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## QUOTE

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

EDMUND BURKE

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## Name that new school: The balloting begins

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Ballots are going out this week as the Darlington County School District seeks a name for the new elementary school being built in Darlington.

Here are the six options being presented to residents and to affected students, parents and school employees for a name for the school that will replace Brunson-Dargan Elementary and J.L. Cain Elementary in fall 2020:

-- EAST DARLINGTON ELEMENTARY. (The new school is

on the east side of town.)

-- FIRST STREET ELEMENTARY. (The school will be on First Street, next to Cain's current site.)

-- BRUNSON-DARGAN ELEMENTARY. (This honors officials' 1953 decision to name this Wells Street school for educators Margaret Keith Dargan and Susannah Woods Brunson.)

-- J.L. CAIN ELEMENTARY. (This honors officials' 1953 decision to name this school after James Lawrence Cain, a pioneering black educator.)

-- DR. WILLIE BOYD SR. ELEMENTARY. (Boyd retired last year after more than 50

years with the Darlington County School District, including working as a teacher and principal.)

-- C.C. WEARING ELEMENTARY. (School-district officials say Wearing was a long-time principal at Cain Elementary.)

School district spokeswoman Audrey Childers said any resident who lives in the 29540 or 29532 ZIP codes can vote on the new name.

She said ballots will be sent home with students attending Brunson-Dargan and Cain; ballots also can be picked up at those schools. You can vote

by mailing a paper ballot to the school district offices (120 E. Smith Ave.), by e-mail (audrey.childers@darlington.k12.sc.us), or online (www.darlington.k12.sc.us), Childers said. (See a sample ballot with the continuation of this story inside the newspaper. Paper ballots will also be available at the News & Press office.)

Deadline for balloting is two weeks, Childers said. Votes then will be tallied and results presented to the Darlington County School Board, which has final say on the new school's name. The board could make a decision

as early as October.

By coincidence, the school board had a brief debate Aug. 26 on the issue of whether schools should be named for people, living or dead.

At a work session, the board was going through an inches-thick stack of recommended policy changes from the S.C. School Boards Association. The board has been going through the recommendations one by one for months. Most of them involve minor technical changes on day-to-day issues.

But one of the recommendations advises school boards in the state to wait "at least

three years" after a person's death before naming a "district facility" after him or her. Board members balked at that since it would have a direct impact on naming the new Darlington school and perhaps the new Hartsville and Lamar schools as well.

The board decided to table that recommendation for now. But the debate showed differences of opinion that could influence the board's final decisions on names for all three new schools in the county.

BALLETS ON 3A

## Erik Jones wins a soggy Southern 500



After four hours of rain delays, Erik Jones, 23, sees victory about 2 a.m. Monday in the 70th Annual Bojangles' Southern 500. He is the second youngest driver to win this race. PHOTO BY BOBBY BRYANT

## \$4 million project broadens county airport's horizons

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Planned improvements to the Darlington County Airport (DCA) could lure larger, heavier aircraft in for a local landing.

Starting this September, a project to upgrade the field's main runway will triple its current weight capacity, opening up options for current tenants and enhancing the airport's appeal to new ones.

"We applied for a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to come in and basically do an overlay on our runway," says airport manager Barry Kennett. "The asphalt on the runway is over 20 years old, and generally that's about the lifespan for asphalt surfaces."

Kennett says that due to age and the regular traffic of heavy aircraft on hot asphalt, the runway has developed ruts. Engineers recommended an overlay to repair the surface, and DCA applied for a federal grant to help cover the estimated cost of \$4 million- \$5 million. The project will mill down between 2 and 7 inches of asphalt and lay a thick pad of concrete along the 5,500-foot-long runway,

providing a more durable and hardy surface.

"That's going to triple our weight-bearing capability," Kennett says.

He explains that a runway's weight-bearing capacity can be expressed as a PCN (Pavement Classification Number) of 1 to 100, which pilots use to gauge whether a surface can safely support their aircraft. With these planned improvements, DCA's runway could increase from its current PCN of 6 all the way up to an 18. Structural tests once work is completed will finalize that rating, but Kennett says the estimate is very encouraging.

Originally built in 1943 by the U.S. Army Air Force, Darlington County Airport's runway is typical for a general aviation airport used mainly by small passenger aircraft and single engine planes. Kennett notes that the new runway will allow visitors and airport tenants like Sonoco to land heavier aircraft at DCA and feel confident that the surface is sturdy and pristine.

AIRPORT ON 3A

## Groundbreaking held for Bethea's \$23 million facility

From Staff Reports

Betha Retirement Community in Darlington last week broke ground on a \$23 million, 60,000-square-foot health care and rehabilitation facility.

The project, to be completed in the fall of 2020, is "a pivotal moment, a life-changing event, in the future of every resident and staff (member) of Bethea," said Tom Turner, CEO and president of the S.C. Baptist Ministries of Aging. Bethea is a ministry of that group.

Betha held a groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 27 on the project.

The facility, when complete, will encompass 88 private rooms, 22 of them for

short-term care and 66 for long-term care.

Also included will be a rehab therapy gym (3,000 square feet), a primary care office (1,500 square feet), screened porches and an ice-cream parlor. The design will allow private living for residents who have previously had semi-private rooms.

The design features four "households," groups of 22 residential rooms; each "household" is to have a kitchen and recreation area.

Betha Retirement Community is the only Southern Baptist-affiliated retirement community in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina, according to its website: "At Bethea, retirement living is an opportunity to live abundantly as residents discover new ways to serve Christ and others with purpose."

## Car Hauler Parade wows downtown



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Word of the Week

martinet - a strict person who demands obedience

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MOTHER NATURE SPEAKS



JUST A  
LITTLE BIT  
CLOSER...

OP-ED

## Septembers to remember

By Bill Shepard

I have seen a lot of Septembers.

Many have come and gone since the old man and I sat in the wagon loaded with hay and being pulled along by the big red horse. The hay had been gathered from small garden plots throughout the village where I lived.

It would be used as winter food for the old horse and winter was not too many months away. Sometimes I wondered which was the oldest, the old man or his big red horse. Both moved along as though they had seen many Septembers together.

I was only 10, but when I sat beside the old man and he let me hold the reins to guide the old horse, I felt like a real grown-up. The horse needed no guiding as he had been traveling these narrow dirt streets for more years than I was old. It just made me feel big to hold the lines tightly in my hands and cluck to the old horse, "Git up, horse!" That's the way I had heard the old man say it.

We must have been a slightly threesome, the old man with his wide-brimmed straw hat pulled down over his sun-browned face, and I in my patched and faded overalls and matching chambray shirt, and of course the slow-moving red horse! Whatever the image, I felt like a prince when I was with my friend.

I first met the kind old man who wore a little mustache that was sometimes stained with tobacco juice when he came to our house, first in the spring to plow the garden spot, and then in the autumn to gather the dried corn stalks and tall grass that had taken over.

He used a scythe to cut the hay and a pitchfork to load it on the wagon. He allowed me to sit in the wagon and move the old horse along. From that first meeting, our friendship had grown, and my mom would allow me to ride with him every chance I got.

Sometimes, I would ride with him to the sawmill to haul a load of slabs to be cut into firewood for someone on the village. Those were the times I enjoyed most of all. Just sitting high in the wagon, clutching the reins, and when we would get near someone walking along the road, I would speak out, "Git up, horse!" I did that more to draw attention to myself than for the old horse that traveled at the same gait all the time.

When September had passed and the cooler weather of October and November entered, I saw less of the old man and his horse. Occasionally, during the fall and winter, my mom would place a nickel in my hand and say, "Go to your friend's house and buy a head of collards." I was always glad when that happened.

I would start out in a trot, and upon reaching my destination, I would immediately look toward the shabby old barn where I knew the old horse lived. If the horse was in the barn, I knew my friend would be home also. One seldom was seen anywhere without the other.

After a short time of talk, the old man would lead the way to the field where the collards grew. He would hand the big butcher knife to me and say, "Bill, you cut the biggest one you can find."

I would scan the field and having found the one of my choosing, I would cut through the tough stalk while my friend stood and watched. Sometimes I would call for his help. With a joyful goodbye, I would start on my trot back to the village carrying the big collard in my arms.

I grew up as all boys do, and other interests crowded the old man and the big horse out of my life. They've both been gone a long time to where kind old men and big red horses go, but memories of them both return in the autumn when the September sun starts turning the field brown and I see hay drying in the fields.

NOTE: Mr. Odom (I never knew his first name) lived with his wife and one small son in a privately owned house near the mill village. As far as I know, he never worked in the cotton mill, but earned his money by doing chores, such as plowing small garden spots, hauling slabs from the sawmill and occasionally moving someone's furniture from one mill house to another.

OP-ED

## A 57-year mystery's solved, kind of

By Tom Poland

After 57 years, a case of missing rare objects, rare and priceless to me, at least, closes. And yet it remains a mystery.

When I was in sixth grade, I took my coin collection to school, a foolish thing to do because human nature being what it is that collection risked being stolen, and that's what happened.

After showing the collection to my friends I stowed it in my desk. Remember those desks with the large opening where you kept your books? That's where I placed the small leather pouch, one I had made at 4-H camp with a Lowcountry marsh duck-hunting scene tooled into the leather.

Off to lunch we went. When I returned my collection had vanished.

That theft exposed me to crime for the first time in my life and it sickened me. Among

those coins was a Seated Liberty quarter, 1861, and an Indian Head penny, 1898. Each of those two coins had been a gift from my grandmothers, and losing those old coins wounded me. It felt like the death of a pet.

When I got home I said nothing about the loss of my collection. Dad would not have been happy that I did such a foolish thing. I acted if all were well and suffered in silence.

Back at school I peered into the eyes of classmates seeking signs of betrayal. I suspected one boy in particular. He had the makings of a career criminal. No one, however, acted guilty. Stupidity had cost me my collection.

The years rolled by but I never got over the loss. When I began writing columns for my hometown newspaper I almost wrote a column that asked a bold question. "If you stole my coin collection back in 1961 in

Mrs. Turner's class, please ship it to me. No questions asked."

After Mom died in 2015, my sisters and I began the sad task of going through our late parents' possessions. One Sunday afternoon up in the attic, I was going through boxes of what I best describe as "stuff."

There in a box sat my coin collection.

It had not been stolen after all. Just how did this miracle come to pass? It stunned me. I sure didn't have a case of childhood amnesia. I clearly remember the last time I touched that leather pouch, and it was the day I put it in that desk.

Here's what must have happened. Mrs. Turner saw me put that collection in my desk. As we lined up to go to the lunchroom, she took a moment to get my collection from that desk, knowing it was at risk.

Later, she gave it to Dad, an easy thing to do since he drove a school bus. Dad brought my

coin collection home and waited for me to confess what I'd done. I never did.

He must have forgotten that he had put it in that box, and the years rolled on. Then, 57 years after it went missing, I found it in the attic. After 57 years that nagging suspicion I held about a classmate had been put to rest.

That's the best explanation I can come up with. The people who know the truth, Dad, Mom and Mrs. Turner, are no more, and so the mystery will forever remain a mystery.

