerning politicians and the operation of government, "The best antiseptic is sunlight." Let us have all the sunlight we can have to keep our politicians clean and our city government accountable.

Rev. Leroy B. Lowery,
Darlington

Thanks for the help with Angel Tree Project

The Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board Foundation would like to express their appreciation to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Project this year.

From sponsors, monetary donors and individuals who purchased gifts for the Angel Tree Project for adults and children with disabilities and special needs in Darlington County. With your help we were able to provide gifts to over 100 individuals this year.

The Angel Tree would not be possible without our generous community. If you or your organization would like to participate in this project and collect items throughout the year, the items most requested for the Angel Tree are everyday items such as blankets, hats, gloves, sweatsuits, pajamas, socks, undershirts of all sizes, puzzles and educational toys for children.

For more information: Candy Wyrick at cwyrick@dcdnsb.org or 843-332-7252 Ext. 1110, Darlington County DSNB, 201 N. Damascus Church Road, Hartsville, SC 29550.

City of Darlington 2019 Meeting Schedule

City Council: 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month except where noted (*). Dates are January 8*, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 12*, and December 3.

Beautification Board: 5 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month with no meeting in July or December. Dates are January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 16, June 20, August 21, September 18, October 16, and November 20.

Board of Zoning Appeals: 5:30 p.m. Mondays on an as-needed basis, coordinated through the Codes Enforcement Office

Historic Landmarks Commission: 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 4, May 6, August 5, and November 4

Planning Commission: 9 a.m. on the third Tuesday every other month. Dates are January 15, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19.

Design Review Board: Meets on an as-needed basis, coordinated through the Codes Enforcement Office

Tree Board: 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 25, May 13, and September 30; 10 a.m. Friday, December 6; and on an as-needed basis

Williamson Park Committee: 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders St. Dates are January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10.

Joint Board Meeting of All City Boards: Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m., scheduled by the Planning Commission.

Unless otherwise noted, these meetings take place at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street. For information, call (843) 398-4000 x103 or email rock@cityofdarlington.com



QUOTE

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

LuKe 1:32-33

Obituaries

FRIDAY DEADLINE FOR OBITUARIES
 e-mail ads@newsandpress.net
 call (843) 393-3811 or fax (843) 393-6811.

DECEMBER 26, 2018 | PAGE 4A
 The News AND Press, Dar LINGTON, S.C.

WWW.NEWSANDPRESS.NET



KISTLER HARDEE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY
 "Darlington's oldest funeral home since 1922"
 (843) 393-3851 | 315 Pearl Street, Darlington
 www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com

PLACE YOUR AD IN 101 S.C. NEWSPAPERS
 and reach more than 2.1 million readers using our small space display ad network

Statewide or regional buys available

Alanna Ritchie 888.727.7377
 scnewspapernetwork.com

SONNI SOUTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPER NETWORK We know newspapers.



BELK FUNERAL HOME
 Darlington, SC
 Lamar, SC

"Serving the communities of Darlington County for three generations"

- Traditional Funerals with a Personal Touch • Funeral Pre-Planning
- Immediate Cremation and Cremation with Memorial Service
- Aftercare Services - Social Security, Probate, V. A. Paper Work & Insurance Claims

229 W. Broad St., Darlington 843-393-2824
 217 W. Main St., Lamar 843-326-5890

Taz Baird

DARLINGTON – Andrew Tazewell "Taz" Baird III, age 71, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018. A graveside service was held Friday, Dec. 21, at Black Creek Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends following the service.

Born Nov. 14, 1947, Taz was the son of the late Andrew Tazewell Baird Jr. and Virginia Pearce Baird. He retired from the U.S. Air National Guard, and also worked for Pee Dee Electric for over 30 years. Taz was an avid hunter and a member of

the Robyn's Neck Hunting Club. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially at the Pee Dee River Swamp.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, Olivia "Livvy" McDonald Baird; daughters, Michelle "Missy" (Mike) Ferrigno of Florence and Beth (Allen Parr) Atkinson of Hartsville; grandchildren, Avery Ferrigno, Nicholas Ferrigno, Brandon Alexander Jr., and Gabriel Alexander; daughter-in-law, Hannah Thompson Alexander; brother-in-law, Joel Hanks.

He was preceded in death by his son, Brandon Alexander Sr.; sister, Ann Baird Hanks;

and granddaughter, Charlee McGee.

Memorials may be made to Barnabas Ministries, 202 Medford Dr., Darlington, SC 29532; or to a charity of one's choice.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth "Liz" Mack Franklin

DARLINGTON -- Funeral services for Elizabeth "Liz" Mack Franklin of Hampton, Va., were Dec. 22, 2018, at Lawson Grove Baptist Church in Hartsville.

Interment followed in the Peters Family Memorial Gardens directed by Jordan Funeral Home Inc.

The family was receiving friends at the residence of Leila Jacobs, 752 Potato House Road, Darlington.

Frank Lunnon

Willie Frank Lunnon, 78, of Darlington, died at his residence Monday, Dec. 17, 2018.

A funeral service was held in the chapel of Belk Funeral Home at noon Friday, Dec. 21, with burial following in Hart Cemetery # 2 in Timmonsville. The family

received friends at the funeral home Friday.

Born June 2, 1940, he was the son of the late Dobbie and Ethel Mae Gurley Lunnon Mack. He was a graduate of Mayo High School. Frank had worked as a school security guard, ARS, and Cashua Street Service Station. He also enjoyed farming. He always enjoyed visiting and talking with people.

He is survived by his devoted wife and caregiver of 21 years, Vickie Hunter Lunnon, his children: Jerry Lunnon, Christopher Lunnon, Dennis Lunnon, Darren Lunnon, Alvin Lunnon, Marshal

Jackson and Calvin Jackson; sisters, Helen Murray and Virgil Mae McDougal, a brother, Terry Mack and many grandchildren and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Vivian Jordan Lunnon, a daughter, Janice Lunnon; grandson, Sidney Lunnon, and his Uncle Pete Gurley and Aunt Sweet.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com

Rogers, former Duke Energy chairman and CEO, dies at age 71

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- Jim Rogers, the iconic former chairman and chief executive officer of Duke Energy, has died in Louisville, Ky. He was 71.

"Our industry has lost one of its most influential and extraordinary leaders," said Lynn Good, chairman, president and CEO of Duke Energy. "I was fortunate to work alongside Jim and see his dynamic leadership skill up close. He was not afraid to tackle the hard questions with a personable style that brought people together for positive solutions. We will miss Jim but we will also long remember his accomplishments and his mission to light the world."

Rogers became president and CEO of Duke Energy following the merger between Duke Energy and Cinergy in 2006. Before the merger, he served as Cinergy's chairman and CEO for more than 11 years.

Prior to the formation of Cinergy, he served as chairman, president and CEO of PSI Energy from 1988 until

1994. He retired as Duke Energy CEO in 2013 – one year after the Duke Energy/Progress Energy merger made the company the largest electric utility in the nation.

During his tenure, Rogers led Duke Energy to focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and steered the company to more renewable energy, a focus that continues today. Duke Energy has reduced carbon emissions 31 percent since 2005 and has invested \$7 billion in wind and solar facilities across the nation.

Born in Birmingham, Ala., Rogers spent most of his childhood in Danville, Ky. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees at University of Kentucky. Rogers worked as a reporter at Lexington Herald-Leader early in his career. He later served as a law clerk for the Supreme Court of Kentucky and held numerous legal positions in the government and private sectors.

Rogers was one of the first leaders in the energy indus-

try to speak about the changes needed in the face of climate change. As CEO at Cinergy in 2003, he pushed the company's first Sustainability Report - and continued that publication after moving to Duke Energy.

Since leaving Duke Energy, he devoted much of his energy to the issue of how rural people in low-income nations can get access to clean, sustainable electricity. He frequently wrote and lectured on the topic. In 2015, he wrote the book "Lighting the World," which further explored the topic.

In 2014, he was inducted into the North Carolina Business Hall of Fame.

In 2013, he was awarded the Edison Electric Institute's Distinguished Leadership Award for his 25 years of service and exemplary contributions to the electric utility industry.

He was the 2013 recipient of the United States Energy Association Award, and was named the most influential person in the power generation industry by Power

Engineering magazine and the energy industry's CEO of the Year by Platts.

He was the founding chairman of the Institute for Electric Efficiency, former co-chair of the Alliance to Save Energy and past co-chair of the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency.

In 2011, he was presented with the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year@ Lifetime Achievement Award; and the Charlotte Regional Partnership Jerry Award. The Charlotte Business Journal also named him its Business Person of the Year for 2011.

Moving to Charlotte in 2006, Rogers became an important figure to the growth of the city. He was co-chair of the host committee for the Democratic National Convention, which was held in Charlotte in 2012.

Queens University's science and health building in Charlotte – Rogers Hall – is named for him.

Insurance policies everyone should have

Insurance is something everyone needs but hopes to never use. Without insurance, already difficult situations could be made much worse and cause financial devastation.

Certain types of insurance may not be necessary for everyone, but other types are almost universally necessary regardless of the policy holder's particular situation. The following are some examples of insurance policies everyone should have.

Health insurance

Everyone needs health insurance. The out-of-pocket costs for routine medical examinations can be quite high, and testing, hospitalization or surgery can take quite a toll on a person's finances if he or she has no health insurance. In fact, a recent Harvard study noted that most people are statistically one serious illness away from bankruptcy. Shopping around for adequate coverage and the most affordable plans for one's situation is essential, as even minimal coverage is better than nothing when it comes to offsetting the rising costs of health care.

Life insurance

Life insurance is something most people will never benefit from personally, but it leaves a financial legacy for the people they love, providing for those they leave behind. Parents or men and women who are the sole breadwinners in the household can rest easy knowing their life insurance will keep their loved ones financial-

ly secure in the event of their death. According to the financial resource Investopedia, individuals need to factor in mortgage or rent payments, loans, funeral expenses, child care, and taxes when calculating how much life insurance coverage they need. Experts suggest 10 times one's yearly income.

Disability insurance

Many people do not believe they will become ill or injured. But the statistics speak otherwise. Data from the Social Security Administration show that three in 10 workers entering the workforce will become disabled before they reach retirement. Being off from work anywhere from a few weeks to a few months is enough to jeopardize one's financial future. Short- and long-term disability policies provide partial and complete income replacement depending on the policy chosen.

Auto insurance

People who drive are urged to have auto insurance to protect themselves in the event of an accident or theft. Auto insurance also helps protect against any litigation as the result of accidents when a passenger or other driver is injured.

Insurance is a wholly necessary expense that provides peace of mind and protection.

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

Central Baptist Church

Pastor Andy Cook is returning to Central Baptist Church in Darlington, and he's bringing Israel with him. An experienced Israel tour leader and author of multiple books, Cook will share insight from some of the Bible's most familiar stories while he shows you the land where those stories took place.

Sunday, Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.

Central Baptist Church, 512 Spring St., Darlington. For more information, call 843-393-8581 or visit our website at www.cbcdarlington.com or http://www.experienceisraelnow.com.

Also: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24

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 at 312 Pearl St. For more, 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 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.

Black Creek Baptist Church

Black Creek Baptist Church, 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, 11 a.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 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.

Search public notice ads from this newspaper at SCPublicNotices.com

Public notices from virtually all S.C. newspapers are now available online in one convenient location.

This service is provided by S.C. newspapers at no cost to taxpayers.

WE'RE YOUR DARLINGTON COUNTY NEWS SOURCE!



SUBSCRIBE ONLINE AT NEWSANDPRESS.NET

WE WANT COMMUNITY NEWS
Email editor@newsandpress.net,
call (843) 393-3811 or fax (843) 393-6811.
Subject: COMMUNITY NEWS

community

WWW.NEWSANDPRESS.NET

PETS OF THE WEEK



Affectionate and very playful, sweet Finn is ready to get the party started! This friendly, happy faced fellow loves meeting everyone and enjoys sharing puppy kisses and breath with all! Finn is guaranteed to make you smile and feel loved. Doesn't get much better than that! Please ask for Finn this holiday season as you look for your new best friend. 40 pounds; 7 months old; hound/bull mix; male

Everyone loves me! No, really! A sweet, loving and a bit goofy natured fellow, all I want to do is play, share my love and make new friends. I'm a perfect match for a more active family with

slightly older/more sturdy kids and if you already have pets in stock, well that would suit my style just fine. Loving and just as sweet as they come, ring in the new year with me by your side. Ask for Gatsby, won't you? 62 pounds; 1-2 years old; Shepard mix

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

Board of Zoning Appeals

5:30 p.m. on Mondays on an as-needed basis, coordinated through the Codes Enforcement Office.

Hartsville Rotary Club

Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Hartsville Country Club

Darlington Elks Lodge

Tuesdays: Swing/Shag dance lessons, "New" line dance lessons from 8-10 p.m.