Now none of my coins will fetch much money, but having that Seated Liberty quarter and Indian Head penny back sure mean a lot.

Gifts from my grandmothers mean more than ever. Now, it's my turn to hand these coins down.

## Letter To The editor

**'If we do not  
protect our  
cemeteries, no  
one else will'**

We asked you and you came.

Thank you to our community members from the Darlington Memorial Cemetery Association Cleanup Day:

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We are excited that all of you shared our love for honoring our ancestors.

We've only just begun!

Please challenge your peers to join our next cleanup day restoring the grave markers of our military veterans.

The association's motto is "How we take care of our ancestral monuments reflects how we care for and think about ourselves. If we do not protect our cemeteries, no one else will."

Our efforts require contin-

uous physical and financial support. The association is accepting new members and monetary donations in the name of the Darlington Memorial Cemetery.

Please contact Shelia Baccus at 843-307-2287 and email shelabig@yahoo.com for additional information.

Gladys Wingate Jules,  
Darlington

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## New Darlington Elementary School Community Ballot - Mascot & Name

Thanks to the hard work and extensive input from students, parents, faculty, and community, the Darlington School Identity Committee has narrowed the name and mascot choices down to the following options. Please cast your vote for your preference!  
Please note: You must be a resident of Darlington, SC with a zip code of 29540 or 29532 to vote.  
All final decisions lie with the Darlington County Board of Education.

### School Mascot (choose one):


 TIGER

 EAGLE

 BEAR

 HAWK

### School Name (select one):

- 1) **East Darlington Elementary School** – The new elementary school is located in the eastern portion of Darlington.
- 2) **First Street Elementary School** – The new elementary school is located on First Street in Darlington.
- 3) **Brunson-Dargan Elementary School** – Miss Susannah "Susie" Brunson graduated from Converse College and was named an Outstanding Alumna for her career in education. She joined St. John's School as a teacher in 1909 and later served as grammar school principal until she retired in 1946. She also taught at the Study Center in Florence and three years as a member of the summer school faculty of Clemson College. Miss Margaret Dargan devoted her life to the students of St. John's high school where she served as principal for 41 years, until her retirement in 1946.
- 4) **Dr. Willie Boyd, Sr. Elementary School** – Dr. Willie Boyd, Sr. began his career as a teacher at Mayo High School in 1968 after his return from the Vietnam War. He became assistant principal before taking over as principal of Rosenwald High School. In 1982, he returned to Mayo as principal. Over the next three decades, he served as Darlington County School District's (DCSD) Transportation Director, Assistant to the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, and Associate Superintendent. In 2017 he was named DCSD Acting Superintendent, the first African-American to do so. Dr. Boyd retired in 2018 after more than 50 years of service to the school district.
- 5) **J. L. Cain Elementary School** – From 1901-1944, Mr. James Lawrence Cain served as principal of Mayo Graded School, building it into one of the top three African-American high schools in the state. Under his leadership, the school grew from a five-teacher school with an enrollment of 275 to a 24-teacher school with an enrollment of 1,500 pupils. Mr. Cain also served as president of the Palmetto State Teachers Association as well as President of the Darlington County Teachers Association and the SC Negro Teachers Association. He organized and built the Pee Dee District Summer School and later became director of the State Summer Schools.
- 6) **C. C. Wearing Elementary School** – Mr. C. C. Wearing served as the principal of Cain Elementary School from 1955 to 1978. Beloved by his pupils and held in high regard by his community, he led the schools through numerous transitions. Mr. Wearing held an undergraduate degree from Benedict College and a master's degree from SC State.

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## Ballots

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County Education Superintendent Tim Newman told the board that most S.C. school districts are moving away from naming buildings after people, living or dead.

"As soon as you name it for somebody, somebody else is upset," Newman said.

The Darlington County school board already has a "preferred" policy of naming new schools after geographical areas, but that isn't mandatory.

Board member Jamie Morphis said that if a district is going to name a school for a person, do it while that person is still alive so he or she can enjoy the recognition.

Board member Wanda Hassler had doubts about naming a school for a living person: "I just think there needs to be some reflection time."

She added, "I think there are other ways to honor people."

Stephanie Bridges, current principal of Brockington Elementary Magnet School, will lead the

new Darlington-area elementary school in 2020, the district announced Aug. 29.

Bridges has been principal of Brockington Elementary Magnet School in Darlington since 2013, the school district said. Bridges also served as director of the Darlington County Intervention School, as an assistant principal and as a classroom teacher.

She also served as an adjunct professor at Miles College (Alabama).

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English literature from the University of Alabama and a Master of

Arts in English literature from Tennessee State University, the school district said.

Bridges earned her Educational Leadership Endorsement from Kennesaw State University and her Secondary Certification from Tennessee State University.

"Uniting the two campuses of Cain Elementary and Brunson-Dargan is an opportunity to honor the history and success experienced by both campuses," Bridges said in a statement from the school district.

## Principals appointed to new Hartsville, Lamar area schools

The Darlington County Board of Education has announced the appointment of two experienced principals to lead two of the new elementary schools now under construction.

Kristi Austin, the current principal of North Hartsville Elementary School, will take the reins of the new Lamar area elementary school.

Jackee Lynn, the current principal of Spaulding Elementary, will lead the new Hartsville-area elementary school.

Both schools will open in the fall of 2020.

"We spent the better part of a year reviewing data, analyzing needs, listening, and working to find the best fits for our new schools," said Tim Newman, superintendent of the Darlington County School District.

"It isn't easy to establish a new school environment, especially when combining existing schools. New leadership helps.

"We believe these principals have the experience, knowledge, and skills to get the new schools off the ground and create a foundation of excellence for our students."

Lynn has been the principal of Spaulding Elementary School in Lamar for the past four years.

Before becoming principal, Lynn was a National Board Certified elementary school teacher, an assistant principal, a school special education facilitator, and the DCSD's coordinator of recruitment and retention.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Math from Virginia Union University, a Masters of Science in Economics from Virginia State University, and a Master of Education in Education Administration from Winthrop University.

Lynn will lead the new Hartsville-area elementary school under construction on Bay Road in Hartsville.

The district is combining two schools – Washington Street Elementary School and West Hartsville Elementary School – to create the new school.

"Helping to shape a new school from the very beginning is an exciting opportunity

and I welcome the challenge," said Lynn.

"I look forward to working with our school families, faculties, and community to honor Washington Street and West Hartsville elementary schools while creating and establishing new traditions and expectations of excellence in our new school."

Austin began her education career as a classroom teacher in 1994.

Over the course of her career, she has served as a teacher specialist, an assistant principal (elementary and middle school), and a principal.

She has been the principal of North Hartsville Elementary since 2008.

Austin has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Francis Marion University as well as a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education and a Master of Education in Educational Administration, both from the University of South Carolina.

Austin will lead the new Lamar-area elementary school under construction at the intersection of Lamar Highway and Country Club Road in Lamar.

The district is combining Spaulding Elementary School and Lamar Elementary School to create the new school.

"It is an incredible opportunity to work with Lamar Elementary and Spaulding Elementary faculty, staff and families to create a new school for the Lamar community," said Austin.

"I am excited to be a part of the tradition of excellence of these two schools and I look forward to meeting with the schools and community as we shape our school.

"There is no doubt that the students of Lamar will continue to flourish as we work together to build the culture, expectations, and traditions of our new school."

Both Lynn and Austin will continue to serve as principals of their current schools until the end of the school year.

## Airport

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"That will be nice down the line, so we can try to get more corporate or business aircraft to come here. Not only that, but since concrete lasts longer than asphalt, we shouldn't have to worry about this runway for another 25 years," Kennett says.

As a general aviation airport, DCA receives a federal entitlement of \$150,000 each year.

For any additional maintenance projects or upgrades, airports must submit detailed grant proposals to the FAA.

DCA requested runway upgrade money in 2018 when President Donald Trump's administration set aside \$1 billion for airport improvements, but they were not selected until the follow-

ing year's grant cycle.

The FAA grant award covers just over \$4 million for project costs.

Kennett says the FAA will pay 90 percent, with the other 10 percent split between the state and the county.

When second reading of Ordinance No. 19-20 came before Darlington County Council at a special meeting on Aug. 26, that body voted unanimously to allocate necessary monies to the airport, supplementing FAA grant funds so the project can proceed.

Kennett says construction should begin by the end of September and will require the airport to halt most operations for about 90 days.

The Darlington County Airport is at 313 G. Graham Segars Parkway in Darlington. For more information, call 843-393-9928.

## Why Labor Day is worth celebrating

The just-past Labor Day weekend was much-anticipated. Many people look forward to Labor Day weekend because it offers one last extended break to enjoy summer weather. Though summer does not officially end until September is nearly over, for many people Labor Day, celebrated annually on the first Monday in September, marks the unofficial end of summer.

But Labor Day is more than just one final chance to embrace the relaxed vibe of summer and soak up some rays. In fact, Labor Day boasts a unique history that's worth celebrating for a variety of reasons.

### What is Labor Day?

The United States Department of Labor notes

that Labor Day is a celebration of American workers that dates back to the 19th century.

The day is meant to commemorate the contributions workers in the United States have made to the nation, helping to make it one of the strongest and most prosperous countries in the world.

### Who came up with the idea of Labor Day?

Despite the fact that municipal legislation surrounding Labor Day was initially introduced in the 1880s, debate remains as to just who should be credited with proposing a day to honor American workers. Some records suggest that Peter J. McGuire, who served as general secretary of the Brotherhood of

Carpenters and Joiners and cofounded the American Federation of Labor, deserves the credit for Labor Day.

However, the Department of Labor notes that many people believe a machinist named Matthew Maguire (no relation to Peter) was the first to propose a holiday honoring workers in 1882. At that time Maguire was serving as secretary of New York's Central Labor Union, which later adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic. The first Labor Day was ultimately celebrated in New York City on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in accordance with the plans made by the Central Labor Union, which strongly suggests that Maguire does, in fact,

deserve the credit for coming up with the holiday.

### Why celebrate Labor Day?

Labor Day is worth celebrating because, without the contributions of millions of workers every year, the United States would not be the success story it is and has been for more than 200 years.

In addition to the United States, many countries across the globe, including Canada and Australia, have their own versions of Labor Day.

Labor Day weekend might now be seen as the unofficial end of summer.

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JOB 38:4-7

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**Irene Hamlin Smoot**  
Irene "Honey" Hamlin Smoot was born June 17, 1935, in Darlington to Moses Sr. and Lillie Mae Rush Hamlin. Irene went home to be with her Heavenly Father on the morning of Aug. 17, 2019.



Irene was a graduate of Mayo High School, Class of 1952. Soon afterward, she was united in marriage to James Smoot Jr. She and James, along with two children born into this marriage, James Irvin and Deloris "Lisa," relocated to the Bronx, N.Y., where a third child, Leroy, was born.

Irene became a member of St. Peter & Paul Church, and later St. Catherine of Genoa, where she was a dedicated church and choir member. Irene was formerly employed with St. Vincent's Hospital as a nurse's aide, and later a ward clerk until her retirement in 1997.