Wednesdays: Karaoke from 8-10 p.m.

Thursdays: Bingo at 7:30 p.m.

Darlington Elks Lodge is located at 836 Timmonsville Hwy. For more info: 843-393-1451.

BNI

Meets each Tuesday at 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

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.

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 Stitches" 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 8 p.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.

DDRA Board of Directors Meeting

The DDRA Board of Directors will meet at the Darlington Library, 204 N. Main Street, at 8 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, except in July and September.

Darlington County First Steps

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

Williamson Park Committee

The Williamson Park Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street.

DC Disabilities and Special Needs Board

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

Darlington Branch NAACP

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

DHS Booster Club

The Darlington High School Athletic Booster Club has set meeting times for the next several months.

Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the DHS Media Center.

Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the DHS Media Center.

Monday, March 18, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the DHS Media Center.

Jan. 2019

Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council will hold their monthly meeting Jan. 2 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@darcoosc.com.

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street.

Blood Drive at Carolina Pines

Tuesday, Jan. 8 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center - ER Entrance, 1304 W. Bobo Newsom Highway, Hartsville, SC.

Give blood. Help save lives!

Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington County Library Board Meeting

Jan. 17 at the Darlington Library located at 204 N. Main Street, Darlington, SC.

Feb. 2019

Coker College Homecoming

Join us on Friday, Feb. 1 for an alumni drop in at Bizzell's and Saturday, February 2, there will be campus tours, class pictures, alumni reception and so much more!

Historic Landmarks Commission

5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street.

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@darcoosc.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, SC.

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.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Feb. 21 at 8 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building located at 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC.

Darlington Tree Board

Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

March 2019

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 19 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

April 2019

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

May 2019

Historic Landmarks Commission

5:30 p.m. Monday, May 6 at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Darlington Tree Board

May 13 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

May 16 at 8 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building located at 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC.

Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 21 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

June 2019

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

July 2019

Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting July 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 16 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

August 2019

Historic Landmarks Commission

5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5 at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

Darlington City Council Meeting

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

Local Emergency Planning Committee

August 15 at 8 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building located at 1625 Harry Byrd Highway, Darlington, SC.

DARLINGTON

IGA

207 S. Main Street
(843) 393-0885

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Grow your business with a little help from your friends at the News & Press!

Call the News and Press at (843) 393-3811

DARLINGTON PACKING COMPANY
MANAGEMENT & EMPLOYEES

250 OLD SOCIETY HILL ROAD
DARLINGTON, SC 29532

H&S Floors & Furnishings
(843) 393-0456
210 Russell Street • Darlington

ADS THAT SELL!

The only source for Darlington County News is right here!

Subscribe now at NewsandPress.net

INDUSTRIAL PAVING, INC.
712 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD • (843) 393-3922

INDUSTRIAL, DRIVEWAYS, PARKING AREAS, SUBDIVISIONS, PATCHING, SEALING, PAVEMENT MARKING

THAD WEINBERG'S SAUSAGE CO.

You've tried the rest, now try the best!
Whole Hog, Country Sausage, Fresh Pork Cuts
(843) 393-2544 • 1014 Pearl Street, Darlington

New Year's traditions around the world

Each Dec. 31, people anxiously await and count down to the arrival of the new year. January 1 often is a time for reflection and for making future plans. It also is a holiday full of tradition.

Notable New Year's traditions include toasting champagne beneath skies lit up by fireworks, kissing one's sweetheart at midnight and making resolutions to better oneself in the year ahead.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day traditions vary across the globe. The following is a look at the unique ways people ring in the new year throughout the world.

- Filipinos embrace round fruits for the new year. The custom includes gathering 12 different round fruits for each month of the year. The round shape symbolizes wealth and prosperity.

- Around Stonehaven, Scotland, people wield large fireballs for the Hogmanay festival on New Year's Eve. The idea is to ward off evil spirits by swinging balls of fires over the heads of trained professionals and then tossing them into the sea. The tradition has endured for more than 100 years.

- In the Eastern Orthodox Greek Church, Christmas isn't celebrated until January 7. Aghios Vassilis, the Greek Santa Claus, makes his rounds on New Year's Day.

- Chilean families celebrate the arrival of the new year by commemorating deceased friends and family

members. It is common for those in Chile to set up chairs next to graves in the cemetery.

- Burmese people end the Thingyan water festival on New Year's Day. Since April, they have celebrated the arrival of Thagyamin, a celestial Buddhist figure, with the firing of water cannons. The water-logged revelry ends with the new year.

- Siberians celebrate the new year's with the planting of the "New Year's Tree" underneath frozen lakes. This "yolka" is said to symbolize the coming of Father Frost, but also represents starting over.

- Grapes are a hallmark of Spanish New Year's celebrations. Throughout Spain, revelers gobble a grape per second as they count down the last 12 seconds of the year. Each grape corresponds to good luck for the 12 months of the new year.

- In Denmark, residents break old dishes on the doorsteps of family and friends on New Year's Day. The bigger the pile, the more friends and good will in the new year.

- In China, where the new year is celebrated on February 5 this year according to the lunar calendar, celebrants paint their doors red or hang red curtains or cutouts on windows to symbolize good luck.



Pilot Club's Light-A-Light Christmas tree

On Dec. 3, Darlington Mayor Gloria Hines joined members and guests of the Pilot Club of Darlington for the lighting of the Light-A-Light Christmas tree. The tree's lights are symbols of the donations made to the Pilot Club in honor of or in memory of special people. Light-A-Light donations become part of the scholarship fund for a deserving high school senior in Darlington each year.

The following donations have been made in honor of these individuals: Jimmy Blackmon, Kim Blackmon, Janet Blackmon, Jason Blackmon, Kayse Blackmon, Maverick Blackmon, Judy Graham, Thomas Graham, Bobby Odom, and Mary Odom

by B. J. Blackmon; Ruth Flowers and Mary Scott by Belinda Copeland; Jeannette Odom, Bill Dority Jr. and Marilyn Garrison by Angie Dority; Junior Clark, William Dority Sr. and Anna Dority by Angie and Bill Dority; Baby Jesus by Janice Flowers; The Pilot Club of Darlington, Darlington Anchor Club, Chesley and Barbara Benjamin, Wilbur and Donna Vaughan, Henry and Tania Bailey, Jim and Dot Stone, Wallace and Eleanor Haynes, Jason, Laura, Gracie, and Langley Smith, Roy, Maggie, Royce, and Rivers Blackmon, Marlana Hanna Lowmsberry, St. John's High School Class of 1968, and The Wednesday Wanderers by Rodney and Judy Langley;

Norton and Annie L. James, Barry, Dona Jo, Brycen, and Braden Brown, June and Wayne Brown, June and Charlie Berry, Lilabelle Moody, Tony and Pam Sherrill, and Tommy and Gilbe Revell by Don and Peggy Ruthven; Dona Jo Brown and the Darlington Anchor Club by Mary Scott.

The following donations have been made in memory of these individuals: L. G. and Rheba Duckworth, Boyd and Ruth Copeland and Walter Copeland by Belinda Copeland; Happy Clark, George and Mary Clark, Hopson and Laura Gandy by Angie Dority; Robert Odom and Juliet Dority by Angie and Bill Dority; Nell and Les Newsome by Janice Flowers; Bobbie Howle Rouse

by Randi Kirkley; Tommy Britt, John and Margaret Frank, Horace and Laura Langley, Eileen Benton, Michael Sigmon and Terry Boyles by Rodney and Judy Langley; Russell N. Odom, Charles Kelly Sr., Levon Player Kelly, Sarah Kelly Isgett, Cindy Kelly McKinley, Wanda Kelly Pearce, Mettie Howle Pilgrim, and Jada Isgett by Anita Pohl Odom; Edith M. Willoughby, Andrew Willoughby, Gussie Z. Pooler, Timmons Pooler and Daisy M. Sims by Andrena W. Pooler; Billy Weinberg, Bill and Emma L. Sherrill, Thad and Lena Weinberg, Otis and Lois Ruthven, Bill and Ila Marshall by Don and Peggy Ruthven; Ronald F. Scott by Mary, Julie and Cal Scott.

Little-known S.C. panel regularly OKs requests to release sensitive information

By Rick Brundrett
The Nerve

For at least two years, a few members of an obscure state panel have routinely approved requests by public- and private-sector researchers for sensitive information contained in a massive health "data warehouse," records reviewed by The Nerve show.

The medical records database, managed by the state Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) Office, was created in 2002 under a state budget proviso and is renewed annually via a proviso. The Nerve in August revealed that a state privacy law and inter-agency agreements for the database offer weak privacy protections for citizens who deal with S.C. agencies that provide records for the database.

Lawmakers earlier this year wanted to launch a similar "data warehouse" that would track sensitive education and workforce information on children and adults in South Carolina. Gov. Henry McMaster in July vetoed a budget proviso that would have authorized the creation of the database — several days after The Nerve raised privacy concerns.

Under the proviso for the existing "data warehouse," lawmakers and their staffs can have access to that database. The same access would have been allowed for the other proposed database, though the RFA, headed by Frank Rainwater, in an earlier written statement said under "no circumstances" would personal information be made available to lawmakers or their staffs.

The existing database contains, among other information, medical claims data provided by the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services, including the names, dates of birth and medical treatment records of Medicaid patients, an HHS spokeswoman earlier said, noting that information is used by a nonprofit organization to allow health care providers in the state access to those patients' medical records. The Nerve's latest review

examined requests over the past two-and-half years by public- and private-sector researchers to the S.C. Data Oversight Council (DOC) to release "restricted data" from the health "data warehouse."

"Restricted data" can include a patient's date of birth, patient ZIP code, medical record number, assigned facility, and admission and discharge dates, according to the RFA's website. The site also says a "special request is the release of restricted data elements in a manner that would allow the identification of patients and/or health care facilities and/or professionals," and that the "release of the patient-level data ... will be made to researchers and government entities only."

Minutes of meetings from March 2016 through August of this year show that the DOC approved 72 of 83 requests, The Nerve's review found. Of the total requests, 27 were submitted by the University of South Carolina, 13 by the Medical University of South Carolina, and six by the state Department of Health and Environmental Control. Besides DHEC, other state agencies submitting requests included the departments of Mental Health and Social Services.

Other requests came from out-of-state researchers at Harvard, Johns Hopkins and Emory universities; and the universities of Pennsylvania and California-Davis, among others. The DOC also considered requests from private entities, including the United Way of the Midlands and the USA Today newspaper.

How well the "data warehouse" records are protected once they are released isn't clear. On Feb. 16, 2017, for example, the DOC approved the release of a "Masterlist" containing the names, dates of births and Social Security numbers of Medicaid patients to a Harvard University researcher.

Minutes of the meeting didn't reveal how many patients were expected to be involved in

the Harvard study titled, "Randomized Evaluation of Nurse Family Partnership in South Carolina" — a project of HHS, the state's Medicaid agency.

The minutes also didn't indicate whether written permission from patients involved in the study would be obtained before their private information was released.

The request was approved by three DOC members, though under state law, the panel is supposed to have 15 members — 12 of whom are appointed by the governor for three-year terms. There were four members present at the meeting, including a representative from the Governor's Office, though an HHS researcher abstained from voting, minutes show.

Spokespersons for HHS and the RFA did not respond to written questions from The Nerve about the meeting.

In an email response to The Nerve, Katherine Baicker, the Harvard researcher who requested the data in 2017 and now a dean at the University of Chicago, said she and other researchers involved in the study were "responsible for overseeing the obtaining of informed consent from study participants," though she didn't answer a question about how many people participated in the study.

"We take the protection of human subjects and the confidentiality of this information extremely seriously, and all of our work is subject to the oversight of an Institutional Review Board to ensure the protection of participants and their information," Baicker said.

Currently, there are nine vacancies on the DOC, including four representatives of "non-healthcare-related" businesses, according to Secretary of State records. Other vacancies left unfilled by the governor include a hospital administrator; nursing home administrator; and representatives of the managed healthcare industry, "major" third-party healthcare payers, and the South

Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

The directors of DHEC and HHS or their designees, a member of the Governor's Office, a physician, and representatives of the state hospital and medical associations also are supposed to serve on the DOC, under state law.

The Governor's Office did not respond to three written requests from The Nerve seeking comment.

The Nerve's review of minutes of the 13 DOC meetings from March 2016 through August of this year found the number of council members present at any given meeting ranged from three to five — easily short of a majority of the statutorily mandated size of the panel.

In several cases, minutes show that DOC members deferred the decision on the release of "restricted data" to RFA staff, who are not voting members of the panel under state law. RFA staff opened and closed meetings instead of DOC members.