At that time, she and James Jr. relocated back to their home of Darlington, where she attended her home church, New Providence United Methodist Church. She was a member of the choir, and took great pleasure in praising our Lord.

In addition to her parents, Irene was preceded in death by her husband, James "Monk" Smoot, Jr.; and two brothers, Moses Hamlin Jr. and Benjamin Hamlin.

Survivors include her children: James I. (Suzanne) Smoot, Deloris "Lisa" Smoot and

Leroy Smoot; siblings Leroy Hamlin, James Lee (Ada) Hamlin, Fosteen (Leroy) Benton, Bertha (Burnice-deceased) Bristow, Lillie (Nick) Wingate, Ethel (Robert-deceased) Gardner and Rufus (Beverly) Hamlin; grandchildren Stephen (Katherine) Williams Jr., Renee Nesby, Tiffany Irene (Mamadou) Smoot-Coulibaly and Devin Smoot; great-grandchildren Stevie III and Julius; two brothers-in-law, Rev. Arthur Darien Jr. and Johnny (Doris) Smoot; four special friends: Gertrude Wilson Dennis, Cynthia Newsum, Leroy "Foots" Bess and David Garland; and a host of amazing nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**Jack Ryle Dearhart Jr.**

A true Southern gentleman, Jack was born Sept. 22, 1947, in Greenville.

A caring, funny and outgoing friend, a loving and supportive father and grandfather, and as a husband, he was the very best a woman could ever wish for. On Aug. 23, 2019, Jack died of multiple myeloma after a courageous battle of a year and a half.

His funeral services were Aug. 29 in the J. Henry Stuhr Inc. Mount Pleasant Chapel, 1494 Mathis Ferry Road. The family received friends at the funeral chapel immediately following the service and at home, 1828 Carolina Park Boulevard. Burial was private.

Jack was the husband of Kathryn Kern Aull Dearhart, and the father of Jack Ryle Dearhart III (Amy) of Darlington, Catherine Dearhart Bray of

Greenville, S. Graham Kellett of Mt. Pleasant and James McClellan Kellett of Jersey City, N.J.

After graduating from Greenville High School, Jack attended and graduated from The Citadel, Class of 1969, with a degree in Political Science. He was a life member of The Citadel Alumni Association and proud member of the Class of '69 Golf Dawgs.

He earned a Masters of Education degree with an emphasis in educational administration from the University of South Carolina. Jack served proudly in the S.C. Army National Guard, retiring with more than 20 years of service.

Employed by the Darlington County schools from 1970-2001, Jack served as teacher, coach, transportation supervisor, assistant principal and principal. After retirement, he served as a sales consultant with Premier Agendas in Bellingham, Wash., and School Specialty in Wisconsin.

Over many years, Jack was part of the team that refereed the S.C. Independent School Association's football and basketball games. It was an activity that Jack truly loved.

During his time in Darlington, Jack served on the Darlington Mental Health Board and the board of the American Red Cross.

He also served on the City of Darlington Recreation Board as member and chairman.

For over 30 years, Jack and his family were members of First Baptist Church of Darlington,

where Jack served as a member of the Communion Committee and was chairman of the church Personnel Committee.

He was also a Deacon and served as vice-chair of the Deacons.

Jack enjoyed his membership in the Darlington Kiwanis Club until his move to Columbia in 2001.

As a Kiwanian, he served on several committees and was awarded the title of Distinguished President by Kiwanis International.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Ryle Dearhart Sr. and Jean Patton Cowan Dearhart of Greenville, his infant son and his first wife, Lemoine Fleming Dearhart of Darlington.

He is survived by his wife Kern, his children and his grandchildren: Jack Ryle Dearhart IV and Carter Anderson Dearhart of Darlington and Kathryn Hartley Kellett of Mt. Pleasant; and Hampton Parks Bray of Greenville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Citadel Class of 1969, Capers Hall Auditorium Fund or The Class of 1969, Scholarship Fund, c/o The Citadel Foundation, 171 Moultrie St., Charleston, SC 29409 or a charity of your choice.

A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at [www.jhenrystuhr.com](http://www.jhenrystuhr.com).

**Linda Webb Marotta**

DARLINGTON -- Linda Webb Marotta of Darlington died

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Graveside services were Monday, Aug. 26, at Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home.

The family received friends at the home, 1213 Indian Branch Road, Darlington.

Linda was the daughter of the late Charles Henry Webb and Rudell Windham Webb.

She was a charter member of Faith Free Will Baptist Church and a member of First Baptist Church in Darlington.

Linda was an avid reader and enjoyed crocheting. She also enjoyed spending time with her family.

Surviving are her husband, Dennis Marotta of Darlington; her daughters, Cheree (Ricky) James and Pam (Ronald) Boswell, all of Darlington; her grandchildren, Ryan (Kelsey) James, Mark (Jessica) James, Landon Boswell and Jared Boswell; her great-grandson, McKoy James; her sister, Jackie Weatherford (the late Roger Weatherford); her brothers, Marshall (Robin) Webb and Tommy (Teresa) Webb and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 297, Darlington, SC 29540.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at [www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com](http://www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com).

**James "Jim" Abel Ross**

GARDEN CITY/DARLINGTON -- James "Jim" Abel Ross,

81, passed away Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019.

Funeral services were Saturday, Aug. 31, in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home with burial at Welsh Neck Baptist Church Cemetery in Society Hill.

The family received friends Saturday at the funeral home.

Born Aug. 10, 1938, Jim was the son of the late Thomas "Son" Marvin Ross and Margaret Virginia Howle Coleman.

He graduated from St. John's High School and attended the University of South Carolina.

He worked as a sales manager at Hillman Corp. Jim was a member of Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church in Georgetown.

Surviving are his wife, June McCauley Ross of Georgetown; his children, Thomas "Tom" (Jill) Ross of Gastonia, N.C., Margaret "DiDi" Ross of Gastonia, and James "Jamie" Ross of Dallas, N.C.; stepchildren, Catherine Stuart of New Orleans and Louise Rudisill (John) Murray of Charleston; grandchildren, Lindsay (Jared) Thomas, Clinton (Beth) Ross, Noah Ross, Tiffany Ross, Hannah Ross and Tyler Ross; step-grandchild, Logan Murray; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, 901 Highmarket St., Georgetown, SC 29440.

A guestbook is available online at [belkfuneralhome.com](http://belkfuneralhome.com).

**CHURCH NEWS**

Please send your church news and photos to: [editor@newsandpress.net](mailto:editor@newsandpress.net)

**Bible Truth Holiness Church**

Bible Truth Holiness Church, 5360 Indian Branch Road, Lydia, invites you to come Sept. 8 to hear Brother Mark Hatfield from Ohio at morning service at 11 and evening service at 6.

**Pianist to perform at Trinity UMC**

On Sept. 15, at 5 p.m., Thomas Pandolfi, pianist, will perform free at Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 126 Pearl St., Darlington. Ann Williamson became a fan of the pianist and is underwriting this performance.

**Discussions about prostate health**

Jerusalem Baptist Church, 301 South 6th St., Hartsville, seeks men and women to take part in discussions about prostate health Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Event is aimed at men 40 and older. September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. To register call 803-708-4732 or email [noblet@mail-box.sc.edu](mailto:noblet@mail-box.sc.edu).

**Pastor Appreciation Day at Oates Baptist**

Pastor Appreciation Day for Oates Baptist Church, 3569 Oates Highway, Lamar, is Sept. 8 at 11 a.m.

**Gospel in the Park**

Gospel in the Park Series returns to Pride Park, 630 S. 6th Street, Hartsville, Sept. 8, 5-8 p.m. September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; we will have information about prostate health. Devotional service by Pastor C.E. Carraway and The Emmanuel Community Church Family, Lamar.

**Revival at Macedonia Baptist Church**

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 400 South Main St., Darlington, is having its annual revival Sept. 30-Oct. 3 at

7 nightly. Guest pastors: Monday, Robbie Shortt, Lee Street Church of God; Tuesday, LaTonya Dash, St. James United Methodist Church; Wednesday, James Wesley Dennis III, Bethel AME Church; Thursday, Eugene Thomas, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

**Black Creek Baptist**

Black Creek Baptist Church in Dovesville is holding a revival Sept. 22-25 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jeff Cockrell from Bethea Baptist Church and music worship leader Karen Creel from Hoffmeyer Road Baptist Church. (843) 393-1140.

**Health Fair**

Maxwell Baptist Church Health Fair, at 1309 Malloy St., Florence, is Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event includes blood-pressure screenings, Medicare enrollment information and more. RSVP to Teresa Jenkins at 843-992-5517 by Sept. 2.

**Mechanicsville Baptist Church**

2364 Cashua Ferry Rd., Darlington. 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 Fashioned 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 at 7 p.m. at 109 Main St. in Darlington.

**Church Prayer Line**

Anyone who needs prayer is welcome to call Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line at 843-393-8555.

**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.

**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.

**Black Creek Baptist Church**

The church, 139 Mont Clare Road, Dovesville, announces 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

**Second Missionary Baptist Church**

Second Missionary Baptist Church, 212 W. Washington St., Hartsville, announces hours. 8 a.m. early morning worship service, 9 a.m. church school service, 10 a.m. morning worship.

**Covenant Baptist Church**

Covenant Baptist Church, 628 Pocket Road, announces hours: Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. Spoken Word Service. Wednesday: 6 p.m. Bible Study.

**Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries**

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries, 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington, announces 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; Service at 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.

## Jane Windham's recipe for Turnip Dip with Bread Ring

A hearty, warm dip surrounded by a bread ring.

**Cook Time** 25 minutes

**Ingredients**

*For the bread ring*  
1 package Rhodes frozen dinner rolls  
1 tbsp olive oil  
2 tbsp melted butter  
1-2 tsp sea salt

*For the turnip dip*  
5 bacon slices chopped  
1/2 medium sized sweet onion chopped  
2 garlic cloves minced  
1/4 cup dry white wine  
1 16 oz. package frozen chopped turnip greens, thawed  
12 oz. cream cheese cut into pieces  
1 8 oz. container sour cream  
1/2 tsp dried crushed red pepper  
1/4 tsp salt  
3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

**Instructions**

*For the bread ring*  
Spread 1 tablespoon on the bottom and sides of a 9 inch cast iron skillet.  
Place 11 frozen dinner rolls 1/4 inch apart in the skillet.

Cover with a tea towel and allow the rolls to thaw and rise for about 3 hours.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter and brush over rolls.

Sprinkle 1-2 tablespoons sea salt on the rolls.

*For the dip*  
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Cook bacon in a Dutch oven over medium high heat 5-6 minutes or until crisp. Remove bacon and drain on a paper towel.



Saute onion and garlic in 1 tablespoon of hot bacon drippings in the Dutch oven.

Add wine and cook 1-2 minutes, stirring to loosen particles from bottom of Dutch oven.

Stir in turnip greens, next 4 ingredients, and 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese.