Asked recently what types of information typically are approved for release, DOC member Brandt Smith, vice president of information technology at the South Carolina Medical Association, told The Nerve: "I really don't know; you have to get with the RFA folks for that."

Pressed further about his decision-making role on the DOC, Smith replied, "They (RFA staff) just tell me. If it sounds good, I approve it."

In an email to The Nerve, USC spokesman Jeff Stensland said that "while there may be cases where it could be possible to obtain individually identifiable data under RFA rules, we are not aware of a USC researcher obtaining such data," adding, "The data we get from RFA is lawfully obtained and released without specific individual consent."

MUSC researchers "get only de-identified data," university spokeswoman Heather Woolwine said in an email. "First, before we can get data,

we have to get our IRB's (Institutional Review Board) approval on the study to make sure that both patients' and provider's identities are protected. The data are stored behind our fire wall and only accessed by IRB investigators approved for the specific study."

From Jan. 1, 2015, through Nov. 27 of this year, MUSC paid the RFA a total of nearly \$44,000 for approved records requests, while USC paid a total of \$135,525 from July 2017 through Nov. 27, according to information provided by the universities. Most of the payments by the universities were drawn from federal grant funds.

In comparison, HHS paid the RFA a total of \$1.75 million — split evenly between federal and state funds — from December 2016 through June of this year for "data warehousing, analysis, and de-identification," agency spokeswoman Colleen Mullis said in an email.

The Nerve in September submitted a formal request under the state Freedom of

Information Act to the RFA for a breakdown of total annual payments by every public and private entity to the RFA from fiscal years 2014 through 2018 related to the health "data warehouse."

The agency requested a payment of \$34.36 for those records and related expense information, which The Nerve declined to do after pointing out that several state agencies provided their respective payment information at no charge.

State comptroller general records show that from fiscal 2015 through mid-November of this year, 14 state agencies — not including universities — paid a total of \$14 million to the RFA, including \$10.6 million from HHS and \$1.5 million from DSS. Those records, however, don't give specifics on the purpose of the payments.

Brundrett is the news editor of The Nerve (www.thenerve.org). Contact him at 803-254-4411 or rick@thenerve.org. Follow him on Twitter @RickBrundrett. Follow The Nerve on Facebook and Twitter @thenervesc.



QUOTE

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

ANDY RODDICK

sports

WWW.NEWSANDPRESSONLINE.COM

Specht-acular: Dual-sport athlete readies for second FMU degree

Warren Specht has seen the highs and lows of being a student athlete Francis Marion University. He knows the pressure that goes along with mid-week road trips to Peach Belt conference opponents that are followed up the next morning with pressure-packed business class presentations.

After graduating from Francis Marion with his degree in Management Information Systems, Specht is coming back for more.

More education. More Patriot athletics, too.

The Kansas native has used up his basketball eligibility, but he still qualifies for other sports, including baseball. He was a two-sport star in high school – a hard-throwing pitcher as well as a three-point sharpshooter. He's going to join the Patriot baseball team this spring while pursuing his Master's in Business Administration degree.

"My first love has always

been baseball," Specht says.

Specht transferred to FMU two years ago from Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas.

He was a regular in the Patriot lineup the past two years, and a starter on last year's NCAA tournament team.

Specht's high mark at FMU was a buzzer-beating, game-tying three-pointer he made while falling out of bounds against USC Aiken last January.

Specht's hope-and-a-prayer shot tied the game at the end of regulation, sending the Patriots to overtime. They won in the extra period, gaining a key Peach Belt Conference victory.

"Being such a sports fanatic and loving sports so much, that gaming-tying shot is probably the peak of my career here," Specht says.

"Getting to experience that is kind of unreal. Anything other than that will be hard to

top because there was just so much joy after that."

Specht's sporting prowess is no surprise. His family tree is dotted with athletes.

His sister played basketball at Drake University, his father played at Emporia State University, and his grandfather played at Kansas State University.

His mother was a dual-sport athlete at KSU, where she ran track and played volleyball.

Specht will continue his athletics pursuits this fall, but he knows that the position he's in is rare and he's thankful to be in it.

"FMU's been so good to me and provided me a great platform to grow and even more so, by giving me an opportunity to play baseball," he says. "It's just awesome to be able to do this and earn a second degree at the same time."



Mayo student honored in statewide public-speaking competition

On Dec. 15, the South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships held its 10th Annual Statewide Youth Leadership Oratorical Forum and Banquet under the leadership of its executive director, Jessica McMoore.

The purpose of the banquet was to empower youth through strengthening their communicative and emotional skills, and increase self-confidence through public speaking. Over 200 students, family

members and staff gathered to witness 11 students speak on current events.

Hashani Goff is the 2018 Statewide Representative for the Darlington County Community Action Agency Inc., and placed third out of 11 orators.

She is the daughter of Shane Goff and Pamela Stevenson, and a senior at Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology, where she is currently an Honor Roll student and a

member of the drama team.

Hashani lives in Darlington along with her mother and little brother. She enjoys reading and helping others. Her favorite food is pizza.

She wants to first complete a bachelor of science degree in nursing, and then pursue a medical degree and specialize in OB-GYN. After receiving her graduate degree, she would love to work in a hospital in South Africa.

This is her second year as a member of the Darlington

County CAA Youth Leadership Program. Her favorite quote is: "Anyone in the world can give up; it's the easiest thing in the world to do. But true strength is to hold it together when everyone would expect you to fall apart."

The Darlington County Community Action Agency is one of 14 South Carolina Community Action Agencies whose service area includes all cities and communities in Darlington County. The central office is in Hartsville with

satellite offices in Darlington, Lamar and Society Hill. Its executive director, Jacqueline Slayton, was present for the competition.

The mission of the SCACAP Statewide Youth Leadership Program (YLP) is to provide income eligible elementary, middle and high school students with the educational opportunities that target individual improvements in academic, behavioral and social achievement, career exploration and civic responsibility.

SCACAP sponsors many events for the youth of South Carolina to include a Statewide Leadership Conference, the Development of a Statewide Youth Council, Youth Awareness Day and the Youth Institute for Empowerment.

This event was a collaborative venture between the S.C. Association of Community Action Partnerships and the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

Woman wins Bataan Death March qualifier: a Fort Jackson first

Story Courtesy of Fort Jackson

For the first time in history, a woman has taken the top spot in the Fort Jackson qualifier for the Bataan Memorial Death March.

This year also marked the highest rate of female participation at Fort Jackson. Eight of the competitors were women, up from last year's six.

Sgt. 1st Class Janina Simmons, of Colorado Springs, Colo., took first place Dec. 1 in the 2018 qualifying competition.

"(Simmons) is really down to Earth," said Cindi Keene, Fort Jackson sports coordinator. "She's an awesome soldier."

Simmons, currently a senior drill sergeant leader at Fort Jackson's Drill Sergeant Academy, won't advance to nationals because of a scheduling conflict. She is going to Ranger School.

Simmons completed the 16-mile ruck march in two hours and 52 minutes, carrying 25.8 pounds in her rucksack. By around mile 12, she had overcome all of her competitors. She remained in first place for the last four miles.

Simmons advanced to nationals last year as the third overall finisher in the Fort Jackson preliminary with a time of three hours and four minutes.

She knew if she qualified again this year, she wouldn't be able to make the team.

She leaves for Pre-Ranger School in Fort Benning, Ga., Feb. 9.

"I just tried out (for the Bataan Memorial Death March) to see if I could beat my old time," Simmons said. "I was just trying to beat three hours."

She said she was glad for the training opportunity.

Though she's "a little sad" that she won't be able to move forward, she says she's "cool with (it)."

Simmons said the national competition is rough; competitors ruck over sand and some of the hills span for miles.

She would have competed as the top member of the Fort Jackson team at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico March 17.

Qualifying for the national competition is a big deal.

Of the 31 Fort Jackson competitors, five failed to complete the ruck. They stopped at the eight-mile turnaround point, Keene said.

Fort Jackson has entered in the Military-Coed Heavy Division since Keene launched the post qualifier competition roughly five years ago.

The top female and first four male finishers in the qualifiers advance to the 26.2 mile ruck in New Mexico.

At nationals, each team member begins and finishes the trek with 35 pounds of material in their rucksacks. They can redistribute the weight between teammates in the midst of the march.

For the Fort Jackson qualifier, women are only required to carry 25 pounds. Men carry 35 pounds.

Simmons said the 25.8 pounds she chose to carry seemed light. "I could have kept going," she added.

To prepare for the qualifier, Simmons rucked with up to 70 pounds on a number of occasions. She did a lot of running, too, including some half marathons.

Her typical weekday workouts last two hours, she said. She wakes up by 3 a.m. for morning training.

On weekends, she often extends her workout time to roughly three hours.

Simmons was prepared for the march, but she wasn't competing for the prize.

"I wasn't trying to win," Simmons said. She reported wanting to gauge her physical training progress.

She kept the competition friendly, even chatting with a former drill sergeant candidate as they plodded on together.

She plans to give Fort Jackson's team some tips for the upcoming competition.

Fort Jackson has a reputation to uphold, Keene said.

"(Bataan Death March competitors) know who Fort Jackson is," she quipped. "They look forward to us coming out there every year."

The installation has earned bragging rights, Keene added. Its teams have placed in the top three every year since joining and have won twice.

"There are tons of teams," Keene said. Participation has grown to roughly 8,000 annual marchers between all competition categories.

Keene started the qualifier at the installation "to give the soldiers another national competition to attend."

This year, Fort Jackson will be represented by the top four male placers and the second female finisher: 1st Sgt. Cody Marthaler, with a time of two hours and 55 minutes; Capt. Chase Johnson, with a time of two hours and 59 minutes; 1st Sgt. Tito Vazquez, with a time of three hours and one minute; Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Currea, with a time of three hours and two minutes; and Capt. Becca Rosenblatt, with a time of three hours and six minutes.

They'll have to close the gap in their times before March.

All team members must cross the finish line within 20 seconds of each other.

The national competition commemorates the original Bataan Death March April 9, 1942.

On that date during World War II, U.S. and Filipino forces surrendered to the Japanese.

It ended months of battle for control over the Philippines.

U.S. and Filipino military members -- 75,000 of them -- marched 65 miles to prisoner of war camps across the Philippines. Thousands died on the march to crowded camps across the archipelago. It is one of the many notorious Japanese atrocities of the war.

CSC Community Pharmacy

Now Open

ALL PRESCRIPTIONS WELCOME

QUESTIONS?
843-378-4148

737 S. Main Street
Society Hill, SC
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30AM TO 6:00PM

CSC
Community
Pharmacy

www.caresouth-carolina.com

Proceeds from benefit concert allow Trinity-Byrnes to give \$30,000 to families of shooting victims

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School was pleased to announce that it raised \$30,000 allowing it to give checks in the amount of \$4,285 to Allison Carraway in honor of her husband Officer Terrence Carraway, Katie Godwin in honor of her daughter Investigator Farrah Turner, and with enormous gratitude to Officer Arie Davis, Investigator Sarah Miller, Officer Brian Hart, Officer Travis Scott and Officer Scott Williamson.

On Nov. 15 Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School held a student-led Benefit Concert to raise money for the families and officers involved in the tragedy that happened Oct. 3 when seven law-enforcement officers were ambushed in Florence.

The school is honored and humbled to be able to do a small part to show our appreciation for the men and women who protect us from harm.

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School proudly backs the blue!

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School is a coeducational, non-discriminatory, college-

preparatory day school serving students in grades seven through 12 located in Darlington.

Trinity-Byrnes fosters development of every student's intellect and character through strong academics, a wide variety of athletics and extra-curricular activities.

For more information contact April Munn, Director of Admissions and Communications, at (843) 395-9124, amunn@trinity-byrnes.org



First doctoral grads bring real-world research focus to regional health care issues

FLORENCE — Francis Marion University graduated its first class of doctoral students at its fall commencement ceremony.

It was a big day for the University.

A big day for the community and the region, too.

Seven students received their Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. FMU launched the program as part of a strategic mission to help improve health care access in the Pee Dee and beyond, and to provide meaningful career paths for students. The DNPs will help by serving as both frontline practitioners and in faculty roles at colleges and universities.

That latter role will include research as well as teaching. The potential of the research

role was on display when the DPNs presented their doctoral research projects a few weeks prior to graduation.

The seven projects covered topics ranging from diabetic foot risk and better standards for lung cancer screening to lifestyle intervention in young children and better treatment for sinusitis. All dealt with real-world problems that practitioners face — and struggle with — daily. All offered research-based ideas for improving care in those areas.

Newly minted DNP Dr. Australia Greene of Miami, Fla., says “being able to put time into this level of research, into topics that we’d see every day in a practice or a hospital, can make a real difference. I’m looking forward to doing more of this in the years ahead.”

Adds Dr. Margaret Croffie-Nelson, a Californian who has since moved to Columbia, “Being able to immerse myself in this research (into sinusitis) made me feel like an expert in this area. That, in turn, will make me a better practitioner and a better resource for my patients.”

“I feel like this will be my life for awhile, something I’m going to — pardon the pun — live and breathe. I couldn’t have done that if Francis Marion hadn’t created this program.”

Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price, dean of FMU’s School of Health Sciences, says the DNP was a natural and needed extension of the University’s growing programs in health care education.



Meet the stars of Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County

Welcome to the runup to the 2019 edition of Darlington County’s Dancing with the Stars, an annual event that benefits the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault. The event will be held Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. at Center Theater in Hartsville.

For the next several weeks, we’ll be introducing couples who will be taking part in the event. You can go to the Pee Dee Coalition’s website (www.DWTSoFDC.com) to vote your favorite couple for the People’s Choice Award.

This week’s featured couples:

Tracee Auman (Professional) and Matt Nelson (Celebrity). Dance style: Cha Cha. Decade: 1990s. Choreographer: Tracee Auman.

Jadah Rush (Professional) and Dennis Smith (Celebrity). Dance style: Cha Cha. Decade: 2010s. Choreographer: Shantella Harris.

Photos are by Steve Roos. Sponsors of this year’s

event are: Dr. Orville H. Dyce with Black Creek Medical, Carolina Bank, West Oil Company, Steve Roos with Ashcraft Studio, Fitness World Gyms, Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate - Segars Realty, Hartsville Family Dentistry, Sonoco Products Company, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated, Hodge Ethridge Insurance and Financial Service - Nationwide Insurance, McLean Marechal Insurance and Financial Service - Nationwide Insurance, Duke Energy, Edwin Haenni, Curry and Debbie Dawkins, the Kiwanis Club of Hartsville, Darlington Family Pharmacy, Burry Bookstore, Wesley United Methodist Church, Coker College, First Citizens Bank, Wanda and Terry Hassler, Coble Wealth Management, LLC, Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Elsesser Custom Cabinetry, Hartsville Country Club.

Dr. Dyce with Black Creek Medical is presenting this year’s show.

Celebrity dancer Matt Nelson has called Hartsville home since graduating from the University of South Carolina in 2009. It is also his 10th year teaching at Hartsville High School.

He is a social studies teacher at HHS. He is also the journalism teacher who prints the Paw Prints newspaper and produces their news show, RFTV. On top of his teaching responsibilities, he is also the director of the musical program at Hartsville High.

This will be his fifth year directing and eighth year of being involved with the program. Nelson was also the 2014-15 Hartsville High School Teacher of the Year. Part of his teaching philosophy is to provide students with the opportunity to become well-rounded people, and that is one reason why he decided to participate in Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County.

The other reason was to show his support for the Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Assault. He believes the organization does great things around the community and helps to prevent something that no child or adult should be a part of.

Professional dancer Tracee Auman is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in Advertising and Dance. She is a former competitive dancer and former member of the USC Modern Dance Company.

She is employed with Hartsville High School and is an instructor at the Brenda Cranford School of Dance. This is the third year she has been involved with Dancing with the Stars of Darlington County.

She looks forward to supporting this event and the Pee Dee Coalition each year. She is married to Donnie Auman and they have one daughter, Carmen.

Celebrity dancer Dennis Smith is a native of Charleston and a graduate of Francis Marion University.

He is married to Angela Smith, and they have two children, 14 and 16. He is employed with Sonoco Products Company as a business systems specialist. As a member of Center Baptist

Church, he has served in several roles including Sunday school teacher and chairman of the Finance Committee. Smith is the former program director of the Center Community Coalition, a non-profit serving at-risk youth. During his tenure, a community computer lab and mentoring program were started and operated for four years.

He enjoys serving the community and attempting to make a difference.

He has a passion for traveling and had the opportunity to visit Cuba and the Auschwitz Concentration Camp while working in Warsaw, Poland. He is honored to participate in this event, because it gives a voice to those who are sometimes forced to be silent.

Professional dancer Jadah Rush is a student at South Florence High School. She has excelled in the arts for many years in the areas of music, theatre and dance.

She has served as a cast member of Florence Little Theater’s 2016 production of “The King and I.”

She has studied for over four years under the instruction of Shantella Harris. Rush has been an exceptional member of several dance teams in the Florence area. She has performed at various events such as the Pecan Festival, Sankofa Festival and the FMU International Festival. She has served as dance captain for the SMS Dance Falcons and the Senior Performance Team of Driven By Dance Studio in Quinby.

She has danced competitively in the S.C. Southern Council Dance Masters Association and received a High Silver rating.

Rush is currently a dance team assistant and dancer for South Florence High School’s Bruin Elite Dance Squad and the Driven By Dance Senior Performance Team. In her spare time, she enjoys singing, drawing, track and field activities and participating in her school’s NJROTC program.



Tracee Auman and Matt Nelson PHOTO BY STEVE ROOS



Jadah Rush and Dennis Smith PHOTO BY STEVE ROOS

THE NEWS & PRESS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DEC. 31 – TUESDAY, JAN. 1 WHILE WE RING IN THE NEW YEAR

WE WISH YOU MANY BLESSINGS IN 2019!

ADS AND CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINES WILL BE WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26 AT NOON.

Darlington Fire Department honors outstanding firefighters of 2018

by Samantha Lyles
Staff Writer
syles@newsandpress.net

The Darlington Fire Department held their Christmas awards banquet recently, and kept up the annual tradition of recognizing firefighters who rendered exemplary service during the past year.

Firefighters of The Year

For only the third time in over 30 years, two people won recognition as Firefighter of The Year.

Myrick Hatcher, a firefighter and engineer, began his career in the fire service seven years ago as a volunteer with Palmetto Rural Fire Department. His interest first sparked when a friend who worked with DFD took him along on a fire call.

"Ever since then, I've wanted to do this. I volunteered right after that," says Hatcher, who comes from firefighting stock. Two of his grandparents and two other female relatives are also in the fire service.

"I like helping people, and I like fighting fires. It's exciting, it's a rush," says Hatcher. "Mostly, it's helping people, even if it's with something small...like this lady who had locked her keys in her car. We helped her with that, and just that little gesture meant a lot. You see people smile and it makes their day."

Hatcher says his family is as "happy as can be" about his choice of career, and his fiancée (also a firefighter) shares his love for the job.

Lt. Brandon Maloch says the firefighting bug bit him early. He recalls riding to fire calls with his uncle, Murray Norwood, when he was just a little boy.

"I got to stand in the bed of his truck and watch them fight the fires," says Maloch. "Nine times out of ten, I had his pager somewhere in the house playing with it when it went off, so they'd have to come run me down to get the pager. Then we'd go find Uncle Murray somewhere out on the farm, and we'd hop in his little farm truck and take off."

His ambition solidified in high school when he joined the Explorer program of the Camden Fire Department.

"It sounded exciting," Maloch says. "The Explorer programs are wonderful things that fire departments do for children, because it helps keep us out of trouble and starts teaching us responsibility."

Since then, he has worked on a racetrack extrication crew, as a full-time fireman, and a rescue squad member before

joining DFD. Maloch says the work is exciting and uniquely fulfilling, with a day's work involving anything from speaking to school assemblies to rescuing a dog trapped under a porch. Sometimes, on really special days, a firefighter gets the chance to actually bring a person back from the brink of death. Twice in the past year, Maloch has arrived first on scene for emergency medical calls and used an AED (automated external defibrillator) to restart someone's heart.

"Seeing that first breath after someone has checked out for a minute, seeing them take a breath on their own... that's probably the biggest reward for me," says Maloch.

Firefighters of The Year are selected by anonymous votes cast by DFD full-time employees and volunteers.

Volunteer Firefighter of The Year / Drake Beckham Award Winner

Despite working full time as a SC State Transport Police officer, Chuck Norton found time to respond to over 80 calls as a volunteer fireman this year. This level of dedication is nothing new for Norton, who has spent most of his life in public service. Norton began as a paramedic with Darlington County EMS, and served in law enforcement with the City of Florence Police Department and the Darlington County Sheriff's Office before joining the State Transport Police.

Norton says he became interested in volunteering after his son Trey joined the Darlington County Fire District.

"He said 'Dad, it would be really cool if you'd do it with me. I said 'naah, I'm good,' because I was getting up around the 50-year mark," Norton says. "But he talked me into it. I went back and got certified and I'm glad I did, because I love it."

Colleagues with State Transport Police have voiced bafflement at Norton's willingness to roll out of bed at three in the morning to shoot a fire hose in freezing weather, but he says the work is rewarding enough to offset the costs.

"To see the people and know that you've helped somebody, that you're really making a difference... Darlington is my home, and I love it. I love serving the community," says Norton. "If (public service) is in your blood, you can't get it out."

DFD Chief Pat Cavanaugh says that running an effective fire department without volunteers like Norton "would not be possible."

"Right now, we have ten full-time employees," says

Cavanaugh, noting that in order to maintain Darlington's favorable ISO rating and keep insurance premiums low, a certain number of firefighters must respond to every fire scene. "If we were going to run this place without volunteers, we would have to hire thirty to forty people...in all our big events, we average sixteen people responding per fire."

Cavanaugh adds that across the country, fire service volunteerism is declining, but he feels very fortunate that DFD's call board (including young people in the Explorer program) includes about 40 firefighters willing to answer the call.

The Volunteer Firefighter Award is voted on by all members of the Darlington Fire Department. The Drake Beckham Award, named in honor of past chiefs Frank Drake and Leon Beckham, is sponsored by retired firefighter Bill Garland.

Agitator of The Year / Chief's Pet Award

Both of these tongue-in-cheek honors were bestowed on engineer/firefighter Brandon Wilson, and DFD Chief Pat Cavanaugh explained that they aren't meant to be insults... not entirely, anyhow.

"The Agitator of The Year is someone who works hard, but stirs things up behind the scenes. Picking on people, pranking people, keeping people on their toes," says Cavanaugh. "It's a good thing because it shows that person is involved and dedicated, but they love to stir the pot... and naming him Chief's Pet is a little bit of payback for him being an agitator."

Asked exactly what he did to earn this distinction, Wilson offers a smile and a shrug that could be interpreted as a harbinger of future agitations.

Wilson joined the fire service 25 years ago as a volunteer with Darlington County Fire Service, and became a full-time fireman in 2000. He joined DFD part-time several years ago and came on full-time when an opening arose. Wilson also serves as Captain with the Society Hill Rescue Squad, and agrees with his fellow firemen that the job offers an addictive blend of high-stakes intensity and low-key helpfulness.

He shares a story of an elderly woman who called 911 because she feared she was becoming sick due to mold in her home. Wilson checked the trouble spots for mold (and found none) and ended up helping her complete a few small repair projects that made her feel safer, and let her know that someone cared enough to



Volunteer Firefighter of the Year and Drake Beckham Award winner Chuck Norton



Firefighters of the Year Lt. Brandon Maloch (left) and firefighter/engineer Myrick Hatcher



Agitator of the Year and Chief's Pet Award winner Brandon Wilson PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES

help.

"Sometimes people just want someone to talk to," says Wilson. "She was scared and just wanted someone to listen."

The entire group agreed that even though fighting fire is exhausting, dangerous, and involves arduous training and long hours, the camaraderie

helps make it worthwhile. Each man describes the Darlington Fire Department as "a family" where they can always find support, good company, and reliably delicious food.

"People are up here on the daily, even when it's not their shift...We all get along really good, and we cook well and eat

well together," says Maloch. "There's never a shortage of really good food around a firehouse."

To learn about volunteer opportunities, visit the Darlington Fire Department at 425 Orange Street, or call 843-398-4013.

SCHP donation to The Lord Cares

South Carolina Highway Patrol troopers visited The Lord Cares food bank in Darlington last week to deliver a special holiday gift: a donation check that will enable TLC to feed many hungry people in the new year.

"We want to say how thankful we are to the Highway Patrol for this donation, and for all they do keeping us safe on the highway," said Frank Helms with The Lord Cares.

"We enjoy helping you all out, especially during the Christmas season. That's what we do our golf tournament for, so that we can help everybody in the eight counties that we serve," said SCHP Capt. Joe Nell.

Nell explained that for the past 24 years, the South Carolina Highway Patrol has staged an annual golf tourna-

ment where all proceeds benefit charity. He said that initially, the donation went to one agency, but now SCHP distributes these gifts among several charitable organizations in each troop's service area. SCHP's gift to The Lord Cares totaled \$1,000, which Helms said would come in very handy.

Though The Lord Cares always needs donations of non-perishable canned and boxed items for their food pantry, Helms says canned meats and canned fruits are especially welcome, as are school supplies such as pencils and pens, notebooks and paper. The Lord Cares, located at 201 Grove Street in Darlington, is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.