Cook, stirring often, 6-8 minutes or until cream cheese is melted and mixture is thoroughly heated.

Remove from heat.

*For the complete dish*  
Pour the turnip mixture into the middle of the rolls in the skillet.

Bake at 350 degrees about 15 minutes, remove and add the bacon pieces and remaining

1/4 cup of Parmesan cheese on top of the dip.

Cook for an additional 5-10 minutes or until the rolls are golden brown.

Serve immediately.

**Recipe Notes**

If your rolls have risen a lot, there may not be room for all the turnip mixture to fit in the middle of the rolls. Just add the extra to a small baking dish.

When the rolls run out, serve the dip with flat bread, pita chips, Fritos, or crackers.

Adapted from from Southern Living

See more from Jane Windham at [cottageatthecrossroads.com](http://cottageatthecrossroads.com).

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



Tall and elegant, beautiful Bobbie would love to meet you. This friendly lady will reach out her paw in an attempt to make you stop and say "hi." Nicely sharing her space with others cats, Bobbie is ready to head on home. 1-2 years old; grey tabby; female

Even keel! Miss Ferrari proudly beamed when she learned she was recognized for being so accepting and willing to share her walk with other dogs. This mid-sized lady was fast to snuggle up with her new human friend and showed a moderate amount of interest in politely meeting the other four-legged

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shelter. Never jumpy or in your face, Ferrari is respectful of others' space and would enjoy taking on a pet role which included the care of kids. In her former life, this beautiful lady shared her life with two bouncy teen pups and another adult dog. She's on task for her next pet job and looks forward to the exciting interviewing process. 48 pounds; 2-3 years old; lab mix

### Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

## Area Happenings

### Weekly Events

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

### Pee Dee SCORE

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Sun: 6pm  
Mon: noon  
Tues: 8pm  
Wed: noon, 6 pm

Thurs: 8pm  
Fri: noon, 8pm  
Sat noon, 8 pm

### Al-Anon Meetings

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

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

### Monthly Events

#### Vision screenings

Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County and the Darlington Lions Club are sponsoring free vision screenings, third Wednesday of each month, 1-4 p.m. at Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County, 203 Grove St. You do not have to be an FMC patient.

#### Head Start

Darlington County Head Start program policy council meetings, 4th Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at Butler Head Start Center, 1103 S. 6th St., Hartsville. Darlington County Community Action Agency board meetings, 4th Thursday every month at 5:30 p.m., Butler Head Start Center.

#### American Legion

American Legion Post 13 of Darlington meets second Thursday of each month at the Post on Harry Byrd Highway.

#### DDRA Board of Directors Meeting

The DDRA Board of Directors will meet at City Administration, 410 Pearl 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.

### VFW

The Darlington chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW "GREY/FARROW" Post 3609, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Taki's Restaurant, 609 Pearl St.

### DC Disabilities and Special Needs Board

The Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board will meet on the following dates and times in 2019. All meetings will begin at 2 p.m.

The agenda and meeting location will be posted monthly.

Meetings: April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26.

No meeting in December.

### Darlington Branch NAACP

The Darlington Branch NAACP meets on the second Tuesday every month, 7 p.m. at 109 Pearl St. For more, please contact President Anthony Hall at 843-229-1274.

### Sept. 2019

#### Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council will hold their monthly meeting Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington. 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 jbish-op@darcosc.com.

#### Darlington Planning Commission

Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington.

#### Golf Classic Hero Banquet

Friday, Sept. 20 from 5:30-11:30 at the Darlington Country Club, 125 Country Club Road, Darlington. Hosted by the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County.

#### Bringing Downtown Alive! Concert

The Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association (DDRA) brings downtown alive on Thursday, Sept. 26.

The free admission event will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Liberty Lane Walk of Fame and the first block of Pearl Street downtown. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

#### Darlington Tree Board

Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington.

### Oct. 2019

#### Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street in, Darlington.

#### 2019 American Revolution Symposium: State of Rebellion: South Carolina's Place in the American Revolution

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019 at the SC Archives & History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223. To register & complete details: <https://scarchivesandhistory-foundation.org/2018/12/20/2019-american-revolution-symposium/>

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council will hold their monthly meeting Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington. 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 jbish-op@darcosc.com.

#### Darlington County Board of Education

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

#### Joint City Boards Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Darlington Police Department, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, scheduled by the Planning Commission.

#### Connections at Breakfast - DCIT

Connect with DCIT at our first Connections at Breakfast on Oct. 17 at 8 a.m. Make connections with other business-people while learning about our programs, meeting our students, and touring our state-of-the-art facility. Members who attend have an opportunity to be drawn to give a 60-second infomercial about their business. This event is FREE.

### Nov. 2019

#### Historic Landmarks Commission

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

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council will hold their monthly meeting Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway

(Highway 151), Darlington. 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 jbish-op@darcosc.com.

#### Show Down in the Pee Dee IV

Saturday, Nov. 9 from 1-11 p.m. at the OMRBT at 107 Gary Street, Darlington.

#### Darlington County Board of Education

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

#### Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Nov. 12 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, Nov. 19 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC.

#### Beautification Board

Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 5-7 p.m. at the City of Darlington Administrative Offices, located at 410 Pearl Street, Darlington.

### Dec. 2019

#### Darlington County Council Meeting

The Darlington County Council will hold their monthly meeting Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington. 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 jbish-op@darcosc.com.

#### Darlington City Council Meeting

The Darlington City Council will hold their monthly meeting Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Darlington Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington.

#### Darlington County Board of Education

The Darlington County School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Training Room of the Administrative Office located at 120 E. Smith Avenue in Darlington.

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## Coker continues to expand on its students' success initiatives

In an effort to continue meeting the needs of its students and making a quality college education more accessible, Coker University recently welcomed its first cohort of 18 Foster Scholars and its second cohort of 18 STEM Scholars in Biology (SSB).

In addition, the university's library recently launched "Stock, Paper, Scissors," a supply closet for any students in need of basic school supplies.

"Coker prides itself on providing students with the resources necessary for personal growth and academic achievement," says Robert Wyatt, president of Coker University.

"Programs like the Foster Scholars and STEM Scholars in Biology, and mindful initiatives like 'Stock, Paper, Scissors,' are all great examples of some of the many innovative ways Coker is helping students persist to graduation with confidence and proficiency."

Coker recently received recognition for making college more accessible through institutional aid and scholarships.

LendEDU's 2018 annual Student Loan Debt by School by State Report, an in-depth analysis of student loan debt figures at nearly 1,000 four-year private and public higher education institutions across the country, ranked Coker University's average student loan debt per borrower the 10th lowest in the United States and 6th lowest among private schools.

According to LendEDU, through licensing data from the annual Peterson's financial aid survey, they keep both current and future college students up-to-date on which institutions tend to lead to high levels of student loan debt. The data was reported through a survey to the colleges listed in the report.

Coker's Foster Scholars program offers first-time freshmen a head start at acclimating to college by providing an early move-in on campus, a two-week compressed communications course before classes start, extra support, and a \$1,000 scholarship for their sophomore year if they successfully complete the pro-

gram and maintain a certain GPA.

The Foster Scholars program was created in memory of Coker professor Rev. John Foster, in honor of the work he did to create opportunities for all students and to ensure that Coker is a place where everyone feels like they belong.

Coker's SSB program is for high-achieving students interested in pursuing careers in STEM fields who are in need of financial assistance to attend college.

Made possible by funding from the National Science Foundation's Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (NSF S-STEM), the program provides scholarship aid of up to \$10,000 per year for each of the recipient's four years in college.

In addition to the four-year scholarships, SSB participants receive an integrated first-year experience, including a STEM-based first-year seminar, new laptop computers, mentoring by external scientists, advising from faculty and support from peer mentors, and research or

project-based learning experiences. The program's first cohort of 18 SSB scholars started in 2018 (class of 2022) and the second cohort of 18 scholars started earlier this month (class of 2023).

The 2019-2020 academic year marks the launch of Coker University's first school supply closet. An effort spearheaded by the university's library staff, "Stock, Paper, Scissors" provides students with basic school supplies, such as notebooks, backpacks, pens, highlighters, index cards and more.

"Stock, Paper, Scissors" is described as "a confidential way for students to acquire the supplies they need to succeed." All students need to do is go to the library's front desk and ask for "Stock, Paper, Scissors."

Students will be able to take what they need, no questions asked. The closet is stocked solely by donations. Anyone interested in donating to Coker's "Stock, Paper, Scissors" can contact Arlia Frink at afrink@coker.edu for more information.

## September lawn and gardening tips

Clemson Extension Service

### Watch out for:

#### Lawns

Lawn diseases: Continue watching for problems with brown patch and dollar spot in warm season grasses, especially if you had problems with one of them last year.

Spittle bugs: Watch for spittlebugs in warm season lawns and on hollies.

White grubs: The bacteria *Bacillus thuringiensis* does a nice job on Japanese Beetle grubs, but it does take a little time to build up in the soil. *Bacillus thuringiensis* does not, however, control other types of grubs.

#### Trees and shrubs

Webworms: Fall webworms should be appearing in pecan trees in mid- to late-August. Controlling the bottom third of the tree will be quite effective, even though we cannot reach the upper areas. Carbaryl (Sevin, etc.) is a good product for this. Observe all label precautions on mixing and use. Do not use dusts due to the problem with application; a spray made using the liquid form of the product will work fine.

#### Vegetables

Blossom end rot: Check your late tomatoes for blossom end rot on the fruit as it begins to form. This is usually an indication of a calcium deficiency. Place a handful of gypsum (land plaster) in the soil beside the tomato at planting (or later) to prevent this. Foliar sprays such as blossom end rot spray will also help alleviate the problem. Nothing will "heal" the fruit with rot on it, so remove and discard them.

#### Things to do:

#### Flowers

Bulbs: It's time to buy your spring-flowering bulbs, such as daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and crocus. Don't plant them yet, but wait for cooler weather. Store them in a cool place where temperatures will be 60 degrees F or lower.

Dividing: It's time to divide spring and summer blooming perennials.

Soil Test: Now is the time to test the soil in your planned beds for plant nutrients. Soil tests usually take 10 days, so test now to have the results when you plant bulbs and beds. It is important to till in the lime

needed (if any) for faster soil pH adjustment. You may also sample your vegetable garden now if you do not plan to add more fertilizer for late crops.

#### Lawns

Fertilizer: It's time for the second application of fertilizer for fescue and other cool-season grass lawns. Follow the recommendations on your soil test report for your lawn. DON'T fertilize warm-season grass lawns late in the fall. If you have not soil-tested your lawn areas in the past 12 months, now is a great time!

Add iron: Applying iron to St. Augustine this month will provide dark green color without stimulating excessive growth.

Aeration: Fall is a great time to aerate cool season lawns such as fescue. Warm-season lawns (centipede, zoysia, Bermuda, St. Augustine) should be aerated in the spring and summer.

Overseeding: Many homeowners like to overseed their lawns with ryegrass for a green winter lawn. Mid-September is the best time to do this.