(left to right) SCHP Sgt. Bradley Norris, Mike Beckham with The Lord Cares, SCHP 1st Sgt. Douglas Miller, SCHP Capt. Joe Nell, and Frank Helms with The Lord Cares PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

Men's Dance Club of Darlington Annual Debutante Ball

The Men's Dance Club of Darlington held its 62nd Annual Winter Debutante Ball Dec. 22 at the Darlington Country Club. Four young ladies were presented and seven young men were introduced.

Members and guests were greeted by club president Edward Colgate Dennis IV and Mrs. Dennis. Debutantes, introduced in the receiving line by their fathers or grandfathers, were Katherine Baker Hanna, Cary Ashley Hobbs, Simons Lucas Howard and Abigail Brooke Milling.

Hanna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Linwood Hanna of Florence, and a freshman at

presented by her father and escorted by Philip Michael Barber of Columbia. Hobbs is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Gandy Thomasson and the late Dr. and Mrs. Ned Peter Hobbs, all of Darlington.

Howard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grandison Howard, Jr. of Florence. She is a freshman at Clemson University. Howard was presented by her grandfather, Charles Grandison Howard, and escorted by Jacob Joel Jones of Darlington. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Charles Henry Butler Jr. and the late Mr. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grandison Howard, all

The following young men, sons of The Men's Dance Club of Darlington members, were introduced:

Matthew DeMaurice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene' William DeMaurice III of Darlington is a freshman at

University of South Carolina and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Eugene Carmichael of Cedartown, Ga., Mrs. Carol Isgett Baitz of Florence and Mr. Harold Glenn Isgett of Charleston.

Stephen McKenzie Josey is



Cary Ashley Hobbs



Abigail Brooke Milling

York Technical College. She was presented by her grandfather, Dr. Hubert Coleman Baker, and escorted by Gianna Wayne Paglia Cox of Florence. Hanna is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hubert Coleman Baker of Darlington and Mrs. Lindy Frederick Hanna and the late Mr. Hanna of Johnsonville.

Hobbs, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Craig Hobbs of Darlington, is a freshman at the College of Charleston. She was

of Darlington. Milling, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hughes Milling Sr., is a freshman at the University of South Carolina. She was presented by her father and escorted by Edwin Wilson Edmondson Matthews of Darlington. Milling is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Joseph Braun of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitfield Milling of Florence.



Katherine Baker Hanna



Simons Lucas Howard

Clemson University. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Stevens and the late Mrs. Judith Gross Stevens, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Rene' William DeMaurice Jr., all of Darlington.

Stone Rivers Godbold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eugene Godbold, is a freshman at the University of South Carolina. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Casper Stone Jr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Luther Godbold, all of Darlington.

Prentis Grainger Howle, a freshman at Francis Marion University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Adger Howle of Darlington. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson Shirley of Hartsville, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Adger Howle of Darlington.

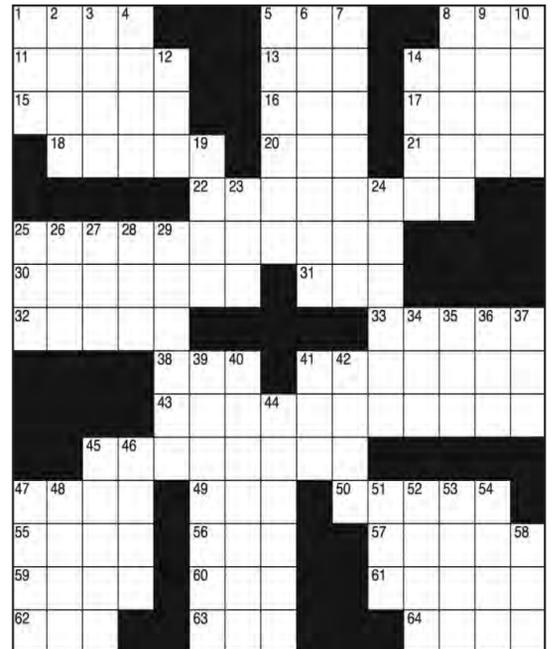
John Thomas Isgett III is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Isgett II of Darlington. He is a freshman at the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry McKenzie Josey. He is a freshman at Presbyterian College and the grandson of Mr. Ronald Delmus Stephens and the late Mrs. Judy Gainey Stephens, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alford Terry Josey, all of Darlington.

Edwin Wilson Edmondson Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Mark Matthews Sr., is a freshman at Wofford College. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wilson Edmondson of Pollockville, N.C., and Mrs. Josiah Simpson Matthews III and the late Dr. Matthews of Darlington.

Joshua Max Ward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Wilson Ward. He is a freshman at Clemson University and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carlisle Williamson of Hartsville and Mr. and Mrs. James Ronald Ward of Darlington.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

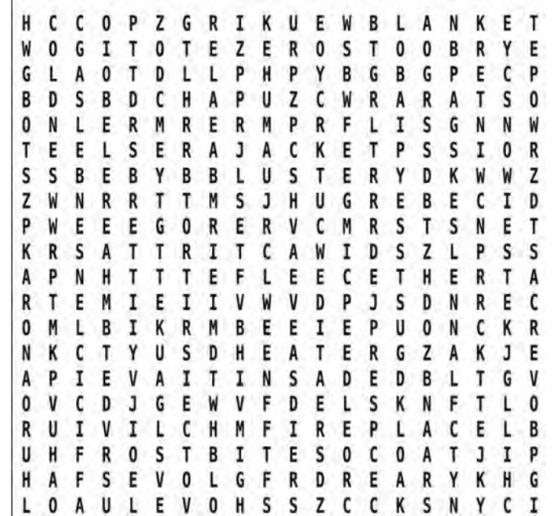
- Thick piece of something
- Engine additive
- Anticipated arrival time
- French commune
- Cigarette (slang)
- Nobleman
- Ghana capital
- Adam's wife
- Most popular student
- Where you currently are
- Increase motor speed
- Queen of Sparta
- North, South and Central
- Churchgoer
- Russian empress
- Female dare-devils organization
- Relating to music
- Female body part
- Tyrion Lannister
- Honored
- Argentine footballer
- Novices
- Wings

DOWN

- Helps little firms
- Type of curtain
- Online stock exchange
- Irish castle
- Audio-system
- Places to grab a drink
- What's coming
- Designed chairs
- Stepped on
- Genus of birds
- Consume
- Ancient Syrian city
- Australian brewery
- Not present
- Necktie
- What part of

- Doctors' group (abbr.)
- Type of compound
- Jogged quickly
- Roth is one type
- Mineral
- Purpose
- Financial term (abbr.)
- Orange is the New Black character
- Used to cut and shape wood
- Bullfighter
- Top of the line
- Hill
- Greek mountain
- Angola's capital
- Expressed pleasure
- Fermented honey beverage
- Month in the Jewish calendar
- Frontal is one type
- Basics
- Uncommon
- Broad kimono sashes
- European defense organization
- Box score term

WORD SEARCH



- | | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| ANORAK | COLD | GALE | POLAR |
| ARCTIC | DECEMBER | GLOVES | SHOVEL |
| BITTER | DREARY | GUSTS | SKI |
| BLANKET | EVERGREEN | HEATER | SLED |
| BLUSTERY | FIREPLACE | ICEBERG | SLEET |
| BOOTS | FLANNEL | ICICLE | SNOW |
| BRISK | FLEECE | JACKET | SWEATER |
| CHILL | FRIGID | MITTENS | WINTER |
| COAT | FROSTBITE | OVERCAST | ZERO |

Answers on 5B

Window World

"Simply the Best for Less"

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM AT
131 Causey Street Myrtle Beach, SC
www.windowworldofmyrtlebeach.com

843-445-9921
800-NEXT-WINDOW

Call Today for a **FREE** Estimate

BPA7545

Gold Star families, golden-hearted soldiers honored

Story Courtesy of Fort Jackson

The annual Holiday Wishes event was held at the NCO Club Dec. 1 to honor Gold Star mothers and families and their lost soldiers.

The event doubled in size this year, officials said. There were 215 people registered and even Saint Nick made an appearance.

The 282nd Army Band woodwind quintet played holiday music, and Ann Brodie's Carolina Ballet performed choreography from "The Nutcracker."

An ornament ceremony was performed in commemoration of those lost.

Each Gold Star family repre-

sentative in attendance took turns hanging an ornament on the holiday tree in honor of their fallen soldier. Brig. Gen. Milford "Beags" Beagle Jr., Fort Jackson commander, and Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston Jr., South Carolina Adjutant General, said a few words to the family members gathered.

Beagle welcomed lost soldiers' loved ones back into the Army community.

"You can get in; this is your Army," he said, adding that "the lock on the door may be a little bit tricky" at times, but it is always open. Beagle wanted families to know they are still part of the military family, even if their soldier has died.

Beagle commented on the

difficulty of this season for families. There is a fear of lost soldiers being forgotten, he said, and holidays magnify the loss.

"The holidays are some of the most difficult terrain you will have to navigate," Beagle said. "You will not navigate that terrain alone."

Gold Star events are a reminder of that.

Fort Jackson's Survivor Outreach Support Coordinator Kelly Estep said Gold Star events are key to "ensure that all our surviving family members still feel a part of our Army."

Elaine Johnson, vice president of the American Gold Star Mothers South Carolina chapter, said the events help during

this challenging time of year. Johnson is a Gold Star Mother of 15 years. In 2003, she lost her son.

"(My son) has always been my hero," Johnson said. "He gave his life for his country and comrades."

Johnson's son was Spc. Darius T. Jennings, born Nov. 13, 1980. He died Nov. 2, 2003.

Jennings was serving the Army in Iraq, after signing up two years before -- fresh out of high school.

Jennings had been granted 15 days of rest and recuperation, and he was scheduled to take off in a Chinook helicopter headed back to the United States for 14 days.

There were two helicopters

leaving that day: the first for 14 days, and the second for four.

Jennings learned that one soldier with a seat on the second helicopter may miss the birth of his child if he didn't get home sooner.

Jennings gave up his spot on the first flight.

He had never met the man he traded seats with, Johnson said.

In flight, the second Chinook was shot down, killing 16 soldiers. Jennings was among them.

I always told my son the value of family," Johnson said, adding that he must have taken her message seriously. "My son had that heart of gold ... for a stranger."

The holiday season is when Johnson says she puts on many faces. "Christmas will never be Christmas again," she said. These events help, she continued. "I love seeing my Gold Star Moms," Johnson added.

Livingston pointed out that although the Soldiers are gone from this earth, they aren't lost.

"(Their story) is written in permanent ink in history," he said. "That service will never be forgotten."

Their legacy belongs to family members, who keep their memory alive, Livingston said.

That's one thing Livingston said makes this country great: its focus on family.

Sonoco Provides Update on Strategy, Issues New Financial Guidance

HARTSVILLE, S.C., Dec. 07, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sonoco (NYSE: SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, today provided an update on its strategy and financial guidance at a meeting with the investment community in New York.

Featured presenters at the meeting included: Rob Tiede, president and CEO; Barry Saunders, senior vice president and CFO; Howard Coker, senior vice president, Global Paper/Industrial Converted Products; Rodger Fuller, senior vice president, Global Consumer Packaging; and Julie Albrecht, vice president, Treasurer and CFO-elect. Other participants in the conference included: Marcy Thompson, vice president, Marketing and Innovation; Mike Pope, division vice president and general manager, Sonoco Recycling; and Greg Munoz, staff vice president, Supply Management and Logistics.

Sonoco Raises 2018 Base EPS, Operating Cash Flow and Free Cash Flow Guidance

Sonoco expects fourth quarter and full-year 2018 GAAP earnings to be \$0.75 to \$0.85 and \$3.09 to \$3.19 per diluted share, respectively. The full-year range includes amounts previously disclosed by the Company of approximately \$0.19 per diluted share, after-tax, related largely to restructuring and asset impairment charges, acquisition costs and the effect of income tax rate changes on deferred tax items. These GAAP guidance ranges also reflect the anticipated fourth quarter impact of estimated

after-tax restructuring charges and property insurance recovery related to Hurricane Florence.

Fourth-quarter and full-year 2018 base earnings guidance is being raised to \$0.79 to \$0.85 and \$3.32 to \$3.38 per diluted share, respectively. The Company previously provided guidance of \$0.75 to \$0.81 and \$3.28 to \$3.34 per diluted share for these respective periods. The increase in base earnings guidance is due to the receipt of business interruption insurance proceeds in the fourth quarter associated with the impact of flooding on operations from Hurricane Florence in September. In 2017, the Company reported fourth quarter and full-year GAAP earnings of \$0.06 and \$1.74 per diluted share, and base earnings of \$0.72 and \$2.79 per diluted share.