Lawn establishment: If you plan to plant a cool-season (fescue) lawn, the best time to plant is between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15. Wait until next spring for warm-season grasses. Unhulled Bermuda seed can be planted now, but spring planting of hulled seed will provide a better stand.

Henbit: This nice little lawn weed can be a problem. Treat now to prevent its return this summer.

Nutsedge or "nutgrass": Nutsedge is very difficult to control. There are two main types in our area, purple and yellow. You must identify which you have before you begin treatment. Herbicides must be applied when the nutsedge is actively growing, which means decent soil moisture and warm conditions.

Irrigation: As this month progresses you will probably need to cut back on your irrigation amounts.

#### Ponds

Pond stocking: September through January are good months to stock bream in a fishing pond.

Pond liming: September through January are also good times to lime the pond bottom if necessary.

## County legislative delegation tightens grip on Clarendon 2 school board

By Rick Brundrett  
The Nerve

For many years, S.C. lawmakers have exerted considerable control over local matters through county legislative delegations.

Take the Clarendon County legislative delegation, for example.

In April, Democratic Sen. Kevin Johnson of Manning introduced a bill to give the three-member delegation, of which he is the chairman, direct control over appointing the nine-member Clarendon 2 school board by eliminating the county education board.

The delegation historically had appointed the seven-member county education board, which selected the Manning-based Clarendon 2 board. Johnson served on the local board in the 1990s.

The Nerve in April reported about the bill, pointing out that Johnson's daughter is the Clarendon 2 board chairwoman, while his wife and another daughter work for the school district.

After the Legislature passed the bill, Republican Gov. Henry McMaster vetoed it, contending in his May 1 written veto message that legislation such as Johnson's "should take care to avoid unnecessary legislative entanglement in the affairs of local schools."

The House and Senate overrode the veto, with Johnson and Democratic Rep. Robert Ridgeway, another member of the Clarendon County delegation, siding with the majority.

Democratic Rep. Cezar McKnight of Williamsburg County, the third delegation member whose district includes part of Clarendon County, was absent for that vote, legislative records show.

After getting direct appointment control, the delegation selected three candidates out of 10 applicants for seats on the Clarendon 2 board. One of the appointees, Falcia Miller, is the practice administrator at the Manning office of HopeHealth, a health care provider where Johnson's daughter, Kimberly Johnson, the Clarendon 2 board chairwoman, works as its "legislative affairs" director, according to the organization's website.

A HopeHealth receptionist told The Nerve that Kimberly Johnson works out of the Manning office, though in an interview, Sen. Johnson said his daughter, who he noted has been employed at HopeHealth for several months, is based in the Florence office, and that she

doesn't report to Miller.

HopeHealth has 12 locations in Clarendon, Florence, Aiken and Williamsburg counties, according to its website.

Johnson denied having any conflicts of interest in approving Miller's appointment to the Clarendon 2 board. State ethics law bans public officials from using their positions to "obtain an economic interest for himself, a family member, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated."

"Obviously, we thought she was very qualified to serve on the board, or we wouldn't have appointed her," Johnson said about Miller, noting she has a doctoral degree in nursing and was "very active" in the district before her appointment. "We don't want to disqualify anybody from serving on the board who's interested just because they know people — like they know the delegation or may be related."

Johnson noted that Pete Surette, one of the three board members appointed by the delegation, has a daughter who works for the school district.

"It's hard for us being in a small area to find somebody who has no relationship," he said.

Johnson, who was a House member from 2011-12 and the Manning mayor from 2000-11, previously said he didn't influence the appointment of his daughter, Kimberly, to the Clarendon 2 board, noting the county school board initially rejected her for the seat.

He also said then he was not involved in the district's hiring of his wife, Gloria, an administrative assistant, and their daughter, Kyndra, a licensed master social worker.

Unlike Sen. Johnson, Rep. Ridgeway, a doctor who works at the Manning HopeHealth office, recused himself from Miller's appointment, leaving the decision to Johnson and Rep. McKnight, Johnson said.

Asked about the difference between that situation and the one involving his daughter, Johnson replied: "Kim doesn't answer to Falcia (Miller) at all; she doesn't report to her at all. If she had, that would have probably been a conflict."

Ridgeway, Miller and Kimberly Johnson didn't respond to written or phone messages from The Nerve seeking comment.

Asked about his daughter's duties as HopeHealth's "legislative affairs" director, Johnson explained that because the organization receives federal funding to provide low-cost health serv-



ices, his daughter meets with "all of our (U.S.) representatives and senators to ask if they support the funding."

He added she also meets with state lawmakers on "issues that involve health care" and "does a lot of outreach stuff."

Under the new law sponsored by Johnson, the county legislative delegation appoints four of the nine members of the Summerton-based Clarendon 1 school board, taking that authority away from the county school board, with the other five local board members popularly elected. All seven members of the Turbeville-based Clarendon 3 school board are popularly elected.

Before the law, Clarendon, Dillon and Anderson counties were the only counties with county school boards in addition to local school boards, according to the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Johnson said the Clarendon 1 and 3 districts support consolidation with one popularly elected school board, though he added those districts don't "want to have District 2 involved with that."

Asked why he didn't push to have the Clarendon 2 board popularly elected instead of being appointed by the delegation, Johnson replied, "The ultimate goal is to have one school district in Clarendon County with one elected school board."

Johnson acknowledged that among the three members of the county legislative delegation, his vote counts the most — 50 percent of the total — under a weighted-vote system. But he said although he "could pull rank," his group seeks "consensus" on delegation matters.

"We appoint as a delegation a lot of positions in Clarendon County," Johnson said. "I look at who is the best qualified, because anybody we appoint to any position, it's

a reflection on us."

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## Pine Straw 101: Extension offering crash course in fast-growing industry

Clemson University

Pine straw harvesting is a strong and growing industry in the Southeast, and Clemson Cooperative Extension is offering a workshop aimed at teaching the basics of the burgeoning business.

"The purpose of the workshop is to offer people a course in Pine Straw Management 101," said David Coyle, Assistant Professor in Clemson University's Department of Forestry and Environmental Conservation.

Registration is now open for the workshop, which is set for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Sandhill Research and Education Center, 900 Clemson Road, Columbia.

The cost is \$20 for the general public and \$70 for foresters needing Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits. There are two core pesticide credits included with the course and also five hours of Category 1 CFEs available for foresters.

The workshop will include a field tour with a pine straw professional who will demonstrate how pine straw is harvested and the equipment necessary to do so.

The event aims to help resource managers and

landowners balance the income from harvesting operations while preserving desired wildlife benefits and stand health.

While pine straw is valuable to homeowners as a mulch, pine needles are also valuable to the forest, serving critical ecological functions, including helping to carry prescribed fires as a fine fuel, protecting soil and water resources, and recycling nutrients.

"We'll talk about pine straw basics — what type of pine gives you the best straw, how to manage your stands for pine straw, when you should harvest pine straw, how to incorporate pine straw management while preserving native plants, tree health, and still promoting tree growth," Coyle said. "We'll also cover the economics of it all. How much can you expect to get for your pine straw? Is it per acre or per bale?"

In addition to being extremely popular as a mulch in the southeastern United States, pine straw can be an attractive and valuable source of income for forest landowners, providing an opportunity to cover some of the costs associated with establishment and maintenance of longleaf pine ecosystems. Commercial operators bale pine straw and sell it

to contractors and garden centers who, in turn, sell it to homeowners.

Generally, pines are more adaptable to Southern climate conditions than spruces and firs, and longleaf pine straw is the most desirable of the southern pines because of its long and durable needles, but slash and loblolly pine straw — both also prominent in South Carolina — can also be used.

"Pine straw is a growing industry, and our county Extension agents get a lot of questions about pine straw," Coyle said.

"How do I make money on it? Can I make money on it? How much money can I make on it? When should I be doing it? How do I even go about getting someone to harvest the pine straw?"

"We're just trying to take the bull by the horns here, and provide people with the information they need to achieve their goals as far as profitability and sustainability in forestry."

For more information, contact Extension Area Forestry and Natural Resources Agent Ryan Bean at 803-840-6124 or rbean@clemson.edu.

**QUOTE**

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

ANDY RODDICK

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## Lamar Dixie Youth team celebrates state championship, batting title

By Samantha Lyles  
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Lamar has long been a hotbed of athletic talent, as the number of Silver Fox state titles and NFL players can attest. The town's history of sports excellence booked another chapter this summer as the Lamar Dixie Youth baseball team won two championships and vied for a third.

"This is the first-ever team to win the Dixie Youth Division 2 state championship in South Carolina, and they ended up going to the World Series in Lumberton. They played four games and ended up coming in third," says Lee Andrews, Darlington County Parks and Recreation director.

Team members Austin Barr, Avery Weaver, Tucker Watford, Landen Olson, D.Q. Green, A.J. Odom, Dawson Wilkes, Brodie Hickson, L.T. Weatherly, Zaiden Patrick, Laviorus Lucas, Colt Daniel are the first crew in 23 years to win a district title. Last time around, that team was com-

prised of 11-12-year-olds. This new crop of diamond dandies (9-10-year-olds) won the District 5 championship and the South Carolina State Championship for Division 2.

"The difference between Division 1 and 2 is how many children you have within your area to play, similar to A, AA and AAA high school football," says Jennifer Odom, mom of player A.J. Odom. "No one expected these boys to go this far, and honestly I don't think the boys had any idea that they were actually making history while simply doing something they love to do. They didn't charge the field with the expectations of any of this, they simply wanted to play ball!"

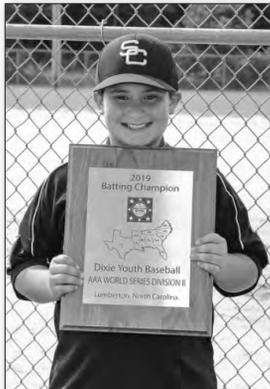
Adding more icing to the cake of team success, pitcher and first baseman A.J. Odom posted some terrific numbers at the plate. In the World Series, Odom went 5 for 8, and his average of .625 earned him the Dixie Youth World Series Division 2 batting championship. Asked how he managed to achieve



Players received a necklace pendant filled with dirt from the Anderson field where they won the State Dixie Youth Baseball Championship. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

this success at the dish, A.J. credits his coaches -- Aaron Weaver, Jason Olson, and Alex Weatherly -- for working with him to improve his technique.

Known as "cheeseburger" for his perpetual, cheerful grin, A.J. is a born sports fanatic whose third word (after Mama and Daddy) was



Dixie Youth World Series Batting Championship winner A.J. Odom

"ball." According to his mom, he also plays football, enjoys hunting, fishing, swimming, and generally anything that allows him to stay outside.

For the record, Jennifer says A.J.'s vision check showed his eyesight was "better than perfect," so the young slugger's mad tear might just be getting started. She adds that even though A.J. had a great series, her biggest proud-parent moment came when his team spirit and good sportsmanship was on display.

"As his mom, one of my favorite and most proud memories was when he looked at his coach and said, 'Who cares if I got out, that's an RBI, baby!' Even the umpire shook his hand on that," says Jennifer.