Note: Reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP financial measures are available on our website at <https://investor.sonoco.com/static-files/a38e69dc-c807-497a-87f0-d5281b8e0ea6>. Base earnings and base earnings per diluted share are non-GAAP financial measure adjusted to remove restructuring charges, asset impairment charges, gains/losses on disposition of assets, acquisitions and divestiture expenses and other items, if any, the exclusion of which the Company believes improve comparability and analysis of the underlying financial performance of the business.

Guidance for 2018 operating cash flow and free cash flow has been raised to \$590 million to \$610 million and \$250 million to \$270 million, respectively. The Company previously provided operating

cash flow and free cash flow guidance of \$580 million to \$600 million and \$230 million to \$250 million, respectively. The increase in guidance for 2018 free cash flow is due primarily to lower than anticipated capital spending. (Free cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure which may not represent the amount of cash flow available for general discretionary use. Free cash flow is defined as cash flow

components of net pension expense which are expected to total approximately \$11 million and does not reflect the pending adoption of the new lease accounting standard which becomes effective January 1, 2019. In 2018, the non-service portion of pension expense is not expected to be significant.

Note: 2019 GAAP EPS guidance is not provided in this release due to the likely occur-



from operations minus net capital expenditures and cash dividends. Net capital expenditures is defined as capital expenditures minus proceeds from, and/or costs incurred in, the disposition of capital assets.)

Company Targets Record 2019 Base EPS; Continued Cash Flow Growth

Sonoco estimates 2019 base earnings per diluted share to be in the range of \$3.47 to \$3.57, with a projected mid-point target of \$3.52 per diluted share. This estimate excludes the non-service

of one or more of the following, the timing and magnitude of which we are unable to reliably forecast: possible gains or losses on the sale of businesses, or other assets, restructuring costs and restructuring-related impairment charges, acquisition-related costs and the income tax effect of these items and/or other income tax-related events. These items could have a significant impact on the Company's future GAAP financial results.

The Company's 2019 mid-point base earnings target assumes \$0.06 per share positive impact from 2018 acquisitions and a \$0.08 per share

addition from volume/mix growth. In addition, a positive price/cost relationship driven by procurement productivity and commercial excellence initiatives should contribute \$0.27 per share. Offsetting these favorable factors are an expected \$0.10 negative impact from non-material inflation in excess of productivity; a \$0.10 per diluted share negative impact from other fixed-cost charges; and approximately \$0.04 per share negative impact from higher income taxes and a strengthening of the dollar against other currencies, partially offset by lower interest expense.

At the midpoint, 2019 cash flow from operations is projected to be approximately \$610 million and, after spending approximately \$205 million in capital investments and paying \$170 million in dividends to shareholders, free cash flow is projected to be approximately \$235 million. Depreciation and Amortization is projected to be \$252 million in 2019. Excluding several atypical items which benefitted operating cash flow in 2018, the increase in 2019 operating cash flow and free cash flow would represent year-over-year growth of 6.5 percent and 11.9 percent, respectively.

Commenting on the Company's 2018 and 2019 expectations, Tiede said, "Despite hurricanes, accelerating inflation, tariffs and sluggish consumer-served market demand, Sonoco's businesses have produced strong results in 2018. We have a strong, diversified business mix, a solid balance sheet and a track record for achieving consistent earnings improvement. In 2018, we

expect to produce record sales, record operating profit, record base earnings, and, record operating cash flow and free cash flow; and our outlook for 2019 has us again achieving record top-line and bottom-line results."

Conference Call Webcast

A telephonic replay of today's investor day conference call will be available starting at Noon ET, to U.S. callers at 855-859-2056 and international callers at +404-537-3406. The replay passcode for both U.S. and international calls is 7043206. The archived call will be available through December 17, 2018. The webcast call also will be archived in the Investor Relations section of Sonoco's website. A presentation of today's meeting is also available on the Investor Relations section of our website.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging, and displays and packaging supply chain services. With annualized net sales of approximately \$5 billion, the Company has 21,000 employees working in more than 300 operations in 33 countries, serving some of the world's best known brands in some 85 nations. Sonoco is committed to Better Packaging. Better Life., and ranked first in the Packaging sector on Fortune's World's Most Admired Companies 2018 list. For more information on the Company, visit our website at www.sonoco.com.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Pam Thomas
Certified Personal Fitness Trainer
(843) 260-4306 • Darlington, SC

Now accepting new clients!

AFAA
Approved Provider

Fitness is a way of life

RACEWAY
AUTOMOTIVE.COM

CHEVROLET Ford

www.RacewayAutomotive.com

Raceway Ford Hwy 52 Bypass Darlington 393-5000	Raceway Chevy South 5th St Hartsville 332-0185	Raceway Ford South 5th St Hartsville 332-0185
--	--	---

QR Code

Flowers Furniture
1929 Harry Byrd Highway between Hartsville and Darlington
Open 9am-6pm Monday-Saturday • (843) 393-0495

Beautiful quality sofa & love seat sets - \$550*

Quality Queen mattress & box sets - \$250*

*Includes tax and free delivery

The only source for Darlington County News is right here!

Subscribe now at NEWSANDPRESS.NET

LAMAR HIGHWAY MINI-STORAGE
201 Lamar Highway, Darlington
Variety of sizes available
\$25-\$50/month
Call (843) 393-8084

INDUSTRIAL PAVING, INC.
712 MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD • (843) 393-3922

INDUSTRIAL PARKING AREAS • DRIVEWAYS
TENNIS COURTS • STREETS
PATCHING/SEALING/PAVEMENT MARKING
FREE ESTIMATES

Bill would divert gas-tax-hike money to interstate widening projects

By Rick Brundrett
The Nerve

A proposal by a longtime S.C. senator would siphon millions from a main source of gas-tax-hike revenues that lawmakers promised would go toward fixing the state's crumbling roads and bridges, and instead earmark that money for widening interstates.

It also could be a way around what the state transportation chief previously has described as a funding problem for interstate projects because of pending court challenges.

Under a bill prefiled by Sen. Nikki Setzler, D-Lexington, some of the vehicle sales-tax revenues currently dedicated to the "Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund" (IMTF), which was created with the gas-tax-hike law, would be diverted to a new "Interstate Lane Expansion Fund."

The bill gives the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank (STIB), which over the years has funneled several billion dollars to large construction projects in select counties, to choose the interstate projects, though the new fund "may not be used for projects approved by the bank before

July 1, 2019," or "to construct new interstates."

The proposal will go to the Senate Finance Committee, of which Setzler is a member. Setzler, the Senate minority leader and who was first elected in 1976, did not return a phone message from The Nerve seeking comment.

Lawmakers will take up the legislation after they return next month to Columbia. They also will consider a separate bill prefiled last week by Sen. Greg Hembree, R-Horry and a member of Senate Finance, which would allow voters in counties – presumably focusing on coastal counties – to decide whether to approve a 1-cent-per-gallon tax on gasoline to pay for "beach renourishment" projects.

Setzler's bill would lower the percentage of the old vehicle sales-tax cap of \$300 dedicated to the IMTF and direct the difference for interstate widening projects approved by the STIB. The gas-tax-hike law, which took effect July 1, 2017, raised the gas tax by 12 cents per gallon over six years, and also increased other vehicle taxes and fees, including raising the vehicle sales-tax cap by \$200.

A review by The Nerve of IMTF revenues collected through Nov. 30 found that based on Setzler's bill, at least \$34 million would have been diverted to the proposed interstate-widening fund, which the STIB could use to finance hundreds of millions in bonds. More than \$207 million has been collected since July 1, 2017, under the section of the law that Setzler's bill would amend, records show.

The South Carolina Policy Council, the parent organization of The Nerve, has contended that the gas-tax-hike law was written in way to allow DOT to divert IMTF revenues to pay bond debts of the STIB.

In passing the gas-tax-hike law, lawmakers promised that the money would be used toward fixing the state's pothole-riddled roads and deteriorating bridges in their constituents' communities. The state Department of Transportation has said 80 percent of the state's 42,000 miles of roads needs to be resurfaced or rebuilt, and identified 465 of 750 "structurally deficient" bridges to be replaced.

But DOT chief Christy Hall in June told The Nerve that the STIB could use IMTF revenues

for earlier-approved interstate-widening projects. In April, she told DOT commissioners that pending lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the gas-tax-hike law and a related 2016 statute have forced the agency to seek other funding sources for interstate projects.

The DOT Commission in October approved a new rural interstate-widening program that agency records show would be funded in part with revenues that would be freed up by 2024 after a gas tax credit expires. The Nerve revealed, however, that DOT might have to transfer at least \$300 million to cover expected shortfalls in a state account that will be used to fund the credits until they expire.

As of Nov. 30, nearly \$384 million in collected revenues under the gas-tax-hike law had not been spent, according to DOT. Of the approximately \$472.5 million in total revenues collected since July 1, 2017, \$54 million, or less than 12 percent, was spent on "external" projects identified by DOT.

Of the \$872.5 million in IMTF "project commitments" identified by DOT as of Nov. 30, nearly \$246 million, or 28 per-

cent, of the total was designated for "interstate upgrades."

Following is a breakdown of the total amounts spent on "external" projects in counties as of Nov. 30 under the gas-tax-hike law, according to online DOT records, though specifics on the actual work done were not provided. In several cases, DOT combined counties while listing other projects in those counties; another \$252,216 was spent in DOT Districts 2 and 3, though counties in those districts weren't identified.

- Abbeville: \$121,360
- Aiken: \$2,237,697
- Allendale: \$4,291
- Anderson: \$1,814,257
- Anderson, Oconee: \$57,440
- Bamberg: \$6,863
- Barnwell: \$6,081
- Berkeley: \$4,874,907
- Charleston: \$1,061,833
- Cherokee: \$516,841
- Chester: \$247,483
- Chesterfield: \$2,139,147
- Chesterfield, Lancaster: \$67,882
- Colleton: \$175,894
- Darlington: \$2,073,765
- Dillon: \$2,932,006
- Dorchester: \$1,316,680
- Edgefield: \$269,479
- Fairfield: \$137,730

- Florence: \$692,765
- Georgetown: \$51,067
- Greenville: \$5,901,033
- Greenwood: \$332,790
- Hampton: \$3,685
- Horry: \$130,132
- Jasper: \$4,377,888
- Kershaw: \$211,800
- Kershaw, Sumter: \$37,362
- Lancaster: \$350,772
- Laurens: \$48,574
- Lee: \$604,907
- Lexington: \$1,403,917
- Marion: \$2,917,608
- Marlboro: \$798,477
- McCormick: \$101,692
- Newberry: \$493,972
- Oconee: \$2,626,476
- Orangeburg: \$1,645,529
- Pickens: \$2,034,066
- Richland: \$1,560,200
- Saluda: \$1,705,157
- Spartanburg: \$47,378
- Sumter: \$1,728,478
- Union: \$630,577
- Williamsburg: \$460,055
- York: \$2,754,765

Brundrett is the news editor of The Nerve (www.thenerve.org). Contact him at 803-254-4411 or rick@thenerve.org. Follow him on Twitter @RickBrundrett. Follow The Nerve on Facebook and Twitter @thenervesc.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Douglas Lee Bush Date of Death: 11/3/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600562 Personal Representative: Nicolette Manning Bush Address: 4080 Highway 324, Rock Hill, SC 29732 (22p3 leave in thru 12-26-18)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Romus Leo (R.L.) Huggins Date of Death: 10/31/2018 Case No: 2018ES16558 Personal Representative: Christy Ann H. Blackmon Address: 409 Anderson Drive, Darlington, SC 29532 Attorney: Albert L. James, III Address: P.O. Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540 (22c3 leave in thru 12-26-18)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed,

the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Eleanor E. Richardson Date of Death: 10/5/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600563 Personal Representative: Justin Montrell Brown Address: 617 Tish Drive, Darlington, SC 29540 (22p3 leave in thru 12-26-18)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Thomas Lee Samuel Date of Death: 10/25/2018 Case No: 2018ES16005382 Personal Representative: Everett Samuel Address: 1559 Burkitts Lane, Darlington, SC 29532 (22p3 leave in thru 12-26-18)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Barbara Lloyd Weatherford Date of Death: 10/9/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600566 Personal Representative: Homer Acie Weatherford Address: 1108 Old Florence Road, Darlington, SC 29532 (22p3 leave in thru 12-26-18)

SUMMONS AND NOTICES

(Termination of Parental Rights)
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2018-DR-16-695
South Carolina Department of Social Services, Plaintiff, vs.