When team members gathered last week to celebrate their achievements, A.J. and Jennifer presented each player with a unique keepsake: a necklace pendant filled with dirt from the field where they won their state championship. To say that the kids were excited would be an under-



Team members with Hartsville Recreation director John Wall (left) and Darlington County Parks and Recreation director Lee Andrews (right)

statement.

"I'm gonna wear this to school tomorrow!" one player declared.

Andrews, Odom and Hartsville Recreation director John Wall (who also serves as assistant Umpire In Charge for S.C. Dixie Youth baseball) all congratulated the team and joined player families for a well-earned round of

applause.

"This group is special; they don't and didn't give up. They seemed to play better under pressure," says Jennifer.

"As for us parents ... we all had heart problems this whole past summer. The memories made for the boys and the parents are priceless. I wouldn't have changed a minute of it."



Lamar's state champion Dixie Youth baseball team placed third in the 2019 World Series for ages 9-10, Division II. PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNIFER ODOM

## Back-to-school safety guidelines

As children head back to school, they and their parents have lots to do to be ready for the first days of school. Clothing and supplies may be top priorities, but families also should focus on safety as the first day of school draws close.

The following are some key tips families can keep in mind to ensure a healthy and happy upcoming school year.

### School bus safety

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that school buses are the safest way for children to travel to and from school. The majority of school bus-related injuries occur while students are boarding and getting off the bus. Over the last 10 years, the NHTSA says nearly two-thirds of school-age pedestrians who were fatally injured by school buses or other vehicles were hurt after being struck while entering or exiting the bus.

While at the bus stop, children must remember to stay at least five large steps away from the road and wait to board until the driver says so. When leaving the bus, students should make sure there is no oncoming traffic and wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing busy streets.

While on the bus, observe the rules and stay seated at all times. Keep the center aisle clear of backpacks.



### Walking/biking safety

Students may walk or bike to school if the school permits. School tends to begin during the morning rush hour, so students must exercise extreme caution when walking or biking to school. Stick to sidewalks whenever possible when walking. Cyclists should follow the rules of the road, including riding in the same direction as traffic. Choose the safest route as a family and practice it before the first day of school, advises the security company ADT.

### Backpack safety

Choose an ergonomically designed backpack to enhance safety and comfort. Backpacks should weigh no more than 5 to 10 percent of the child's body weight, advises the National Safety Council. Rolling backpacks should be avoided since they are a tripping hazard.

With a new school year on the horizon, students and their parents can discuss school safety so the year starts off on the right foot.

## Little League plans annual public meeting

The Darlington Little League will host its annual public meeting Oct. 1 at the 300 Sanders St., Darlington, Harmon Baldwin Center at 6:30 p.m.



Jamie Stanley won the Southern 500 Golf Tournament a record sixth time the weekend of Aug. 23-25 at the Darlington Country Club.

# Andrews-Flowers wedding

Dr. Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Andrews and Dr. Damon Steger Flowers Jr., both of Greenville, were married Aug. 31, 2019, at Greenville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. James Harold Crout III performed the 5:30 pm ceremony. Music was provided by WireWood, cellist Laura Koelle and guitarist Keith Groover. A reception followed at Avenue in downtown Greenville.

The bride is the daughter of Richard Frank Andrews Jr. and the late Mary Sloan Andrews, both of Greenville. She is the stepdaughter of Dr. Karen Sparkman Andrews and the goddaughter of Gina Norwood Smith, both of Greenville.

She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay Sloan Sr. of Piedmont and the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frank Andrews Sr. of Richmond, Va. Betsy graduated from Greenville High School in 2009, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Clemson University in 2013. She received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 2017 from the University of Georgia and currently practices at Pleasantburg Veterinary Clinic in Greenville.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Damon Steger Flowers Sr. of Darlington. He

is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Hazle Bristow Jr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLeod Flowers Sr., all of Darlington. He graduated from Mayo High School in 2006 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Clemson University in 2010. He received a Doctorate of Medicine from the University of South Carolina in 2014, and completed his residency training in Emergency Medicine at Louisiana State University. He is currently employed at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital in Greenville.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father. Her sisters, Dr. Blakely Andrews Amati of Greenville and Molly Andrews Grigsby of Rock Hill, served as matrons of honor. Attendants were Susanna Stuart Flowers, sister of the groom, of Columbia; Allen Pennell Albergotti, Ashley Bell Robinson, Selvy Miros Sieber, Caroline Morgan Mayberry, all of Greenville; and Katherine Vendley Lynch of Sumter. The bride's sister, Molly, also served as a vocalist during the ceremony.

The groom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Travis Kemmerly Lunn of Greenville; William Wilson Kirven of Darlington; Dr. Jack Mason Johnston of Johnson City, Tenn.; Dr. Kevin Thomas

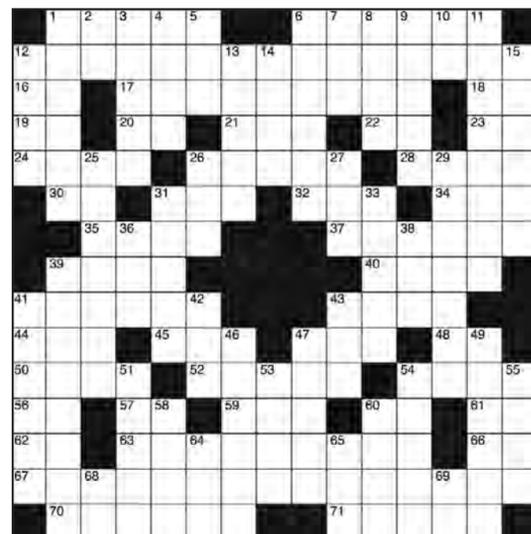


Hogan of Nashville; Dr. Bryant Preston Nelson of Richmond, Va.; Dr. John Chris Michael of Denver; and Dr. Kyle Patrick Pfeffrle of Baton Rouge, La. Scripture was read by Elizabeth Kennedy Smith of Greenville. Guests were greet-

ed by Virginia Cochran Reed and Carly Elizabeth Weber, both of Greenville; Susan Hayne Cobb of Charleston; and Frances Timmons Yarbrough of Charlotte.

Following a wedding trip to Bali, Indonesia, the couple will reside in Greenville.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1. Adventure stories
- 6. Amphetamines
- 12. Extend the limits
- 16. Article
- 17. Socially disoriented
- 18. Gold
- 19. Part of the mind
- 20. "Rubber Band Man" rapper
- 21. Take by force
- 22. Football position
- 23. American cola
- 24. Risk management plans (abbr.)
- 26. Narrow channel on the moon
- 28. Semitic alphabet letter
- 30. Dorm employee
- 31. Dessert dish
- 32. A street where nightmares happen
- 34. For each
- 35. Fat from a pig
- 37. Easily altered
- 39. Salvador \_\_\_\_, Spanish artist
- 40. The last CEO of Sears
- 41. One who lades
- 43. Russian pop duo
- 44. Fictional free city of Essos
- 45. Cool!
- 47. Strong liquor
- 48. Rural delivery
- 50. Brews

- 52. Compound found in hops
- 54. Where golfers begin holes
- 56. Third note of a major scale
- 57. City of Angels
- 59. Snag
- 60. Exclamation of surprise
- 61. Controversial retired wide receiver
- 62. For example
- 63. Free to use
- 66. Carson's sidekick
- 67. Pirate saying
- 70. Convulses
- 71. Semitic gods

- 15. Card game
- 25. Feeling of discomfort
- 26. Get free of
- 27. Unit of measurement
- 29. A person who enjoys good food and drink
- 31. Violin maker
- 33. Noted psychotherapist
- 36. Complete
- 38. Ballplayers' tool
- 39. Afternoon illumination
- 41. Points a finger at
- 42. Moved quickly
- 43. '\_\_\_ death do us part
- 46. Blue jeans
- 47. French Jesuit theologian
- 49. Dissuades
- 51. Eastern European peoples
- 53. Abnormal rattling sound
- 54. Air-breathing land snail genus
- 55. Turfs
- 58. Farewells
- 60. \_\_\_ mater: one's school
- 64. They \_\_\_
- 65. Baby's eating accessory
- 68. Priestess of Hera
- 69. Type of railroad

### DOWN

- 1. Split apart
- 2. Equally
- 3. Mountain passes
- 4. Another name for Thor
- 5. Chinese chess piece
- 6. Helpless
- 7. US army designation (abbr.)
- 8. Micturated
- 9. One to respect
- 10. Small Greek island
- 11. In a thinly dispersed way
- 12. Put two together
- 13. Of the supernatural
- 14. Type of structure in organic

# Duke Energy's Robinson Plant donates nearly 150 bookbags for DCSD students



Tim Newman, DCSD superintendent; Leigh Anne Kelley, a member of the school board; and Pamela Swinney-Johnson, a family school facilitator at DCSD, with the bookbags. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Employees with the Robinson Nuclear Plant in Hartsville again showed their support of Darlington County School District students this year, donating 147 bookbags to students.

The bookbags came stuffed with school supplies, and will be distributed to students based on need by the district's social workers.

Superintendent Tim Newman thanked everyone involved with making the donation possible.

"Ensuring that our students are ready to learn when they step into our classrooms is extremely important," he said. "Not worrying about having or not having a bookbag immediately impacts many of our students' preparation for the school year. Duke Energy and

the gracious employees of the Robinson Nuclear Plant continue to recognize and help fill that need. We thank them for all they do for our students and families."

In all, employees with Robinson Nuclear Plant donated 433 backpacks this year to surrounding communities. Employees there began collecting and donating bookbags in 2014 and have given nearly

2,300 in that time.

"We take part in activities like the backpack drive because we recognize we are privileged to be a part of the communities in which we operate," said Patrick Flynn with Duke Energy's corporate communications.

"That's why we believe our plant is as much a neighbor to surrounding communities as a business."

## BACKYARD STARGAZER

# Exploring the skies of September

By Francis Parnell



In September, the summertime constellation of Sagittarius is in the south at sunset with Scorpius and Libra to the west.

In the north-northwest, Ursa Major (the Great Bear) is getting ready to hibernate till spring.

If you have a smartphone app or star charts, watch the sky slowly change over the next few months.

In the south-southwest after sunset on the 5th, find the 1st quarter Moon 7 degrees above red Antares and bright Jupiter much closer to its left; a beautiful celestial triangle!

On the 7th, the waxing gibbous Moon is about 6 degrees to the right of Saturn, and 5 degrees to the lower left of Saturn on the 8th.

On the 10th, Neptune is at opposition, 2,770,083,049 miles (4 light-hours) from Earth.

If you have a telescope and a star chart with Neptune's orbit plotted, you should be able to spot the small blue-green disk without too much trouble.

On the 13th, it's the Full Harvest Moon. From the 12th to the 16th, observe the full Moon effect.

A nearly full Moon appears low in the sky at the same time, around 9 p.m., on consecutive nights.

The Sun is at the Equinox, directly over the equator, at 3:50 a.m. on the 23rd marking the beginning of autumn in the northern hemisphere and spring in the southern hemisphere.