Sherwin Antwainette Carter And Female Child Born in 2017, Defendants.
TO: Defendant Sherwin Antwainette Carter YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for termination of your parental rights in and to the minor child in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at 203 Commerce Ave, PO Box 269, Chesterfield SC 29709, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the aforesaid, an affidavit of default will be entered against you and the Plaintiff will proceed to seek to terminate your parental rights to the above captioned children.
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a final hearing in this action for termination of parental rights will be held on February 7, 2019 at 2:00PM. You are hereby notified to be present at this time in the Darlington County Family Court located at 1 Public Square, Darlington SC. Laura Jo Bardsley, SC Bar #13484 Attorney for Plaintiff, SCDDS 203 Commerce Ave./PO Box 269 Chesterfield, SC 29709 843-623-5326 (22c3 leave in thru 12-26-18)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to a Judgment granted in the case of Dixies Federal Credit Union v. Timothy Ryan Flowers and Debra J. Flowers, 2018-CP-16-00393, I will sell at public auction at the front of the Darlington County Courthouse in Darlington, South Carolina, on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 12:00 O'CLOCK P.M. to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:
(Darlington County Tax Map Number 163-00-03-115)
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, lying and being in Darlington County, South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 4 on a plat prepared by W. R. Banks, Registered Surveyor, dated July 28, 1966, and being bounded according to said plat as follows: on the North by Lots No. 2 & 3 for a distance of 215.9 feet; on the East by Lot No. 1 for a distance of 35 feet; on the South by a ditch, the line; and on the West by an unnamed 40 foot street on which it measures 162 feet. For a more particular description, reference is hereby made to the plat above referred to, a copy of which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 43 at Page 213. This property also includes one (1) 1988 Horton Mobile Home, 14x70 (Darlington County Tax Map Number 163-00-03-115.001). This being the same property conveyed to Timothy Ryan Flowers and Debra J. Flowers by Deed of Kevin C. Odom dated October 31, 2008 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book 1054 at Page 9562. **Property Address:** 956 San Fran Circle Darlington, South Carolina 29532 **NOTICE** is further given that

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Barbara Wright Huneycutt Date of Death: 8/12/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600580 Personal Representative: Krystal Lynn Huneycutt Address: 112 N. Darlington Avenue, Lamar, SC 29069 (24p3 leave in thru 1-9-19)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in

the successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, at said sale will be required to deposit immediately with the Special Referee an amount equal to five (5%) percent of his bid in cash, and if such deposit is not made, the Special Referee will resell said property on the sales day or some subsequent sales day as may appear advantageous. In case the successful bidder should fail to comply with his bid by payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after acceptance of his bid, his deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold on some subsequent sales day without further Order of the Court, at the risk of the purchaser. The purchaser will be required to pay for the deed, documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale through date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.00%. Since a deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding shall be closed upon the date of sale. This property is sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Haigh Porter, Special Referee _____, 2018 Florence, South Carolina (22c1 leave in thru 12-26-18)

written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: DeQuincey Adam Davis Date of Death: 11/23/2018 Case No: 2018ES16577 Personal Representative: Carolyn Simon Davis Address: 1529 Burkitts Lane, Darlington, SC 29532 Attorney: Albert L. James, III Address: P.O. Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540 (24c3 leave in thru 1-9-19)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES
All persons having claims

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Barbara Wright Huneycutt Date of Death: 8/12/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600580 Personal Representative: Krystal Lynn Huneycutt Address: 112 N. Darlington Avenue, Lamar, SC 29069 (24p3 leave in thru 1-9-19)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in

any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Kenneth Wayne Soles Date of Death: 11/17/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600579 Personal Representative: Angela S. Soles Address: 319 Winners Circle, Hartsville, SC 29550 (24p3 leave in thru 1-9-19)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from

date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Rebecca Ann McElveen Date of Death: 11/17/2018 Case No: 2018ES1600571 Personal Representative: Quentin Jammal Davis Address: 633 Georgetown Road, Darlington, SC 29532 (24p3 leave in thru 1-9-19)

WHEN PUBLIC NOTICES REACH THE PUBLIC, EVERYONE BENEFITS.

The screenshot shows the SCPublicNotices.com website interface. It features a search bar with filters for 'All Words', 'Any Words', and 'Exact Phrase'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'CITY/TOWN', 'PUBLICATION', and 'DATE RANGE' (5/26/2018 to 7/26/2018). A 'RESET' button and a search icon are also visible. To the right, there is a section titled 'SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC NOTICES' with a brief description of the service and a 'SIGN UP NOW' button. Below this, there is a 'PLEASE NOTE' section with a disclaimer about the service's accuracy and liability.

Public notices tell you what is being done by your government and in your courts. It's your right to know when there's a zoning change, public hearing or election coming up. Do you want to know when a bar or strip club is opening in your neighborhood or if your property is auctioned off? These are just a few types of public notices that are required to run in S.C. newspapers.

There's no better way to notify the public than through the combination of S.C. newspapers and SCPublicNotices.com... the permanency of print paired with the accessibility of a statewide, searchable site.

Public notices/legal ads from virtually all S.C. newspapers are now available online in one convenient location.

This service is provided by S.C. newspapers at no cost to taxpayers.

Search public notice ads from this newspaper at **SCPublicNotices.com**



NOON FRIDAY AD DEADLINE
Call 393-3811, fax 393-6811 or e-mail
customerservice@newsandpress.net.

classifieds

DECEMBER 26, 2018 | PAGE 5B
THE NEWS AND PRESS, DARLINGTON, S.C.

WWW.NEWSANDPRESS.NET

HOMES FOR RENT

650-2 E. Broad Street - One bedroom duplex apartment, \$300/month. (843) 393-7545.

1129 N. Main Street - One bedroom, furnished house with utilities provided. Call (843) 393-7545.

910 Pearl Street - Two bedroom house, \$425/month. Call (843) 393-7545.

MOBILE HOME LOTS

First 2 months FREE RENT Raceway Estates of Darlington, \$150/month Lot Rent, PeeDeeRentals.com - (843) 732-4800.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
FDA Registered, 100% Digital hearing aids as low as \$199 each. American Made Technology. Call 800-937-2218 use promo 88270 for a risk-free trial! FREE SHIPPING!
Lung Cancer? And Age 60+? You And Your Family May Be Entitled To Significant Cash Award. Call 855-664-5681 for information. No Risk. No money out-of-pocket.

Compare Medicare Supplement Plans and Save! Explore Top Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans For Free! Get covered and Save! Call 888-210-4909

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 is the last day to redeem winning tickets in the following South Carolina Education Lottery Instant Game: (SC1013) Jumbo Bucks, (SC991) Extreme Millions

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS. EASY, ONE DAY updates! We specialize in safe bathing. Grab bars, no slip flooring & seated showers. Call for a free in-home consultation: 844-524-2197

ENJOY 100% guaranteed, delivered-to-the-door Omaha Steaks! Makes a great Holiday gift! SAVE 75% PLUS get 4 FREE Burgers! Order The Family Gourmet Feast - ONLY \$49.99. Call 1-866-234-3246 mention code 55586TRK or visit www.omahasteaks.com/love57 DENTAL INSURANCE. Call Physicians Mutual Insurance Company for details. NOT just a discount plan, REAL coverage for 350 procedures. 855-397-7030 or <http://www.dental50plus.com/60Ad#6118>

Sleep Apnea Patients - If you have Medicare coverage, call Verus Healthcare to qualify for CPAP supplies for little or no cost in minutes. Home Delivery, Healthy Sleep Guide and More - FREE! Our customer care agents await your call. 1-866-721-3917

AUCTIONS
ADVERTISE YOUR AUCTION in 99 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Your 25-word classified ad will reach more than 2.1 million readers. Call Alanna Ritchie at the S.C. Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

HELP WANTED - DRIVERS
ADVERTISE YOUR DRIVER JOBS in 99 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Your 25-word classified ad will reach more than 2.1 million readers. Call Alanna Ritchie at the S.C. Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
OXYGEN - Anytime. Anywhere. No tanks to refill. No deliveries. The All-New Inogen One G4 is only 2.8 pounds! FAA approved! FREE info kit: 844-597-6582

AT&T Unlimited Talk and Text. Get a new device every year with AT&T NEXT! Call us today 1-866-490-3653

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE
ONE OWNER! - Very nice 16 x 80, 2 Bed, 2 Master Baths! Total electric, sliding glass door of

Odom's Mini Storage

1009 N. Main Street
Darlington, SC

(843) 393-1327 or
(843) 393-9071

dining room, large kitchen with lots of cabinets! \$22,900 includes delivery and setup. Call 803 607-6353.

I PAY TOP DOLLAR - For Used Mobile Homes! Call (803) 607-6353.

TELEVISION & INTERNET SERVICES

NEW AT&T INTERNET OFFER. \$20 and \$30/mo. plans available when you bundle. 99% Reliable 100% Affordable. HURRY, OFFER ENDS SOON. New Customers Only. CALL NOW 1-855-825-2669

DIRECTV CHOICE All-Included Package. Over 185 Channels! ONLY \$45/month (for 24 mos.) Call Now - Get NFL Sunday Ticket FREE! CALL 844-624-1107 Ask Us How To Bundle & Save!

DISH TV \$59.99 For 190 Channels \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-877-542-0759

Earthlink High Speed Internet. As Low As \$14.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-877-649-9469

Spectrum Triple Play - TV, Internet & Voice for \$29.99 ea. 60 MB per second speed. No contract or commitment. We buy your existing contract up to

Odom's Mini Storage

AUCTION:
Jan. 8 at 2 pm
1009 N. Main Street

KRISTINA KENNEDY
Storage #314
Boxes, bags, and misc. items
Total due: \$345.00

DONNETTE HUGHES
Storage #307
Boxes, bags, and misc. items
Total due: \$270.00

TONDA SCOTT
Storage #189
Boxes, bags, and misc. items
Total due: \$320.00

JEANISE DARGAN
Storage #39
Boxes, bags, and misc. items
Total due: \$420.00

\$500! 1-855-402-1186

Viasat Satellite Internet. Up to 12 Mbps Plans Starting at \$30/month. Our Fastest Speeds (up to 50 Mbps) & Unlimited Data Plans Start at \$100/month. Call Viasat today! 1-866-463-8950

VACATION RENTALS
ADVERTISE YOUR VACATION PROPERTY FOR RENT OR SALE to more than 2.1 million S.C. newspaper readers. Your 25-word classified ad will appear in 99 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Call Alanna Ritchie at the South Carolina Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

Pam T. Sherrill & Co.

www.pamsherrill.net
100 Exchange St., Darlington
843-393-3231

Real Estate • Appraisals • Auctions

NEW LISTING
396 Shearin Street - 2 story home on cul-de-sac featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1,700 sq ft of living area. Master bedroom and bath downstairs. 2 bedrooms with large walk-in closets upstairs. Bonus room over garage. 2 car attached garage and 1 car detached carport. Screened in porch on rear of house. 20 x 42 mancave with kitchen and full bath. Fenced in yard. Move in condition. **This one will not last long. Priced @ \$154,900.**

Wildshall Subdivision - 1.05 acre wooded lot. Restricted covenants apply - \$29,900

RESIDENTIAL

1332 Gilchrist Road - 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bath, 2,400 sq ft, 15 acres of land with pool, pool house, lots of outbuildings, and barn. **\$428,000**

2116 Lide Springs Rd - 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2,818 sq ft, 9 acres, 2 large workshops and a cabin - **REDUCED \$299,995**

212 Cashua Ferry Rd - 4 bed-rooms, 3 baths, 2,924 sq ft - \$230,000

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

1381 Nolan Dr - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,700 sq ft, large workshop - **\$180,000**

2759 Cashua Ferry Rd - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 983 sq feet - **\$89,900**

645 Gilchrist Road - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,300 sq ft - **\$74,900**

LAND AND LOTS

50 +/- acres on Cashua Ferry Rd - Great land for hunting. Some wetlands. Close to Great Pee Dee River. **\$150,000**

44.30 acres Barfield Rd - Mostly wooded. Great place for hunting or building a cabin. **\$124,000**

4 +/- acres Cashua Ferry Boat Landing at the Great Pee Dee River - Land is located right beside the boat dock. 3 septic tanks and well. SOLD "AS IS" **\$100,000**

8.20 acres Medford Drive **\$25,000**
Farrow Ridge Ct - .74 acre Nice lot with well & septic tank. Mobile home allowed. **REDUCED \$10,000**

A-1 Gilchrist Rd - 1.06 acre lot. Mobile home allowed. **SOLD** has septic tank and county water tap. **\$14,000**

B-1 Gilchrist Rd - .68 acre lot. Mobile home allowed. **SOLD** has septic tank and county water tap. **\$14,000**

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

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

motivated seller make an offer
Lot 21 Jamestown Ave - Mobile home allowed 46 acres **\$6,500**

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

COMMERCIAL

2244 Harry Byrd Hwy - Commercial bld. 11,684 sq ft metal building. Sits on 4+ acres of land. 6 ft fence around perimeter of property. Currently used as an office, warehouse, & Restaurant/ lounge. Plenty of office area. 5 restrooms. It would make a great church, restaurant, or banquet hall lots of potential uses. Conveniently located 4 miles from Darlington Raceway. Close to Hartsville and I-20. Owner will finance with a \$150,000 down payment. Call today to see this property. **Priced at \$750,000**

REDUCED - Motivated seller, bring all offers

To view these properties visit www.pamsherrill.net

PAM T. SHERRILL

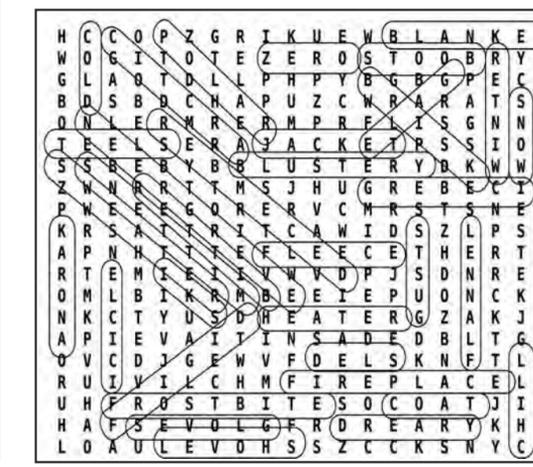
BIC/Owner/Auctioneer SCAL#3103 - Cell: 339-7505

CASEY RHEUARK
Realtor
843-307-4035

CHARLES WATSON
Appraiser CR-2868
Cell: 245-3103

JENNIFER BYRD
Realtor
843-495-3630

Answers from 2B



Chase the chill away with hot soup

Few things beat a hot meal on a cold day. Stews and casseroles can fit the bill in such situations, but soup is a go-to solution when looking to warm up.