And before dawn, the Moon, in Gemini, forms a triangle with the twins, Castor and Pollux.

An hour before dawn on the

26th, a very thin waning lunar crescent is 3 degrees left of Regulus, the brightest star in Leo.

FAST FACT: Everything in the universe is moving. Mercury speeds along its orbit at 105,944 mph. Earth orbits at 66,628 mph, comets can approach the inner solar system at well over 150,000 mph and the Sun orbits the center of the Milky Way at 514,489 mph. Our galaxy is speeding toward the Andromeda Galaxy at 894,763 mph. In 4.5 billion years, the two galaxies will merge to become "Milkomeda."

Enjoy the cooler fall weather and "Keep looking up!"

## WORD SEARCH

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Young's convenience store on North Main Street in Darlington was robbed by armed men about 4 a.m. Aug. 27. According to the Darlington Police Department, the suspects were picked up by another person driving a white minivan with a missing hubcap. If you have information on the case, call Darlington police at 843-398-4026 or 843-398-4920.

## 1 dead, 1 wounded in Darlington County shooting

A shooting incident on Larry's Drive in Darlington County on Aug. 30 has left one person dead and another wounded, according to local media reports and county officials.

No details were available as of press time, but early reports quoted county Coroner Todd Hardee as saying there was one fatality. Hardee identified

the man as James L. Williams Jr., 23, of Darlington.

Another person was also shot in the incident, but his or her condition was not known immediately.

## Hurricane preparedness guide

Tropical storms like hurricanes occur every year. Hurricanes have the potential to be very powerful and destructive storms. The National Weather Service says that, on average, 12 different tropical storms will form over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea or Gulf of Mexico during hurricane season every year. Of those storms, six will turn into hurricanes.

Knowing how to behave before, during and after a hurricane can save lives and reduce injury risk. The following are important safety guidelines to follow during hurricane season.

- Evacuate if the call is made. It can be tempting to try to be a hero and stay home when an area is being evacuated. However, when weather officials recommend evacuation, heed those warnings. It can be difficult for emergency personnel to reach people who stay behind, and that can greatly delay care and divert resources needed elsewhere.
- Consider the storm surge. Storm surge can travel several miles inland, especially along bays, rivers and estuaries. Even if you think you are far from the coast, heed warnings about storm surges.
- Keep a list of contacts. Keep contact information for emergency management



ered radios, blankets, rain slickers, and rain boots are just some of the items to include in a hurricane readiness kit.

- Have a plan in place. Know where family members will meet up in the event a hurricane blows in. Be sure to plan for locations away from home if evacuation is necessary.

- Gauge safety before returning. Wait until an area is deemed safe before heading home or venturing outdoors. Downed power lines, debris, standing water, and other after-effects of hurricanes can be hazardous.

By exercising due diligence, people can weather hurricanes and quickly get on the road to recovery.

offices, county law enforcement, state law enforcement, local hospitals, and more at the ready. Keep it handy with other hurricane supplies.

- Evaluate and know your flood risk. FloodSmart.gov is a portal for flood risk in particular areas in the United States. See where your house falls so you'll be armed with accurate information should a storm arrive.

- Stockpile emergency supplies. Water, nonperishable foods, batteries, flashlights, phone chargers, battery-pow-

## Lots of hands in S.C. pension and health insurance cookie jars

By Rick Brundrett  
The Nerve

When it comes to receiving taxpayer-funded state retirement and health insurance benefits, lots of folks have their hands out – and it's not just government employees.

Certain nonprofit organizations and quasi-government groups participate in the state pension and health insurance systems, which mainly cover state, county and local government agencies, as well as public and charter school districts, according to records provided to The Nerve by the S.C. Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), which administers those programs.

For example, the Municipal Association of South Carolina, which represents 271 incorporated municipalities statewide; South Carolina Association of Counties, which represents all 46 counties; and South Carolina School Boards Association, which represents the governing boards of the state's 79 public school districts, participate in the state retirement and health insurance systems.

All three nonprofits also are registered state lobbyist principals, according to State Ethics Commission records.

The state-created South Carolina Research Authority, a multimillion-dollar nonprofit

that The Nerve has reported extensively about over the years, is part of the state health insurance system, PEBA records show.

State-owned utility Santee Cooper, which The Nerve in 2018 revealed had more than \$15 billion in total long-term debt in the wake of the abandoned V.C. Summer nuclear project, participates in both the state pension and state health plans.

Also included among the total 752 employers in the state health plan and the collective 844 employers in the state general employee and police officer retirement systems are various private nonprofit tourism, economic development and health care organizations, The Nerve's review found.

The state retirement system is made up of five parts, including separate systems for lawmakers, judges and solicitors, and state National Guard personnel.

The Nerve has previously reported about generous pension pay for lawmakers and judges.

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018, a total of more than \$2.5 billion in employer and employee contributions was collected in all five retirement systems, PEBA records show.

As of the start of fiscal 2018, there was an average of about 194,000 contributing state, school and other government employees, and approximately 140,000 retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits.

The state health insurance system, which includes standard, Medicare supplement and savings plans, insured about 470,000 individuals, including spouses and children, in fiscal 2018.

About 179,000 public employees contributed to the system, along with approximately 85,000 retirees, according to PEBA records.

But the state pension and retiree health insurance systems face serious long-term debt, S.C. Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom has contended.

The latest 30-year debt projections for the pension and retiree health insurance systems are approximately \$24 billion and \$14 billion, respectively, according to figures provided this week by his office.

In comparison, The Nerve in 2011 and 2012 reported about a projected \$17 billion gap in the state pension system and a \$9 billion estimated shortfall in the retiree health insurance trust fund.

Besides current state

employees and retirees, a state law lists 31 categories or specific organizations that also are eligible to participate in the state health plan, including regional "tourism promotion commissions" funded by the state tourism department, regional transportation authorities and councils of government, local councils on aging, federally qualified health centers, and county First Steps boards.

Among tourism groups participating in the state health plan are the Discover Upcountry Carolina Association, Capital City/Lake Murray Country, and the Lowcountry and Resort Islands Tourism Commission, PEBA records show.

Other nonprofit organizations such as the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association, South Carolina State Employees Association, South Carolina School Boards Association, and anti-littering organization Palmetto Pride are specifically covered under the state law.

Legislative caucus committees also are eligible to participate by law in the state health plan.

PEBA records list the state House Republican Caucus, which represents 80 of the 124 House members, as a participant.

A separate state budget proviso that is renewed annually allows the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank (STIB) board, members of the state Lottery Commission, and county magistrates to participate in the state health plan, provided they pay the full premium costs.

As a whole, employers in the system contribute about 77 percent of the total premiums, according to PEBA.

At last week's STIB board meeting, several members appeared surprised when informed that a former board chairman and another member, who were not named, had not paid a total of \$8,000 in premiums as required under the proviso, which had to be covered by the STIB.

"If we accept that (health insurance benefits), does that mean we got double insurance?" asked state Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, during the discussion.

Board chairman John White said none of the current non-legislator board members has state health insurance authorized by the proviso, adding that board members who are lawmakers have "their other (state) insurance."

Former state Rep. Chip Limehouse made a motion for

White to write a letter to the two former board members giving them the option – though not requiring them – to repay the collective \$8,000. The motion died for lack of a second.

"We're talking about people, individuals, who have expertise in the field that they were in, and they're not getting paid for that, am I right?" Leatherman said about the ex-board members.

"The bank (STIB) paid \$4,000 (in insurance premiums) for you – whatever that amount is. Isn't that sort of like sitting legislators? We ain't paid much."

South Carolina Policy Council analysts Hannah Hill, Bryce Fiedler and Kelly Brady contributed to this story. Brundrett is the news editor of The Nerve ([www.thenerve.org](http://www.thenerve.org)). Contact him at 803-254-4411 or [rick@thenerve.org](mailto:rick@thenerve.org). Follow him on Twitter @RickBrundrett. Follow The Nerve on Facebook and Twitter @thenerves.

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Address: 434 Penn Circle, Hartsville, SC 29550

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**NOTICE OF FILING**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NO.:

2019-ES16-00289

Felita A. Davis, Petitioner, vs. John Doe and Richard Roe as Representatives of All Persons Unknown Claiming Any Right, Title or Interest in the Matter Described in the Petition Herein Including, but Not Limited to, Any Unknown Heirs or Unknown Devises of Earnest Amos, Any Unknown Persons Designated as John Doe and Unknown Infants or Persons Under Disability or Persons in the Military Service Designated in a Class as Richard Roe, Respondents.

**LIS PENDENS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: An Action is being commenced in the Darlington County Probate Court to determine the heirs of Earnest Amos and determine owners of their respective interests in certain real property in which Earnest Amos owned an interest at the time of his death. The property which is the subject of this action is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying or being in the City of Darlington, in the County of Darlington, in the State of South Carolina being named and designated as Lot 39 as shown on a plat made by T.E. Wilson, C.E., dated January 17, 1959 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 29 at Page 63, being bounded on the Northeast by Magnolia Street and measuring thereon one hundred (100) feet; on the Southeast by Lot 40 and measuring thereon one hundred fifty (150) feet, reference being had to said plat for a more complete description. This being the identical property conveyed to Earnest Amos and Mattie M. Amos by deed recorded in Deed Book 508 at Page 619 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County. TMS# 165-15-01-012

**SUMMONS**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Petition in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer or other responsive pleading to said Petitioner on the subscriber at 504 South Coit Street, Post Office Box 2527, Florence, South Carolina 29503, within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer to the Petition County within the time aforesaid, Petitioner will seek an Order of the of the Court granting the relief demanded in the Petition. Gena Phillips Ervin Attorney for Plaintiff

**NOTICE OF FILING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petition in the above entitled action, together with the Summons, of which the foregoing is a copy, were filed in the Office of the Probate Court for Darlington County on July 1, 2019. Gena Phillips Ervin Attorney for Plaintiff

**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED that the Summons herein, a copy of which is annexed to be served upon all Respondents unknown to the Petitioner and her attorney, if any, having or claiming to have any interest in or lien upon the

property described in the Petition by publication of the same once a week for three (3) successive weeks in the News and Press, a newspaper published in Darlington County, South Carolina which the newspaper is hereby designated most likely to give notice to said unknown Respondents.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Elizabeth Biggerstaff York, Esquire be, and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem NISI for the Respondents who are infants or otherwise under disability, whose names and addresses are unknown to the Petitioner, if any, having or claiming to have any interest in or lien upon the Estate of Earnest Amos or the property described in the Petition for the purposes of this action, unless such Respondents who are infants or otherwise under disability, or any of them, or someone on their behalf, shall, within thirty (30) days after service of this notice upon you move upon the Court for the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem, Petitioner will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian ad Litem NISI Elizabeth Biggerstaff York, Esquire whose address is P.O. Box 9 Darlington, SC 29540 made absolute for them or any of them.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be forthwith served upon said Respondents who are infants or otherwise under disability by publication of the same once a week for three (3) successive weeks in the News and Press, a newspaper published in Darlington County, South Carolina which the newspaper is hereby designated as the most likely to give notice to the Respondents who are infants or otherwise under disability. IT IS SO ORDERED. Gena Phillips Ervin Attorney for Plaintiff

**NOTICE**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**C/A #2019-CP-16-00526** Dixies Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff, vs.