This recipe for "Tortilla Soup" from "The Complete Mexican, South American & Caribbean Cookbook" by Jane Milton, Jenni Fleetwood and Marina Filippelli (Metro Books) can be served as an appetizer or light meal. The crispy tortilla strips included in the recipe add extra texture to a delicious dish.

Tortilla Soup

Serves 4

- 4 corn tortillas, freshly made or a few days old
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, plus extra for frying
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 14-ounce can plum tomatoes, drained
- 4 cups chicken stock
- Small bunch cilantro
- Salt and ground black pepper

Using a sharp knife, cut each tortilla into 4 or 5 strips, each measuring about 3/4 inches wide.

Pour vegetable oil to a depth of 3/4 inch into a heavy frying pan. Heat until a small piece of tortilla, added to the oil, floats on the top and bubbles at the edges.

Add a few tortilla strips to the hot oil and fry for a few minutes, until crisp and golden brown all over, turning them occasionally. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on a double layer of paper towels. Cook the remaining tortilla strips in the same way.

Heat the 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in a large, heavy pan. Add the chopped onion and garlic and cook over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly with a wooden spatula, until the onion is soft and translucent. Do not let the garlic turn brown or it will give the soup a bitter taste.

Chop the tomatoes using a large, sharp knife and add them to the onion mixture in the pan. Pour in the chicken stock and stir well. Bring to a boil, then lower the heat and

let simmer for about 10 minutes, until the liquid has reduced slightly.

Chop the cilantro. Add to the soup, reserving a little to use as a garnish. Season to taste.



Place a few of the crisp tortilla pieces in the bottom of four warmed soup bowls. Ladle the soup on top. Sprinkle each portion with the reserved chopped cilantro and serve.

8 best things to buy in December and January

Oh the weather outside is frightful. Rather than succumb to cabin fever, people can use the winter months as the perfect time to visit area stores and score a few deals.

Savvy shoppers understand that key items go on sale at specific points throughout the year. Learning how to shop the sales can lead to considerable savings.

December

1. Toys: Toys are perhaps the best items to purchase in December. Apart from Christmas gifts, it is a good time of year to stock up on toys children have coveted, which can be put away for birthday presents or other occasions. Retailers tend to lower toy prices as Christmas approaches.

2. Holiday decor: Decorative holiday items also tend to be heavily discounted in December. Stores slash prices on ornaments, gift wrap, artificial trees, holiday-themed baking items, and much, much more. If it has a passing connection to the holidays, chances are stores will cut prices by 50 percent or more once Christmas is over.

3. Televisions: It's possible to find discounted TVs even after the Black Friday sales have come and gone. Keep eyes trained on the circulars and jump when sales are advertised, as inventory may be limited.

4. Bubbly: Competition in the market will help drive down the cost of champagne and other sparkling wines. According to the wine resource GuildSomm,

22 percent of all champagne sales are run during the month of December.

January

5. Winter apparel: As the winter progresses, the amount of clothing stock in stores starts to dwindle to free up room for a new season's worth of attire. Starting in late December and continuing into the latter half of January, retailers are eager to liquidate their stock of scarves, sweaters, boots, and winter coats. This is a prime time to replenish wardrobes.

6. Linens: "White sales" are traditionally in January, with home goods retailers running discounts all month long. These sales generally encompass towels, bed sheets, curtains, and

other linens.

7. Fitness items: January is the ideal time to purchase a new gym membership or fitness equipment since these purchases tie into New Year's resolutions to get fit. Gyms may waive extra fees or offer discounted rates.

8. Travel and entertainment: Most people return home after the holidays, and that can generate a slow travel season afterward. The travel industry attracts new customers with discounted hotel rates and other deals. Tickets to Broadway shows and other theaters also may be discounted to encourage people to leave the house.

December and January are great times to grab steep deals on an array of products.

Meeting the stars of 'Live PD'

Story Courtesy of Fort Jackson

COLUMBIA -- The Fort Jackson community met with the law enforcement personnel they watch on TV during a meet and greet with local stars of "Live PD" Nov. 29 at the NCO Club.

"Live PD" is an A&E show that takes viewers along for the ride on police shifts.

After nearly a year of trying to book the program's Richland County deputy sheriffs, Fort Jackson's Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation finally succeeded.

Brig. Gen. Milford H. "Beags" Beagle Jr., Fort Jackson commander, appeared to support the event. Community members turned up for autographs and photos.

Recruiters from the Columbia Recruiting Battalion attended to encourage youth excited about law enforcement to join the military police.

It was a perfect crowd, said Cheryl Woodhouse, the battalion's public affairs specialist.

"There is a fear" about joining the police this day in age, she said, claiming the military angle builds in some level of comfort, especially for kids already living on post.

One military police member/recruiter at the event was Sgt. Christopher Grdinich.

He never intended to join the Army. Instead, Grdinich planned to become a sheriff. He enlisted when he discovered the five-year wait to become a member of the force in his hometown of Phoenix.

Some regulars from the show have military backgrounds of their own. Master Deputy Sheriff Chris Blanding of Sumter took after his dad, a former Air Force member, to the extent a self-described "homebody" can. He said he became a cop to follow in his footsteps.

Corporal Supervisor Deputy Sheriff Mark Laureano, of Chicago, is a veteran. He served in the Marine Corps. Both provided insight on their television experiences.

The show is beneficial because it depicts what law enforcement really does, Blanding said. It allows officers to hone in on the reality that when someone is shot by a police officer, there is more to the story than just the outcome, Laureano added.

Only the best of the force are chosen to represent them on air. Laureano said it requires a quasi-audition. Not everyone is right for the role.

"You get people who freeze," Laureano said. "They overthink it."

Sheriff Leon Lott, who has prior experience working with the media, selects the "Live PD" deputy sheriffs from the bunch. Richland County's department

appeared on the television series "Cops" and "Beyond Scared Straight" before they were featured on "Live PD."

Lott said they were initially approached for the shows because of their reputation as a "professional agency."

Richland County's organization is the only one that has been on "Live PD" for its entire two-year lifespan. Good communication skills and being community-oriented are criteria for deputy sheriffs who air, Lott said.

"We're not actors and actresses," he added. He doesn't select based on who will be the most entertaining.

The deputy sheriffs do their jobs as normal while being taped. They don't create drama to make it more exciting, Lott said, so slow nights are sometimes aired.

Laureano added that "the only difference (between a live night and a weekday shift) ... is

nothing."

All of the same protocols are followed. The officers aren't paid extra, and they don't write additional tickets or anything of the sort to make it more interesting, Laureano added.

He said the boss is "very specific" on that rule.

Blanding added that the only real change is that law enforcement explain more of what is going on for the sake of the viewers.

There are two extra people in the squad cars those nights, one being the videographer, Blanding added.

Footage is taped by that person and a GoPro action camera mounted on the car, he explained.

While the show is considered "live," there is a time gap of up to 15 minutes between taping and airing. That is done to prevent heartbreaking stories like the one Laureano witnessed during what he said was probably his worst experience on the show.

On one episode, the deputy sheriffs responded to a call of a man fatally shot in his front yard, Laureano said. The victim's family learned of the tragedy while watching "Live PD."



End of a good journey for Robinson-Cain

FLORENCE — Francis Marion University wasn't Chanie Robinson-Cain's first choice when she was picking out a college and it took her two years to settle on a major once she arrived.

But four years after it started, Robinson-Cain wouldn't change a thing. Her collegiate journey has been just as important as her destination, although she's pretty happy about that, too.

Robinson-Cain graduated with a degree in psychology. Next stop: grad school at FMU, followed by a career in counseling.

"It's been an interesting trip, a good trip," says Robinson-Cain, "and this has been a good place to take it. The support I've received, the opportunities I've had ... it's hard to imagine it happening anywhere else. I've learned a lot about myself. I'm proud of what I've accomplished."

Robinson-Cain, a Greer native, wound up at FMU at the urging of her parents, who thought it a more practical choice than some of the other

schools on her list. Robinson-Cain liked the feel of it right from the start, but bounced around academically as she struggled to find a course of study that matched her real interests.

She finally discovered it near the end of her sophomore year when she walked into the Psychology office and declared her intent to become that department's newest major.

"The minute I said something it was like a big psychology party broke out," says Robinson-Cain. "The (departmental) secretary was thrilled, some faculty that were in the office were cheering a new member of the family. It's kind of been like that for the past two-and-a-half years, just very rewarding. And it's become increasingly clear that this is who I am, wanted I always wanted to be."

Robinson-Cain's psychology studies have meshed nicely with other interests and activities. She's worked on campus as a resident assistant (RA), in the psychology office, and with four different charitable organ-

izations in the area, including Homeless Connect, the Naomi Project and Marian Wright Edelman's Freedom School in Bennettsville.

All involved building relationships on an individual basis and trying to understand the inner workings of individuals.

"I think all that showed me that there is something a little bit bigger out there," says Robinson-Cain. "It's not always about you. I felt comfortable in that world and it connected my to field as well. My professors — all of them — helped me to that realization. It's just been a great experience."

Though graduate school and licensure await, Robinson-Cain is already providing useful counsel to friends and family headed down the college path.

"Don't feel like you have stay wed to your plan," she says. "Take some time to explore, to find out who you really are. If you can find the right place to do that, like I did, it will all work out."



Trae Buck is awarded his Eagle Scout Badge

Trae Buck is the 17-year-old son of Ernie and Rita Buck of Darlington.

He is currently a Senior at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School where he is a captain of both the football and baseball teams and was selected as an All Region Football player.

He was chosen as MVP and received the Coaches Award in baseball.

He is also a member of FCA and serves as President of the Teenage Republicans Club. He is also a member of the Skeet Team, Math Team, National Honors Society and the National Spanish Honors

Society.

He was also selected to be a Junior Class Usher and a National Advanced Placement Scholar. He wishes to attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado in the fall and pursue a career in Neurosurgery while also advancing his piloting skills.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Trae cosmetically refinished the entire parking areas located at TBCS. This refinishing project allowed for all faculty, staff, students and visitors of the school to safely and clearly identify all parking.

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate

School is a coeducational, non-discriminatory, college-preparatory day school serving students in grades seven through 12 located in Darlington.

Trinity-Byrnes fosters development of every student's intellect and character through strong academics, a wide variety of athletics and extra-curricular activities.

For more information contact April Munn, Director of Admissions and Communications, at (843) 395-9124, amunn@trinity-byrnes.org.



Your neighbors, your news, The News & Press

Subscribe today to the **News & Press**

Name: _____ \$30/year in-state
 Address: _____ \$40/year out-of-state
 City: _____ Phone: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email: _____

Mail with check to:
 P.O. Box 513
 Darlington, SC 29532

BILTMORE
SouthernGates
COLLECTION

Main Street Jewelers

Regular Hours:
 Monday - Friday: 10 am - 5:30 pm
 Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm
 30 Public Square, Darlington
 (843) 398-0010

Pinnacle
 Inspired by the scrolling stonework above the front door of Biltmore House, the beautiful **Pinnacle** pendant and earrings are the peak of elegance and style.