Ashleigh Paige Carnes a/k/a Paige Carnes, Jessica Carnes, and Crystal Amber Carnes, individually, and as heirs or devisees of the Estate of Ronald E. Carnes, deceased, and/or Deborah L. Harlee, deceased, any heirs-at-law or devisees of the Estate of Ronald E. Carnes, deceased, and/or Deborah L. Harlee, deceased, any Personal Representatives, spouses, their heirs or devisees, successors or assigns, and all other persons, entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein and the State of South Carolina, Department of Revenue, Defendants.

**TO: THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:**

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on May 13, 2019. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Kelley Y. Woody, Esq., whose address is Post Office Box 6432, Columbia, S.C. 29260, as Guardian ad Litem and attorney for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as John Doe and Richard Roe, Defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on May 14, 2019.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants, or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian ad Litem Nisi absolute.

s/Michael S. Hopewell Michael S. Hopewell (S.C. Bar #65335) Attorney for Plaintiff ABBOTT, MCKISSICK & HOPEWELL, LLC Post Office Box 148 Florence, SC 29503 (843) 669-0089 (843) 669-0085 fax May 13, 2019 mhopewell@amhatorneys.com

**SUMMONS (Non-Jury) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**C/A #2019-CP-16-00526** Dixies Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff, vs. Ashleigh Paige Carnes a/k/a Paige Carnes, Jessica Carnes, and Crystal Amber Carnes, individually, and as heirs or devisees of the Estate of Ronald E. Carnes, deceased, and/or Deborah L. Harlee, deceased, any heirs-at-law or devisees of the Estate of Ronald E. Carnes, deceased, and/or Deborah L. Harlee, deceased, any Personal Representatives, spouses, their heirs or devisees, successors or assigns, and all other persons, entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein and the State of South Carolina, Department of Revenue, Defendants.

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**SUMMONS (Non-Jury) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**C/A #2019-CP-16-00526** Dixies Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff, vs.

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**TO: THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the persons whose names are subscribed below at 470 W. Evans Street, Post Office Box 148, Florence, South Carolina, 29503, within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned attorney, on behalf of the Plaintiff herein, will seek the agreement and stipulation of all parties not in default for an Order of Reference to a Special Referee for Darlington County, South Carolina, authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case.

s/Michael S. Hopewell Michael S. Hopewell (S.C. Bar #65335) Attorney for Plaintiff ABBOTT, MCKISSICK & HOPEWELL, LLC Post Office Box 148 Florence, SC 29503 (843) 669-0089 (843) 669-0085 fax May 13, 2019 mhopewell@amhatorneys.com

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**AMENDED SUMMONS STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**CASE NO.: 2019-CP-16-00277** Fredericka Lighty, Shirley Taylor, Rosina Green, and Lavern Green, Plaintiffs, vs. Robert Jackson, The Estate of Cleveland Samuel, Quinton Samuel, Jessica Mae Richardson, Connie Frierson, James Richardson, Lillian McClain, The Estate of Jerry Richardson, Hattie Adams, Albert McKay, Louise Tedder, Kemp Tedder, J. Tedder, Carolyn Farfuharson, Lucy Jacobs, Herbert Green, Alfred Green, Jr., Jason Williams, Jasmine Williams, James Williams, Jr., Barbara Green, Hannah Green, Thomas Green, Warren Green, Leroy Wallace, Roderick Wallace, Howard Sweet, Jr., Michael Sweet, Timothy Sweet, and all Other Persons unknown or having or claiming any Right, title, estate, or interest in or lien upon the real property described in the Complaint herein, being designated collectively as JANE DOE and RICHARD ROE, including all heirs, distributees, or devisees of any Unknown persons in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, any minors, and including persons non compos mentis and all other persons under any disability of any kind or nature who might have claim to any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien upon the real property described in the Complaint, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the Plaintiff at their attorney's office, Post Office Box 13057, Florence, S.C., within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint and judgment by default will be rendered against you.

WUKELA LAW FIRM BY: s/Frank C. Swaggard FRANK C. SWAGGARD ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF POST OFFICE BOX 13057 FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29504 843-669-5634 Florence, South Carolina April 3, 2019

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## YARD SALES

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Household items  
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Household items  
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Case No: 2019ES16-00394  
Personal Representative: Edward J. Wirhousky  
Address: 1004 Doversville Highway, Darlington, SC 29540  
Attorney: John Jay James, II  
Address: PO Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540

### SUMMONS AND NOTICES STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2019-CP-16-00899

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, PLAINTIFF, VS.

Melisa F. White a/k/a Melisa Forkasdi White, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Brandon L. White a/k/a Brandon Lewis White, Deceased; Melisa F. White a/k/a Melisa Forkasdi White, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Brandon L. White a/k/a Brandon Lewis White, Deceased; Brianna W., a minor, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Brandon L. White a/k/a Brandon Lewis White, Deceased; Rainey Lane W., a minor, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Brandon L. White a/k/a Brandon Lewis White, Deceased; and Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Brandon L. White a/k/a Brandon Lewis White, Deceased, their heirs or

devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; SPC Credit Union f/k/a SPC Cooperative Credit Union; and Allison White a/k/a Allison H. White a/k/a Allison H. Campbell, DEFENDANT(S). (191070.00346)

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, Post Office Box 20665, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-2065, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-In-Equity or Special Referee for Darlington County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 (e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-In-Equity or Special Master is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian ad Litem Nisi, Kelley Yarborough Woody,

made absolute.

### NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina on August 20, 2019. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Kelley Yarborough Woody, whose address is PO Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for the persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Brandon L. White a/k/a Brandon Lewis White, including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on the 26th day of August, 2019.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants, or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian Ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian Ad Litem Nisi absolute.

### LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff above named against the Defendant(s) above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Brandon L. White to CitiMortgage, Inc., dated June 30, 2005, recorded July 19, 2005, in the office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Darlington County, in Book 1039 at Page 5238; thereafter, said Mortgage was assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment instrument dated February 11, 2014 and recorded

February 19, 2014 in Book 1071 at Page 6300; thereafter, assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment instrument dated August 1, 2019 and recorded August 8, 2019 in Book 1090 at Page 5405. The description of the premises is as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in the City of Darlington, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina as shown in Deed Book 990 at Page 372, Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, and being generally bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the North by E. Hampton Street on which it fronts and measures 98.19 feet; On the East by property of Evelyn D. Murray on which it measures 102.00 feet; On the South by property of Mike Strott & Wayne Weaver on which it measures 98.19 feet and on the West by property of Ivoris Bostick on which it measures 100.03 feet, all as shown on plat prepared for Brandon L. & Allison H. White by Lind, Hicks, & Assoc. Surveyors, Inc., dated September 10, 2003 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 198, Page 318.

Please note that the above description has been modified to correct a minor, immaterial clerical error in the legal regarding the neighboring property owner name (correcting from Mike Strott & Wayne Weaver to Mike Strott & Wayne

Weaver).

This being the same property conveyed to Brandon L. White and Allison H. White, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, by Deed of B. Edward Hursey dated September 10, 2003 and recorded September 11, 2003 in Book 1029 at Page 5554 in the Register of Deeds for Darlington County. Thereafter, Brandon L. White and Allison H. White conveyed the subject property to Brandon L. White by Deed dated September 9, 2005 and recorded September 14, 2005 in Book 1040 at Page 3901 in the Register of Deeds for Darlington County. Subsequently, Brandon L. White a/k/a Brandon Lewis White died intestate on or about May 17, 2018, leaving the subject property to his heirs, namely Melisa F. White a/k/a Melisa Forkasdi White, Brianna W., a minor and Rainey Lane W., a minor, as shown in Probate Estate Matter Number 2018-ES-16-00276. TMS No. 164-15-04-023

Property address: 602 E Hampton Street Darlington, SC 29532 SCOTT AND CORLEY, P.A. By: Ronald C. Scott (rons@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #4996  
Reginald P. Corley (reggiec@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #69453  
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### NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

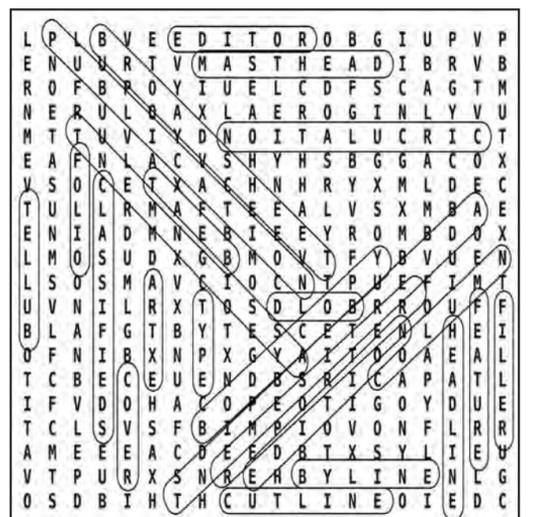
C.A. Number: 2018-CA-16-00976  
Tax Map No.: 145-00-03-005  
SPC Credit Union (f/k/a SPC Cooperative Credit Union), Plaintiff, vs. Angela A. Lyons, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Phillip Anderson, and Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Defendants. By virtue of a judgment heretofore granted in the case of SPC Credit Union (f/k/a SPC Cooperative Credit Union) versus Angela A. Lyons, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Phillip Anderson, and Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the undersigned will sell on October 7,

2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, South Carolina 29532, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with improvements thereon located in Darlington County, South Carolina and containing 1.2 acres as shown on plat prepared by J.E. Tucker, Jr., RLS, dated February 12, 1987 and recorded in Deed Book 914 at page 505 and bounded as follows: on the North by property now or formerly of Chattie Mae Dew for a distance of 224 feet, more or less; on the East by property now or formerly of Chattie Mae Dew for a distance of 288 feet, more or less; on the South by right-of-way of Seaboard Airline Railroad for a distance of 210 feet; and on the West by property now or formerly of Chattie Mae Dew for a distance of 210 feet. For a more particular description, reference is craved to the above plat.

This being the same property conveyed unto the Mortgagee herein by Deed of the Estate of Dennis L. Huggins dated September 5, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book D140 at Page 202. Tax Map No. 145-00-03-005 Address of Property: 370 Gilchrist Road, Darlington, SC 29540  
SUBJECT TO DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD AND

ANY SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Clerk of Court, at the conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost, then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Clerk of Court may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sale's Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed, and interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance at the rate of seven and 75/100 percent (7.75%) per annum. The property encumbered is subject to property taxes, including all costs, accrued interest, and penalties which may accrue. /s/ A. Todd Darwin /s/ Eugene Preston Warr, Jr. A. TODD DARWIN EUGENE PRESTON WARR, JR. Attorneys for Plaintiff Special Referee for Darlington County (8c3 leave in thru 9-18-19)

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